

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Fitzhugh appeared in the house. Mr. Solomon Wright appeared and took his seat in the house.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the petition against the election of delegates for Anne Arundel county, being read, the same was withdrawn at the request of the petitioners.

Mr. Lowes has leave of absence.

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

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Lowes, Mr. William Ringgold, Mr. Earle, and Mr. Turbutt Wright. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Peter Chaille, Mr. Samuel Handy, and Mr. Josiah Mitchell, delegates returned for Worcester county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

Mr. Thomas Ringgold, from the committee appointed to enquire into the state and condition of manufactories, brings in and delivers to Mr. President the following report:

"In obedience to a resolve of the honorable convention, your committee for enquiring into the state and condition of manufactories beg leave to report, That not having had time to inquire into the propriety of the particular charges made in an account lately exhibited by the commissioners of the gun-lock factory at Frederick town, beg leave to defer their opinion thereon until they have an opportunity of making the necessary inquiries, and until proper vouchers are produced. Nevertheless, upon a general view of the account, your committee are enabled to report to your honorable house, that the sum of twelve hundred pounds common money has been advanced; that one thousand and seventy-six pounds nine shillings and eight pence has been laid out and expended, and that no more than to the amount of eighty-two pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence has been returned in work, valued in the opinion of your committee, at high prices, and only thirty-eight gun-locks have been produced; that from the best information the expense of continuing the factory on the public account will be very great, and under its present circumstances, no returns can be expected in any degree adequate to it. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the proposals of Elisha Winters of Chestertown, ought to be accepted on the following terms, viz:

"That the present buildings shall be finished, and such other additional buildings erected as shall be thought necessary for the carrying on the factory, and that for the accommodation of Elisha Winters' family, and the hands employed in the said factory, that