

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781. 7

It is with the highest degree of pleasure I observe that, a proper allowance has been made for the capital share which the land and sea forces of our great and good ally had in the reduction of the common enemy at York, in Virginia.—I should deem myself unpardonable, were I not upon every occasion, more especially upon such an one as the present, to declare, that to the sound counsels and vigorous exertions of their Excellencies the counts de Rochambeau and de Grasse, much, very much of our success was owing.

While I agree in sentiment with the honourable body over whom you preside, that we may entertain a rational ground of belief, that under the favour of Divine Providence the freedom— independence—and happiness of America will shortly be established upon the surest foundation— I think it a duty incumbent upon me to observe, that those most desirable objects are not to be fully attained but by a continuance of those exertions which have already so greatly humbled the power of our inveterate enemies.—Relaxation upon our part, will give them time to recollect and recover themselves, whereas a vigorous prosecution of the war must inevitably crush their remaining force in these states, or put them to the shameful necessity of entirely withdrawing themselves.

I cannot conclude without expressing my warmest wishes for the prosperity of a state which has ever stood among the foremost in her support of the common cause.—I confess myself under particular obligations for the ready attention which I have experienced to those requisitions which, in the course of my duty, I have occasionally been under the necessity of making.

I have the honour to be, with the most profound respect, gentlemen, your most obedient and humble servant,

G. WASHINGTON.

The honourable GEORGE PLATER,
President of the senate,

The honourable THOMAS COCKEY DEYE,
Speaker of the house of delegates,

} State of Maryland.

Which was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

A petition from John Skails, of Baltimore county, was read, referred to the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 24, 1781.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Messieurs Thomas and Sprigg, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE of DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose to go into the appointment of delegates to represent this state in congress on Wednesday next at one o'clock.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

A letter from Philip Thomas, lieutenant of Frederick county; a petition from Susannah Fritchie, Elizabeth Plegher, and Eleanor Shuman, of Frederick county, widows of Casper Fritchie, Yost Plegher, and Peter Shuman, lately executed for treason; a petition from the inhabitants on George's-creek, in Washington county; and a petition from Daniel Heester, junior, of Philadelphia county, in the state of Pennsylvania; were read, referred to the house of delegates, and, with the following message, sent by Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister.

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall be ready to go into the appointment of delegates to represent this state in congress at the time proposed in your message by Messieurs Thomas and Sprigg.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the committee appointed to examine and report on the proceedings of the electors of the senate, and the committee appointed to draught rules and regulations for the senate, brings in and delivers to the president the following reports:

THE committee, appointed to examine and report on the proceedings of the electors of the senate, beg leave to report, That they have examined the proceedings of the electors of the senate, met at the city of Annapolis, on Monday the seventeenth of September, seventeen hundred and eighty one, and find, that the honourable Matthew Tilghman, John Henry, George Plater, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Robert Goldsborough, John Smith, James M'Henry, Daniel Carroll, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Richard Barnes, William Hindman,