

son whatsoever shall, within this colony, after the fifth day of August next, forge or counterfeit any of the bills of credit issued by the congress, by the assembly, or convention of any of the united colonies, or by any of the conventions of this colony, or alter the sum expressed in any of the said bills of credit, or shall offer or cause to be offered in payment, any such counterfeit, forged, or altered bills of credit, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered, and shall be thereof convicted by a petit jury, after a presentment by a grand jury, in a court to be erected in this colony by the next convention, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

*Ordered*, That the above resolutions be immediately published in the Maryland Gazette.

*Whereas*, some doubts have arisen on the constructions of the resolutions of convention for ascertaining the rank of the regular officers in the pay of this province, it is therefore declared and *Resolved*, That no precedence or rank shall take place between the companies as such, of the corps of regular forces. That precedence between officers of the same rank take place according to the priority of the date of their respective commissions, but where two or more of such commissions bear date on the same day, precedence take place according as the company to which such officer belongs stands numbered on the proceedings of convention in December.

On reading the petition of Turbutt Betton, jun., of Queen Anne's county, *Ordered*, That the fine imposed on him be not levied, and that his petition be referred to the council of safety to take order therein, and to enforce obedience to the authority of this convention.

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

#### FRIDAY, July 5, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Turbutt Wright, and Mr. Curren. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. J. Tilghman appeared in the house.

On motion, *Resolved*, That col. Henry Hollingsworth make two hundred gun barrels of at least one inch in the bore, and three feet six inches in length, drawbored; and that Mr. Elisha Winters mount, and stock, and fit, and complete the same with locks and swivels, as soon as may be, for the public use, for which they shall be paid a reasonable price.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, (in obedience as he conceived