

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, February 15, 1777.

Gentlemen

We beg leave to suggest the propriety of fixing the number to be chosen delegates to congress, before the ballot is taken, and propose that the number be five; should you agree to this, we will then immediately appoint a committee of this, to join the committee named by your house, for the purpose mentioned in your message by Messieurs Douglafs and Williams.

We have requested the president of this house, to join the speaker of yours, in a letter to be sent by express to Mr. Johnson, notifying his appointment, and wish this business to be done as speedily as may be.

We also propose, that a joint letter from the president of this, and the speaker of your, house, be written to the gentlemen nominated of the council, requesting their attendance to put in motion the executive branch of our government.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the number of delegates to represent this state in congress be six? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Read,	Yeates,	Stevenson,	Bowie,	Chaille,	Smith,
	Lethbrury,	Hammond,	R. Bond,	Sprigg,	Shredine,	Chafe,
	Perkins,	Galloway,	Veazv,	Magruder,	Douglafs,	Beall,
	Maxwell,	Henry,	Gilpin,	Benson,	Mafon,	Schnebely.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Jordan,	Semmes,	Ewing,	Wright,	Edelen,	Williams,
	Ford,	Turner,	Gibson,	J. Bond,	Smithson,	Crabb,
	Harrison,	M'Pherson,	Kent,	Selby,	Downes,	Burgefs.

On motion, RESOLVED, That Mr. Speaker be requested to join the president of the senate in a letter to be sent by express to Mr. Johnson, notifying his appointment of governor of this state; also in a letter to the gentlemen nominated of the council, requesting their attendance to put in motion the executive branch of our government.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Yeates and Mr. Benson.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 15, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house concur with the two last propositions in your message of this day by Joseph Nicholson, Esquire. They were aware of the impropriety of proceeding to ballot for delegates in congress, without ascertaining the number, and are of opinion the number you propose is too small, therefore propose six, and that any three or more of them be authorized and empowered to represent this state in congress.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

ORDERED, That the speaker of this house be requested to join the president of the senate in a letter of thanks to colonel Southey Simpson, of Accomack county in the state of Virginia, for his spirited conduct in marching his battalion of militia into this state, in order to assist general Hooper in quelling the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, and that a message be prepared and sent to the senate to inform them thereof.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Burgefs and Mr. Stevenson.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 15, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have requested their speaker to join the president of your house in a letter of thanks to colonel Simpson, of Accomack county in the state of Virginia, for his spirited conduct in marching his battalion of militia into this state, in order to assist general Hooper in quelling the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, and hope for your concurrence.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Burgefs has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Charles Carroll, Esq; (of Carrollton) from the senate, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from captain George Cooke, of the ship Defence, and a remonstrance from the officers of the artillery companies in Baltimore-Town, praying that the pay of the officers and men of said companies may be augmented equal to the pay of the artillery in the continental service, severally endorsed; "By the senate, February 15, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

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

Adjourned till 9 o'clock.