

And the following proclamation:

IN pursuance of, and agreeably to, the form of government of this state, the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, was, on the seventeenth day of November instant, chosen governor, by the joint ballot of the senate and house of delegates, and on the twenty-sixth of the same month, in presence of both houses, qualified, by taking the oaths and subscribing the declaration directed by the form of government, and by taking the oath of office prescribed by law.

I DO, therefore, by order of the general assembly, proclaim the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, governor of the state of Maryland.

G O D S A V E T H E P E O P L E .

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government. ORDERED, That Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Chase, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lethrbury, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 28, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Steret, Mr. Key, Mr. De Butts, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Digges. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Ridgely of William appeared in the house.

Petitions from Daniel Matthews, Robert Crawford, William Travers, and Michael Krips, prisoners in Baltimore county gaol, praying an act may pass for their relief; were preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Ridgely of William, and Mr. Jackson, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting light houses, buoys, and beacons, upon Chesapeake bay and Patowmack river. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the intendant of the revenue, of the 25th instant, with sundry papers, relative to a contract made in behalf of this state, by Matthew Ridley, Esq; with Messieurs Vanstaphorfts; a petition from the tradesmen, manufacturers, and others, of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass, laying duties on foreign manufactured articles; a petition from Mary Hilliary, widow of Rignal Hilliary, late an officer of the Maryland line, setting forth the distressed situation of herself and two small children, and praying relief in the premises; a petition from Thomas Russell, of Cecil county, and William Augustine Washington, of Virginia; and a petition from James Henry, of Kent county; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order.

J. DORSEY, clk."

On the second reading the bill to establish permanent salaries for the chancellor and the judges, the question was put, That the following words be struck out? "And by the declaration of rights it is directed, that the chancellor and all judges should hold their commissions during good behaviour, and that salaries liberal but not profuse should be secured to them during the continuance of their commissions; and that the chancellor or any judge ought not to hold any other office, civil or military, or receive fees or perquisites of any kind: And whereas the chancellor and the judges, from the nature of their office, must necessarily dedicate the far greater part of their time to qualify themselves for the faithful discharge of their duty, and it is just and proper that they should receive from the public a reasonable, adequate, and permanent compensation for their services." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. B. Worthington appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E .

Messrs.	Pearce,	Stevenson,	Ennalls,	Miller,	Jackson,	Norris,
	B. Worthington,	Edmondson,	Baker,	John Seney,	Beatty,	Oneale.
	N. Worthington,	Adams,				

N E G A T I V E .

Messieurs	Somerville,	Fraizer,	Roberts,	Waggaman,	Joshua Seney,	Bayly,
	Lethrbury,	Jones,	Goldborough,	Oglevee,	Chaille,	Whitely,
	Hall,	Dent,	Bracco,	Ramsfey,	Mitchell,	Driver,
	Carroll,	Turner,	Gale,	Chase,	Joseph Dashiell,	Downes,
	Taney,	Stone,	John Dashiell,	Quynn,	Purnell,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,
	Gantt,	Ridgely of Wm.	Waters,	Sewell,	Faw,	Funk.

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the chancellor be allowed six hundred and fifty pounds? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the chief judge of the general court be allowed seven hundred and fifty pounds? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Pearce appeared as follow:

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