

collection of that part of the tax uncollected by Thomas Boyer, late sheriff of Kent county, deceased; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to make void the recording a deed from Jonathan Slater and Anna his wife, of Prince-George's county, to Daniel Kent, of Calvert county, was read the second time and will not pass.

The president lays before the senate a letter from John Adams, Esq; respecting the suits in the court of chancery of Great Britain concerning the bank stock; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the above petition and bill, sent by Daniel Carroll, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 26, 1785.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The following message was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 26, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS house being informed, that the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, the governor elect, is now in this city; propose that a member of this house join with such member as may be appointed by the house of delegates, to request the attendance of the governor elect in the senate to qualify agreeably to law. This house hath appointed Richard Barnes, Esq; to join such member as may be appointed by your house for the purpose above mentioned.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 26, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house concur with your message of this day by Richard Barnes, Esq; and have appointed Mr. Lethbrury and Mr. Jones to join the member named by your house to request the attendance of the governor elect in the senate to qualify agreeably to law.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

ORDERED, That Thomas Stone and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, inform the house of delegates, that the honourable William Smallwood, Esq; the governor elect, is attending in the senate to qualify as governor of the state of Maryland.

The speaker, attended by the members of the house of delegates, appeared in the senate, and the honourable William Smallwood, Esq; qualified as governor, before the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office prescribed by law, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

Mr. Mitchell, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 26, 1785.

RESOLVED, That the election and qualification of the governor be notified to the citizens of this state by proclamation of the general assembly, in the form adopted by the two houses on the 20th of March 1777; and that the said proclamation be published by the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county this day on the state-house hill in the city of Annapolis; and that the said proclamation be published by the several sheriffs of this state, at the place of holding the county courts, on Monday the 19th day of December next.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following proclamation:

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

IN pursuance of, and agreeably to, the form of government of this state, the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, was, on the seventeenth day of November instant, chosen governor, by the joint ballot of the senate and house of delegates, and on the twenty-sixth of the same month, in presence of both houses, qualified, by taking the oaths and subscribing the declaration directed by the form of government, and by taking the oath of office prescribed by law.

I DO, therefore, by order of the general assembly, proclaim the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, governor of the state of Maryland.

G O D S A V E T H E P E O P L E.

Which resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Edward Lloyd, Esq;

The president lays before the senate a letter from the intendant, enclosing several letters concerning the loan negotiated in Holland by Matthew Ridley, Esq; and the payment thereof; a petition from James Henry, respecting the sale of a certain house and lot in George-town; and a petition from Mary Hilliary, respecting the pay of Rignal Hilliary, an officer of the Maryland line, deceased; which were severally read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.