

two delegates returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the militia; and Mr. Ware, Mr. Kent, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Lethbury, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying an act may pass, empowering the justices of Dorchester county court to purchase a piece of ground sufficient for the use of the poor of said county for building a poor-house thereon, and to levy on the inhabitants of said county a sum of money sufficient to defray the expence thereof, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Harris, to consider and report thereon.

A representation from the officers of the Maryland line, praying a fund to be established for the redemption of the officers and soldiers certificates, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hindman, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. M^cMechen, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Hanson, of Charles county, praying an act may pass to empower the several sheriffs of the counties where his debtors reside to execute for the said debts, with interest thereon, was preferred and read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Hindman, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate, informing them, that this house is ready to elect a council to the governor.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency the Governor of this day; which was read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to revive and continue the acts of assembly for regulating the militia, and to empower the governor to call out the militia to suppress insurrections and quiet disturbances; and Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Lethbury, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. M^cMechen, from the committee, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose, at two o'clock this day, to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed Mr. Grahame, Mr. Mackall, and Mr. Somerville, to join the members nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. Mr. James Brice, Mr. Jeremiah Townley Chase, Mr. Gabriel Duvall, Mr. John H. Stone, Mr. Benjamin Ogle, Mr. Richard Sprigg, Major John Davidson, and Mr. John Brice, are put in nomination by this house.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Dent and Mr. Harwood.

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

IT is proposed, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Smith, and James M^cHenry, Esquires, be a committee to meet such members as may be appointed by your house, to confer upon the subject matter of his Excellency the Governor's letter of this date.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the following message, in answer thereto, was sent to the senate by Mr. Mackall and Mr. Grahame.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have agreed to the proposition contained in your message of this day by Benedict Edward Hall, Esquire, and have appointed Mr. Kent, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Digges, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. M^cMechen, to join the members nominated by your house for the purposes therein mentioned.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Jacob appeared in the house.

A petition from the executors of Elie Vallette, praying an act may pass empowering them to dispose of the real estate of the deceased for the payment of his debts, was preferred and read.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to constitute and appoint a select vestry in Saint John's parish, in Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, November 24, 1783: Read the second time with the proposed amendment and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amend-