

county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A letter of excuse from Mr. R. Bowie, was read and accepted. Mr. Beall has leave of absence till Thursday next.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolutions :

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1785.

RESOLVED, That an attested copy of the act to approve, confirm and ratify, the compact made by the commissioners of Virginia, and the commissioners appointed by this state, to regulate and settle the jurisdiction and navigation of Patowmack and Pocomoke rivers, and that part of the Chesapeake bay which lieth within the territory of Virginia, be transmitted to the legislature of Virginia; and that the president and speaker by a joint letter inform them, that the form of affixing the seal of the state follows of course to acts passed by the two houses, and that this will be complied with when the governor elect is qualified.

RESOLVED, That an attested copy of the resolves passed in consequence of the report from the commissioners of this state appointed to meet the commissioners of Virginia, be also sent by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, to the legislature of Virginia.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read and assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Joshua Seney.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are ready to go into a joint ballot for the exclusion of one member of congress from the present nomination, the honourable James M'Henry being ineligible as a delegate for the ensuing year, and have appointed Mr. Fielder Bowie and Mr. Key to join such members of your house as your honours may nominate to examine the ballot boxes. We propose to ballot for five members to congress for the ensuing year.

By order,

W HARWOOD, clk.

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE concur with your message by Mr. Gale, and are ready to go into a joint ballot for the exclusion of a member of congress from the present nomination. We have appointed Edward Lloyd and William Perry, Esquires, to join the gentlemen appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot out one delegate from the present nomination 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 Gustavus Scott, Esq; was excluded from the present nomination.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

JOHN Henry, Nathaniel Ramsay, William Hindman, William Harrison, Richard Ridgely, Isaac Vanbibber, John Cadwalader, Josias Carvil Hall, Dr. William Matthews, Samuel Hughes, George Gale, and Robert Wright, Esquires, are nominated by this house as delegates to congress. Mr. Purnell, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. F. Bowie, are appointed to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with such members of your house as shall be appointed for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into the appointment of five delegates to congress, and have appointed Edward Lloyd and William Perry, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman is named by this house in addition to those nominated by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for five 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 John Henry, William Hindman, William Harrison, Richard Ridgely, and Nathaniel Ramsay, Esquires, had a majority of ballots. Whereupon RESOLVED, That John Henry, William Hindman, William Harrison, Richard Ridgely, and Nathaniel Ramsay, Esquires, be and are hereby declared to be delegates to represent this state in congress.

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