

enemies of this state; it is therefore *Resolved*, That William Hayward, Esquire, of Talbot county, take into his custody the real and personal estate of the said Isaac Atkinson within this state, he first giving bond to the president of this convention in the penalty of two thousand pounds, conditioned that he will well and truly preserve and keep all the estate of the said Isaac Atkinson which shall come to his hands without waste or embezzlement, and return an inventory and appraisement on the oath of two freeholders, within six weeks after his taking the said estate into his possession, and shall render a true and just account, and dispose of the said estate and all profits therefrom arising in such manner as shall be hereafter directed by this convention or by law of this state, and that he will deliver in upon oath to the said appraisers the whole of the said estate which shall come to his hands.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered to purchase and store thirty thousand bushels of salt in such of the islands in the West Indies as they may think proper and by proper opportunities to import the same into this state, to be sold out on the public account.

The committee appointed to receive proposals relative to the establishment of manufactories and report their opinion thereon, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following report:

“Your committee of manufactories have considered the petition of John Wells, and are of opinion that it will not be of general and public utility to grant the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable convention.

“Signed by order of the committee,

NICHOLAS HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read, and the question was put, That the house concur therewith? carried in the negative.

The petition was then read, and the convention taking the same into consideration, *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be advanced by the council of safety to John Wells of Baltimore county, he giving bond with good security to repay the same in linen, at such price as the convention, upon view thereof and inspection of a bill of costs of the same, shall think proper to allow; the said John Wells to deliver one third thereof within six months, and one third within nine months, and the remaining third within twelve months from the date of his bond, or to repay the said sum with interest at six per centum within one year, if the convention shall so order.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an ordinance for the division of Frederick county into three distinct and separate counties.