

PROCEEDINGS of CONVENTION.

1776.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

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

F R I D A Y, October 25, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Marbury and Mr. Shriver have leave of absence on account of particular private business.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Mr. Carroll has leave of absence till Wednesday next on account of the indisposition of his family. Mr. T. Smyth has leave of absence for a few days on account of particular private business.

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

S A T U R D A Y, October 26, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Marbury, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Shriver, and Mr. T. Smyth. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Ridgely have leave of absence on account of particular private business.

Whereas many young men under twenty-one years of age, seized of lands and tenements within this state, have entered, and others so seized may enter, into the service of this state, or the United States, in arms, and by the laws now in being they cannot devise their lands or tenements, it is therefore RESOLVED, That any last will of any young man in the service aforesaid, made after he hath or shall have accomplished the age of sixteen years, shall, in case he hath died or shall die whilst in service as aforesaid, be of the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if he was of the full age of twenty-one years at the time of his making the same will.

Mr. Bishop has leave of absence on account of the indisposition of his brother. Mr. Mason appeared in the house.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will on Monday resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Convention adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, October 28, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Ridgely, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Kent. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Dent, Mr. Parnham, and Mr. S. Wright, appeared in the house. Mr. Lowes has leave of absence on account of sickness.

The order of the day, that the convention will resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government of this state, was read, and referred till to-morrow.

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

T U E S D A Y, October 29, 1776.

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

On motion, RESOLVED, That a delegate be elected for Kent county in the room of Mr. Thomas Ringgold, deceased; that the election be held on the 14th day of November next, at Chester-town in said county, by John Page, William Rogers, and William Bordley, Esquires, or any two or one of them, and that the said election be held and made agreeable to the directions and resolves of the last convention.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Mr. Bowie and Mr. Hooe have leave of absence for a few days, on account of particular private business.