

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1788. 17

The petition of the inhabitants of Cæcil county, who were formerly in the Delaware and Pennsylvania governments, was read. ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration on Monday the eighth day of December next, and that the petitioners be heard by council, if required.

Mr. S. Miller has leave of absence.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Samuel Groome Osborne, beg leave to report, that they find the facts to be truly stated, and are of opinion that the relief prayed for ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

Samuel Hughes, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 20, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

THOMAS Johnson, Esquire, having refused to accept the appointment of governor, we propose that another gentleman be chosen in his stead, by the joint ballot of both houses, to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day, and examined several witnesses on behalf of the petitioners, and, on motion, the question was put, That Mr. Myers, who has been produced as a witness on behalf of the petitioners, and who has been sworn on his *voire dire*, should answer to the question, Whether he conceives himself interested or not in the determination of this house on the late election for Baltimore-town? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. O'Neale, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Forrest, Chilton, W. Tilghman, R. Miller, Worthington, Fitzhugh,	Dent, Chapman, W. M'Pherfon, Ridgely, of Wm. Sherwood,	Kerr, Chamberlaine, Polk, Waggaman, Shaw,	Bond, Matthews, Digges, J. Tilghman, Sewell,	J. S. Purnell, Houston, J. M'Pherfon, Norris, Pinkney,	Edmondson, Shryock, Taylor, Lynn, Dorsey.	31.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Abell, Reed, Comegys, Harwood,	Mercer, Chafe, Gantt, Fraizer,	Parnham, Ridgely, Cockey, Murray,	Lecompte, Steele, Bravard, Craufurd,	W. Bowie, Quynn, Faw,	Emory, Crabb, O'Neale.	22.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On motion, ORDERED, *nem. con.* That the following be entered on the journals: That Mr. Charles Myers, previous to the assenting to the above resolution, was called as a witness on the part of the petitioners, and being sworn on the *voire dire*, whether he conceived himself interested in the decision of the house respecting the election for Baltimore-town, answered, that he betted two beaver hats previous to the last election, one that Mr. Chafe would have a greater number of votes than doctor M'Henry, and the other, that Mr. M'Mechen would have a greater number of votes than doctor Coulter, and that he was not interested in any manner in the decision, unless only by such bets.

Charles Myers having been examined on his *voire dire*, RESOLVED, That he is a competent witness.

The house resumed the further consideration of the order of the day, and after examining a witness on behalf of the petitioners, referred the same till to-morrow morning.

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

F R I D A Y, November 21, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of George Wolf, of Baltimore county, and the resolution respecting the treasurer of the western shore, were sent to the senate by Mr. Pinkney.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying an act may pass, empowering them to discharge the balances due for confiscated property purchased by them (formerly the property of Robert Alexander, Esquire,) in state securities, or final settlements at discount, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. W. Tilghman, Mr. Chafe, Mr. O'Neale, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Bravard, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants and land-holders of Elkton, Cæcil county, praying an act may pass to prevent hogs, goats and geese, going at large in said town, was preferred, and read the first and second time, and the prayer thereof granted. Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr. Matthews, Mr. Bravard and Mr. Bond, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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