

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1786.

Mr. Joshua Seney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE shall be ready to proceed to the choice of a governor at the hour fixed in your message by Thomas Stone, Esquire, and have appointed Mr. Wright, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. Grahame, to join the members nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman is nominated in addition to the one named in your message.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. John Seney.

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 the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, is unanimously elected. Whereupon RESOLVED, That the honourable William Smallwood, Esquire, be and is hereby declared governor of Maryland.

The report of the committee of elections and privileges was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas Jenings, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

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.

A petition from Philip Graybill, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he was appointed collector of the said county for the year 1786, and praying a reasonable time to complete the collection; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Thomas Stone and George Gale, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the governor qualified. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, and saw his excellency qualify in the presence of both houses, by his subscribing the declaration, and taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and the oath of office directed to be taken by act of assembly.

Mr. Speaker, with the members, returned and resumed the chair.

The order of the day is postponed till to-morrow morning.

On motion, the question was put, That the rule for fixing the salary or allowance to any person before he is named to any office or appointment, be dispensed with as to the council? Resolved in the affirmative.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. De Butts.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose at ten o'clock to-morrow to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Wright and Mr. Ridgely, to join the members who may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, viz. James Brice, Jeremiah Townley Chase, Benjamin Contee, Benjamin Harrison, Alexander Fraizer, James Hindman, John Kilty, John Davidson, Samuel Turbutt Wright, Daniel Jenifer and John Brice, Esquires, are nominated by this house to be balloted for as members of the council.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 30, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed to the election of a council to the governor at the hour proposed in your message by Mr. De Butts, and have appointed William Perry and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house to examine the ballot boxes. Robert Couden, Esquire, is named in this house in addition to the gentlemen nominated by your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

F R I D A Y, December 1, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. R. Bowie appeared in the house. Mr. William Ennalls Hooper, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, within the precincts of Baltimore-town, praying a repeal or amendment of the act passed last session for the purpose of laying the public assessment