

join with the other colonies in such military operations as may be judged proper and necessary for the common defence, until such a peace can be happily obtained.

At the same time we assure you that we have an entire confidence in your abilities and integrity in the discharge of the great trust reposed in you, we must observe to you as our opinion, that in the relation of constituent and representative, one principal security of the former is, the right he holds to be fully informed of the conduct of the latter: we can conceive no case to exist, in which it would be of more importance to exercise this right than the present, nor any in which we can suppose the representative would more willingly acquiesce in the exercise of it. We therefore instruct you, that you move for and endeavor to obtain a resolve of congress, that the votes given by the colonies on every question agitated in congress, shall appear upon the journals thereof; and if such resolve be obtained, that you, at the expense of this province, procure copies of the said journals, except such parts thereof as relate to military operations, and measures taken to procure arms and ammunition, and from time to time lay the same before the convention of this province, shewing the part you, as representatives of the province, take in such questions.

And we further instruct you, to move for and endeavor to obtain a resolve of congress, that no person who holds any military command in the continental or any provincial regular forces, or marine service, nor any person who holds or enjoys any office of profit under the continental congress, or under any government assumed since the present controversy with Great Britain began, or which shall hereafter be assumed, or who directly or indirectly receives the profits or any part of the profits of such command or office, shall, during the time of his holding or receiving the same, be eligible to sit in congress.

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

FRIDAY, January 12, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Gilpin. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. President communicates to the convention several resolutions of congress, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ware has leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.