

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1787.

And also the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE bill which accompanies this, entitled, An act to empower the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases, has passed this house in consequence of a representation that there are a number of criminals in several counties within this state, who, if such an act does not pass, must remain for trial a considerable time, and that very insecurely, as the weakness of the gaols will afford them an opportunity of escaping.

We therefore hope for a speedy decision on the said bill, and wish, that as soon as it has received the assent of both branches of the legislature, the necessary signature and seal may be affixed, in order to give it an immediate operation.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The above bill was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 26, 1787.

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

The bill respecting the issuing of commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, was sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Carroll, Esquire.

George Gale, Esquire, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the act of the late federal convention, brings in and delivers to the president a report; which being read a first and second time by especial order, amended, and the blanks therein filled up, was unanimously assented to, as follows :

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 26, 1787.

WHEREAS the deputies lately appointed by the several state legislatures to meet in convention at Philadelphia, for the purpose of revising the federal system, and considering of such alterations and provisions as might be necessary to render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of the union, have reported a constitution for the future government of the United States, which, by an unanimous resolve of congress, has been transmitted to the legislature of this state, in order to be submitted to a convention of delegates chosen by the people; and this legislature approving the opinion of the said convention, that the proposed constitution should be submitted to a convention of the people, chosen in each state by the people thereof, for their assent and ratification: Therefore,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the people of this state, to submit the constitution proposed by the late federal convention to a convention of delegates, for their assent and ratification.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to each county, city and town, in this state, to elect the same number of delegates to serve in convention, that they are represented by in the most numerous branch of the legislature.

RESOLVED, That the qualifications of delegates to the convention, and their electors, as to age, residence and property, be respectively the same with those required by the law and constitution of this state for members of the house of delegates, and their electors.

RESOLVED, That the election of the delegates be holden the third Wednesday of January next, at the several places fixed by law for holding the elections for delegates in the general assembly, and that it be conducted by the same officers, in the same manner, and in the same time.

RESOLVED, That the sheriffs, and other returning officers in the different counties, give public notice by advertisement fifteen days before the election, of the time and purposes for which the election is to be held.

RESOLVED, That the delegates so chosen meet at the city of Annapolis on the first Monday in March next, and if they assent to and ratify the proposed constitution, that they give notice thereof to the United States in Congress assembled.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Mr. Digges, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bill No. 1, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 26, 1787: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

T U E S D A Y, November 27, 1787.

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

The paper bill No. 1, was sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esquire.

ORDERED, That Daniel Carroll, Esquire, wait on his excellency the governor, and request his attendance in the senate for the purpose of signing and sealing the engrossed bill passed this session.

His excellency the governor attending in the senate, ORDERED, That George Gale and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, wait on the house of delegates, and inform them, that his excellency the governor is attending in the senate for the purpose of signing and sealing the engrossed bill passed this session, and request their attendance.