

and the allegations and proofs offered in support thereof, as well as the allegations and proofs offered by Samuel Purviance in defence of his conduct, *Resolved*, That the said Samuel Purviance acted in a public character, and that the pressing emergency on which he thus acted, renders his conduct blameless.

Resolved, That the said Samuel Purviance be allowed all just and reasonable expenses attending the complaint exhibited against him by the said James Hutchings.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the same; and Mr. Plater, Mr. Beall, and Mr. J. T. Chase, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

A petition from John M'Fadon of Baltimore town, relative to the establishment of a linen manufactory, 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, thereupon, being read, *Ordered*, That the same be referred for further consideration till Saturday next.

Convention adjourns till Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, May 18, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on Thursday, except Mr. Mackall and Mr. Smith. The proceedings of Thursday were read.

A letter from James Duane, Esq., enclosing resolutions of congress, and a memorial from the freemen of North Susquehanna hundred in Cecil county were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Griffith brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to consider of the several petitions relative to proceedings of committees of observation against non-enrollers, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Griffith, Mr. Curren, and Mr. Letherbury have leave of absence.

The convention, agreeable to the order of the day, took into their consideration the charges reported against Samuel Purviance, jr., of Baltimore town, and on hearing Mr. Purviance and the several witnesses by him produced, *Resolved*, That the said Samuel Purviance, since the rising of the last convention, hath usurped a power to direct the operations of the military force of this province, (at a time when the council of safety, to whom the same solely and