

light infantry to col. John Stull's battalion, and that the council of safety issue commissions to the officers of said company.

A memorial from the Baltimore independent company of militia, praying leave to continue and be considered as an independent company of militia, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, the proceedings of the continental congress, and of the council of safety of this province, being read, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider of the same: Mr. Plater in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Plater reported, that the committee had according to order taken into their consideration the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, the proceedings of the continental congress, and of the council of safety of this province, thereupon, but not being able to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this convention will in the afternoon resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider further of the said letters and proceedings.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

#### POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

The petitions of Seth Paddock and Daniel Adams of the province of Massachusetts Bay, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, the proceedings of the continental congress, and of the council of safety of this province, thereupon, being read, *Ordered*, That the same be referred for further consideration till to-morrow.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock,

#### THURSDAY, May 16, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Hunlock Palfrey of New England, and a petition from the freemen belonging to the 29th battalion of militia, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholas Harwood was appointed assistant clerk to the convention.

*Ordered*, That he qualify himself as such, by taking the oath of office and secrecy as directed to be taken by the clerk.