

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Lethrbury, do prepare and bring in the same.

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

By the S E N A T E, December 5, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE assent to the proposition, contained in your message of this day, by Messieurs Worthington and Strawbridge, and have appointed Brice T. B. Worthington and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house in the examination of the ballot boxes.

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

Which being read, the ballots were deposited in the ballot box, and the gentlemen named to strike 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 to exclude Benjamin Rumsey and William Smith, Esqrs.

Mr. Gibson has leave of absence till Thursday next.

Mr. Sprigg brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The list of gentlemen proposed in this house as delegates of congress were communicated to the senate by Mr. Crabb and Mr. Young.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. speaker the following message :

By the S E N A T E, December 5, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to proceed to ballot for six delegates to congress, and have appointed Matthew Tilghman, and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with such gentlemen as may be nominated for that purpose by your house. No person is named in the senate, in addition to the list communicated.

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

Which being read, the following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Edelen and Mr. Benson.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 5, 1777.

May it please your honours,

Mr. Smith, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Kent, are appointed by this house for the purpose mentioned in your message, by William Hindman, Esq;

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The ballots for the said delegates being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen nominated to strike retired, and after some time return and report to the house, That they had, in conjunction with Matthew Tilghman and Thomas Contee, Esqrs. of the senate, examined the ballots of both houses, and that a majority appeared in favour of Samuel Chase, William Paca, George Plater, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires. RESOLVED therefore, that the said Samuel Chase, William Paca, George Plater, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, or any two or more of them, be and are hereby declared delegates to represent this state in congress.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 6, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Gibson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Contee have leave of absence till Monday next; Mr. M'Pherson till Thursday next; Mr. Hyland for eight days. Mr. Sherdine has leave of absence, being indisposed.

The committee of accounts make report, that they meet with difficulties in adjusting the public accounts, particularly in the account of goods bought and imported for the public use; it is therefore ORDERED, That Mr. Charles Wallace Howard, the late commissary of stores, appear on Thursday next before the said committee, with the books, papers, and accounts, relative to his trust, to render an account of the disposal of all the goods belonging to the public that have been at any time put under his care; and that the sergeant at arms serve him with a copy of the above order.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to pay the militia of this state, who marched under the resolution of congress of the 19th of April last, on the pay-rolls and subsistence rolls being produced, regularly signed by the colonel of the regiment to which they were attached by the resolution aforesaid, and having their general accounts passed by the board of auditors, in which account shall be stated what money or goods hath been received