

Mr. Mason appeared in the house.

Edward Davis was brought before the convention on suspicion of attempting to convey intelligence to lord Dunmore, and examined: *Ordered*, That the said Edward Davis be committed to the custody of Mr. William Cayton, until the further order of this convention; and that the treasurer of the western shore pay the said William Cayton for his trouble and expense, during the confinement of the said Davis, three shillings and six pence common money per day.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

#### POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Sudler appeared in the house.

A letter from the committee of Kent county, dated December 20, 1775, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Done has leave of absence.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of fourteen shillings currency per day, and reasonable itinerant charges, be allowed to each member attending this convention.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province being read, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole house to consider of the same; Mr. Carroll in the chair.

After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, Mr. Carroll reported, that the committee according to order had under their consideration the state of the province, but not being able to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

On motion, *Resolved*, That if any member of this convention depart the house without leave thereof, such member shall forfeit his allowance for attendance.

Mr. Somerville has leave of absence.

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

#### FRIDAY, December 22, 1775.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Somerville and Mr. Done. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Griffith have leave of absence.

A memorial from Baltimore county court, together with several depositions therewith sent, were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.