

claration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider further of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Sprigg appeared in the house.

Resolved, That three companies of artillery, each company to consist of ninety-two privates, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer, and one fifer, commanded by one captain, one captain-lieutenant, and two lieutenants, be immediately raised; one of the said companies to be stationed at Baltimore town, and the remaining two companies to be stationed at the city of Annapolis. That the non-commissioned officers and privates be enlisted in the service of this state for the war: That the officers receive the pay and rations established by the convention from the date of their commissions; that the non-commissioned officers and privates receive their pay and rations from the day of their enlistment: That to encourage the speedy enrollment of the said companies, each non-commissioned officer and soldier shall, during their continuance in the service of this state, be annually clothed at the expense of this state, and for that purpose shall be entitled to receive a coat, waistcoat, and breeches, of coarse cloth, two white linen shirts, two pair of stockings, two pair of shoes, and a hat, and they shall not be compelled to march to any place out of this state.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, *Resolved*, That the council of safety issue warrants to recruiting serjeants for the enlistment of men to serve in the artillery companies, according to resolutions of this day, and that such serjeants may enlist any men already enrolled in any company of camp militia not under marching orders.

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

THURSDAY, October 24, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. John Ennalls. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. T. Wright appeared in the house.

The petition of William Richardson was read a second time and referred to the council of safety.

Mr. Dickinson appeared in the house.

On reading a letter from Robert Peter and Thomas Richardson, of the sixteenth instant, to Thomas Johnson, esqr., and by him