

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider of the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, the proceedings of the Continental Congress, and of the Council of Safety of this province, thereupon; Mr. Plater in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Plater reported from the committee several resolutions, which were read and agreed to, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that the Council of Safety of this province, upon the subject of the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, duly and properly exercised the powers delegated to them.

**RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that upon the evidence before them of the correspondence which his excellency governor Eden has, from time to time, held with administration, it does not appear that such correspondence has been with an unfriendly intent, or calculated to countenance any hostile measures against America.

Whereas by a late intercepted letter from lord George Germain, one of the secretaries of state, to his excellency the governor, it appears that a great armament of land and sea forces was in readiness to proceed to the southward, in his lordship's expressions "in order to attempt the restoration of legal government in that part of America," but in effect to invade and subdue the southern colonies; which armament was to proceed in the first place to North Carolina, and from thence either to South Carolina or Virginia, as circumstances of greater or less advantage should point out; if to the latter, it might have very important consequences to this province; and therefore in the said letter his excellency is called on well to consider of every means, by which he may, in conjunction with lord Dunmore, give facility and assistance to the operations of the said armament.—And whereas the governor must, if he remains in the exercise of the powers of government, fulfil and execute the instructions of administration, or hazard the displeasure of the king, which it cannot be expected he will do.—And whereas by act of assembly of this province, the powers of government, in the absence of the governor, devolve upon the president of the council, and therefore the governor's departure cannot occasion a dissolution or suspension of the present established form of government within this province, which this Convention doth not think ought now to be changed, therefore **RESOLVED**, That it be signified to the governor, that the public quiet and safety, in the judgment of this Convention, require that he leave this province, and that he is at full liberty to depart peaceably with his effects.

Upon the last resolve, the yeas and nays being required, they were as follow :

For the **A F F I R M A T I V E.**

<i>St. Mary's county.</i>		<i>Calvert county.</i>		<i>Anne-Arundel county.</i>	
Mr. Jordan	aff.	Mr. Somerville	—	Mr. Carroll, barrister	aff.
Mr. Barnes	aff.	Mr. Gantt		Mr. T. Johnson	aff.
Mr. Plater	aff.	Mr. Allein		Mr. Paca	aff.
Mr. Ford	aff.				
<i>Charles county.</i>		<i>Prince-George's county.</i>		<i>Frederick county.</i>	
Mr. Hawkins	aff.	Mr. Beall	aff.	Mr. Beatty	aff.
Mr. Hooe	neg.	Mr. Contee	aff.	Mr. B. Johnson	aff.
Mr. J. H. Harrison	aff.	Mr. Tyler.	aff.	Mr. Brent	aff.
Mr. W. Harrison	aff.				

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