

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

The house met.

Turbutt Wright, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the S E N A T E, March 20, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have agreed to a resolve respecting the proclaiming of the governor, and to the form of a proclamation for that purpose, both of which are sent herewith, and, we hope, will meet your approbation.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

By the S E N A T E, March 20, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the following proclamation be made the twenty-first instant, on the stadt-house hill in the city of Annapolis, by the high sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, and that the said proclamation be published in the several counties of this state, on the twenty-first day of April next.

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

IN pursuance of, and agreeable to, the form of government of this state, the honourable Thomas Johnson, jun, Esq; was, on the fourteenth day of February last, chosen governor, by the joint ballot of the senate and house of delegates, and on the twentieth of March instant, in presence of both houses, qualified, by taking the oaths and subscribing the declaration directed by the said form of government, and by taking the oath of office prescribed by the general assembly.

I DO therefore, by order of the general assembly, proclaim the honourable Thomas Johnson, junior, Esq; governor of the state of Maryland.

S O G O D S A V E T H E P E O P L E.

Which was read and concurred with.

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

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ewing and Mr. Dowres.

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, March 20, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE concur with your message by Turbutt Wright, Esq; relative to the proclamation of the governor.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee to re-consider the appointment and rank of the military officers of this state; and Mr. Kent, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Chase, were elected.

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

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Mason.

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, March 20, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have appointed Messieurs James Kent, John Hall, Peregrine Lethrbury, John Smith, and Samuel Chase, to join George Plater and Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esquires, from your house, to re-consider the rank and appointment of the military officers of this state.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Ennalls appeared at the bar of the house in custody of the serjeant at arms, and having made his apology and excuse for his non-attendance, he withdrew, and the same being considered, were received by the house.

ORDERED, That he be discharged from the custody of the serjeant at arms, on paying one third of the expence of the express and messenger sent after him.

ORDERED, That Mr. Ennalls be called to the bar, and that Mr. Speaker inform him of the resolution of the house; and he appeared at the bar, and Mr. Speaker informed him accordingly.

The bill, entitled, An act to provide carriages for the army and to ascertain the hire thereof, and the pay for crossing ferries, was read a second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. J. T. Chase and Mr. Bruff. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

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

F R I D A Y, March 21, 1777.

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

Mr. Richard Parran appeared at the bar of the house in custody of the serjeant at arms, and after being heard in his defence, for departing the house without leave, and not complying with the