

The question was then put, That each delegate to congress from this state be 'allowed the sum of thirty-five shillings for every day he shall attend, or be on his journey to or from, congress? Resolved in the affirmative.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency the Governor of the 24th instant, enclosing a letter from Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst; which were read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Keene and Mr. Hughlett.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 26, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house is ready to go into the appointment of four delegates to congress, and have appointed Mr. Hindman, Mr. Digges, and Mr. Somerville, to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with such members as may be nominated by your house. The following gentlemen are put in nomination by this house to be balloted for; James M'Henry, Thomas Stone, Edward Lloyd, Samuel Chase, and John Hall, Esquires.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent and Cæcil counties, praying a law may pass for dividing the counties, and erecting a new one out of such parts thereof as are contained within the bounds and limits following, viz. All that district of Cæcil county containing Bohemia manor, Middle Neck, North Sassafras, West Sassafras, and Bohemia hundreds, and all that district of Kent county containing Chapel, Upper South Sassafras, and George-town hundreds, and all that part of Morgan's creek hundred lying to the eastward of the great road leading from George-town to Collister's ferry, and that the said new county be called and distinguished by the name of Smallwood county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 26, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 26, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into the appointment of delegates to congress, and have named Richard Barnes and William Hindman, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated in your message by Messieurs Keene and Hughlett to examine the ballot boxes. Colonel Nathaniel Ramsey and colonel George Plater are named in addition to the gentlemen named in your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read, and the house thereupon proceeded to the choice of four 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 James M'Henry, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon

RESOLVED, That James M'Henry, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, be, and are hereby declared to be, delegates to represent this state in congress.

A counter petition to the petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent and Cæcil counties, was preferred and read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the subject matter of the petitions from Kent and Cæcil counties, and the counter petition thereto, be taken into consideration on the second Thursday of next session, and that the parties be heard by counsel, if they choose.

A memorial from Benjamin Mackall, Thomas Holland, and Edward Reynolds, of Calvert county, setting forth, that they are considerable creditors to William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson; that in April session 1782, an act passed, empowering Thomas Contee to collect the debts of the said Mollesons, and to apply the same, in the first instance, to the payment of his own debts, and the balance (if any) to the payment of the other creditors of the said Mollesons; that a supplementary act passed November session 1782, directing the said Thomas Contee to return on oath a list of all debts due, in either money or tobacco, to the said William Molleson and William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, to the auditor general, on or before the first day of August last, for the purpose of paying the debts due from the said William and Robert Molleson, and praying relief in the premises aforesaid; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. De Butts, Mr. Kent, and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 26, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose that a joint letter be written 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.

A petition