

PROCEEDINGS of CONVENTION.

1776.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee of elections be appointed, and that they be directed to inspect the returns thereof, and report whether the elections have been made agreeable to the directions of the last convention; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. S. Chafe, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Carroll, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIE M.

Convention met. Mr. William Paea, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, and Mr. Nathaniel Potter, Mr. William Richardson, and Mr. Richard Mason, delegates returned for Caroline county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

Certificates of the qualification of the clerk, messenger and doorkeeper, were produced and filed.

Mr. Nicholas Harwood and Mr. John Johnson were appointed assistant clerks to the convention.

ORDERED, That they qualify as such, by taking the usual oath.

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

THURSDAY, August 15, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Robert Goldsborough, Mr. James Murray, Mr. John Ennalls, and Mr. Joseph Ennalls, jun. delegates returned for Dorchester county; Mr. Gustavus Scott, Mr. George Scott, Mr. William Horsey, and Mr. Henry Lowes, delegates returned for Somerset county; Mr. Peter Chaille, Mr. Smith Bishop, Mr. Samuel Handy, and Mr. John Purnell Robins, delegates returned for Worcester county; and Mr. Pollard Edmondson, and Mr. John Gibson, delegates returned for Talbot county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

Mr. Samuel Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee of elections, which was read in the following words:

THE committee of elections beg leave to report, That by the return of the election for Saint-Mary's county, Richard Barnes, Ignatius Fenwick, George Plater, and Jeremiah Jordan, Esquires, were elected agreeable to the resolve and direction of the last convention. That by the return for Charles county, the same was partly held at the place directed by the last convention, and partly at another place, by the unanimous consent of the voters, and that Robert T. Hooe, John Dent, Thomas Semmes, and John Parnham, Esquires, were elected for the said county. That by the return for Calvert county, Benjamin Mackall, Charles Grahame, William Fitzhugh, and John Mackall, Esquires, were duly elected agreeable to the resolve and direction of the last convention. That Walter Bowie, Luke Marbury, Osborn Sprigg, and Thomas Sim Lee, Esquires, are returned by Jeremiah Magruder, Humphrey Belt, and Thomas Boyd, as duly elected for Prince-George's county. That the inhabitants of the county agreed, that every taxable bearing arms, being an inhabitant of the county, had an undoubted right to vote for representatives at this time of public calamity; that the judges appointed declined to act, and that they appointed the judges who made the return aforesaid. That by the return of the election for Anne-Arundel county, Rezin Hammond, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Charles Carroll, barrister, and Samuel Chafe, Esquires, were elected agreeable to the resolve and direction of the last convention. That for the lower district of Frederick county, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Jonathan Wilson, William Bayly, jun. and Eliha Williams, Esquires, are returned, by judges appointed by the committee of that district, duly elected by a majority of voters, resident of the district, and who had armed in defence of the country. That by the return for the middle district of Frederick county, Adam Fischer, Upton Sheredine, Christopher Edelen, and David Shriver, Esquires, were elected agreeable to the resolve and direction of the last convention. That by the return for the upper district of Frederick county, Samuel Beall, Samuel Hughes, John Stull, and Henry Schnebely, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return from Baltimore county, Charles Ridgely, Thomas Cockey Deye, John Stevenson, and Peter Shepherd, Esqs. were duly elected. That by the return from Baltimore-town, John Smith, and Jeremiah Townly Chafe, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return from Harford county, Jacob Bond, Henry Wilson, jun. John Love, and John Archer, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return from Cæcil county, Joseph Gilpin, Patrick Ewing, David Smith, and Benjamin Brevard, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return from Talbot county, Pollard Edmondson, John Gibson, Matthew Tilghman, and James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return from Caroline county, Nathaniel Potter, William Richardson, Richard Mason, and Henry Dickinson, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return for the city of Annapolis, William Paea, and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return for Dorchester county, Robert Goldsborough, James Murray, John Ennalls, and Joseph Ennalls, jun. Esquires, were duly elected. That by the return for Somerset county, Gustavus Scott, George Scott, William Horsey, and Henry Lowes, Esquires, were duly elected.

Signed per order of the committee,

NICHOLAS HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, the question was put, That for the future, the name of every gentleman who may make a motion in the house be inserted in the entry that may be made in consequence thereof? Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Members	Fenwick,	Fitzhugh,	Lee,	J. Wilson,	Deye,	H. Wilson,
	Dent,	J. Mackall,	Hammond,	Bayly,	Stevenson,	Love,
	Semmes,	Bowie,	Worthington,	Williams,	Shepherd,	Archer,
	Parnham,	Marbury,	Carroll,	Ridgely,	Bond,	Ewing.
	B. Mackall,	Sprigg,	Wootton,			

N E G A T I V E.

Members	Barnes,	Sheredine,	Shriver,	D. Smith,	Joseph Ennalls,	Gustavus Scott,
	Grahame,	Beall,	J. Smith,	Edmondson,	Potter,	George Scott,
	S. Chafe,	Stull,	J. T. Chafe,	Goldsborough,	Richardson,	Horsey,
	Paea,	Schnebely,	Gilpin,	John Ennalls,	Mason,	Lowes.
	Fischer,	Edelen,				

Certificates of the qualification of Mr. Harwood and Mr. Johnson were produced and filed.

On reading a letter from William Rogers, William Bordley, and John Page, Esquires, appointed judges by the last convention for holding the election for Kent county, setting forth that they were prevented from carrying on the election for the said county by a number of people not qualified to vote by the