

PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Plater, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall, Hammond, J. Hall, Worthington,	Paca, Carroll, J. Wilson, Bayly, Williams, Fischer,	Edelen, Schriver, Beall, Stull, Ridgely,	Deye, Stevenson, J. Smith, J. T. Chase, Love,	Archer, Gilpin, Ewing, D ^r Smith, Brevard,	Earle, T. Smyth, Kent, Bruff, S. Wright,	Edmondson, Gibson, Potter, Mason, Johnson,
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The question was then put on the whole article, and resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day that the Convention will resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the form of government for this state, being read, the same was referred till to-morrow.

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

S U N D A Y, November 3, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Ringgold, Mr. H. Wilson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Potter, Mr. J. Mackall, Mr. B. Hall, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. J. Wilson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. T. Wright, That the following be inserted as an article in the declaration of rights; "That if the eastern or western shore shall hereafter judge it for their interest and happiness to separate from the other, their right so to do is hereby acknowledged." An amendment was proposed by Mr. Ewing to be inserted after the words "that if," in the words following, "a majority of qualified voters in elections in every county on." Upon which amendment the question was put, and resolved in the affirmative. The question on the article so amended was then moved for, and the previous question called for and put, Whether the said question be now put? Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mess.	Archer, Earle, T. Smyth,	T. Wright, Kent, Bruff,	S. Wright, Edmondson, Gibson,	Mason, Dickinson,	Gust. Scott, Geo. Scott,	Horsley, Chaille,	Bishop, Mitchell.
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Messieurs	Fenwick, Plater, Dent, Parnham, Grahame,	Fitzhugh, Bowie, Marbury, J. Hall, Worthington,	Paca, Carroll, Bayly, Williams,	Fischer, Edelen, Schriver, Beall,	Stull, Ridgely, Deye, Stevenson,	J. Smith, Bond, Love, Gilpin,	Ewing, D. Smith, Brevard, Johnson.
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The Convention having gone through the declaration of rights, paragraph by paragraph, the same was amended, and agreed to as follows:

The DECLARATION of RIGHTS.

The parliament of Great-Britain, by a declaratory act, having assumed a right to make laws to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever, and in pursuance of such claim endeavoured by force of arms to subjugate the United Colonies to an unconditional submission to their will and power, and having at length constrained them to declare themselves Independent States, and to assume government under the authority of the people, Therefore We, the delegates of Maryland, in free and full Convention assembled, taking into our most serious consideration the best means of establishing a good constitution in this state, for the surer foundation, and more permanent security thereof; Declare,

1. That all government of right originates from the people, is founded in compact only, and instituted solely for the good of the whole.
2. That the people of this state ought to have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof.
3. That