

10 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1784.

The senate proceeded to the election of delegates to represent this state in congress; 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 Smallwood, Samuel Chase, James M^cHenry, Thomas Johnson, Gustavus Scott, and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that William Smallwood, Samuel Chase, James M^cHenry, Thomas Johnson, Gustavus Scott, and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, are duly elected members to represent this state in congress.

Mr. Oglevee, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 4, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose that a joint letter be written 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 following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by Benedict Edward Hall, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 4, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that a joint letter be written 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,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 6, 1784.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. George Gale, Esq; appeared in the senate, and after qualifying in the usual mode, as directed by the form of government, took his seat. Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; has leave of absence for ten days.

The president lays before the senate the following answer from the marquis de la Fayette to the address of the general assembly:

G E N T L E M E N,

ON this opportunity, so pleasingly anticipated, of my respectful congratulations to your general assembly, I meet such precious marks of your partiality, as most happily complete my satisfaction. Amidst the enjoyments of allied successes, affection conspires with interest to cherish a mutual intercourse, and in France you will ever find that sympathizing good-will, which leaves no great room for private exertions. With the ardour of a most zealous heart, I earnestly hope this state, ever mindful of the public spirit she has conspicuously displayed, will to the fullest extent improve her natural advantages, and in the federal union, so necessary to all, attain the highest degree of particular happiness and prosperity. While you are pleased, gentlemen, to consider my life as being devoted to the service of humanity, I feel not less gratified by so flattering an observation, than by your friendly wishes for its welfare, and the pleasure I now experience in presenting you with the tribute of my attachment, respect, and gratitude.

LA FAYETTE.

To the honourable the general assembly of the state of Maryland.

Mr. John Scott, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to confirm in Amos Garrett a title to a tract of land called Hazard Enlarged, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 2, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 4, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk "

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

And also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Crudginton and Elizabeth Topping, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 4, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 6, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

John Davidson, Esq; from the council, delivers to the president a letter from the secretary of congress, respecting the attendance of the members of congress, which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the answer from the marquis de la Fayette, sent by Edward Lloyd, Esq;

Mr. Hindman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the title of Edward Lloyd in and to a tract of land in Talbot county, called Soldiers Delight, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 4, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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