

properly belongs in the recess of convention, was sitting and might without inconvenience have been applied to.)

That the said Samuel Purviance being, at the time of his writing the said letter and giving the said instructions, chairman of the committee of Baltimore county, did write the said letter and give the said instructions under color of his said office of chairman and as if at the request of the said committee; whereas the said committee were not consulted thereon nor made acquainted therewith.

That the said Samuel Purviance, by writing and speaking, and particularly by a letter by him written to the president of the congress, some time about the middle of April last, hath unjustly represented the convention and council of safety as irresolute and afraid to execute the trusts reposed in them, and endeavored to draw a suspicion upon them of a want of spirit and zeal in the execution of their duty.

That 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 Monday next.

Convention adjourns till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, May 20, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Griffith, Mr. Currer, Mr. Letherbury, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Lloyd. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Smith appeared in the house.

The convention being informed that Elisha Winters of Kent county, was willing to contract for the making a quantity of fire arms for the public,

*Resolved*, That the terms offered by the said Elisha Winters be referred to the committee appointed to consider of the proposals of Henry Hollingsworth.

The president laid before the convention a letter from the deputies of this province in Congress, enclosing the following resolutions, to wit:

“IN CONGRESS, May 15, 1776.

“*Whereas*, his Britanic majesty, in conjunction with the lords and commons of Great Britain, has, by a late act of parliament, excluded the inhabitants of these united colonies from the protection of his crown—And whereas no answer whatever, to the humble petitions of the colonies for redress of grievances and recon-