

Mr. John Hanson, junior, a delegate returned for Frederick county, having signified by letter a resignation of his seat, Mr. Speaker issued his warrant for the election of a member in his stead. ORDERED, That the returning officers for the city of Annapolis attend at the bar of this house to-morrow at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to shew cause why they have not made a return of the election of delegates to represent the city in general assembly.

ORDERED, That the sergeant at arms serve a copy of the above order on the said returning officers.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Douglas and Mr. Williams.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 14, 1777.

May it please your honours, THIS house have agreed to proceed to-morrow morning to the nomination of delegates, to represent this state in congress, and have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Henry, a committee to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with a committee of your house.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

ORDERED, That the clerk write to the absent members, and require their immediate attendance in this house. The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 15, 1777.

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

Thomas Jenings, Esq; mayor, and William Roberts, Lancelot Jacques, and Allen Quynn, Esqrs. aldermen of the city of Annapolis, attended at the bar of the house, in pursuance of the order of yesterday, and being asked why they had not made a return of two delegates to represent the city in general assembly, Mr. Jenings answered, that he, with some of the aldermen of the city, met at the time and place appointed for holding the election, agreeable to the directions of the last convention, and adjourned from day to day, but that neither candidates nor voters appeared, and consequently he could make no return. Which being satisfactory to the house, ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker inform the gentlemen they are discharged from further attendance; which he did accordingly.

On motion, That any person who has qualified as a senator or member of the house of delegates is eligible as a delegate to represent this state in congress, agreeable to the constitution and form of government established by the last convention? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the above question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Read, Jordan, Ford, Lethrbury, Perkins,	Maxwell, Yeates, Galloway, Turner,	Stevenson, Veazy, Gilpin, Bowie,	Sprigg, Kent, Bruff, Chaille,	Selby, Sheredine, Downes, Douglafs,	Mason, Smith, Chafe, Crabb.
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Messrs.	Hammond, Harrison, Semmes,	M'Pherson, Henry, R. Bond,	Ewing, Magruder, Gibson,	Benson, Wright, Edelen,	J. Bond, Smithson, Beall,	Schnebely, Williams, Burgefs.
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The main question was then put, and resolved in the affirmative.

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The speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. John Hall, a delegate from Anne-Arundel county, desiring the house to excuse him from attendance, on account of his indisposition. The house accept the excuse. Joseph