

POST MERIDIEM.

Met according to adjournment.

Whereas his Britannic majesty King George has prosecuted, and still prosecutes, a cruel and unjust war against the British Colonies in America, and has acceded to acts of parliament, declaring the people of the said colonies in actual rebellion: and whereas the good people of this province have taken up arms to defend their rights and liberties, and to repel the hostilities carrying on against them, and whilst engaged in such a contest, cannot, with any sincerity or devotion of heart, pray for the success of his majesty's arms; therefore *Resolved*, That every prayer and petition for the king's majesty, in the book of common prayer and administration of the sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the church, according to the use of the church of England, except the second collect for the king in the communion service, be henceforth omitted in all churches and chapels in this province, until our unhappy differences are ended.

On reading a second time the report from the committee to whom the memorial of the officers of the battalion of regulars was referred, the convention took the same into consideration, and thereupon *Resolved*, That it will be most conducive to the public service, that the council of safety be at liberty to prefer such persons, as shall appear to them to be most meritorious, in which promotions the convention doubt not the council will give a proper attention to justice.

That as the contract for furnishing the troops with rations includes the officers, as well as privates, and the emoluments of the contractor being to arise upon his furnishing the rations in specie, the officers cannot be allowed the alternative of receiving the ration or cash, during the subsistence of the present contract, without a breach thereof on the part of the public.

That no person or persons shall, after the first day of June next, deal or barter with any private soldier, knowing him to be such, without the license in writing of the colonel or major of the battalion, or captain, or commanding officer for the time being, of the company or party to which such soldier shall belong, under the penalty of such sum, not exceeding fifty shillings common money, as shall be adjudged by the committee of observation for the county where such soldier shall be stationed, or where the offender shall reside. And that upon complaint of the colonel, major, captain, or other commanding officer, as aforesaid, to such committee, of any breach of this resolve, the said committee shall have power to call the