

The council of safety laid before the convention the declaration of congress, that the united colonies are free and independent states, which was received after the rising of the last convention, and thereupon ordered that the same be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

The petition of sundry freeholders and freemen of Kent county, praying that the proceedings on the late election for the said county may be rendered void, and that at a new election every associator resident of the county one year, and twenty-one years of age, might be enabled to vote, was read and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be directed to purchase of the managers of the gun manufactory of Dorchester county, all the muskets they have by them, both finished and unfinished, and that they indemnify the said managers for the money they have expended on the said muskets and manufactory.

*Ordered*, That the guns taken by the guard under the command of major Follin be delivered to the order of the council of safety.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, *Resolved*, That the militia for the flying camp be entitled to pay and rations from the time they march from home to enter into actual service, or from the dates of the commissions of their respective officers, where they have not entered into actual service: That the pay and rations be advanced to this state, and the continent charged therewith.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, *Resolved*, That the council of safety direct such of the militia as have been raised for the flying camp, and can be armed and equipped, to march with all expedition to the Jerseys.

The committee of elections report to the house, That Turbutt Wright, James Kent, Solomon Wright, and William Bruff, Esquires, are returned by John Seney, Basil Warfield, and Vachel Downes, appointed by the freemen of Queen Anne's county judges of the election, as duly elected delegates for the said county—thereupon the convention taking the same into consideration, *Resolved*, That the election of delegates for Queen Anne's county, not being held agreeable to the directions of the last convention, is void; and that an election for the said county be held by the judges appointed by the last convention, agreeable to the directions and resolves of the said convention, at the house of Mr. George Hanson, on Monday the 26th instant—and that the members returned be discharged from further attendance.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.