

one of the judges of the general court, an office incompatible with the office of commissioner to Frederickburg and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; having resigned his place of commissioner to Frederickburg in Virginia, it becomes necessary to fill up those vacancies. We propose to nominate two other delegates to congress, and one commissioner, by the joint ballot of both houses immediately, and have appointed Mr. Kent, Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Lethbrury, to join such members as you may think proper to nominate, to examine the ballot boxes. The lists proposed are herewith communicated.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.
William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, December 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,
WE are ready to ballot for two delegates to congress and one commissioner to Frederickburg in Virginia, and have appointed Thomas Contee and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. to join the committee of your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman has been named in the senate in addition to the lists proposed by you.

By order A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.
Which being read, the ballots for the said delegates and commissioner were deposited in the ballot box, and the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time they return and report, that they had, with a committee of the senate, examined the ballots of both houses, and that a majority appeared in favour of James Forbes and John Henry, jun. Esqrs. for delegates of congress; and in favour of Dr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, as a commissioner to Frederickburg in Virginia. RESOLVED therefore, That the said James Forbes and John Henry, jun. Esqrs. together with the gentlemen already appointed, be delegates to represent this state in congress. And that Dr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, in addition to the gentlemen already named, be a commissioner to meet at Frederickburg in Virginia on the 15th day of January next.

RESOLVED, That in case of the death or resignation of the board of auditors, or either of them, during the recess of assembly, the governor and the council have full power and authority to fill up the vacancies, and that the auditor or auditors, so to be appointed by the governor and the council, qualify themselves as heretofore directed by the resolve of this house, and that they have all the powers given them by the said resolve. Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Ford and Mr. Burgess.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 23, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve sent up yesterday by Mr. Ford and Mr. Burgess, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: Read and assented to." A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

By order,
RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to write to the sheriffs of the several counties, letting them know the low state of the treasury, that money is absolutely necessary for carrying on the recruiting service, and purchasing cloathing for our quota of troops in the American army; and to urge the sheriffs to use their utmost endeavours to collect from those who are well able and may be willing to pay in their assessments. And that the said sheriffs be directed to pay the money so collected, as they may receive the same, to such persons as the governor and council shall direct, to be applied to the recruiting service, in such manner as the governor and council shall order from time to time, and as the levies advance, to furnish such further sums as may be necessary.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the loan-office call in the money due for interest in said office, by advertisements in the gazettes, or by suit, if necessary, in cases where the governor and council shall direct suits to be brought.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate, together with the foregoing resolutions, by Mr. Plowden and Mr. Turner.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 23, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken into our consideration the governor's letter and estimate herewith sent, and have thereupon entered into several resolves, which we hope will answer the purpose of procuring the sums immediately necessary for the recruiting service and cloathing for the troops. Some money will no doubt be brought into the treasury by loans and by the sale of the ship Defence, and the gallees ordered to be sold. The money now in the treasury, together with what is already in the loan-office, and may be procured by the resolves now passed and sent to your honours for your