

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1801. 17

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Bladensburg, in Prince-George's county, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of making the Eastern Branch navigable to the Patowmack river, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Carr and Mr. Nelson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. John Thomas, a delegate returned for Kent 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 his seat in the house.

A petition from Josiah Lee, of Harford county, praying to be released from interest due on a large sum of money due to the state for the purchase of certain confiscated property, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Steele and Mr. E. Davis, to consider and report thereon.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 9, 1801.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE agree to proceed, at the hour mentioned in your message, to the election of a governor. We have appointed Mr. Chapman, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Goldsborough, to join the gentlemen named by you to examine the ballots. James Murray is nominated by this house in addition to the gentleman named by you.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee on the petition of Henry Travers be discharged.

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 sometime returned and reported, that John Francis Mercer, Esquire, had a majority of votes.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That John Francis Mercer, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, governor of the state of Maryland.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts, and to repeal the eighth section thereof, passed November session, 1791. ORDERED, That Mr. Purnell, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Steele, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to change part of the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 9, 1801.

GENTLEMEN,

JOHN FRANCIS MERCER, 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,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to open a road from John and Isaac Hearn's mill, in Worcester county, to intersect the main road leading from Salisbury to Blackfoot, was read the second time and passed.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 10, 1801.

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

The bill to open a road from John and Isaac Kern's mill, in Worcester county, to intersect the main road leading from Salisbury to Blackfoot, and the bill for changing of part of the divisional road between Somerset and Worcester counties, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Henry Drinker was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Petitions from Henry Ridgely, of Henry, of Anne-Arundel county, John Walmsley, of Cecil county, Joseph Boarman, of Raphael, of Charles county, Joshua Vansant, of Kent county, Henry Thompson, of Charles county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

The following resolution being propounded to the house, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED, That Thursday, the twelfth instant, be appointed to choose a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, who shall be a resident of the eastern shore of the state of Maryland, and that the person having the majority of the ballots of the attending members of both houses of the legislature be declared to be duly elected to represent this state in the senate of the United States, and that a commission issue to the said senator appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, or in his absence by the presiding member of the council, in the following words, to wit: The state of Maryland to — — —, Greeting: The legislature of Maryland, reposing especial confidence in your integrity and abilities, have appointed you