

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1784

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by taking the oath of support and fidelity to this state, and the oath prescribed before the election of governor and members of the council.

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

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate having a sufficient number of members to compose a house, inform the delegates, that they are ready to proceed to the business of the session, and the election of a governor at twelve o'clock this day; and have appointed Benedict Edward Hall and William Perry, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes. No person is named in the senate but the honourable William Paca, Esq;

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the choice of a governor at the hour fixed in your message of this day by John Henry, Esq; and have appointed Mr. Steel, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. Gibson, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the gentlemen nominated by your house. No other person is named in this house but the honourable William Paca, Esq;

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Alexander Symmer, respecting a resolve of the general assembly, relating to a claim he has against the confiscated property of James Russell; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, 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, Esq; was unanimously elected. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that William Paca, Esq; is duly elected governor of this state.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed to examine the ballot boxes, having 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. Johnson and Mr. Hindman to join any member of your house for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was prepared in answer to the above, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Carroll, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate have appointed Richard Barnes, Esq; to join the gentlemen named in your message by Messieurs De Butts and Waters, to notify to William Paca, Esq; that he is unanimously elected governor of this state.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

ORDERED, That John Henry and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, wait on the house of delegates, and inform them, that the honourable William Paca, Esq; is now attending in the senate, to qualify as governor.

The speaker of the house of delegates, attended by the members, appeared in the senate room, and the several oaths required by the form of government, and the oath of office prescribed by act of assembly, were administered by the president to the honourable William Paca, Esq; who repeated and subscribed the same, and a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, in presence of the members of both houses.

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

THURSDAY, November 25, 1784.

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

Messieurs Job and Bravard, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

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