

delegates attend in congress at the same time. This house have nominated the following gentlemen, to wit, John Hall, Thomas Johnson, Nathaniel Ramsfey, Gustavus Scott, and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, to be balloted for; and have appointed Mr. James Hindman, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Digges, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with any members that may be appointed by your honours for that purpose.

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

Mr. Ireland appeared in the house.

Mr. Courfey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Hall Bonwill, of Dorchester county, beg leave to report, That they have examined the facts therein stated, and find them to be true, and are of opinion that a law should pass agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Courfey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Sudler, of Somerset county, beg leave to report, That they have examined the facts therein stated, and believe them to be true, and are of opinion, that agreeable to an act proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of the continent, to take this state for payment, the petitioner ought to receive certificates from this state in lieu of those of which he was plundered. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Morris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hindman and Mr. Shaw.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases, endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And also the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into a ballot for two additional delegates to congress; no gentlemen have been proposed in the senate in addition to those mentioned in your message to be balloted for. Edward Lloyd and Samuel Hughes, Esquires, are appointed to join the gentlemen named in your message to examine the ballot boxes. We cannot agree to the clause in your message, providing that not more than three of the delegation attend in congress at the same time. We apprehend that this restriction may prevent a representation in congress, and be productive of disagreeable consequences, which the inconsiderable saving it is calculated to produce cannot compensate; it may also exclude, if four delegates should be at the place of residence of congress, one of the four from attending in congress; or if the four should take their seat in congress, it will lay the legislature under the disagreeable necessity of determining which of the four shall be deemed the least worthy of being paid for his services.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and thereupon the house 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 John Hall and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, were elected. Whereupon RESOLVED, That John Hall and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, be, and are hereby declared, delegates to represent this state in congress.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 10, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. M'Mechen appeared in the house.

Mr.