

NO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777.

neglected or refused to act, and that they, the said Messieurs William Trippe, Jeremiah Banning, and Joseph Bewley, were chosen judges by the people at large, and further, it appears by said certificate, that Messieurs John Giblon, James Benson, Henry Banning, and Edward Lloyd, were elected for that county, and are so returned. Your committee beg leave to report, that they are informed that Henry Banning, one of the delegates returned for Talbot county, was a field officer at the time he was elected.

That by the certificate of the judges who held the election for Queen-Anne's county, it appears that Messieurs James Kent, William Bruff, Robert Wright, and James Bordiey, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of the judges who held the election for Worcester county, it appears that Messieurs Peter Challe, John Selby, Smith Bishop, and Josiah Mitchell, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of one of the judges who held the election for Frederick county, it appears that Messieurs Christopher Edelen, Upton Sheredine, John Hanson, jun. and Philip Thomas, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of the judges who held the election for Harford county, it appears that Messieurs Jacob Bond, Thomas Bond, John Archer, and William Smithson, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of the judges who held the election for Caroline county, it appears that Messieurs Henry Downes, William Douglass, Richard Mason, and Henry Dickinson, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of the judges who held the election for Baltimore-Town, it appears that Messieurs John Smith, and Jeremiah Townley Chase, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of the judge who held the election for Washington county, it appears that Messieurs Samuel Beall, Joseph Sprigg, Samuel Hughs, and Henry Schubely, were duly elected and returned.

That by the certificate of the judge who held the election for Montgomery county, it appears that Messieurs Elisha Williams, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Richard Crabb, and Edward Burgess, were duly elected and returned.

That no return hath yet come to hand from the city of Annapolis.

Signed by order of com.

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

And Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee appointed to report proper resolutions to prevent the communication of the small-pox, beg leave to report, That several persons have that disorder in a hospital that is called the small-pox hospital, on the back of the printing-office; that by information from some gentlemen of the faculty, all those soldiers that have not had the disorder in all probability have taken the infection; that as soon as the disorder appears, care is taken to remove them immediately to the above hospital; but are of opinion, that said hospital is not roomy enough to contain so large a number as may be taken down, therefore if some other house was provided for their reception, at some small distance from town, it might be an effectual means of preventing its further progress. Your committee have not been able to learn that the above disorder is in any private family in this town.

Signed by order of the com.

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

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

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the SENATE, February 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE proclamation and instructions to general Smallwood, proposed by your house for our concurrence, we think exceptionable in several particulars, and the subject being complicated, and requiring dispatch, we submit to your consideration the propriety of a conference, as the most expeditious method to adjust any difference of opinion between us.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read a first and second time, and the question put, That this house agree to a conference with the senate upon the subject matter of the said message? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate in answer to their message of this day by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Mr. Joseph Hanson Harrison, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in the presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, he took his seat.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Harrison and Mr. J. Bond.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 12, 1777.

May it please your honours,
We agree to a conference with you on the proclamation and instructions to general Smallwood, that we may thereby more expeditiously adjust any difference of opinion between us respecting