

or in their recess to the council of safety, of the number of forces under their command respectively, and of their state and condition.

Resolved, That the president be requested immediately to transmit a copy of the above to colonel Smallwood and general Beall, respectively.

Captain John Watkins of the third independent company of regulars, resigned his commission, which was accepted by the convention.

Mr. Solomon Long was appointed captain of the said company, Mr. Ely Dorsey first lieutenant, and Mr. Dixon Quinton second lieutenant.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

A memorial from captain Abraham Boyd of Prince George's county was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, *Resolved*, That every company of militia in this state be exercised only once a fortnight, and that every battalion of militia be exercised in battalion at such times and places as the field officers of the battalion shall appoint, not oftener than once in every two months, nor seldomer than once in every three months, the day of exercise in battalion being accounted as the day of exercise for that fortnight, any former resolve of the convention to the contrary notwithstanding.

A petition from Robert Cowell and Nicholas Reilly, setting forth that they had, on the 25th day of September last, been convicted of felony and received sentence of death before Baltimore county court, and praying this convention to grant them pardon, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Sheredine, the question was put, That this convention on to-morrow morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the declaration and charter of rights, and form of government for this state; *Resolved* in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Dent,
Parnham,
Fitzhugh,
J. Mackall,
Bowie,
B. Hall,

Mr. Williams,
Fisher,
Sheredine,
Edelen,
Schriver,
Beall,

Mr. J. Smith,
J. T. Chase,
Bond,
H. Wilson,
Love,
Archer,