

Mr. J. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to consider what alterations and amendments are necessary in the regulation of the militia of this province, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the council of safety to be appointed by this convention, be empowered to advance on loan for two years, without interest, on bond with good security, any part of the one thousand pounds appropriated by the last convention for erecting and working a powder mill, to such person or persons as will undertake and give good security for erecting and working the same, such person or persons undertaking that such mill shall be capable of manufacturing at least eight hundred pounds of gunpowder per week, and that the salt-petre which may belong to the public, shall be there manufactured into gunpowder for a just and reasonable price; the same powder-mill to be erected within fourteen, and not less than six miles from Baltimore town.

Upon reading a second time the memorial and depositions from Baltimore county court, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider of the truth of the facts therein set forth, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hollyday, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Rumsey, and Mr. T. Johnson, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

Mr. Chamberlaine brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to examine and report the returns of the committees of observation of persons in the several counties of this province, who have subscribed, or refused or neglected to subscribe the association directed by the last convention; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The, order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province being read, *Ordered*, That the same be referred for further consideration till to-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, December 29, 1775.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Griffith appeared in the house.