

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1780. 99

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of David Poe, thus endorsed, " By the senate, March 31, 1780: Read and assented to.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Freeland.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARCH 31, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house is ready to proceed on the choice of two delegates to congress, and have appointed Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Bruff, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with such members as you may think proper to appoint for that purpose. The following gentlemen are proposed in this house to be balloted for: John Henry, Benedict Edward Hall, Joseph Gilpin, Normand Bruce, Samuel Hanson, senior, and Stephen West, Esquires.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

A memorial from the officers of the four companies in the German battalion belonging to this state, praying to be incorporated with the rifle companies, and annexed to the Maryland line, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the memorial of captain Alexander Lawson Smith.

ORDERED, That Mr. Stricker be added to the said committee.

A letter from Robert Smith, of the city of Annapolis, requesting permission to go from hence to England by way of New-York, was preferred and read.

Upon reading whereof a second time, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to recommend the said Robert Smith to his Excellency the commander in chief, or to the commanding officer at Elizabeth-town, for his licence to go into the city of New-York to obtain a passage to Great-Britain.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 31, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to proceed to ballot for delegates to congress, and have appointed Joseph Sim and William Hemsley, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes. In addition to the list of gentlemen proposed by your house, we have nominated Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and William Paca, Esquires, presuming that no objection founded in our constitution can be alleged against their eligibility.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

ORDERED, That a copy of the resolution of this day, respecting the nomination of delegates to congress, be sent to the senate; which was accordingly sent by Mr. Chase and Mr. M'Mechen.

A petition and remonstrance of Samuel Boggess, of Frederick county, was preferred and read.

The order of the day, that the house will resolve itself into a committee of the whole, is further postponed till to-morrow.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 31, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

THE resolves or votes of your house cannot be admitted as any rule for the proceeding in this. We are of opinion that the gentlemen proposed by us are eligible as delegates to congress by our constitution.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to the choice of delegates to congress, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time return and report, that upon examining the ballots it appeared, that John Henry and Stephen West, Esquires, were elected.

The house adjourns till half past 2 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Deye appeared in the house. Mr. Joseph Hanson Harrison, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared, and after being qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition of Basil Burgess, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass to enable him to sell certain lands, and a petition of John Ray, senior, were preferred and read, and referred to Mr. H. Ridgely, Mr. Worthington, Mr. J. Hall, and Mr. Quynn, who are appointed to consider and report on the same.

ORDERED, That Mr. Stricker be added to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petitions of nonjurors.