

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 19

Which was read, and the following message prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Alexander and Mr. Hungerford :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE agree that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates, to notify to the gentlemen chosen into the council their election.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Mr. M'Comas has leave of absence until to-morrow week.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 15, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Mills, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. M'Comas. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. James Chapline, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house. Mr. Craufurd has leave of absence until Monday next.

A letter of excuse from Mr. John Stull, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, with a conditional resignation, was laid before the house and read.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Polton and Mary Polton, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass to ratify the will of a certain Joseph Watson, according to the true intent and meaning of the testator; a petition from Mary Pindle, executrix of the last will and testament of colonel Edward Sprigg, late of Prince-George's county, praying an act may pass, empowering her to sell and dispose of part of a tract of land called Addition to Piles's Delight, for the benefit of the creditors of the deceased; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

A letter from colonel William Fitzhugh, of the 7th of November; and copies of letters from the governor and council, of the 8th and 12th instant, to Samuel and Robert Purviance and others, merchants in Baltimore, with their answers, relative to the fitting out vessels to cruise in the bay.

The order of the day being read, on motion, That the house reconsider the resolution of the 11th of November, relative to the right of the house to take notice of the conduct of Mr. Hindman, a member thereof, the previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Hindman then informed the house, he did not recollect he ever made use of the words with which he was charged; and thereupon the house proceeded to the examination of the witnesses in support thereof, and, after some time, adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Frisby Freeland and Mr. Charles Williamson, two delegates returned for Calvert county, and Mr. Henry Dennis, a delegate returned for Worcester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took their seats in the house.

On motion, That certain privileges and powers, usually exercised and assumed by the British parliament, shall be adduced as a rule to direct the proceedings of this house, more especially as the commons have been long since declared by the United States to be a venal and corrupt house, the previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye appeared as follow:

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

M ^{rs} .	Cadwalader, Dent,	Deye, Hindman,	Martin, Sulivane,	Wright, Earle,	Whitely,	M'Meichen.
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N E G A T I V E.

M ^{essieurs}	J. Mackall, W. Stevenson, Wilmer, Worthington, Brogden, L. Mackall,	Freeland. Williamson, T. Gantt, Causin, J. Stevenson, Ward,	Lawson, Job, Kirk, Duckett, Magruder, Clagett,	Kent, Chase, Quynn, Dennis, Morris,	Dashiell, Houston, F. Gaunt, Norris, Alexander,	Chapline, Cramphin, Bayly, Oneale, Hungerford.
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So it was determined in the negative.

The house having heard the evidence offered in support of the charge made against Mr. Hindman, and he being asked if he had any thing to say in his defence, submitted to the determination