

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Gantt has leave of absence.

Isaac Atkinson, according to order, being brought before the convention in custody of Captain William Hyde, the proceedings of the Eastern shore branch of the council of safety, respecting the said Isaac Atkinson, were read; and he was informed by Mr. President, that the convention would hear any thing, which he had to say in mitigation of his offence; the said Isaac Atkinson declared, he never meant to injure America, his native country, and was extremely sorry for what he had done; that he was ready and willing to make any concessions, and atonement to his country, which were in his power, and this convention thought necessary; that he was willing to give security for his good behaviour in future; whereupon, it is *Resolved*, That the President reprimand the said Isaac Atkinson for the offence, of which he stands condemned; and that the said Isaac Atkinson be informed by the President, that this convention views him, as a man guilty of a crime of a heinous nature against this country, which was and is entitled to his aid and assistance: but that this convention, considering the penitence and contrition of the said Isaac Atkinson, and that a numerous family must suffer by a continuance of his imprisonment, had thought proper to mitigate his punishment.

Resolved, That the said Isaac Atkinson be discharged from confinement, first having given bond with good security, payable to the President, in the sum of one thousand pounds currency, for his future good behaviour; and for the payment of such reasonable expenses as shall be adjudged by the convention to have been incurred in guarding and confining him.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due to the committee of Somerset county, and to all those patriotic and spirited friends of Worcester and Somerset counties, who were active in arresting and securing the said Isaac Atkinson, and quelling that dangerous spirit, which was discovered by the said Isaac Atkinson, and others, who joined in inimical designs against this country.

Ordered, That the said Isaac Atkinson be continued in custody, till he give the security above mentioned.

Ordered, That four men of Captain Hyde's company guard the said Isaac Atkinson.

The Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole house. Charles Carroll, Esq., barrister, in the chair.

After having spent some time in considering the state of the province, Mr. President resumed the chair; and Mr. Carroll reported,