

coming from Lewistown to compel them to assent to independency. That Costin persuaded them to assemble at Merumsco dams to oppose it, and that in consequence of the said report, Isaac Costin with about two hundred people did assemble at Merumsco dams for the declared purpose of opposing independency.

“Your committee further report, that about the twentieth of June last, Isaac Costin, in company with several persons, some of whom were armed, damned the whigs and rebels, that the company huzzaed for king George the third, and said they would wash the shirtmens shirts for them.

“Your committee further report, that sometime in the month of September or October last, the said Isaac Costin went with Levin Townsend on board of the man of war at Norfolk, and on their returning to their company, he strongly solicited and endeavoured to induce them to enlist under lord Dunmore, by offering them a guinea and a crown advance, and standing pay, a gun, bayonet, &c. and a suit of regimentals each. That the said Isaac Costin highly approved of the proposition of Levin Townsend to fit out a privateer to cruise in the bay, and agreed to act as his lieutenant, and to proceed up Pocomoke river to take the committee of Worcester county prisoners, and to carry them to lord Dunmore.

“All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of the honourable convention.

Signed per order of the committee.

JOHN JOHNSON, clerk.”

The order of the day for taking into consideration the several depositions and papers relative to the conduct of the said Isaac Costin was then read, and referred till Monday the 16th instant.

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

TUESDAY, September 3, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Parnham, Mr. James Smith, Mr. T. Ringgold, and Mr. Bowie, appeared in the house.

On reading propositions from Abraham Boyd of Prince George's county, *Resolved*, That a company of militia to be composed of not less than fifty men be immediately enrolled, and proper officers commissioned thereto, and that a warrant issue by the council of safety to Abraham Boyd for enrolling the said company, which shall be employed, paid, and continued for the same time as the militia lately raised in this state for the flying camp, the said company finding their own arms and blankets.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.