

F R I D A Y, November 15, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom all private petitions were referred beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the petition of Thomas White and John White, of Dorchester county, relating to the confirmation of the title of the lands in their possession, and on examination find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Levin Gale, of Somerset county, setting forth, that he was possessed of a house on Wiccomico river, which had been valued to one hundred pounds specie ; that the said house, in the month of May seventeen hundred and eighty-one, was burnt and destroyed by the British barges, and praying an allowance for the said house ; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on private petitions.

A petition from George Vanfant Mann was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on private petitions.

A petition from William Elzey, of Somerset county, setting forth, that in May 1781 several armed British barges landed at his plantation with a considerable armed force, and burnt and destroyed all the houses on the same except one small negro quarter, and praying relief in the premises aforesaid ; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on private petitions.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Stewart :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon, for its sitting every day this session, for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion by Mr. M^cMechen seconded by Mr. Norris, the question was put, That a message be prepared to the senate, to propose to go into a choice of a governor this day? **ORDERED,** That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. M^cMechen, and Mr. Forrest, prepare the said message.

Mr. B. Worthington delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are really concerned, that from the want of a sufficient number of members to compose a senate, the governor and council could not be elected on Monday and Tuesday last, as directed by our constitution. The inconvenience and consequences arising from the want of an executive should ever be avoided, and no cause occurs to us, which could prevent the attendance of the legislature at the time appointed. We cannot but lament the neglect in our members, as well as yours, in not appearing on the first Monday in this month, as our form of government prescribes ; not only duty but convenience dictate a contrary conduct, and we will readily join your honours in any measures which will compel the punctual attendance of the members of both houses.

We propose to proceed to the election of the governor at one o'clock, and have appointed Mr. Brice T. B. Worthington, Mr. M^cMechen, and Mr. Forrest, to join the members nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes ; and William Paca, Esq ; is put in nomination by this house.

If agreeable to your honours, we will to-morrow noon elect the council to the governor.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. M^cMechen.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq ; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker letters from his Excellency general Washington, of the 30th of October ; from Matthew Ridley, Esq ; of the 10th of July and 20th of April ; from John Hanson, Daniel Carroll, and William Hemsley, Esquires, delegates in congress, of the 5th of November, with a resolve of congress of the 29th of October ; and also a petition from Abraham Nivison, of St. Mary's county, praying that the county court may be empowered to levy a sum of money for his support, endorsed ; " By the senate, November 15, 1782 : Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read, and the petition referred to the committee appointed on private petitions.

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