

1776.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONVENTION.

That the mayor, recorder, and aldermen, of the city of Annapolis, or any three or more of them, be judge of and hold the election for the city of Annapolis.

That James Calhoun, John Merryman, and William Aisquith, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Baltimore-town.

That if any of the said elections cannot be carried on for the want of judges, the committee of observation for the county in which such election is to be made, shall appoint judges, who shall qualify and proceed as aforesaid.

That a clerk or clerks be appointed by the said judges for taking the polls at the said elections.

That every judge of the election, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will permit all persons to vote, who shall offer to poll at the election now to be held for _____ county, _____ city, or _____ town, who in my judgment shall, according to the resolutions of convention, be entitled to poll at the same election; and that I will not admit any person to poll at the same election, who, before his voting, shall be objected against by any candidate, or any two of the electors, if such person is not in my judgment qualified to vote as aforesaid; and will in all things execute the office of judge of the said election, according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality. So help me God."

And every clerk, before he enters any vote on the polls, shall take the following oath, to wit: "I, _____ do declare, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection, or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the election for _____ county, the city of Annapolis, or Baltimore-town, according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God."

That the said judges certify under their hands and seals to the convention, on the day appointed for their meeting as aforesaid, the names of the members chosen in their county, district, city or town, respectively.

RESOLVED, That nine persons be elected by ballot a council of safety, and be and continue such until the intended convention shall make further order therein, and that until that time, they or any four or more of them, having taken the oath prescribed by the December convention, shall have and exercise the like and same powers as the present council of safety had or might exercise under the resolutions of the several conventions heretofore held for this colony. And may, on good ground for suspicion, cause any person to be arrested, and put to security for his good behaviour and appearance at the next convention, or may order any such suspected person to remove to and continue within any particular place or limits within the province they shall assign, or commit him to close prison until the meeting of the convention.

RESOLVED, That on the said first day of August next, this present convention shall be dissolved, and all the power and authority thereof cease and determine. And that the delegates elected shall meet at the city of Annapolis, and hold the next convention on Monday the twelfth day of August next.

Agreeably to the said resolves was elected a Convention, the proceedings of which are as follow:

At a CONVENTION of the DELEGATES chosen by the several counties and districts, and by the city of ANNAPOLIS and town of BALTIMORE, of the province of MARYLAND, at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Wednesday the 14th of August, 1776,

W E R E P R E S E N T,

For SAINT-MARY'S county.
RICHARD BARNES,
IGNATIUS FENWICK.

CHARLES county.
JOHN DENT,
THOMAS SEMMES,
JOHN PARNHAM.

CALVERT county.
BENJAMIN MACKALL,
CHARLES GRAHAME,
WILLIAM FITZHUGH,
JOHN MACKALL.

PRINCE-GEORGE'S county.
WALTER BOWIE,
LUKE MARBURY,
OSBORN SPRIGG,
THOMAS SIM LEE.

ANNE-ARUNDEL county.
REZIN HAMMOND,

B. T. B. WORTHINGTON,
CHARLES CARROLL, barrister.
SAMUEL CHASE.

FREDERICK county.

Lower district.
THOMAS S. WOOTTON,
JONATHAN WILSON,
WILLIAM BAYLY, jun.
ELISHA WILLIAMS.

Middle district.
ADAM FISCHER,
UPTON SHEREDINE,
CHRISTOPHER EDELEN,
DAVID SHRIVER.

Upper district.
SAMUEL BEALL,
JOHN STULL,
HENRY SCHNEBELY.

BALTIMORE county.
CHARLES RIDGELY,
THOMAS COCKEY DEYE,
JOHN STEVENSON,
PETER SHEPHERD.

BALTIMORE-TOWN.
JOHN SMITH,
JEREMIAH T. CHASE.

HARFORD county.
JACOB BOND,
HENRY WILSON, jun.
JOHN LOVE,
JOHN ARCHER.

CÆCIL county.
JOSEPH GILPIN,
PATRICK EWING,
DAVID SMITH.

TALBOT county.
MATTHEW TILGHMAN.

THE convention proceeded to the choice of a president, and the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq. was unanimously elected.

The convention appointed Mr. Gabriel Duvall clerk. ORDERED, That he qualify himself as such, by taking oath that he will honestly, diligently and faithfully, discharge the office of clerk to the convention of Maryland, and that he will not disclose or reveal the secrets thereof.

Mr. Allen Quynn was appointed messenger, and Mr. Robert Reynolds doorkeeper. ORDERED, That they severally qualify themselves as such, by taking the oath of office and secrecy as above directed to be taken by the clerk.

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