

nies the sole and exclusive right of regulating their internal polity, was our original and only motive. To maintain inviolate our liberties, and to transmit them unimpaired to posterity, was our duty and first wish; our next, to continue connected with, and dependent on Great Britain. For the truth of these assertions, we appeal to that Almighty Being who is emphatically styled the Searcher of Hearts, and from whose omniscience nothing is concealed. Relying on his divine protection and assistance, and trusting to the justice of our cause, we exhort and conjure every virtuous citizen to join cordially in defence of our common rights, and in maintenance of the freedom of this and her sister colonies.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met.

The president laid before the Convention several letters from the honourable the president of the Congress of the 25th and 29th of June, and of the 4th of this instant, and sundry resolutions of that respectable body, which were taken into consideration, and thereupon ORDERED, That col. Smallwood immediately proceed with his battalion to the city of Philadelphia, and put himself under the continental officer commanding there, and be subject to the further orders of the Congress.

ORDERED, That the independent companies stationed in Talbot, Kent, Queen-Anne's, and St. Mary's counties, immediately proceed to Philadelphia, and put themselves under the command of col. Smallwood, subject to the further orders of the Congress.

ORDERED, That vessels be immediately procured to transport such of the said troops as are on the western-shore to the head of Elk.

RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety take such measures as they may think best, to supply the said troops with carriages and provisions on their march to Philadelphia.

RESOLVED, That the said battalion and independent companies be deducted from the number of the militia required by Congress of this colony to compose the flying camp.

ORDERED, That copies of the letter from Congress of the 4th instant, and of the above resolutions, be transmitted by express, to the several committees in each county, and that they be earnestly requested to give every assistance in their power to the immediate enrolling of the militia companies, and enabling them to march.

RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety direct such and so many of the said militia companies to march to the city of Annapolis, Baltimore-town, Talbot, Kent, Queen-Anne's, and St. Mary's counties, as will supply the number and places of the said battalion and independent companies; and that till the places of the regular troops ordered from Annapolis and Baltimore-town can be supplied by the militia to be raised as aforesaid, the Council of Safety direct three companies of the neighbouring militia to march into Annapolis, and two companies of the neighbouring militia to march into Baltimore-town.

RESOLVED, That the continental officer who may command the flying camp is requested, if the service will permit, to separate the corps of regulars from the corps of militia