

the said William Cooke hath notified to this general assembly that he cannot attend to the execution of the above powers, RESOLVED, That Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Jeremiah Towndley Chafe, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners on the part of this state, in conjunction with the said Philip Barton Key, for the purposes aforesaid; and the said commissioners are required to report their proceedings, in virtue of their appointment and authority, to the general assembly of this state, at the next session after the same shall have been concluded, for confirmation or rejection."

The resolution in favour of John Leatherbury was read the second time and assented to.  
The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 9, 1796.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The honourable Littleton Dennis, Esquire, appeared in the senate, and qualified before Allen Quynn, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, agreeably to the constitution and form of government, and laws of this state.

The resolutions appointing commissioners respecting the western and southern limits of this state, with the amendment thereto, and the resolution in favour of John Leatherbury, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The president communicates to the senate the resignation of the honourable James Lloyd, Esquire, of his seat in the senate; which was read, and accepted by the senate.

On motion, ORDERED, That on Wednesday next the senate proceed to the election of a senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honourable James Lloyd, Esquire, of his seat in the senate.

The honourable Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, Esquire, has leave of absence until Tuesday next. The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 9, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose immediately to proceed to ballot for a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the 3d of March next. John Eager Howard is put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Mr. James Hopewell and Mr. Allen B. Duckett to join any gentlemen appointed by you to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE concur with your message, and will proceed immediately to a joint ballot to elect a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March next. No gentleman is nominated by this house for that appointment in addition to John Eager Howard, Esquire. James Hollyday and John Chesley, Esquires, will join the gentlemen named by you in the examination of the ballots.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The president communicates to the senate a letter of this day from his excellency the governor, addressed to both branches of the legislature, informing, that a number of Indians of the Catawba nation were now in Annapolis on their way to Philadelphia, and that they desired assistance to enable them to prosecute their journey; and also a letter of this day from the executive, dated in council, respecting the arms belonging to the state, and notifying that they had received a certificate of the consent of the stockholders of the bank of Columbia to the acceptance of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish a bank in the district of Columbia; and also a statement of the situation of the several armouries of the state of Maryland, and a plan of an armoury to be erected at Frederick-town; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following bills, to wit: A bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the justices of the levy court of Kent county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purpose therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 9, 1796: Read the first and second time "by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Eleanor Shuman, widow of Peter Shuman, and her children, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 26, 1796: Read the first time "and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 9, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said bills were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate then proceeded to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March next. The ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the