

WEDNESDAY, July 3, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Sudler. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. W. Ennalls have leave of absence.

*Ordered*, That the council of safety be empowered to contract, if they think proper, for a number of copper kettles well bound with tin, instead of the iron pots mentioned in the resolutions of this convention on the 25th of June last.

Edward Parker of Cecil county having brought in and delivered to the commissary of stores, linen and thread manufactured in this colony to the amount of two hundred and sixteen pounds, in compliance with his contract entered into with this colony to repay three hundred pounds advanced him therein, and having also represented that the residue of the said money lies partly in stock unmanufactured, or has been expended in erecting buildings to carry on the manufactory, so that he is totally unable, without the public assistance, to purchase a sufficient stock of hemp, flax and wool, to carry on the same to advantage, at a time when there is a probability of buying the same at the cheapest rates; *Resolved, therefore*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be now advanced to him as part of the three hundred pounds ordered to be advanced him on completion of his first contract, on the like terms and conditions as mentioned in a former resolve.

*Ordered*, That the ship Defence and her tenders immediately proceed to this place, and that the captain attend the convention or council of safety for further orders.

Mr Beall brings in and delivers to Mr President, a report from the committee appointed to report on the establishment of manufactories, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading the petition of William Faris of the city of Annapolis and the report of a committee appointed by the last convention to examine into the facts stated therein, *Resolved*, That the said fire-arms of the said William Faris be restored to him, and that he be considered as fully enrolled as if he had done the same according to the resolves of convention.

Mr. G. Dashiell has leave of absence.

On reading and considering the petition of George French and Joshua Tesstil of Frederick county, *Resolved*, That the same be rejected.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the above resolution be sent to the committee of observation for the middle district of Frederick county.

Mr. Waters has leave of absence.