

out of the public treasury, to Thomas Harwood, of Anne Arundel county, to enable him to carry on a stocking manufactory, he giving bond with good security to repay the same in one year from the date of his bond, in good merchantable thread or yarn stockings, at such prices as the convention, or in their recess the council of safety, shall adjudge.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow, 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, August 23, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Samuel Hughs, a delegate returned for the upper district of Frederick county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

Mr. President communicated to the convention a letter from the secretary of the board of war, of the 6th day of this instant, relative to prisoners of war, and officers of the troops raised in this state for the continental service, which was read. Thereupon *Ordered*, That the same be referred to a committee to report a list of such prisoners and of such officers, their rank and dates of commissions, and the time for which their men were enlisted; and Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Hughs, and Mr. Edelen, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

A letter from Mr. Stone of the twenty first of this instant, with resolutions of congress of the twenty sixth of June and seventeenth of August, were laid before the convention by the president, and read. *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their opinion thereon to the convention; and Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Plater, and Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the appointment of commanders for the vessels and armed boats ordered to be fitted out by the last convention, be made by the council of safety.

A memorial from James Cunningham, relative to a sloop drifted ashore in this state from the British fleet under the command of lord Dunmore, was read, and referred to the committee appointed to report how captures shall be disposed of.

Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton and Mr. William Bayly, jun. delegates returned for the lower district of Frederick county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

The convention appointed John Hall, Esquire, judge of the court of admiralty, in the room of William Hayward, Esquire, who resigned.

A petition from Robert Long of Baltimore county was read and rejected.