

The house having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that the honourable William Smallwood had a majority of votes. Whereupon RESOLVED, That the honourable William Smallwood, Esq; be and is hereby declared governor of Maryland.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Bracco.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 17, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose at eleven o'clock to-morrow to proceed to the election of a council to the governor.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from Rachel Lee, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass to confirm the last will and testament of Joshua Lee, of Queen-Anne's county, deceased; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. John Seney, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ramsey.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 17, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE honourable William Smallwood, Esq; being elected governor, we think proper that he should be made acquainted therewith in the usual form, by a joint letter from the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Daniel Carroll, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following messages:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 17, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the election of a council to the governor at the time fixed by your message by Mr. Bracco, and have appointed Samuel Hughes and William Perry, Esquires, to join the members who may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 17, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE concur with your message by Mr. Ramsey, that the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates write a joint letter to the honourable William Smallwood, informing him that he is elected governor of this state.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read.

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

F R I D A Y, November 18, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Peregrine Lethrbury, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

The petition of John Hamilton, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Turner, and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. James Bond, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition from William Atkinson, of Somerset county, praying a restoration of property confiscated and sold, and the rights and privileges of a citizen of Maryland; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Gale, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Waters, and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial of Charles Henry Wharton, praying an act may pass to confirm the title of his property; was preferred and read.

A petition from John Hawkins and wife, and Lilburn Williams and wife, praying an act may pass to enable them to dispose of the real estate of the late doctor Adam Thompson, deceased; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. R. Bowie, and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Edward Worrell, collector of the taxes for Kent county, praying a discharge of the interest due from him as collector of said county; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Waggaman, and Mr. Pearce, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Smyth, collector of Kent county, praying a discharge of interest due from him as collector of said county in the year 1781; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Waggaman, and Mr. Pearce, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Meverell Lock, naval officer of first district North Patowmack, setting forth, that the fees of his office are not adequate to the actual value of the incidental expences, and praying relief in the premises; was preferred and read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. De Butts.

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