

WEDNESDAY, October 30, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Bowie and Mr. Hooe. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Marbury appeared in the house.

The council of safety having laid before the convention a letter from John Rogers, Esqr., inclosing a resignation of his commission as judge of the court of admiralty, the convention proceeded to appoint another in his stead, and Benjamin Nicholson, Esqr. was appointed.

On motion of Mr. J. Hall, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered to write to their agents in the foreign West Indies, for such warlike stores or other necessaries as have been heretofore ordered by this convention, to the amount of twenty-five thousand pounds currency, to be paid for in paper money by draughts on the treasury here, instead of exporting country produce to that value, any former order to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the said sum of money be deemed and taken as part of the sixty-five thousand pounds heretofore appropriated for the purchase of military stores and other articles necessary for the defence and protection of this state.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

#### POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Carroll, Mr. Kent, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Schriver, appeared in the house.

The convention according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on that part of the constitution of Virginia which was referred to their consideration; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken the same into consideration, and had come to several resolutions thereon, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the table, where the same were again twice read, amended, and agreed to as follow:

*Resolved unanimously*, That it is the opinion of this convention, that the state of Virginia hath not any right or title to any of the territory, bays, rivers, or waters, included in the charter granted by his majesty Charles the first to Cæcilius Calvert, baron of Baltimore.

*Resolved unanimously*, That it is the opinion of this convention, That the sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the territory, bays, rivers, and waters, included in the said charter, belongs to this state; and that the river Potowmack, and almost the whole of the river Pocomoke, being comprehended in the said charter, the sole and