

the strength and promote the happiness of the whole empire, objects which this province hath ever had in view, the said deputies are bound and directed to govern themselves by the instructions given to them by this convention in its session of December last, in the same manner as if the said instructions were particularly repeated.

Agreeable to the order of the day the convention proceeded to take into consideration the petition of lieutenant Uriah Forrest, preferred on behalf of himself and lieutenants William Sprigg Bowie, and Benjamin Brooks, setting forth, that from the conduct of their captain, John Gunby, of the second independent company of regular troops, they had cause to suspect his zeal for the rights and liberties of America, and praying to be removed from said company; and on hearing and considering the proofs and allegations offered, as well by the petitioners as the said John Gunby, *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this convention that the said captain John Gunby, far from having given any just cause to suspect his zeal for the rights and liberties of America, hath by his conduct manifested a laudable zeal in defence of the rights and liberties of America in general, and this province in particular.

*Resolved*, therefore, that the said petition be rejected.

Mr. Bond has leave of absence for a few days.

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, *Ordered*, That the same be referred for further consideration till to-morrow.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the proceeding of the committee of Calvert county, on the complaint of Joseph Wilkinson against James Weems, was referred for consideration till to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Potter. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The committee for that purpose appointed, bring in and deliver to Mr. President, a report on the proposals of Henry Hollingsworth, to manufacture gun barrels; also a report on the terms offered by Elisha Winters of Chestertown, in Kent county, to manufacture fire arms, which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The proceedings of the committee of Baltimore county, on the