

Agreeable to order the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider of the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, the proceedings of the continental congress, and of the council of safety of this province, thereupon; 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 on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider further of the said letters and proceedings.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the commanding officer of the troops at Annapolis, permit the bail of James Conway, a private in captain Scott's company, to take the said Conway into his possession, in order to be surrendered in discharge of his said bail.

The committee for that purpose appointed bring in and deliver to Mr. President, a report on the petition of Basil Brooke, jun., which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gilpin from the committee appointed to receive proposals relative to the establishment of manufactories, brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report on the memorial of Alexander M'Fadon of George-town in Frederick county; also a report from the said committee relative to a paper manufactory; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

FRIDAY, May 24, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Rumsey, Mr. Baird, Mr. Handy, and Mr. Stall. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On hearing Mr. Daniel Hughes, as to the execution of the contract made by Samuel Hughes on the behalf of himself and the said Daniel Hughes, for the casting and furnishing cannon for the public, *Resolved*, That the enquiry be made what is the standard proof of cannon contracted for on account of the continent, and that the same proof be had of the cannon to be furnished by the said Hughes's on their contract.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the said Hughes's have not furnished the public with cannon within the time they contracted to do the same, that on their pursuing the work with diligence, the