

141 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783.

“ By the house of delegates, December 8, 1783: Read the second time and will pass. W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president lays before the senate a letter from the intendant of the revenue, enclosing the account of the eastern shore treasurers, with observations respecting the county lieutenants not having settled their final accounts for class money; and the clerks of the courts not making regular returns of fines, forfeitures, and amerciaments; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The following message, with the above letter, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 8, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

CONSIDERING the absence from this country of one of the delegates lately chosen to congress, and the infirm state of health of some of the other gentlemen, we are fearful that this state may remain unrepresented in congress during a considerable part of the year; we therefore submit to you the propriety of adding two more to the present delegation; if you should concur in sentiment, we propose that the two additional delegates be chosen on to-morrow at twelve o'clock, by the joint ballot of both houses.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The bill to lay out and establish a public road in Baltimore county; and the bill to lay out and establish a public road leading from William Matthews's mill, in Baltimore county, until it intersects the main road where it formerly did; were read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Benedict E. Hall, Esq;

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

T U E S D A Y, December 9, 1783.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 9, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house accede to your proposition of yesterday by William Hindman, Esq; and shall be ready at twelve o'clock this day to go into the appointment of two delegates to congress, in addition to those already appointed. This house are of opinion, that not more than three of the delegates attend in congress at the same time. This house have nominated the following gentlemen, to wit, John Hall, Thomas Johnson, Nathaniel Ramsey, Gustavus Scott, and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, to be balloted for; and have appointed Mr. James Hindman, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Digges, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with any members that may be appointed by your honours for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Messieurs Hindman and Shaw, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases, endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, December 9, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates; with the following message, by Edward Lloyd, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into a ballot for two additional delegates to congress; no gentlemen have been proposed in the senate in addition to those mentioned in your message to be balloted for. Edward Lloyd and Samuel Hughes, Esquires, are appointed to join the gentlemen named in your message to examine the ballot boxes. We cannot agree to the clause in your message, providing that not more than three of the delegation attend in congress at the same time. We apprehend that this restriction may prevent a representation in congress, and be productive of disagreeable consequences, which the inconsiderable saving it is calculated to produce cannot compensate; it may also exclude, if four delegates should be at the place of residence of congress, one of the four from attending in congress; or if the four should take their seat in congress, it will lay the legislature under the disagreeable necessity of determining which of the four shall be deemed the least worthy of being paid for his services.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate proceeded to the election of two additional delegates to represent this state in congress; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee

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