

Agreeable to the order of the day the convention took into consideration the report relative to the conduct of Isaac Costin, and after hearing the evidence produced, as well against as in behalf of the said Isaac Costin, were of opinion, that he hath shewed himself inimical to the cause of American freedom; therefore *Resolved*, That the said Isaac Costin enter into bond with good security to the president of this convention, in the penalty of two hundred pounds common money, for his future good behaviour, and thereupon be discharged on paying the charges of his prosecution.

Mr. Hooe and Mr. Semmes have leave of absence.

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

TUESDAY, September 17, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Hooe, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chamberlaine has leave of absence.

On motion, *Resolved*, That three persons be added to the committee appointed to examine and report the state of the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office; and Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. Worthington, were elected by ballot to be of the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, That the question be put on the following:

As the establishing a bill of rights and the formation of a new government on the authority of the people only, are matters of the utmost importance to the good people of this state, and their posterity; and as the bill of rights and form of government reported to this convention by the committee chosen for that purpose, have been referred for consideration to Monday the thirtieth instant, occasioned by the necessary attendance in congress of several of the representatives of the people; in order therefore that the fullest consideration may be had thereon,

Resolved, That the said bill of rights and form of government be immediately printed for the consideration of the people at large, and that twelve copies thereof be sent without delay to each county in this state.

The previous question was called for by Mr. Gustavus Scott, and put, whether the above question be now put? *Resolved* in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Fenwick,
B. Mackall,
Fitzhugh,

Mr. Schriver,
Ridgely,
Deye,

Mr. W. Ringgold,
S. Wright,
Bruff,