

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1801

The president communicates to the senate the following letter from the governor elect.

WEST RIVER, November 9th, 1801.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR joint letter, notifying to me my appointment as governor of the state of Maryland, is just handed to me.

In accepting this distinguished honour which the legislature has been pleased to confer on me, permit me to tender through you to the honourable bodies over which you preside, the assurances of my entire devotion to the service of the republic, and of my most respectful attachment to themselves personally.

I propose to attend to-morrow to qualify, and am, with high consideration and respect, Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant,

JOHN FRANCIS MERCER.

The honourable the President of the Senate, and }
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Which was read and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 10, 1801.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WE propose to proceed, at 12 o'clock to-day, to the election of a council to the governor. Edward Hall, Davidson David, Allen Bowie Duckett, Francis Digges and Reverdy Ghiselin, are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Mr. Mackall and Mr. Ringgold to join any gentlemen named by your house to examine the ballots.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester counties, was read the second time by a special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for changing part of the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 5, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 9, 1801: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to open a road from John and Isaac Hearn's mill, in Worcester county, to intersect the main road leading from Salisbury to Blackfoot, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 7, 1801: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 9, 1801: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The following resolutions:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1801.

RESOLVED, That Thursday, the twelfth instant, be appointed to choose a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, who shall be a resident of the eastern shore of the state of Maryland, and that the person having the majority of the ballots, of the attending members of both houses of the legislature be declared duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States; and that a commission issue to the said senator appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: To — —: The legislature of Maryland, reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, have appointed you senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States until the fourth day of March, 1807. Given under my hand, and the seal of this state, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, and in the twenty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1801.

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be empowered and requested to inquire into the circumstances respecting a sale of lands in Cecil county made by Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, while intendant of the revenue, to Jesse Reynolds, the certificate of which was returned to the land-office on the fourteenth of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and which land was decreed to be sold on a bill filed in the chancery court by Henry Drinker, executor of Robert Montgomery; and if the chancellor shall be of opinion that the said Jesse Reynolds, at the time of the said sale, held the said land under an equitable title from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so as to come within the description of those lands mentioned in the acts of November, 1788, ch. 40, and 1789, ch. 14, he may and shall direct that the said land be paid for at the rate of £. 15 per hundred acres, with the fees and costs, as mentioned in the first mentioned act, and on the payment of such sum to the state, with interest, in the manner in which he may prescribe, from the proceeds of the sale, he shall direct the treasurer of the