

colonel Stricker, and thirty seven pounds ten shillings by major Weltner, and no account appears of the expenditure of those sums: that the sum of eight hundred and sixty dollars was advanced to captain Thomas Beall of the rifle company for Frederick county, and by accounts rendered by himself and officers, the sum of two hundred and fifty-one pounds five shillings has been expended in raising the said company, and that a balance remained in the hands of said officers of seventy-one pounds five shillings, at the time of rendering the said accounts: that the sum of eight hundred and sixty dollars appears to have been advanced to captain Smith of the rifle company for Harford county, and no account appears of the expenditure of the same, but your committee are informed that one hundred and sixty dollars of the said sum has been returned to the council of safety. The committee beg leave to observe, that captains Heiser and Fister in their accounts rendered have charged ten shillings per man for inlisting, and the same sum per man for subsistence of their companies per week: that the accounts rendered by some of the officers of said companies are so confused, and others giving in no account at all, puts it out of the power of the said committee to report so accurate a state of the expenditure of the several sums advanced as they could wish. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

“Signed by order,

JOHN STULL, chairman,”

Ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day that the convention will resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government of this state, was read, and referred till to morrow.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, October 29, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Lowes. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Fischer appeared in the house.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered to issue warrants to recruiting sergeants, for the inlisting of non-commissioned officers and privates in the continental service, as a part of the eight battalions for this state, agreeable to the resolutions of this convention, and that any freeman enrolled for the flying camp service be permitted to inlist.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a delagate be elected for Kent county in the room of Mr. Thomas Ringgold, deceased; that the election be held on the 14th day of November next, at Chester town