

to the powers and authorities in such council of safety to be hereafter vested by such convention.

Given _____ this _____ day of _____ anno domini 177 .

By order of the convention,

MAT. TILGHMAN, President.

Ordered, That 2500 copies thereof be immediately printed.

Mr. Chamberlaine brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to examine into facts contained in the memorial preferred by the justices of Frederick county, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The convention took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider and report the most effectual method of establishing a gun lock manufactory, and the expense thereof; and thereupon *Resolved*, That a gun lock manufactory be established in Fredericktown in Frederick county, or in the neighbourhood thereof. That twelve hundred pounds common money be appropriated for erecting and carrying on the said manufactory, and be subject to be drawn out and applied for that purpose by three commissioners, who shall, over and above, have power to draw out of the public treasury any sum of money, not exceeding one dollar, for every good musquet lock, made at the said manufactory and delivered pursuant to the orders of the convention, or council of safety in the recess of the convention.

Resolved, That Mr. Charles Beatty, Mr. James Johnson, and Mr. John Hanson, jun. or any two of them, be commissioners for the above purpose.

Resolved, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, be directed to purchase ground, not exceeding one half acre, in or near Fredericktown, sufficient for erecting shops for the said manufactory; which ground is to be conveyed to the said commissioners, for the use of this province; that the said commissioners or any two of them, draw on the treasury of the western shore for the price of the said ground; in the purchase of which, and in the buildings, it is recommended to the said commissioners, to be as frugal of the public money as may be.

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

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

THURSDAY, December 28, 1775.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Smith appeared in the house.