

On motion, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered to fit out as soon as may be, three vessels with a number of guns, not exceeding ten each, and also any number of armed boats not exceeding six, for the service and defence of this colony, and to order such of the vessels in the service of this colony as they may think necessary, to cruise on the eastern-shore, for the protection thereof.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be enabled to pay to the officers of the two companies of rifle-men raised in this province last summer, and employed in the continental service, or their representatives, the difference between the pay they were entitled to at the time they engaged in the service, and the establishment afterwards made, for the time they served before that establishment took place.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

Resolved, That a new convention be elected for the express purpose of forming a new government, by the authority of the people only, and enacting and ordering all things for the preservation, safety, and general weal of this colony.

Resolved, That there be four representatives chosen for each of the districts of Frederick county, as described in the proceedings of the session of July last, two representatives for the city of Annapolis, and two representatives for the town of Baltimore in Baltimore county, and four representatives for each county in this province except Frederick county aforesaid; but that the inhabitants of Annapolis and Baltimore town be not allowed to vote for representatives for the respective counties, nor shall the resolution be understood to engage or secure such representation to Annapolis or Baltimore town, but temporarily, the same being, in the opinion of this convention, properly to be modified, or taken away, on a material alteration of the circumstances of those places, from either a depopulation or a considerable decrease of the inhabitants thereof.

That all freemen above twenty-one years of age, being freeholders of not less than fifty acres of land, or having visible property in this colony† to the value of £40 sterling at the least, and no others, be admitted to vote for representatives to serve in the said convention for the said counties and districts, and the town of Baltimore aforesaid; and that all freemen above twenty-one years