

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have received your message, and concur with you in the proposition, that the president and speaker, in the usual form, notify by joint letter to John Henry, Esquire, that he is elected governor of this state, and that the same be immediately forwarded to him by express.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Thomas Bourne, a delegate returned for Calvert 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 sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, respecting officers and attorneys fees, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers and attorneys fees.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, stating, that they labour under great inconveniences in being obliged to attend as jurymen and witnesses in the criminal and civil courts of the city of Baltimore, and praying a separation of the business, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Merryman, to consider and report thereon.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor. Jonathan Wilmer, William Kilty, Arthur Shaaff, James Brice, Horatio Ridout, John Johnson, John Davidson, Richard Ridgely, Thomas Whittington, James Thomas and William Sprigg, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house. We have appointed Mr. Key and Mr. Godman to join any gentlemen named by your house to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor. David McMechen and Robert Milligan, Esquires, are appointed by this house to join the gentlemen mentioned by you in the examination of the ballots. No gentleman is put in nomination by this house in addition to those proposed by you.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that John Davidson, James Thomas, Jonathan Wilmer, Arthur Shaaff and John Johnson, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon, **RESOLVED**, That John Davidson, James Thomas, Jonathan Wilmer, Arthur Shaaff and John Johnson, Esquires, be, and they are hereby declared to be, the council to the governor.

Mr. P. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery in George-town, in the territory of Columbia; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry citizens of Middle-town, and the country adjacent, in Frederick county, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing and finishing a house of worship and parsonage-house of the German Lutheran congregation in said town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Warfield, Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, and Mr. Gift, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elizabeth Thompson, of Saint-Mary's county, praying the justices of the said county may be authorized to levy a sum of money on said county for the support of her son, who is afflicted with fits, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Plowden, Mr. Leigh and Mr. Greenwell, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Elizabeth Keech Cartwright, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that she may be released from a judgment obtained against her husband for confiscated property purchased and not paid for, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Leigh, Mr. T. Buchanan and Mr. Plowden, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in the town of Westminster, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to procure annually twenty-two copies of the laws of congress for the use of the several courts of law and equity in this state, one copy whereof shall be transmitted to the register in chancery, one to the clerks of the general court for the western and eastern shores respectively, and one to the clerk of each county court; and that the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer for as much money as will be sufficient to defray the expence of the same.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that the law passed last session for laying out a road from Hughes's coaling ground on the South mountain to Frederick-town may be altered and amended, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, Mr. Warfield and Mr. J. Buchanan, to consider and report thereon.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 15, 1797.

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

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