

No. 6. An act to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned.

No. 7. An act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties.

No. 8. An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state, of the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries.

No. 9. A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state.

No. 10. An act for the regulation of officers fees.

No. 11. An act to amend the law to prevent forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes.

No. 12. An act to empower the county courts to issue subpoenas for witnesses residing in other counties to attend trials to be had before such courts, and to direct the manner of issuing executions from one county to another.

No. 13. A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees.

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. Smoot and Mr. Alexander:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 17, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have received information of the death of Mr. John Veazey, late register of wills for Cæcil county; and also that Mr. John Goldsborough, register of wills for Dorchester county, and William Morris, Esq; register of wills for Worcester county, were appointed by the governor and council, in the recess of the general assembly; and propose to go into the appointment of a register for each county. Should your honours concur with us, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Bond, and Mr. Crabb, will meet such members of your house as may be appointed for examining the ballot boxes. The list of gentlemen proposed to be ballotted for is herewith sent.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The question being put, That the accepting and executing of any office in this state by a senator or member of the house of delegates, without any fee or reward, during the time such person was chosen a senator or member of the house of delegates, previously to his acceptance of such office, resigning his seat in the general assembly, is not a breach of the constitution or declaration of rights? Passed in the affirmative.

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

Messrs.	Read,	Turner,	Henry,	Contee,	Kent,	Chafe,
	Plowden,	Forbes,	Ward,	Brice,	Edelen,	Sprigg,
	Lethbrury,	Maddux,	Alexander,	Quynn,	Young,	Burgefs,
	Maxwell,	Winder,	West,	Benson,	A. Hall,	Crabb.
	J. Hall,	Smoot,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Ford,	Tillard,	Chew,	Deye,	Earle,	Smithson,
	Hammond,	Fitzhugh,	M'Pherson,	Ridgely,	H. Wilson,	Williams.
	Worthington,	Somervill,	Strawbridge,	Stevenson,	Bond,	

The resolve was sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Ward and Mr. Strawbridge. Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, December 17, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to ballot for a register of wills in each of the counties of Cæcil, Dorchester, and Worcester, and have appointed Thomas Contee and William Hindman, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house in examining the ballot boxes. No person is named in the senate in addition to the list communicated.

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 they return and report, 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. David Smith for Cæcil county; that Mr. John Goldsborough was unanimously elected for Dorchester county, and William Morris, Esq; unanimously elected for Worcester county. It is therefore declared, that Mr. David Smith be and is hereby appointed register of wills for Cæcil county; that Mr. John Goldsborough be and is hereby appointed register of wills for Dorchester county; and that William Morris, Esq; be and is hereby appointed register of wills for Worcester county.

The report on the petition of John Veazey and Thomas Bracus Veazey, representative of John Veazey, deceased, being read a second time, ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration on the second Tuesday of next session of the general assembly.