

Mr. Lethbury from the committee of elections brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

The committee of elections and privileges report, That by the certificate of the judge who held the election for Dorchester county, Messieurs William Ennalls, John Henry, junior, James Murray, and Henry Steele, are declared and returned duly elected.

That by the certificate of the judge who held the election for Calvert county, Mr. Alexander Somervill is declared and returned duly elected, in the place of Mr. John Mackall, whose seat is vacated by reason of his non-residence in said county.

By order of com.

NICHOLAS HARWOOD, cl.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Henry Jackson, Mr. Thomas Maddox, and Mr. William Polk, delegates returned from Somerset 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. Henry from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report .

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee have inspected the return of delegates for Somerset county, and do find, by the certificate of the judges who held said election, it appears that, in virtue of a warrant from the honourable speaker, dated the sixth instant, they, on the fourteenth, gave notice of an election to be held at Princess-Anne in said county the nineteenth of same month, and that Messieurs John Stewart, Henry Jackson, Thomas Maddox, and William Polk, were then and there elected by a majority of voters. Your committee are informed, that Mr. John Stewart was, at the time of said election, a field officer.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed by order of the com.

NICHOLAS HARWOOD, cl.

Which was read a first and second time, and the house taking the same into consideration, the sitting members withdrew, and the question was put, Whether Messieurs Henry Jackson, Thomas Maddox, and William Polk, are duly elected delegates for Somerset county? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That that part of the said report which relates to Mr. John Stewart be postponed till a future day.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Jordan, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Burges, appeared in the house.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session; and Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Maddox, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to examine the business referred by the last convention to the general assembly, and report their opinion thereon to the house; and Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Henry, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Jackson.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 27, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house, having taken into consideration the roster of rank and the arrangement of the military officers reported by the committee of both houses, concur therewith, except in the following particulars. Colonel Stone to be seventh colonel in the place of colonel Shryock, and colonel Gunby also as lieutenant colonel to take rank of colonel Shryock.

Lieutenant colonels will then stand in the roster, Gunby, Shryock, Hindman, Ramsey, Adams, Smith, Sim.

In the arrangement, this house have thought it necessary to make some alterations, in particular with regard to colonel Shryock, so that his major, and all his captains, lieutenants, and ensigns, should remain in the same battalion with him, because money hath been delivered out, and many men raised by him from the appointment of first colonel by the two houses, and great confusion might arise in the recruiting service without such transposition in the arrangement. Field officers we propose to stand thus: First battalion, Ware colonel, Sim lieutenant colonel, Woolford major; second, third, fourth, and fifth, as they now stand; sixth, Stone colonel, P. Adams lieutenant colonel, and Daniel Jenifer Adams major; seventh, Williams colonel, Shryock lieutenant colonel, Tillard major.

Lieutenants Stockton and Frazier to be changed one for the other. Lieutenants Skinner and Mason to be changed one for the other. Ensigns Truelock and Sianett to be changed one for the other.

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