

your committee beg leave to give it as their opinion, that those lists which have already come to hand lay over to the next session of assembly.

Signed per order of the committee, W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

Which was read.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Thomas Johnson, jun. thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

A bill, entitled, An act to enable Mary Hesselius, widow of John Hesselius, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to convey to Thomas Jenings, of the city of Annapolis, attorney at law, sundry lands therein mentioned. Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Timothy Mayhew, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message of the 1st instant by Charles Carroll, Esq; we agree with your honours, that the appointment of a court of appeals is a measure absolutely necessary to carry into full effect our present constitution and form of government; and if proper persons can be found, we shall cheerfully go into a joint ballot. The number five we apprehend has been heretofore agreed upon by message between the two houses; but if five cannot be got, we will agree to a temporary law for the appointment of three judges to constitute a court of appeals. We wish to know what gentlemen of integrity and sound judgment in the law your honours have in contemplation as proper judges, none have occurred to us that we think would accept the trust.

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

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Chase.

On progression in reading a second time the bill to prevent distilling grain into spirits, the question was put, That rye be excepted? Carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Sewell,	Chew,	Jackson,	Evans,	Brown,	Keene,
	Thomas,	Harrison,	Strawbridge,	Quynn,	Carmichael,	Stainton,
	Lloyd,	Dent,	Veazey,	Chase,	Bordley,	Potter,
	Wilmer,	Polk,	Job,	Brice,	Beall,	Hughes.

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

Messieurs	Mackall,	Digges,	Ward,	Bond,	Mason,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	Deye,	Magruder,	Norris,	Sprigg,	Crabb,
	Hall,	Stevenson,	H. Goldsborough,	M'Comas,	Bayly,	Burges.
	H. Ridgely,	Hammond,	Gibson,			

The following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have agreed to proceed to the recommendation of a register of wills for Baltimore county, in the place of Thomas Jones, Esq; who hath resigned, and have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Brice, to join any of the members of your house you may think proper to nominate to examine the ballot boxes. A list of the names of the persons proposed is herewith transmitted.

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

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Burges and Mr. Stevenson.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, December 9, 1778.

Gentlemen,

As you concur with us in opinion that the appointment of a court of appeals is absolutely necessary, we are willing to go into a joint ballot of five persons for that purpose, and have herewith transmitted a list of those proposed in this house to be balloted for.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

On further progression in reading the bill to prohibit the distilling of grain into spirits, the question was put, That the following amendment, to wit: "That the constable of each hundred