

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1778. 11

The petition of Charles Carroll, Esq; complaining of the injustice of the act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said petition be taken into consideration on Friday next.

Mr. Warren Dent, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

The following message :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THE choice of a governor is to be made this day by the constitution and form of government: We propose a joint ballot of the two houses at one o'clock, and have appointed Mr. Maccubbin, Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Smith, to join such members as may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The names of the gentlemen proposed to be ballotted for are herewith sent.

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Cramphin and Mr. Norris.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the election of delegates for Kent county, is referred till to-morrow.

The sheriff of Kent county, according to order, appeared at the bar of the house, and delivered the original polls, &c.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment and continuance of several of the county courts within this state, thus endorsed;

“ By the senate, November 9, 1778: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.”

“ By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ford, Mr. Chew, and Mr. Reynolds, appeared in the house.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a message, which was read, and follows in these words :

By the SENATE, November 9, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE agree to ballot for a governor at one o'clock, and have appointed Samuel Wilson and William Hindman, Esquires, to join the members of your house in examining the ballot boxes. We have no person to propose for governor in addition to those named by your house.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The house then proceeded to the choice of the governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time they return, and upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Thomas Johnson, Esquire, was elected. RESOLVED therefore, That Thomas Johnson, Esquire, be, and is hereby declared governor of Maryland.

The letter from his excellency general Washington of the fifth of October last, and the petition of Charles White and Nicholas Ridgely Warfield, inspectors at Elk-Ridge Landing warehouse, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the petitioners against the election of Mr. Peregrine Lethbury, a delegate returned for Kent county, do furnish Mr. Lethbury with a list of the names of the voters against whom they object, with the objection or objections which they intend to insist on, set against the name of each person whose votes they intend to dispute, and that such list shall be confined to such voters as were objected to at the time of their giving their respective votes.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out a copy of the above order, and that the same be served on the petitioners by the serjeant at arms.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a message, which was read and follows in these words :

By the SENATE, November 9, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE think it more agreeable to the constitution to suspend or repeal a law by an act, rather than by a resolve, and therefore have herewith sent a bill containing the substance of your resolution by Messieurs Brice and Gresham.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the report from the committee of the whole is referred till to-morrow.

George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker that Thomas Johnson, Esquire, is in the senate room ready to qualify as governor, and that the attendance of this house is requested there for that purpose. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, where Thomas Johnson, Esquire, did qualify himself as governor in presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, and taking