

18 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777.

William Paca, Esquires. RESOLVED therefore, That the said Samuel Chase, Benjamin Rumsey, William Smith, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and William Paca, Esquires, or any two or more of them, be delegates to represent this state in congress.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, February 17, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Galloway, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Magruder, Mr. T. Bond, Mr. Schnebely, and Mr. Burgefs. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, to give time to the committees to bring in their reports.

T U E S D A Y, February 18, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Wright and Mr. Chase. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Schnebely appeared in the house. Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Mackall, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Magruder, appeared in the house. Mr. David Craufurd, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, and Mr. Charles Ridgely, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in the presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, they took their seats.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. Galloway, a delegate from Anne-Arundel county, desiring the house to excuse him from attendance, on account of the indisposition of his family. The house accept the excuse.

Mr. Hall, from the committee of both houses appointed to compleat the military appointments of this state, and to settle the rank of the officers, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, with an arrangement of the officers, which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, relative to the place proper for the court of justice in said county, was read a second time, and referred till the second Tuesday of the next session of the general assembly.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, February 19, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Tillard, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Chase, appeared in the house.

On motion, ORDERED, That this house will take into consideration the election of delegates for Somerset county on Wednesday the twenty-sixth instant.

ORDERED, That the clerk write to the absent members of Somerset county, and inform them thereof, and that he issue all such summonses as shall be applied for.

On reading a letter from Samuel Chase, Esq; on motion, the question was put, that this house, in conjunction with the senate, will recommend to congress a general officer from this state? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, acquainting them therewith.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Bordley.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are informed by a letter from Samuel Chase, Esq; one of the delegates of this state in congress, and which is transmitted to your honours with this message, that the appointment of general officers is procrastinated, which gives the general assembly an opportunity of expressing their sense on a subject of such momentous concern to this state. This house have agreed to recommend, in conjunction with your honours, a general officer, and hope for your concurrence.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from the council of safety, thus endorsed; "By the senate, February 19, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates. By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition