

The senate proceeded to the election of a president, in the room of the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; who is absent; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Daniel Carroll, Esq; had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Daniel Carroll, Esq; is duly elected.

Messieurs Ware and De Butts, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning till three in the afternoon, for its sitting during this session for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The president lays before the senate a letter from Matthew Tilghman, Esquire, enclosing the following resignation:

MARYLAND. The particular situation of my affairs, together with the encreasing infirmities of old age, having rendered me unable any longer to give that close attendance on public business which I think every man who is engaged in it ought to give, it is my duty to resign; I do, therefore, hereby resign my seat in the senate of this state. In testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand, and affixed my seal, this twenty-ninth day of October, anno domini, 1783.

MATTHEW TILGHMAN. (Seal.)

Also a letter from Josiah Poik, Esq; dated May 25, 1783, informing the senate, that he is unable to attend from his state of health, and his expectation to attend at a future day.

Which were severally read.

Messieurs Key and Carroll, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose, at one o'clock this day, to proceed to the choice of a governor, and have appointed Mr. Digges, Mr. Mackall, and Mr. Duckett, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with the members that may be appointed by your house. No person is named by this house but the honourable William Paca, Esquire.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message, in answer to the above message, was sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 22, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the choice of the governor at the hour fixed in your message of this date by Messieurs Key and Carroll, and have named Edward Lloyd and Samuel Hubbard Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with the gentlemen nominated by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

A letter from Thomas Johnson, Esq; informing the general assembly, that he declined accepting the appointment of a delegate to represent this state in congress, was read, and sent to the house of delegates by James M^rHenry, Esq;

The senate proceeded to the election of a governor; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that William Paca, Esquire, was unanimously elected; whereupon it is declared in the senate, that William Paca, Esquire, is duly elected governor of this state.

Messieurs Quynn and Harris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE joint committee of both houses appointed to examine the ballot boxes, have reported, that William Paca, Esq; was unanimously elected governor of this state; we think it proper to notify the same to him, and have appointed Mr. Sulivane and Mr. Key to join any member of your house for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message, in answer to the above message, was sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

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