

the proceedings of the conventions of this province, and for his disrespectful conduct to the committee of Kent county, and caution him against such behavior in future.

That in consideration of Mr. Patterson's declaration and resolution, that he will not do any act to oppose or impede measures which have been and are thought necessary for the preservation of American liberty, and upon his acknowledging before this convention, the impropriety of his rash and imprudent behavior before the said committee, and paying the expenses incurred in bringing him to the convention, he be discharged.

Resolved, That this convention do highly approve the conduct of the committee of Kent county, in calling to account the Rev. Mr. Patterson, for having spoken disrespectfully of the proceedings of the conventions of this province, in terms which cannot be justified by an individual in opposition to the representative body thereof.

Ordered, That the committee of observation for Frederick county, immediately send in two wagons, under the guard of four of their militia and an officer, to Baltimore town, three thousand pounds of gunpowder, to the care of Mr. William Lux of that town.

A letter from the committee of Baltimore county was read. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to a committee of the whole house.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province was read. *Ordered*, That the same be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

The convention adjourns till to-morrow morning half after nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 19, 1775.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Abraham Jarret and Robert Harris, captains of companies of minute men in Harford county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, that the proceedings of the eastern shore branch of the council of safety, together with the depositions therewith sent, relative to Benjamin Shockley, be read; the same were read accordingly.

Thereupon it is *Ordered*, That the committee of Worcester county order Benjamin Shockley before them, and reprimand him, and upon his making proper concessions that he be discharged.