

said, may be annexed to the lower district of Frederick, now Montgomery county, and to have their court house and other public buildings erected in Georgetown, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Paca, *Resolved*, That the several vessels lately drifted on the shores of this state from lord Dunmore's fleet, or otherwise made capture of, be raised up, appraised, and fitted out for the use of this state, or exposed to sale, at the discretion of the council of safety; the cargoes of the said vessels to be also exposed to sale, and the monies arising from the sale of the said vessels and cargoes, be paid into the hands of the treasurer of the western shore, subject to the disposal of this or a future legislature.

Agreeable to the order of the day the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. Worthington in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Worthington reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, but not having had time to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this convention will in the afternoon resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

The order of the day that the convention will resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government of this state, being read, *Resolved*, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

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

SATURDAY October 12, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. T. Smyth, Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. Paca and Mr. W. Ringgold, have leave of absence for a few days.

The convention appointed Edward Cockey colonel, Joshua Stevenson lieutenant-colonel, Micajah Merryman first major, Stephen Cromwell Second major, and John Robert Hollyday quartermaster, of the Gunpowder upper battalion of militia in Baltimore county.