

2 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

T U E S D A Y, November 12, 1782.

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W E D N E S D A Y, November 13, 1782.

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T H U R S D A Y, November 14, 1782.

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F R I D A Y, November 15, 1782.

**T**HE same members appeared as on yesterday. John Smith, Esq; appeared in the senate. There being a sufficient number of members to form a senate, they severally qualified in the presence of each other, before Alexander Contee Hanson, Esq; one of the judges of the general court, as directed by the 28th article of the form of government, by taking the oath of fidelity, and the oath prescribed before the election of a governor and members of the council.

A petition from Abraham Nivison, of St. Mary's county, praying that the county court might be empowered and directed to levy a sum on the inhabitants, for his support, was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

A letter from the delegates in congress, directed to the general assembly, enclosing a letter from general Washington, dated Newburg, October 30, 1782, and a resolution of congress; and sundry letters from Matthew Ridley, dated 20th April 1782, from Paris, and 10th July 1782, from Amsterdam, directed to the governor and council, giving information of his proceedings in soliciting a loan of money for the state of Maryland; were read, and, with the above petition, sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

Messieurs Kent and Stewart, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until three in the afternoon, for its sitting every day this session, for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Messieurs Brice T. B. Worthington and M'Mechen, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are really concerned, that from the want of a sufficient number of members to compose a senate, the governor and council could not be elected on Monday and Tuesday last, as directed by our constitution. The inconvenience and consequences arising from the want of an executive should ever be avoided, and no cause occurs to us, which could prevent the attendance of the legislature at the time appointed. We cannot but lament the neglect in our members, as well as yours, in not appearing on the first Monday in this month, as our form of government prescribes; not only duty but convenience dictate a contrary conduct, and we will readily join your honours in any measures which will compel the punctual attendance of the members of both houses.

We propose to proceed to the election of the governor at one o'clock, and have appointed Mr. Brice T. B. Worthington, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Forrest, to join the members nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes; and William Paca, Esq; is put in nomination by this house.

If agreeable to your honours, we will to-morrow noon elect the council to the governor.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer thereto, sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are as much concerned as yourselves, that a sense of duty alone does not produce a punctual meeting of the legislature, agreeably to the constitution, for choosing a governor and council;