

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 21

was read a first and second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Hyland and Mr. Ward. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

On a second reading the message of yesterday, by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; the following message was prepared and sent to the senate, by Mr. R. Barnes and Mr. Hammond.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 25, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house will proceed immediately to the choice of the council to the governor, and have nominated Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Hall and Mr. Henry, to examine the ballot-boxes in conjunction with those gentlemen who may be appointed by your honours. The list of gentlemen proposed is herewith communicated.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Smith brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, an act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned, read a second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Edelen and Mr. Young. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The ballots for three members of the council to the governor being deposited in the ballot-box, the committee retired, and after some time they return and report to the house, that they had, in conjunction with a committee from the senate, examined the ballots of both houses, and that a majority appeared in favour of James Brice, William Hemsley, and Daniel Carroll, Esqrs. RESOLVED, therefore, that the said James Brice, William Hemsley, and Daniel Carroll, Esqrs, together with the two members who have qualified, be and are hereby declared the council to the governor.

Matthew Tilghman and William Paca, Esqrs. from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor is attending in the senate room, and that the senate request the attendance of this house there immediately. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and (with the members of this house) went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in the presence of the members of both houses:

No. 3. A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to unite the free-schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties.

No. 4. An act to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army.

Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the members) returned and resumed the chair.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 25, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have requested the honourable speaker to join with the honourable president of the senate, in a letter to the several gentlemen chosen this day counsellors to the governor, to notify to them their appointment, and request their immediate attendance to qualify.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the foregoing message, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

On motion, RESOLVED, That Mr. West, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Earle, Mr. Contee, Mr. Tillard, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. M'Pherson, be a committee to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the board of auditors; that they call on the late council of safety, and also on the governor and the council, for an account of the disposition and loan of all public monies, and also on all persons who have had public money advanced to them, to render an account of the disposition thereof; and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from David Kerr, setting forth, that he is seized and possessed of a tract of land, called Greenbury's-Point, on which a large quantity of timber and wood has been fell and made use of, for the purpose of erecting a fort; and that, in consequence of the said fort's being erected thereon, the said land rents for one hundred pounds per annum less than it did before the erection thereof; and therefore praying that such allowance shall be made him for his wood and timber, and loss of rent, occasioned as aforesaid, as shall be thought reasonable, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, November 25, 1777.

Gentlemen,

ON considering the resolve of the 8th instant, relative to the claim of Virginia therein mentioned, and the mode proposed, of communicating to the general assembly of that state, the resolves