

10 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777.

By the SENATE, November 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed to examine the ballot boxes, having reported, that Thomas Johnson, Esq; was unanimously elected governor of this state, we think proper to notify the same to him, and have appointed George Plater, Esq; to join any members of your house for this purpose.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which being read, the following message was prepared and sent to the senate, by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Worthington :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have nominated Mr. Forbes and Mr. Kent for the purpose mentioned in your message of this day, by Charles Grahame, Esq.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 11, 1777.

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

A petition from Martin Harry was presented to the house and read, setting forth, that a certain John Whaley, late of Washington county, deceased, intestate, left a widow and two small children; that the said Whaley was largely indebted to the petitioner and many other persons; that the widow had refused to administer, and that letters of administration had issued to him; that the personal estate of the said Whaley is not sufficient to discharge his debts, and that his real estate, in the opinion of the petitioner, would not be more than sufficient to supply the deficiency; and therefore praying, that a law may be enacted to enable him, as administrator, to dispose of said Whaley's real estate, charged with the widow's dower, and to apply the money to the discharge of the debts of the said John Whaley.

George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esqrs. from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate-room, to see the governor qualified. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, accordingly went to the senate-room, and saw his excellency qualify, in presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, and taking the several oaths required by the constitution, and the oath of office directed to be taken by the general assembly. Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the members) returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. R. T. Earle, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, he took his seat.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Joseph Dashiell, Esq; lieutenant of Worcester county, of the 7th of November instant, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Henry, from the committee to whom the resolution of congress, of the 20th of October last, was referred, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Burgess and Mr. Hyland.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 11, 1777.

May it please your honours,

AGREEABLE to the constitution and form of government, this house propose to proceed to the choice of the council to the governor at one o'clock in the afternoon, if agreeable to your honours, and have nominated Mr. Earle, Mr. Brice, and Mr. Thomas, to examine the ballot boxes. The list of persons proposed is herewith communicated.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the SENATE, November 11, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the choice of the council to the governor at the time you propose, and have nominated Joseph Nicholson and Thomas Contee, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes. No person has been proposed in this house, in addition to the list sent by you.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which was read.

The ballots for the council to the governor being deposited in the ballot box, the committee retired, and after some time return and report to the house, that they had, in conjunction with a committee of the senate, examined the ballots of both houses, and that a majority appeared in favour