

ing been made by Bartlett Townsend, son of the said William Bartlett Townsend, to take the management of the said estate into his possession, to secure the same against waste, and to prevent the negroes thereon being removed.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the committee of observation for Worcester county aforesaid, to commit the said estate to the said Bartlett Townsend, taking bond with sufficient security, for his taking care of, managing and securing the said estate, and every part thereof, first having the same inventoried and appraised, and to be accountable for the same; and to take such measures as shall be necessary to prevent the negroes on the said estate being carried out of this province, or removed to any place where they may be liable to be taken out of this province, and to return and deliver up the said estate, and every part thereof, as soon as the said William Bartlett Townsend shall surrender himself to the committee of Worcester county, to take his trial before the convention if sitting, or the council of safety hereafter to be appointed.

Ordered, That the clerk make out and transmit a copy of the above resolution to the committee of observation for Worcester county.

Mr. Robert Buchanan, a member for Kent county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, relative to the election of committee men and delegates for said county, being read, *Ordered*, That the same be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

The proceedings of the committee of Kent county were read to Mr. Robert Buchanan in his place, and the said Robert Buchanan heard thereon; upon which Mr. Buchanan confessed that he had refused to enroll according to the resolution of the last convention, and that in consequence of his reasons, fourteen others had also refused; and declared, he having conceived himself not well treated by the said committee, at the time the said proceeding passed, was rather short in his answers to them, and did not give the committee that satisfaction respecting his conduct, in the subject by the said proceedings referred to, as was in his power, or as he would have done, had he not apprehended himself ill treated by the committee. Mr. Buchanan then withdrew, and the convention