

THURSDAY, May 23, 1776.

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

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine into the expenditure of the money placed in the hands of Mr. William Lux, as agent for the ship Defence; and Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Beall, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Turbutt Wright, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Baird has leave of absence.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider of the expediency of exempting the masters and scholars of public and others schools from attending on musters; and Mr. Plater, Mr. Scott, and Mr. T. Johnson, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

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, 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.

Met according to adjournment. Mr. Stull has leave of absence.

Mr. Ringgold brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to report proper alterations and additions to the resolutions of convention for erecting a powder-mill, and for the examination of the accounts of the supervisors of public salt-petre works; also a report from the committee appointed to examine into the conduct of Mr. Cummins, and the reason why he has not supplied the troops with rations, agreeable to his contract with the council of safety; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.