

Mr. Forrest, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act giving a further time for the payment of the taxes levied for the present year, and other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee appointed to examine into and report the state of the late prerogative office, what time in their opinion it will take to sort and pack into boxes the original papers belonging to each county, and what sum of money will be sufficient to defray the expence of boxes, packing, &c. &c. beg leave to report, That on examination they find the original papers in that office are, from their having been removed from place to place, now in a confused condition; that it would take one man six or eight weeks to record the original papers which remain unrecorded in said office; and your committee are of opinion, that six months will be sufficient for recording, sorting, listing and packing in distinct boxes, the original papers belonging to each county; and as there are belonging to the several offices a sufficient number of good boxes, that the sum of one hundred pounds will be sufficient to defray the whole expence. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill for removing original papers in the late prerogative office, to the several counties in this state; and Mr. Kent, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Quynn, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 12, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house is ready to go into the appointment of two delegates to congress, and have appointed Mr. Keene, Mr. Job, and Mr. Miller, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with such members as you may think proper to nominate. The following gentlemen are named by this house to be balloted for, viz. Thomas Johnson, James M^cHenry, James Lloyd, Nathaniel Ramfey, and Turbutt Wright, Esquires.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MAY 12, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into the appointment of two delegates to congress, and have appointed John Smith and Benedict Edward Hall, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated in your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named in addition to those by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

And also a representation from Robert Hanson Harrison, praying to be allowed the depreciation of his pay while serving as aid de camp and secretary to his Excellency general Washington; which was read, and referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Chase, to consider and report thereon.

The message from the senate relative to the choice of delegates to congress was read, and the house thereupon proceeded to the choice of two delegates to congress, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Thomas Johnson and James M^cHenry, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon RESOLVED, That Thomas Johnson and James M^cHenry, Esquires, be and are hereby declared to be delegates to represent this state in congress.

Mr. Key has leave of absence till Sunday next.

ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd, Mr. M^cMechen, and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to consider and report on the memorial of William M^cCreery, of Baltimore.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 12, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose, that a joint letter be wrote by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, notifying to the gentlemen chosen delegates to congress their appointment.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial in the general court for the western shore, endorsed; "By the senate, May 12, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, May 12, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.