

Mr. Shepherd has leave of absence till Monday next.

The convention appointed Capt. Peter Mantz major to colonel Griffith's battalion of militia for the flying camp.

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

#### FRIDAY, September 6, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Shepherd. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Lowes, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. W. Ringgold, and Mr. Earle appeared in the house. Mr. Joseph Ennalls has leave of absence.

*Whereas*, the time limited by law for the receipts and inspection of tobacco at the public warehouses is expired, and it being represented to this convention, that, in order to promote the interest of the good people of this state, it is immediately necessary that the inspectors should continue to receive, inspect, and deliver out, all tobacco that may be brought to the said warehouses :

*Resolved*, That the several inspectors of this state shall continue to receive and inspect all tobacco brought to the said warehouses on or before the tenth day of November next, and the inspectors shall also at any time deliver out the tobacco already inspected, or so to be inspected, for exportation, without any oath being previously taken by the master or any other officer of the ship or vessel in which the same shall be exported, or the skipper of the craft to whom the said tobacco shall be delivered, in consequence of the act of assembly for the inspection of tobacco, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

That any person or persons, who might act as inspector or inspectors at any warehouse, on qualifying him or themselves as such, may, on taking the oath of inspector, be and continue inspector or inspectors until the tenth day of November next.

That where any persons have been chosen by the vestries to be inspectors, and could not act as such without a warrant from the governor for the time being, the council of safety, or other executive branch of the government of this state for the time being, may authorise any person so chosen to act as inspector.

That, in any case where no person hath been chosen to be inspector according to the said act for the inspection of tobacco, the council of safety, or other executive branch of the government of this state for the time being, may appoint and commission such good substantial planter as they may think fit and proper, residing in the neighborhood where he is to act, and being well skilled in tobacco, to act as inspector; and so may they, where there shall otherwise be no inspector at any warehouse, because of refusal or