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BY THE SENATE, MAY 12, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into the appointment of two delegates to congress, and have appointed John Smith and Benedict Edward Hall, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated in your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named in addition to those by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate proceeded to the choice of two delegates to represent this state in congress, the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Thomas Johnson and James M^cHenry, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Thomas Johnson and James M^cHenry, Esquires, are duly elected.

The bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial in the general court for the western shore, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Messieurs Hindman and Brogden, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 12, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose, that a joint letter be wrote by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, notifying to the gentlemen chosen delegates to congress their appointment.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The intendant of the revenue lays before the senate a report of his proceedings, with sundry papers and books.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, May 13, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messieurs Oneale and Edwards, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial in the general court for the western shore, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 12, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie " on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, May 12, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will " not pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The bill to confirm the last will and testament of Arthur M^cAllen, late of Worcester county, deceased, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was prepared, in answer to the message by Messieurs Hindman and Brogden, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, MAY 13, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that a joint letter be wrote by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, to inform the gentlemen elected delegates to congress of their appointment.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

On motion, that a message be sent to the house of delegates, requesting them to re-consider the bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial in the general court of the western shore, the same was agreed to, and the following message, with the said bill, was sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, MAY 13, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are very sorry that you have rejected the bill for adjourning the civil causes in the general court for the western shore; we are satisfied this session cannot end before some time in next week; and are also convinced, that the business of the general court and the assembly cannot go on at the same time. Several members of the general assembly are concerned in most of the trials in the general court, and we think it wrong to deprive them of a fair opportunity of discharging both duties; and we are convinced that holding the general court and assembly at the same time will prolong the session, and put it out of the power of counsel to do justice to those for whom they are concerned. We have returned you the bill, and wish you to re-consider this subject, and think you will find the inconveniences of holding the court at this time a sufficient reason
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