

purpose have actually collected an armed force, and by erecting the standard of the king of Great-Britain, have invited the common enemy into their country; in compassion therefore to those unhappy and deluded people, and to prevent the effusion of kindred blood, the General Assembly have issued this proclamation, exhorting them to return to a due obedience to the laws of their country, and requiring them to disperse immediately, and within forty days from the date hereof, to repair to the commanding officer, at such times and places in the counties of Somerset and Worcester as he shall direct, and then and there deliver up to the persons appointed to receive them, all their fire and side arms, and take the oath of allegiance and fidelity to this state, prescribed by the form of government. Upon a strict compliance with these conditions, it is HEREBY DECLARED, and the PUBLIC FAITH SOLEMNLY PLIGHTED, that the offenders aforesaid shall not only be pardoned for all the above offences and for all others of the like nature heretofore committed against this state, but be protected by the laws, authority, and power thereof, and secured in as full and ample enjoyment of their religious and civil rights, as any of its other inhabitants; and MOREOVER that their grievances (if any) shall be heard and speedily redressed. But as an example to others, and to prevent such dangerous and unwarrantable combinations in future, the persons, whose names are hereunto annexed, are excepted from any benefit or advantage, which they might otherwise have claimed by virtue of this proclamation.

Andrew Francis Cheney, Hamilton Callallo, Whittington Turpin, Thomas Moore, Stoughton Maddox, Thomas Malcolm, Levy Langford, Josephus Beall, Thomas Pollett, jun. Angelo Atkinson, Jesse Gray, William Pollett, John Odell Hart, and the reverend Mr. Bowie.

INSTRUCTIONS by the General Assembly of Maryland, to brigadier-general Smallwood.

General Smallwood is to take with him the Virginia regiment of regulars, the company of regulars commanded by captain Deams, the company of regulars commanded by captain Godman, the independent company from Baltimore-Town commanded by captain Steret, together with the Annapolis independent company commanded by captain James Brice, and a detachment of matrosses, from Annapolis and Baltimore town, with two field pieces, commanded by lieutenant William Campbell, and with all expedition proceed to Somerset and Worcester counties, and there publish and distribute the proclamation issued by authority of the general assembly, and see the same duly enforced, and use his utmost endeavours to apprehend all the several persons excepted out of the said proclamation.

Should he find any disaffected persons assembled in arms, he is to use his utmost endeavours to quell them, shedding no blood if possible to avoid it, and taking care to arrest the leaders, and send them under a guard to the executive power of this state, by them to be disposed of according to law.

That general Smallwood shall be at full liberty and is hereby instructed to dismiss from this service the Virginia regiment, and all the regulars on the continental establishment, as soon as he judges they can be spared, and all the militia and other troops as soon as the service be ended.

He is to give intelligence of his proceedings from time to time to the executive body of this state.

That general Smallwood give the necessary orders for securing the arms of the insurgents in Somerset and Worcester counties, and pursue the directions he may hereafter receive from the executive power of this state, as to the disposition of those arms.

Which was read, and the question put, That the house concur with the same? Resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That a copy of the above be delivered by the conferees of this house to the conferees of the senate.

The proclamation and instructions were engrossed and signed by the honourable speaker.

The house proceeded to ballot for a governor, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, when the committee appointed by this house to join the committee of the senate to take the joint ballots of both houses retired to the conference room, and after some time the gentlemen return and report to the house, that on examining the ballots of both houses, the numbers stood as follow: For Thomas Johnson, junior, Esquire, 40; Samuel Chase, Esquire, 9; Matthew Tilghman, Esquire, 1; George Plater, Esquire, 1; William Paca, Esquire, 1. Thomas Johnson, junior, Esquire, is therefore declared governor of the state of Maryland.

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

F R I D A Y, February 14, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, the question was put, That a committee be appointed to confer with a committee to be nominated by the senate, on the propriety of appointing a senator or delegate a councillor? Carried in the negative.