

erect and sensible of such freemen, as aforesaid, of their county, to be delegates for the same, in any Provincial Convention to be held for this province, within one year then next following, with full power and authority to such delegates, or any three or more of them, to appear and act for such county, in such Convention; and to consent and agree to, and bind such county to perform and execute all such matters and things, as such Convention, or a majority of the counties of this province, shall determine to be necessary for the preservation of the liberties of America.

And in case any of the said delegates shall die, or refuse to act, the said committee of observation for the respective county shall have full power to appoint by ballot one of the said committee, to be a delegate for the said county, with the like power and authority, in the place of any such delegate who shall die or refuse to act; provided that no such appointment shall be made, unless two third parts of such committee shall be present.

That each committee of observation shall, as soon as conveniently may be after their appointment, choose by ballot five of their members, to be a committee of correspondence for their county, for the said time of one year, with power to any two or more of them to act as such.

That as the small-pox is now at Queen's-town, and it will in all probability be dangerous to the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county to assemble there for electing the committee of observation and delegates for that county, the election of the committee of observation and delegates for the said county shall be held at the house of George Hanson, instead of the court-house of that county.

That for the ease and convenience of the people of Frederick county, there be three different places of election; that the said county be divided into three districts, to wit, upper, middle, and lower; the upper district to be bounded by the South mountain, and the lines of the county westward of the South mountain: the middle district to be bounded from the mouth of Monocacy with Patowmack to the South mountain, with that mountain to the temporary line, with the lines of the county to the head waters of Patuxent, and with the lines of the lower district to Patowmack: the lower district to be bounded with Patowmack to the mouth of Monocacy, then with Monocacy to Bennett's creek, and with the creek to the head waters of Patuxent: that there be elected in the lower district one delegate, two persons to act as a committee of correspondence, and seventeen as a committee of observation: that in each of the other districts there be elected two delegates and eighteen persons to act as a committee of observation, and that three persons be elected in the middle district to act as a committee of correspondence. That the elections for the upper district be held at Elizabeth-town, those for the middle district at Frederick town, and those for the lower district at Hungerford's; and that no person residing or voting in one shall be admitted to vote in either of the other districts.

RESOLVED, That for encouraging the manufacture of salt-petre, a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds common money be advanced, on proper security, for erecting one or more salt-petre works, to be repaid in good merchantable salt-petre, at the rates herein after mentioned: and that for all good merchantable salt-petre, manufactured in this province, and delivered to the order of the Council of Safety, before the first day of October, 1776, there shall be allowed at the rate of half a dollar per pound, according to the resolves of the Continental Congress.

That a sum, not exceeding one thousand pounds common money, be appropriated, for erecting and working a powder-mill on the account of this province; and that the said two sums of one thousand pounds each, be under the management of the Council of Safety.

RESOLVED,