

the counties thereof adjoining thereto; and that the said inhabitants share equally in the burthens, privileges and benefits, with others the people of this colony.

*Resolved*, That the said intended convention shall not continue beyond the first day of December next.

*Resolved*, That all the civil officers in this colony, except those concerned in the customs, continue to execute their several offices until the next convention shall make order therein, except only in such cases where they are restrained by the resolves of the conventions held for this colony.

*Whereas*, the sheriff of Baltimore county, by virtue of a writ of *habere facias possessionem*, delivered possession of certain lands and tenements recovered in the provincial court by Long's lessee against Wm. Pellett and others, to a certain Robert Long, against the order and determination of the May convention, *Resolved*, That the sheriff of said county deliver the said lands and tenements to the said William Pellett and others, or their agent, and cause as full and ample possession thereof, with all things thereto appertaining, to be to him or them restored as they had before the issuing the said writ.

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

THURSDAY, July 4, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. W. Ennalls, Mr. Potter, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. G. Dashiell, Mr. Waters, and Mr. Edmondson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On reading and considering the remonstrances and petitions of the fifth and twentieth battalions of militia in Queen Anne's county, praying a removal of the field officers of said battalions, *Resolved*, That the same be rejected.

The convention proceeded to ballot for deputies to represent this province in the continental congress, and the honorable Matthew Tilghman, esq., and Thomas Johnson, junr., William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and Robert Alexander, esqrs., were duly elected for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That the honorable Matthew Tilghman, esq., and Thomas Johnson, jr., William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and Robert Alexander, esqrs., or a majority of them, or any three or more of them, be deputies to represent this colony in congress, in as full and ample manner as the deputies of this colony might have done under any appoint-