

P R O C E E D I N G S of C O N V E N T I O N.

1776.

Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, and Mr. William Bayly, jun. delegates returned for the lower district of Frederick county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

The committee of elections report to the convention, That by the return from the lower district of Frederick county, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Jonathan Wilson, William Bayly, jun. and Elisha Williams, Esquires were duly elected for the said district, agreeable to the resolve of the last convention.

Mr. Semmes has leave of absence for a few days, Mr. Sheredine till Thursday next, Mr. Ridgely till Tuesday next, and Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Shepherd till Monday next.

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

S A T U R D A Y, August 24, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Semmes, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. Stevenson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Convention adjourns till Monday 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and from thence till Tuesday 9 o'clock in the morning.

T U E S D A Y, August 27, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Jonathan Wilson and Mr. Elisha Williams, delegates returned for the lower district of Frederick county, and Mr. Thomas Ringgold, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared and took their seats in the house. Mr. Henry Wilson and Mr. Stevenson, appeared in the house.

Mr. Piater brings in and delivers to Mr. President a declaration and charter of rights, which was read, and ordered to be printed for the consideration of the members.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Charles Carroll, barrister, and Samuel Chase, Esquires, having informed the convention, that they, having received instructions from their constituents, enjoining them, in framing of a government for this state, implicitly to adhere to points in their opinion incompatible with good government, and the public peace and happiness, were obliged, extremely against their inclinations, to resign their seats, and that they resigned accordingly. RESOLVED, That the seats of the said Brice T. B. Worthington, Charles Carroll, barrister, and Samuel Chase, Esquires, are vacated by such resignation.

A petition from sundry free voters, of Anne Arundel county, praying that a new election of delegates for said county might be ordered, was read. ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

Mr. Parnham has leave of absence till Monday next.

ORDERED, That three persons be added to the committee of elections; and Mr. Grahame, Mr. Fitzhugh, and Mr. Paca, were elected by ballot to be of the said committee.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the depositions of captain James Disney, lieutenant Samuel Godman, lieutenant Joseph Burgess, and Mr. Thomas Harwood, relative to the late election for Anne-Arundel county, be taken before some magistrate as speedily as possible, after due notice to Mr. Rezin Hammond and some of the petitioners against the said election.

Mr. Dent has leave of absence for a few days.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met. Mr. Fischer appeared in the house.

The committee of elections report to the convention, That by the return for Kent county, Thomas Ringgold, William Ringgold, of eastern neck, Joseph Earle, and Thomas Smyth, Esquires, are duly elected delegates for the said county, agreeable to the resolves and directions of last convention.

On motion of Mr. Paca, RESOLVED, That an election of three delegates for Anne-Arundel county be held on Wednesday the fourth of September next, at the city of Annapolis, by John Weems, Thomas Dorsey, and Thomas Watkins, Esquires, or by any two or one of them, according to the resolves of the last convention, and that the said judges give due notice thereof, by setting up advertisements in the most public places in the said county.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, August 28, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Parnham. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Shepherd appeared in the house.

A petition from the inhabitants of the city of Annapolis, to be reinstated in their former right of voting for representatives for Anne-Arundel county, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met. Mr. William Ringgold and Mr. Joseph Earle, delegates returned for Kent county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

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

T H U R S D A Y, August 29, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Grahame. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the petition against Anne-Arundel county election being read, ORDERED, That the same be referred for consideration till Tuesday next.

Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Shriver, have leave of absence for a few days.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

F R I D A Y, August 30, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Gibson, Mr. Shriver, Mr. Fenwick, and Mr. Hammond. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Potter, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Semmes, appeared in the house. Mr. Walter Bowie, Mr. Benjamin Hall,