

to him, on behalf of the said executrix, as they, upon a due consideration of all circumstances, shall think just and equitable; that the said settlement, when made, be returned to the general assembly for their examination and controul.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 1, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have received information of the death of Mr. Samuel West, late register of wills for Montgomery county, and propose to go into the appointment of another to fill that office. Should your honours concur with us, Mr. Veazey, Mr. Earle, and Mr. Tillard, will meet such members of your house as may be appointed for examining the ballot-boxes. The list of gentlemen proposed to be balloted for is herewith sent.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state, of the American army, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 26, 1777: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

" By the senate, November 29, 1777: Read the second time, and will pass.

" By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

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

By the SENATE, December 1, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to proceed immediately to the choice of a register of wills for Montgomery county, and have appointed Samuel Wilson and William Hindman, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house, in examining the ballot-boxes. No person has been named, in this house, in addition to the list communicated.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which was read.

The ballots for a register of wills for Montgomery county 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 of Mr. R. Wootton. RESOLVED therefore, That the said Richard Wootton be and is hereby appointed register of wills for Montgomery county.

Mr. Samuel Chew, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, he took his seat.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, and in progression thereon, the question was put, That the debtor shall have an alternative to pay tobacco, at the rate of eighteen shillings and nine-pence per hundred: Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Lethrbury,	M <sup>r</sup> Pherson,	Henry,	Brice,	Edelen,	Smith,
Maxwell,	Maddux,	Daffin,	Benson,	Young,	Chafe,
Gresham,	Strawbridge,	Veazey,	Gibson,	Sheredine,	Sprigg,
J. Hall,	Winder,	Ward,	Goldsbrough,	Smithson,	Hughes,
Turner,	L. Wilson,	Alexander,	Earle,	Douglafs,	Crabb.
Semmes,	Smoot,	Hyland,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Ford,	Hammond,	Fitzhugh,	Deye,	Magruder,	Burgess,
Read,	Worthington,	Somervill,	Stevenson,	Contee,	Williams.
Plowden,	Tillard,	Chew,	West,	Bond,	

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

T U E S D A Y, December 2, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. R. Barnes, Mr. H. Wilson, and Mr. J. Barnes. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Robert Wright, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county; and Mr. Allen Quynn, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, they took their seats.

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