

Billings supplied them with what he could spare. It being almost a calm when in the center of the fleet, the Apollo was boarded and examined by the boats of all the flag ships: one of the officers informed captain Billings that they had been from Torbay ten days, and that the fleet consisted of thirty-one sail of the line of battle ships, 9 frigates, 2 fire ships, 4 cutters and 2 brigs; the whole amounting to 48 sail, all under the command of earl Howe, his flag then on board the Queen Charlotte; the fleet stood to nearly S. W. all day, the wind a N. Captain Billings saw a signal pass through the fleet, when all the ships immediately double reefed their topsails, and at sun set another, when they all wore to the northward and eastward, steering under an easy sail: was likewise informed, that they hourly expected to be joined by the Dutch Squadron—Captain Billings anchored at St. Helen's and saw four Dutch ships of the line at Spithead—left St. Helen's August 21.

List of flag ships in the British fleet.

Queen Charlotte,	Earle Howe,
London,	Sir Alex. Hood,
Buffeur,	Sir John Jarvis,
Royal George,	Ad. Barrington,
Princess Royal,	Ad. Hotham,
Impregnable,	Sir R. Bickerton.

RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 22.

We learn from the western country, that the Kentucky convention has determined in favour of a separation, and large preparations are making in that country for offensive operations against the Indians, who have committed so many murders, and harrassed the country so much, that it can no longer be endured; such devastations may shortly be expected to take place, as the name of a Shawanese nation will be no more.

FAYETTEVILLE.

MONDAY last both houses of the honourable the legislature of this state, met in this town, for the dispatch of public business.

The hon. William Lenoir, esquire, is chosen speaker of the senate, and the hon. Stephen Cabarrus, esquire, speaker of the house of commons.

Last week four persons were apprehended passing counterfeit money; the paper currency of this state.—Several bills were found about them, and on the confession of one of the villains, a considerable sum was discovered, which had been secreted in a stable, in an obscure part of the town.

* * * A meeting of the merchants of Fayetteville, is requested at the Cool Spring Tavern, to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS;

Monday, November 1, 1790.

THE house met, and the members being qualified, general Partons proposed as speaker, Stephen Cabarrus, esquire, who was unanimously chosen, and conducted to the chair accordingly.

On motion, John Hunt, esquire was chosen clerk, and John Haywood, esq. assistant clerk to the house. House adjourned.

Tuesday, November 2.

The following message was received from the senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

The address which accompanies this, we propose shall be presented to his excellency the governor; should it meet your approbation, Mr. Macon and Mr. Hargett, will, on the part of this house, present him with the same.

Ordered, That the following message be sent to the senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

This house have received and do approve of the message proposed by your's, vernour—we have nominated on our part, Mr. Person and Mr. Mebane, to attend him with the same.

Resolved, That Mr. McDowell, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Person, Mr. Davis, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Gautier, and Mr. Grove, be a committee of privileges and elections.

Received from the senate the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

We propose that the two houses halloo at 4 o'clock this evening, for three engrossing and committee clerks, and nominate Mr. Curtis Ivy, Mr. Pleasant Henderson, Mr. John Dixon, and Mr. Richard Frear.

Resolved, That the following message be sent to the senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

We agree to ballot as by you proposed for three engrossing and committee clerks.

Received from the senate the following message:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

Messrs. McDowell, Graham, Courtney, Qualls, Skinner, Hargett, Kenan and Lane, will, on the part of this house, go jointly with such gentlemen of your body as may be appointed, as a committee of propositions and grievances. We have also appointed as a committee of claims, Messrs. Dixon, Nesbit, Lane,

Benford, Reddick, Bryan, Snead and Barnes.

Ordered, That the following message be sent to the senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

This house have on their part appointed a committee to consider of and report to the two houses, what bills of a public nature are proper to be passed into laws the present session, and propose that some gentlemen of your body be appointed to act with them. The gentlemen nominated by this house, are Messrs. Lock, Taylor, Macon, Person, Mebane, Polk, B. Smith, Hay, Southerland, Leish, Guion, Franklin and Creecy.—We have received the message of your house, proposing to appoint a committee of propositions and grievances, and also a committee of claims, and have acceded thereto.—For the committee of propositions and grievances, we have appointed Messrs. Porter, Irvine, Dickins, Leish, Sawyer, Allen, Watters, McRay, and Carrington—For the committee of claims, we have appointed Messrs. Caldwell, Mebane, Hawkins, Montgomery, Handy, Scull, Wood and Irvine.

Received from the senate a bill to carry into effect a resolution of congress, passed the 29th September 1789, endorsed, read the first time and passed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from John Haywood, esquire, public treasurer, giving information relative to the state of the treasury, and business appertaining thereto; which being read, was referred to the committee of finance, and sent to the senate.

Ordered that the following message be sent to the senate:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

This house propose that a joint committee be appointed, to consider of and report what measures are proper to be adopted, for the rectifying of mistakes, committed in the issuing of patents or grants for lands from the late land officers in this state, or the land-officer of the late king of Great Britain, or of the late land proprietors—We have on our part appointed Messrs. Dickens, Person, Irvine and Smith on this committee.

Received from the senate a message, accompanied with a petition of Adam Lawrence, proposing a joint committee to be appointed to report some plan for the relief of the citizens of this state who hold certificates granted in 1786, at Warrenton, which were not fraudulently obtained; which the house agreed to.—Messrs. Hargett, Macon and Graham, are a committee of the senate, and Messrs. Irvine, Polk, Lord, Buckley, Franklin, Leigh, and Berdeu, of the house. (To be continued.)