

pecting those subjects, and have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lethbury, conferees of this house, to join any members your house may think proper to appoint for that purpose.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

George Plater, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, February 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THIS house hath appointed Matthew Tilghman and Charles Cartoll, Esquires, to join the conferees nominated in your message of this day by Messieurs Harrison and Bond.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

On reading a second time the report from the committee of elections, RESOLVED, That this house will on Wednesday next take into consideration that part of the said report relative to Mr. John Mackall.

RESOLVED, That that part of the said report which relates to Somerset county election be postponed till such time as this house shall hereafter appoint.

In progression on the said report, the question was put, That Messieurs John Gibson, James Benton, and Edward Lloyd, are duly elected delegates for Talbot county? Resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Henry Banning, returned as a delegate from Talbot county, being a field officer at the time of the election, is not qualified to sit in this house.

Mr. Speaker acquaints Mr. Banning he is discharged from any further attendance as a member of this house.

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

THURSDAY, February 13, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Thomas, Mr. Par-ran, and Mr. Banning. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

ORDERED, That a delegate be elected for Talbot county in the room of Mr. Henry Banning.

Mr. Speaker issued his warrant accordingly to William Trippe, Joseph Bewley, and Jeremiah Banning, Esquires, or any one or more of them, to hold the said election agreeable to the constitution and form of government, and make return thereon to this house on or before the first day of March next.

The council of safety laid before the house a letter from brigadier general Hooper, together with a deposition therein inclosed, which were read: Thereupon the following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Edelen.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 13, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are of opinion, from the information contained in the letter and deposition herewith transmitted to you, that it is highly necessary that the order to the council of safety for dismissing the Virginia regulars should be countermanded; and that the council of safety be directed to give orders to general Smallwood to march off the Virginia forces immediately to the aid of general Hooper, to suppress the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, February 13, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur in sentiment with you on the subject of your message by Messieurs Kent and Edelen.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That this house will this afternoon proceed to the appointment of a governor and council.

The house having qualified to choose a governor and council, by taking the oath prescribed by the constitution and form of government, ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, acquainting them therewith.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Chase and Mr. Semmes.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 13, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house, apprehending the appointment of a governor and privy council to be absolutely necessary, have qualified themselves agreeable to the constitution and form of government, and will proceed on that business this afternoon, if agreeable to your house.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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