

6. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777.

In progression on the said report, the question was put, That an ordinary keeper be eligible as a delegate of the assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house then took into consideration that part of the said report, relating to Mr. Ezekiel Forman, and after some debate Mr. Forman withdrew, and the question was put, That a clerk of a county, appointed agreeable to the constitution and form of government, be eligible as a delegate of the assembly? Carried in the negative. ORDERED, That Mr. Forman be called in, and he appeared at the bar accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker acquaint Mr. Forman of the resolution of the house, and inform him that he is discharged from any further attendance as a member of this house: Which he did accordingly.

The house taking into consideration that part of the said report relating to Mr. Worthington; the question was put, That Mr. Nicholas Worthington be eligible as a delegate of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. speaker a petition from Benjamin Benny, praying an allowance to be made him on the journal of accounts, for a negro man slave, called Isaac, who had been committed to Talbot county gaol, on suspicion of felony, and there took the small-pox and died, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 4, 1777: Read and referred to the " consideration of the house of delegates.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and rejected.

ORDERED, That Mr. West and Mr. Smith be added to the committee appointed to receive and examine any proposal for the establishment of manufactories, &c.

That Mr. West, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Tillard, be added to the committee of claims.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the better security of the government. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Maddux, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Contee, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to indemnify the creditors of British subjects, and other persons of this state who have suffered by the army and navy of Great-Britain since the present war. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. West, Mr. Veazey, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the estate, quit-rents, and land-office, of the late lord proprietary. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Henry, Mr. Maddux, and Mr. Sheredine, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. William Douglass, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

Mr. John Callahan and Mr. Edward Fox are appointed assistant clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 5, 1777.

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

A petition from Nicholas White and Jacob Reaser, setting forth, that they had contracted to furnish a number of muskets and bayonets for this state, and praying an exemption from militia duty, that they may be enabled to comply with their contract, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Aquila Hall, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

A certificate of the qualification of Mr. Fox was produced and filed.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, which was referred from the last session of assembly, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the best ways and means for filling up the quota of regular troops to be raised by this state, being read and considered, RESOLVED, That this house will use all possible means in their power to procure 2000 men to recruit the quota of this state of the continental army.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 6, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Peter Shepherd, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, and Dr. Henry Schnebely, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified they took their seats. The