

Mr. Scott brings in and delivers to Mr. President a draught of instructions for the deputies representing this province in congress, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning half after nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Reeder, jun. a members for Saint Mary's county, appeared and took his seat in the house. Mr. John Allen Thomas has leave of absence.

The convention elected by ballot the following persons field officers for the militia: Mr. Henery Hooper brigadier-general of the lower district on the eastern shore. Mr. James Lloyd Chamberlaine of the upper district. Mr. John Dent of the lower district on the western shore. Mr. Andrew Buchanan of the middle district. Mr. Thomas Johnson, jun. of the upper district.

Resolved, That the said brigadiers-general rank in the following manner, to wit. Brigadier-general Johnson, 1st. Brigadier-general Hooper, 2d. Brigadier-general Dent, 3d. Brigadier-general Chamberlaine, 4th. Brigadier-general Buchanan, 5th.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the acceptance of a superior office in the militia of this province be a vacation of the inferior office.

FOR SAINT MARY'S COUNTY.

Upper battalion. Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, colonel; Mr. John Reider, jun. lieutenant-colonel; Mr. James Eden, 1st major; Mr. John Hanson Briscoe, 2d major; Mr. James Mills, quarter-master.

Lower battalion. Mr. Richard Barnes, colonel; Mr. John Hatton Reed, lieutenant-colonel; Mr. Ignatius Fenwick, jun. 1st major; Mr. Samuel Abell, sen. 2d major; Mr. Hugh Hopewell, jun. quarter-master.

FOR CHARLES COUNTY.

Upper battalion. Mr. William Harrison, colonel; Mr. Samuel Hanson, of Samuel, lieutenant-colonel; Mr. Kenelm Truman Stoddert, 1st major; Mr. Samuel Hanson, jun. 2d; Mr. Walter Hanson, quarter-master. *Lower battalion.* Mr. Josias Hawkins colonel; Mr. Robert T. Hooe, lieutenant-colonel; Mr John Marshall, 1st major; Mr. John Harris, 2d; Mr. John Nathan Smoot, quarter-master.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Thomas Wright, Mr. Sim, and Mr. Tyler, have leave of absence. Mr. Letherbury appeared in the house.