

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 29

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a draught of instructions to our delegates in congress on that important subject, and that they prepare also instructions to our delegates in congress to enlarge the powers of congress, and that Mr. Hall, Mr. Scott, Mr. Chase, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Cadwalader, be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Morris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to make valid the proceedings of the deputy sheriff of Worcester county after the death of the late sheriff; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Kent, Mr. Chapline, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Potts, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to make valid the proceedings of the deputy sheriff of Worcester county, &c. was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Dalhiell and Mr. Morris.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Plowden.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house, for the dispatch of public business, have determined to meet once a day, and to sit from half after nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker two letters from major Henry Lee, dated Baltimore, 19th November; a letter from the chevalier d'Anmours, dated the 17th; and a petition from John Trammell, praying an act may pass, empowering the register of the land-office to issue a patent on a certificate of re-survey returned into the land-office, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the petition of John Trammell be referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Chapline, and Mr. Potts, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to make valid the proceedings of the deputy sheriff of Worcester county, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, November 22, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency the governor, acquainting the general assembly of the resignation of Mr. Thomas Johns, register of wills for Montgomery county, and the appointment of Mr. Samuel Turner; which was read.

On the second reading the resignation of William Morris, register of wills for Worcester county, and of Thomas Sprigg, of Washington county, and the letters from his Excellency the governor, informing the general assembly of the death of Elie Vallette, register of wills for Anne-Arundel county, and the appointment of Mr. Gassaway, and the resignation of Thomas Johns, register of wills for Montgomery county, and the appointment of Mr. Samuel Turner, ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, acquainting them of the said resignations and vacancies, and that this house propose to ballot immediately for four persons, to be recommended by the general assembly to be commissioned in their places by the governor, agreeable to the constitution.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Whitely and Mr. Magruder.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose to ballot immediately for a register of wills in the following counties, viz. Worcester county, in the room of William Morris, resigned; Washington county, in the room of Thomas Sprigg, resigned; Anne-Arundel county, in the place of Elie Vallette, dead since the last session; Montgomery county, in the room of Thomas Johns, resigned; and have appointed Mr. Duckett, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Bayly, to join such members as may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen are proposed by this house to be balloted for, viz. For Anne-Arundel county, Mr. Thomas Gassaway; for Washington county, Messieurs Thomas Belt and William Good; for Worcester county, Mr. John Morris; for Montgomery county, Mr. Samuel Turner.

By order,

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F. GREEN, clk.

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