

4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

Certificates of the qualification of the assistant clerk, sergeant at arms, door-keeper, and committee clerks, were produced and filed.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Howes Goldsborough, a delegate returned for Talbot county, was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Talbot county, for the electing a delegate in the room of Mr. Howes Goldsborough. Which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the 10th day of December next.

A letter of excuse from Mr. James Shaw, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, was laid before the house and read.

Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Howard have leave of absence until Monday next.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 17, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Hall.
The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 19, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Bowie. The proceedings of Friday were read. Mr. Hall appeared in the house.
The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. M^cMechen and Mr. Wilson.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,
FOR the dispatch of public business, this house hath appointed to sit, during this session, from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

On motion, the question was put, That a message be prepared to the senate, informing them, that the unexpected and extreme severity of the weather prevented a meeting of this house in time, to elect the governor and the council on the days appointed by the constitution; that this house propose to join the senate in balloting for a governor immediately, and if agreeable, that on to-morrow at twelve o'clock an election for the council be made also by ballot? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Hall appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Forrest,	B. Worthington,	Causin,	Gibson,	Brevard,	Duvall,
	Plowden,	Brogden,	Dent,	Maynadier,	Duckett,	M ^c Mechen,
	Cadwalader,	Fitzhugh,	Jenifer,	Hindman,	Seney,	Wilson,
	Lloyd,	Chew,	Stone,	Kirkman,	Chate,	Stull,
	Tilden,	Taney,	Ridgely,	Job,	Quynn,	Griffith.
	N. Worthington,	Allein,	S. Worthington,	Miller,	Shriver,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Hall, Rowland, Kent, Bayly.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Stone, and Mr. M^cMechen, prepare the said message.

Mr. M^cMechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 19, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE unexpected and extreme severity of the weather prevented a meeting of this house in time to elect a governor or council on the days appointed by the constitution. We propose to proceed immediately to the election of a governor by the joint ballot of both houses, and, if agreeable to your honours, on to-morrow at 12 o'clock we also propose to elect the council to the governor by joint ballot. We have appointed Mr. Forrest, Mr. Stull, and Mr. Job, to join the members you may think proper to nominate to examine the ballot boxes.

Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; is proposed to be balloted for by this house.

Which was read a first and second time and agreed to. Sent to the senate by Mr. B. T. B.

Worthington and Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. Edward Burgess, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

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