

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS; November, 1798.

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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 the council for the ensuing year, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 9, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table:

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 12, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and 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 confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 8, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 13, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Honour Bosley, an idiot, of Baltimore county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 10, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 13, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 13, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose immediately to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed Mr. Key and Mr. Charles Frazier to join the members who may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, viz. Mr. William Kilty, Mr. Arthur Shaaff, Mr. Jonathan Wilmer, Mr. John Johnson, Mr. Thomas Jennings, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. John Barrett Onion, Mr. James Brice and Mr. James Thomas, are nominated by this house to be balloted for as members of the council.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 13, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed John Thomas and David M'Mechen, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named by you in the examination of the ballots. No person is nominated by the senate in addition to those mentioned in your message.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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 Arthur Shaaff, John Davidson, James Brice, James Thomas and Jonathan Wilmer, Esquires, had a majority of votes.

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

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 14, 1798.

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

The president communicates to the senate a letter from the honourable Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire, the governor elect, addressed to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates of Maryland, declining to accept the appointment of governor of this state; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent thither by the clerk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire, having declined accepting the appointment of governor, we propose to proceed immediately to the election of a gentleman to fill that office, and have appointed Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Tilghman to join such members as may be chosen by you to examine the ballots. Benjamin Ogle and Nicholas Carroll, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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