

The main question was then put, and resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Stull have leave of absence. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Stevenson appeared in the house.

The field officers of the Severn battalion recommend to the convention Elijah Robosson as captain, Samuel Barber as first lieutenant, Vachel Gaither as second lieutenant, and Nicholas Worthington, junr., as ensign, who have engaged to raise a full company; thereupon it is ordered, that the council of safety issue warrants agreeable to the said recommendation, and commissions upon making up a full company; and the said council of safety are hereby authorised to advance the bounty money to said Elijah Robosson, he giving his receipt for the same.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered to contract for one thousand pikes, not less than twelve feet in length.

Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Beall, Mr. Geo. Scott, and Mr. Williams have leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Hughs, *Resolved*, That the qualification of voters in Washington county for the purpose of fixing on the most convenient place for a court house and prison in said county, be the same as of voters for representatives in this convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the reverend John Scott be allowed another week from this day to settle his affairs, and to remove himself and family to Frederick county, under the condition and restrictions of a former resolve upon this subject.

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

#### THURSDAY, September 12, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Beall, Mr. Stull, and Mr. Hughs. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Parnham and Mr. Mason appeared in the house.

A petition from William Hooper, sheriff of Caroline county, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The convention appointed Mr. George Cook commander of the ship Defence, Mr. Henry Auchinleck first lieutenant, Mr. John Burnell second lieutenant, and James Codray master of the said ship.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered to sell the schooner Resolution, after removing her military and other stores, and her sails, rigging, anchors and cables.

*Resolved*, That no merchant vessel belonging to any inhabitant of this state, sail from this state without license from the council