

Mr. Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, appeared and took his seat in the house.

On motion of Mr. Plater, *Resolved*, That Mr. Thomas Gassaway jun. be added to the signers of the bills of credit.

On motion *Resolved*, That a delegate be elected for Caroline county in the room of Mr. William Richardson, whose seat is vacated by his acceptance of a colonel's commission in the flying camp; that the said election be held on the 26th of this month at Melvill's warehouse in said county, by Foster Goldsborough, Jeremiah Colston, and John White, esquires, or any two or one of them, and that the said election be held and made agreeable to the directions and resolves of the last convention.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Robert Campbell be appointed adjutant to the eastern-shore battalion of militia for the flying camp.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention took into consideration the resolution of congress declaring the united colonies free and independent states, and thereupon *Resolved unanimously*, That this convention will maintain the freedom and independency of the United States with their lives and fortunes.

Doctor John Hindman was appointed surgeon to the eastern-shore battalion of militia for the flying camp.

On reading a petition from Thomas Harwood of Anne-Arundel county, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to receive proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Beall, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine and report the state of the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office; and Mr. Grahame, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Carroll, of Carrollton, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the committee of claims report to the convention the number and denominations of the bills of credit emitted by resolutions of the convention in July, 1775, which have been exchanged by the treasurers of this state for bills of credit emitted by resolution of the convention in December last; also the number and denominations of the former bills of credit now remaining in the hands of the said treasurers.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a declaration and charter of rights, and a plan of government agreeable to such rights as will best maintain peace and good order, and most effectually secure happiness and liberty to the people of this state.