

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 11

favour of Thomas Sim Lee, Joseph Sim, Edward Lloyd, John Rogers, and Josiah Polk, Esquires. RESOLVED therefore, That the said Thomas Sim Lee, Joseph Sim, Edward Lloyd, John Rogers, and Josiah Polk, Esquires, be and are hereby declared the council to the governor of this state.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the S E N A T E, November 11, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE propose, that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, to notify to the gentlemen chosen into the council their election.

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

Which was read and assented to; so endorsed and sent to the senate by Mr. Douglass and Mr. Schenck.

Mr. Walter Bowie, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

Mr. Archibald Golder is appointed an assistant clerk. ORDERED, That he be qualified.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 12, 1777.

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

Mr. Ed. Len brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry on Patowmack river, to intersect the road leading from Harper's ferry to Frederick-town in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On a second reading the report from the committee to whom the resolution of congress of the 20th of October last was referred, the house took the same into consideration, and thereupon came to the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be empowered to reduce the five companies of matrosses into three, and to appoint such of the present officers to the command as they shall think proper and best qualified for the service.

That the governor and the council be directed to order two of the said companies to march as soon as possible to general Washington's camp; that the said companies be considered as part of the quota of this state; and that the non-commissioned officers and privates be entitled to receive the continental bounty and other allowances made by congress to such as enter into the service for three years.

That the third company be stationed one half at the city of Annapolis and the other half at Baltimore-town.

That the governor and the council be authorized to appoint a surgeon and surgeon's mate, and such person or persons as paymaster, muster-master and quarter-master to the third company, with such pay as they may think proper and adequate for their services.

That the governor and the council be authorized to raise a company of matrosses of seventy-six privates, and to appoint the proper officers; and that each non-commissioned officer and private, entering into the service of this state for three years, be entitled to the same bounty and other privileges and benefits allowed by this assembly to such as enlist in any of the battalions raised by this state.

Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Somervill and Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Williams has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions of this day sent up by Mr. Somervill and Mr. Maxwell, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 12, 1777: Read and assented to. By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

The said resolves were communicated to his excellency the governor by Mr. Kent.

Mr. Maddux brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the auditors of public accounts, setting forth, that when they were appointed to that station, they flattered themselves that the salary annexed to their office would at least be sufficient to defray their usual expences while engaged in the public service, but that from the present exorbitant price of the necessaries of life, they were compelled to pray for an augmentation of their salaries—was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Henry brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the estate, quit-rents and land-office of the late lord proprietary; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

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