

8. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

house to fill this office, and we have appointed Mr. Simkins and Mr. Hollingsworth, in conjunction with any members of your house, to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have received your message, and are ready to proceed in the election of a governor as proposed by you. We have appointed John Thomas and David M'Mechen, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named by you in the examination of the ballots. No gentleman is nominated for that office by this house in addition to Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

And a letter from the commissioners of the Federal city, enclosing a copy of the engagements entered into by James Greenleaf with their predecessors, endorsed; "By the senate, November 12, 1798: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The house having qualified agreeably 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 Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire, was elected.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, governor of Maryland.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

THOMAS SIM LEE, Esquire, having been elected governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter should be written by the president and speaker, in the usual form, and immediately forwarded by express to that gentleman, notifying to him his election.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 13, 1798.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Matthew Keene, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, Mr. James Nabby, a delegate returned for Talbot county, and Mr. Nicholas Day M'Comas, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

The letter from the commissioners of the federal city was read. ORDERED, That the same, with the enclosures, be referred to the committee appointed on petitions of sundry insolvent debtors.

Petitions from Adam Brietenoder, Robert Thompson, Peter Garts and George Simpson, of Baltimore city, and John M'Coy, of Anne-Arundel county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 13, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose immediately to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed Mr. Key and Mr. Charles Frazier to join the members who may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, viz. Mr. William Kilty, Mr. Arthur Shaaff, Mr. Jonathan Wilmer, Mr. John Johnson, Mr. Thomas Jenings, Mr. John Davidson, Mr. John Barrett Onions, Mr. James Brice and Mr. James Thomas, are nominated by this house to be balloted for as members of the council.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the address from his excellency the governor, for the use of the general assembly.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of clearing out Upper-Marlborough and Queen-Anne creeks, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. A. Magruder, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Barroll, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. A. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, and to enable any one company or stockholder in said company to hold a greater number of shares therein than by said act it is now permitted any one company or person to hold; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, and the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Honour Bosley, an idiot, of Baltimore county, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Richard Chew, of Anne-Arundel county, stating, that he is indebted to the state for property purchased, and praying the time of payment of the principal sum may be extended, on the annual payment of the interest, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Brogden and Mr. Steele, to consider and report thereon.