

BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 20, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall be ready immediately to proceed to a joint ballot for choosing commissioners to meet those from the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, who may be appointed to confer with the commissioners of this state, on the several subjects specified in your message of this day by Mr. Roberts, and on any others which may tend to promote a friendly intercourse and commerce between this and the said states. We propose that five commissioners be chosen, and have appointed Daniel Bowley and James Lloyd, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 20, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE agree to the number of commissioners in your message by James Lloyd, Esq; and have appointed Mr. Robert Bowie and Mr. Digges to join the gentlemen mentioned by the senate to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, viz. Samuel Chase, Samuel Hughes, John Henry, Thomas Johnson, William Hemsley, Peregrine Lethbury, William Smith, (Baltimore-town) William Paca, Thomas Stone, and Thomas Sim Lee, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 20, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

IN addition to the gentlemen nominated by you to be chosen commissioners, we have named James Lloyd, and William Perry, Esquires; it being very inconvenient for Mr. Stone to attend upon this service, he desires that he may not be ballotted for.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate proceeded to the election of five commissioners, 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 Samuel Chase, Samuel Hughes, Peregrine Lethbury, William Smith, and William Hemsley, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Samuel Chase, Samuel Hughes, Peregrine Lethbury, William Smith, and William Hemsley, Esquires, are duly elected commissioners to meet commissioners from Pennsylvania and Delaware, for the purposes contained in the message by Mr. Roberts.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Page 1. In the 6th line strike out the words "adopting some mode to prevent," and insert "preventing." In the next line, strike out "as the best mode."

Page 2. In the 4th line, after the word "money," strike out to the end of the clause, and insert the following, "And be it enacted, that the annual assessment for supplies be hereafter imposed on the several counties upon the amount of the land in each county, ascertained as aforesaid, at the average value as aforesaid, and the value of the personal property in the several counties ascertained as shall hereafter be directed by law. And Baltimore-town, and its precincts in Baltimore county, shall be considered and taken as separate and distinct from the said county, and shall not be taken into the valuation of property in the said county, and an annual assessment for supplies shall hereafter be imposed upon the said town, distinct, and separate from the said county, upon the value of the amount of all the lots and parcels of ground, houses, ground-rent and improvements, lands and real property, in the said town, as ascertained by this act, and the value of personal property in the said town, ascertained as hereafter shall be directed by law. And that the limits and bounds of Baltimore-town and its precincts aforesaid, for the purpose aforesaid, hereby are ascertained and established as follow, to wit, beginning at the end of the east-south-east seventy perches line of a tract of land called Parker's Haven, and running thence with a straight line to the end of the third line of Carter's Delight, thence with a straight line to the beginning of Darley Hall, then with the two first lines of Darley Hall the whole length of the said lines, then with a straight line to the end of the east-north-east two hundred and seventy-eight perches line of Hap Hazard, then with a straight line to the beginning of Hap Hazard, then west-south-west twenty perches, then south unto the land called Georgia, then bounding on the lines of Georgia reverse unto the place where they first cross a small run that passes through a meadow in the land late of Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister, and falls into the head of a cove in the land late of Richard Perkins, then running down the said run into the head of the said cove, then with the said cove and bounding thereon and on the waters of the middle branch to the ferry point on Patapsco river, thence with the waters of the said river, and of the north-west branch of the said river, to the mouth of Harris's creek, and thence with the waters of the said creek to the place of beginning; and all land, houses and improvements, within the said limits and bounds, shall be considered and taken, and hereby are declared to be, Baltimore-town and its precincts."

Transpose the second clause in the eighth page to stand before the last clause in the second page, amended as follows: In the third line of the clause in the eighth page, after "county," strike out to the end of the clause.