

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781. 7

NEGATIVE.

Messrs	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Duckett,	Chase,	Burgess,
	Hall,	S. Worthington,	Rowland,	Kent,	Quynn,	Griffith,
	B. Worthington,	Gibson,	Hawkins,	Wright,	Duvall,	Hayly.
	Brogden,	Job,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are very apprehensive, that an examination into the charges, which you inform us in your message of yesterday have been made against the members of the late council, will take up much time, and if the choice of a new council should be delayed until the examination is completed, the charges proved, or found to be groundless, that many and great inconveniences will result from the delay. The choice of an executive hath already, from casualties, been too long deferred. A total suspension of the executive powers of government, must at any time, but more especially at the present juncture, prove extremely detrimental to the community, and burthen some to individuals attending in this city to transact business with the governor and council.

It is not our desire that the misconduct of any servants of the state should be screened, or their reputations injured, but as we are not made acquainted with the charges brought against the members of the late council, we wish you to re-consider whether they are of such a nature as to render an enquiry, either in justice to the state or to the individuals charged, expedient or necessary. Heats and animosities may probably arise; besides, the loss of time which will be necessarily employed in calling for, waiting the attendance and examinations of witnesses, will, it is to be feared, greatly retard, in other respects, the essential business of the session. You will be pleased also to consider, that an enquiry in your house may draw on one in ours; wherefore we entreat you, if you can with propriety wave the proposed enquiry, to proceed to an immediate choice of the council.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Forrest, prepare a message to the senate in answer thereto.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from Abraham Falconar, of Kent county, setting forth, that he was appointed one of the persons to procure waggons and horses, and in the prosecution of that appointment expended money in the public service, which he is informed cannot at present be paid him in specie, and that he is willing to receive the produce of the country in discharge of such debt; endorsed, "By the senate, November 21, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates."

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

PREVIOUS to the reading of your message by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; this house had determined to proceed to the choice of the council. The members of this house, who in the course of debate yesterday mentioned certain matters which were conceived charges of misconduct against the late council, having this morning declared, that they did not intend to make any charges against the late council, or any of the members, this house were influenced to go into an immediate choice.

The following gentlemen are proposed to be balloted for by this house: John Hopkins Stone, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Benjamin Canada Stoddert, Samuel Hanson, of Samuel, James Brice, James McHenry, Stephen West, and Samuel Turbutt Wright, Esquires, and we have named Mr. Forrest, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Wright, to join such members of your house as you may please to nominate to examine the ballot boxes.

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

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 21, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into an immediate appointment of the council to the governor, and have nominated Richard Barnes, and William Hindman, Esquires, to join the members of your house in examining the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named in this house in addition to those proposed by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

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