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Mr. Duvall, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. J. S. Purnell, Mr. Potts, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Emory, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Dorsey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That it is the opinion of this house, that a senator be eligible as governor? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

A letter of resignation from John Lee Webster, was laid before the house and read; and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Harford county, for electing a delegate for said county in the room of Mr. Webster; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of December next.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 10, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Jeremiah Crabb, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, Mr. William Purnell, a delegate returned for Worcester county, Mr. William Fitzhugh, a delegate returned for Calvert county, and Mr. Thomas Cramphin, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house. Mr. Reed appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, respecting the growth of vice and immorality in the state, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject matter to them referred, and that there exists an act of assembly of this state, entitled, An act to punish blasphemers, swearers, drunkards, and Sabbath-breakers, which provides for the punishment of the offences described in the said petition, but which hath not had the intended effect from the inattention of the officers appointed in said act to execute the same.

Your committee are of opinion, that if the penalties on the officers by the said act for neglect of duty were increased, and a power given the informer to prosecute therefor, that a further legislative interposition would be unnecessary.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

The petition of John Booth, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Potts, Mr. Seney, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Murray, to consider and report thereon.

The following message being prepared, was read and assented to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house will sit, during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning till three in the afternoon.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to aid the proceedings of Prince-George's county court. ORDERED, That Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Chase, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared, was read and assented to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose to proceed to the election of a governor at one o'clock, and have appointed Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Ridgely, of William, to join the members nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. Thomas Johnson and John Eager Howard, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the judges of the general court to continue certain causes therein mentioned, and to adjourn the county courts therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Potts, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Chase, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Potts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the judges of the general court to continue certain causes therein mentioned, and to adjourn the county courts therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the message respecting the sitting hours, and the message respecting the appointment of a governor, by Mr. Seney.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 10, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to ballot at one o'clock for the election of a governor, and have appointed Richard Ridgely and Peregrine Tilghman, Esquires, to join the members of your house in examining the ballot boxes.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.