

## P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, February 13, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE agree to proceed this afternoon to the choice of a governor and council, and have appointed Samuel Wilson and Thomas Stone, Esquires, to examine the ballot box, in conjunction with a committee from your house.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, Whether any person who has qualified as a senator or member of the house of delegates, be eligible as governor of this state, according to the form of government established by the late convention, during the time for which he is elected senator or member of the house of delegates? Carried in the negative.

## A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Read, Lethbury, Maxwell, Galloway, Bruff, Smith, Chase.

## N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Jordan,	Harrison,	Veazy,	Benson,	Sheredine,	Beall,
	Ford,	Semmes,	Gilpin,	Kent,	J. Bond,	Schnebely,
	Perkins,	Turner,	Ewing,	Wright,	Smithson,	Williams,
	Yeates,	M'Pherson,	Bowie,	Chaille,	Downes,	Crabb,
	Hammond,	Henry,	Sprigg,	Selby,	Douglafs,	Burgefs,
	Hall,	Stevenson,	Magruder,	Edelen,	Mason,	T. Bond.
	Mackall,	R. Bond,	Gibson,			

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Bruff and Mr. Henry.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 13, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have appointed J. Hall, John Henry, and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, to join the committee of your house to examine the ballot box for the choice of a governor and council.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

On motion, That this house, before they proceed to the election of a governor, ascertain and fix his salary, and send up a bill for that purpose to the senate in order for their concurrence? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the above question be now put? and carried in the negative.

Mr. Chase, from the conferees of both houses, reports to Mr. Speaker as follows:

At a conference of both houses of assembly, to consider of the subject matter of the proclamation and instructions sent from the house of delegates to the senate,

## W E R E P R E S E N T,

MATTHEW TILGHMAN, and CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton, Esqrs. senators.

JEREMIAH TOWNLEY CHASE, JOHN HALL, and PEREGRINE LETHBURY, Esqrs. delegates.

Who made choice of Matthew Tilghman, Esq; chairman, and Mr. John Johnson, clerk.

YOUR conferees, having taken into consideration the purpose of their meeting, have agreed to the following, as a proclamation proper to be issued by the general assembly, and also the following instructions, as proper to be delivered to general Smallwood, and submit the same to the consideration of the honourable the general assembly.

Signed by order of con.

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

By the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND.

## A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester counties, through the sinister arts of wicked and designing men, have been betrayed into dangerous and highly criminal offences against the government of this state, justly founded on the authority of the people, in opposing the power and measures of congress, in supporting by word and deed the dominion of the British crown, and authority of parliament, obstructing the recruiting service, and holding a traitorous correspondence with the open enemies of this and other the United States, and forgetful of their duties, which they owe to themselves, as freemen, to the state, as citizens, have even threatened with impious and unnatural war, their countrymen and brethren, and for this purpose