

32 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777.

proportion to the number of inhabitants, having respect to what has been already delivered out to the several counties? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messrs	Ford, Read, Plowden, Maxwell, Hammond, Worthington,	Tillard, Fitzhugh, Somervill, Chew, M'Pherson,	Strawbridge, L. Wilson, Deye, Stevenson, Veazey,	Ward, Alexander, Hyland, West, Magruder,	Contee, Edelen, Young, Sheredine, Bond,	Smithson, Douglafs, Burgefs, Williams, Crabb.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Lethrbury, Gresham, Turner,	Semmes, Forbes, Winder,	Smoot, Henry, Brice,	Quynn, Benfon, Gibson,	Goldsbrough, Earle, Wright,	A. Hall, Smith.
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Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Burgefs and Mr. Deye.

Mr. Ford has leave of absence till Monday next.

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

F R I D A Y, ~~November 23,~~ 1777. *D. S.*

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ford and Mr. Daffin. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 3, 1777: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 5, 1777: Read the second time, and will pass.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of yesterday afternoon, thus endorsed, "By the senate, December 5, 1777: Read and assented to with the following amendment: Strike out the seventh line, and the words, "state a quantity," in the eighth line, and insert the following: "And retain in their hands so much thereof as may be necessary for the public provisions, and that they order the residue, if any, to the several counties in this state.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which endorsement was read.

Mr. Gibson, from the committee on the petition of Robert Richardson, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: The committee appointed to examine the facts set forth in the petition of Robert Richardson, beg leave to report, That, agreeable to the petition, the said Robert Richardson became security for a certain Richard Wetherell, in the sum of one hundred and eighty-five pounds sterling, and upon the bond's being put in suit against the said Philip Wetherell the principal, and the petitioner, before judgment was obtained, the principal died, and administration was granted to a certain Charles Place, who duly paid away the whole personal estate; after the death of the said Philip Wetherell, judgment was obtained against the petitioner for the sum aforesaid, with interest, which he has actually paid. Your committee are of opinion, that justice may be speedily done the petitioner, by passing an act enabling him to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of the said Philip Wetherell as may reimburse him for the sum he has advanced and paid. Your committee are also informed, that a certain Thomas Kemp is under similar circumstances, and, in the opinion of your committee, ought to derive equal benefit under the said act.

By order of the committee,

A. GOLDER, cl.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Worthington and Mr. Strawbridge.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 5, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are desirous of appointing delegates to represent this state in congress, and propose to go into a choice for that purpose this afternoon; as two of the members are to be changed annually, according to the constitution and form of government, it is thought expedient, by this house to determine, by ballot, those who are to be excluded. Should your honours concur with us in this proposition, Mr. Maddux, Mr. Contee, and Mr. West, will meet such members of your house as may be appointed for the examination of the ballot boxes.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Kent appeared in the house.

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