

pounds of gunpowder, *Ordered*, That the committees of observation for Worcester and Somerset counties, do each of them immediately send one hundred weight to col. Simpson.

The convention proceeded to the election of officers.

Mr. Gabriel Duvall was elected by ballot muster master and commissary of stores, Mr. Peter Mantz quarter master, Mr. Charles Wallace paymaster.

Mr. Nathaniel Smith captain of the matrosses at Baltimore town, Mr. William Woolsey, first lieutenant, Mr. Alexander Furnival, second lieutenant.

Mr. Beall has leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Thomas Wright, a member for Queen Anne's county, appeared and took his seat in the house. Mr. Handy and Mr. Waters appeared in the house.

Mr. George Keepott was appointed third lieutenant of captain Smith's company of matrosses. *at water house*

The Convention took into consideration the following report, to wit:

In obedience to a resolve of the honourable convention, the committee appointed to receive all proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories of any kind within this province, and report their opinion thereon,

Do report, that the following proposals and petitions have been laid before them, to wit. The petition of Fielder Gaunt, setting forth, That about four months ago he had discovered a vein of lead ore in Frederick county, between Frederick town and the Kitocton mountain; that upon an examination of the same, appearances were so favourable, that he hoped to be able in a short time to supply this province with a sufficient quantity of lead during our present unhappy disputes, and prayed, that two hundred pounds might be advanced to him for the term of one year without interest, upon giving bond with sufficient security at the end of that term to repay the same. Your committee further report, that Mr. Gaunt hath in person informed them, that he has, by sinking a shaft thirty-eight feet in the earth higher up the hill, found another vein of lead, and that both the said veins run under a large rock, where it was too expensive, on his own capital, to pursue the same, and that the quantities of lead ore taken out of said veins were not considerable. Your committee beg leave further to report thereon, that in their opinion a manufactory of lead in this province would be of a great