

16 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1778.

A petition of Elie Vallette was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Digges hath leave of absence until Thursday next.

A petition of the commissioners of the poor in Baltimore county; a petition of the commissioners of the poor in Frederick county; and a petition of the commissioners of the poor in Charles county; were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill No. 1, was read and assented to.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, November 12, 1778.

Gentlemen,

W E assent to the propositions contained in your message of this day by Messieurs Bruff and Sewell, and have appointed Samuel Wilson and William Hindman, Esquires, to join such members as may be named by your house, in the examination of the ballot boxes.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read and ordered to be entered.

The following message:

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, November 13, 1778.

May it please your honours,

W E have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Crabb, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with the members named in your message of this day by Thomas Stone, Esq;

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Veazey and Mr. Evans.

Mr. Lethbury hath leave of absence until to-morrow week.

The gentlemen appointed to strike the ballots return and report, that Mr. Stone and Mr. Chase are ballotted out.

The following message:

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, November 13, 1778.

May it please your honours,

W E propose to ballot immediately for delegates to congress, and have sent a list of the names of the gentlemen who we propose to ballot for, in order that your honours may add thereto what further number you may propose in addition to the said list.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Bowie and Mr. Crabb.

Samuel Wilson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, November 13, 1778.

Gentlemen,

W E are ready to proceed to ballot for delegates to congress. We have no persons to propose in addition to the list communicated to us with your message by Messieurs Crabb and Bowie.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

George Plater, William Paca, William Carmichael, John Henry, jun. James Forbes, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, were chosen by ballot to serve as delegates to congress.

General Washington's letter of the 5th of October, 1778, was read and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. R. Goldsborough, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Lloyd, as a committee to consider the same, and make report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. R. Goldsborough and Mr. Thomas.

The petition of Charles Carroll, Esq; was read a second time and ordered to lie on the table.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolve:

By the S E N A T E, November 13, 1778.

RESOLVED, That the president and the speaker write a joint letter to the absent gentlemen chosen delegates to congress, to inform them of their appointment.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read and assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Smoot and Mr. Hughes.

A petition of the people called quakers was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Job Garretson was read a second time, and withdrawn at his own request.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 14, 1778.

**T**H E house met. All present as on yesterday, except Mr. W. M. Beall, Mr. Digges, and Mr. Lethbury, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr.