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the members of this house, went to the senate room, and saw his Excellency qualify in presence of both houses, by his subscribing the declaration, and taking the several oaths required by the constitution, and the oath of office directed to be taken by act of assembly. Mr. Speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 20, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE rejoice that an opportunity will be given to the legislature of this state to express their gratitude to general Washington in person, and have appointed Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, to join the members of your house in preparing a vote of thanks to his Excellency. We also agree that a public entertainment be provided for him.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That this house will go into the examination of charges made against the late council, and an individual of the council, before they finish the election of a new council? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chafe appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	N. Worthington,	Allein,	S. Worthington,	Miller,	Kent,	Duvall,
	Hall,	Causin,	Gibson,	Brevard,	Seney,	Burgess,
	B. Worthington,	Stone,	Kirkman,	Rowland,	Chafe,	Griffith,
	Brogden,	Ridgely,	Job,	Duckett,	Quynn,	Bayly.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Forrest,	Cadwalader,	Fitzhugh,	Dent,	Hindman,	Wilson,
	Plowden,	Lloyd,	Chew,	Jenifer,	Shriver,	Stall,
	Mills,	Tilden,	Taney,	Maynadier,	M'Mechen,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. N. Worthington and Mr. Brogden:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 20, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have determined to postpone the election of the council; the members of the late council have been proposed to be balloted for, and certain charges of misconduct have been alleged against them, and this house do not incline to proceed to the choice of a council before an examination be made into the charges.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Mr. Cadwalader has leave of absence.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 21, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hawkins appeared in the house. Mr. William Smithson, a delegate returned for Harford county, and Mr. Edward Coursey and Mr. Tarbutt Wright, two delegates returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took their seats in the house.

Whereas, allegations have been made that reflect upon the conduct of the late council, and a particular member thereof, in their office of counsellors, **RESOLVED**, That if any member or members of this house think proper to make such allegations, that they be reduced to writing and laid upon the table, and that each counsellor charged shall have a copy thereof.

On motion, the question was put, That if no member of this house proposes immediately to make charges in writing against the late council, or any member or members thereof, we proceed immediately to the election of the council? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Fitzhugh appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Plowden,	Tilden,	Causin,	Maynadier,	Seney,	M'Mechen,
	Mills,	Fitzhugh,	Dent,	Hindman,	Coursey,	Wilson,
	Cadwalader,	Chew,	Jenifer,	Kirkman,	Shriver,	Stall,
	Lloyd,	Taney,	Stone,	Brevard,	Smithson,	

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