

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

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BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

JOHN HENRY, Esquire, having been elected governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter should be written by the president and speaker, in the usual form, and immediately forwarded by express to that gentleman, notifying to him his election.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor. Jonathan Wilmer, William Kilty, Arthur Shaaff, James Brice, Horatio Ridout, John Johnson, John Davidson, Richard Ridgely, Thomas Whittington, James Thomas and William Sprigg, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Mr. Key and Mr. Godman to join any gentlemen named by your house to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was prepared, read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor. David M'Mechen and Robert Milligan, Esquires, are appointed by this house to join the gentlemen mentioned by you in the examination of the ballots. No gentleman is put in nomination by this house in addition to those proposed by you.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message, and concur with you in the proposition, that the president and speaker, in the usual form, notify by joint letter to John Henry, Esquire, that he is elected governor of this state, and that the same be immediately forwarded to him by express.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Jonathan Parker was appointed door-keeper, and qualified as such.

The senate, having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the election of a council to the governor. The ballot box being prepared, the ballots were 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 the examination of the ballots returned and reported, that John Davidson, James Thomas, Jonathan Wilmer, Arthur Shaaff and John Johnson, Esquires, had a majority of votes.

Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that John Davidson, James Thomas, Jonathan Wilmer, Arthur Shaaff and John Johnson, Esquires, are duly elected a council to the governor.

The president communicates to the senate sundry communications made by Samuel Chase, Esquire, to the governor of this state, respecting the stock belonging to this state in the bank of England, the copies of letters from the governor and council of this state to Samuel Chase, Esquire, relative to the recovery of the said stock, a letter from the governor of Virginia, directed to the governor of this state, respecting the adjustment of part of the boundary line between this state and the state of Virginia, a letter from the governor of the state of South-Carolina to the governor of this state, respecting an interchange of the laws passed by the legislatures of the said states, and a circular letter from A. J. Dallas, secretary to the governor of the state of Pennsylvania, directed to the governor of this state, together with a copy of the laws of the state of Pennsylvania; all which said communications and letters were severally read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to procure annually twenty-two copies of the laws of congress for the use of the several courts of law and equity in this state, one copy whereof shall be transmitted to the register in chancery, one to the clerks of the general court for the western and eastern shores respectively, and one to the clerk of each county court; and that the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer for as much money as will be sufficient to defray the expence of the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 15, 1797.

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

The communications and letters preferred by the president to the senate on yesterday, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, thus endorsed: "By the house of delegates, November 11, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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