

PROCEEDINGS of CONVENTION:

1776.

NEGATIVE.

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| Messieurs Barnes, | Bowie, | Paca, | Edelen, | Ridgely, | Love, |
| Semmes, | Hall, | Wootton, | Beall, | Deye, | Archer, |
| Parnham, | Sprigg, | Bayly, | Hughes, | Stevenson, | Brevard, |
| Fitzhugh, | Marbury, | Williams, | Stull, | J. Smith, | T. Ringgold, |
| J. Mackall, | Hammond, | Sheredine, | Schnebely, | H. Wilson, | Johnson, |
| AFFIRMATIVE. | | | | | |
| Messieurs Hood, | Fischer, | W. Ringgold, | S. Wright, | Murray, | Lowes, |
| Dent, | Shriver, | Earle, | Edmondson, | Gustavus Scott, | Mason, |
| Carroll, | Bond, | T. Smyth, | Gibson, | George Scott, | Chaille, |
| J. Wilson, | Ewing, | T. Wright, | Goldborough, | | |

The convention then proceeded to take the same into consideration, which was agreed to as follows :
 WHEREAS it appears to this convention, that the erecting two new counties out of Frederick county will conduce greatly to the ease and convenience of the people thereof ;

RESOLVED, That after the first day of October next, such part of the said county of Frederick as is contained within the bounds and limits following, to wit, Beginning at the place where the temporary line crosses the South mountain, and running thence by a line on the ridge of the said mountain to the river Patowmack, and thence with the lines of the said county so as to include all the lands to the westward of the line running on the ridge of the South mountain as aforesaid to the beginning, shall be and is hereby erected into a new county by the name of Washington county.

RESOLVED, That after the first day of October next, such part of the said county of Frederick as is contained within the bounds and limits following, to wit, Beginning at the east side of the mouth of Rock creek on Patowmack river, and running with the said river to the mouth of Monococy, then with a straight line to Par's spring, from thence with the lines of the county to the beginning, shall be and is hereby erected into a new county by the name of Montgomery county.

RESOLVED, That the inhabitants of the said counties of Washington and Montgomery shall have, hold and enjoy, all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of any county in this state.

RESOLVED, That Messieurs Joseph Sprigg, Joseph Smith, John Barnes, Andrew Rensch, Daniel Hughes, William Yates, and Conrod Hogmire, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for Washington county ; and they, or the major part of them, shall be and are hereby authorized and required, to buy and purchase, in fee, a quantity of land not exceeding four acres, at or adjoining such place as a majority of voters within the limits of the said county, qualified as this convention shall hereafter direct, the election to be held at the place heretofore appointed for the choosing of delegates in this convention (the said commissioners giving ten days notice of the place and time of voting) for the purpose of building thereon a court-house and prison for the said county ; and shall cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of Frederick county with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the records of the said county ; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order on the sheriff of Washington county, to pay such sum as shall be agreed upon for the said land, and the sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said order out of the money hereafter mentioned to be collected by him for that purpose ; and such payment for the land shall invest the justices of Washington county and their successors with an estate in fee-simple therein for the use of the said county for ever ; and if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, and the owner of the said land, shall differ about the value of the said land, in such case the commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to order the sheriff of Washington county to summon twelve freeholders upon the said land, who shall be empanelled and sworn as a jury, to inquire the value of the said land ; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order on the sheriff of Washington county, to pay the said valuation, and the said sheriff is hereby directed to pay the said order out of the money hereafter mentioned to be by him collected for that purpose ; and upon his payment of the said order, the fee-simple in the said land shall be invested, as aforesaid, in the justices of Washington county and their successors for the use of the said county for ever.

RESOLVED, That Messieurs Nathan Magruder, John Murdock, Henry Griffith, Thomas Cramphin, junior, Zadock Magruder, Allen Bowie, and John Wilson, be and are hereby appointed commissioners for Montgomery county ; and they, or a major part of them, shall be and they are hereby authorized and required, to buy and purchase in fee a quantity of land not exceeding four acres, at or adjoining such place as a majority of the voters within the limits of the said county, qualified as this convention shall hereafter direct, the election to be held at the place heretofore appointed for the choosing of delegates in convention, (the said commissioners giving ten days notice of the time and place aforesaid) for the purpose of building thereon a court-house and prison for the said county ; and shall cause the said land to be laid out by the surveyor of Montgomery county with good and sufficient boundaries, and a certificate thereof to be returned and recorded in the records of the said county ; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order on the sheriff of Montgomery county, to pay such sum as shall be agreed upon for the said land, and the sheriff is hereby directed and required to pay the said order out of the money hereafter mentioned to be collected by him for that purpose ; and such payment for the land aforesaid shall invest the justices of Montgomery county and their successors with an estate in fee-simple therein for the use of the said county for ever ; and if the said commissioners, or the major part of them, and the owner of the said land, shall differ about the value of the said land, in such case the commissioners, or the major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to order the sheriff of Montgomery county to summon twelve freeholders upon the said land, who shall be empanelled and sworn as a jury, to inquire the value of the said land ; and the said commissioners, or the major part of them, shall draw their order upon the sheriff of Montgomery county to pay the said valuation ; and the said sheriff is hereby directed to pay the said order out of the money hereafter mentioned to be by him collected for that purpose ; and upon his payment of the said order, the fee-simple in the said land shall be invested, as aforesaid, in the justices of Montgomery county and their successors for the use of the said county for ever.

RESOLVED, That the justices of Washington and Montgomery counties, or the major part of them, respectively, be and they are hereby authorized to contract and agree for a convenient place in each of the said counties, to hold the courts for the said counties, and to contract and agree for a convenient place in each of the said counties for their books, papers, and other records, and also for a fit building for the custody of the prisoners ; and the said courts shall be held, and records kept, at such places respectively, until the court-house and prison for the said counties respectively shall be erected and built ; and the charge