

8 PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

request to be kept secret, without the leave of the Convention, or a majority thereof, or any matter or thing, which a majority of the Convention shall order to be kept secret; and that every person, who shall violate this agreement, shall be expelled this Convention, and considered as an enemy to America, and liable to be treated as such; and that every member signify his consent hereto by signing the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

The Convention took into their consideration the proceedings of the Committee of Talbot county, on the case of Mr. Francis Baker, who had been guilty of a breach of the Continental Association, and who had been since elected a member for Talbot county. The said Francis Baker appeared, acknowledged his offence, and expressed great contrition and sorrow for the same; and prayed a remission of the penalty, annexed by the Congress to his crime, that he might not be declared an enemy to America, but be permitted to enjoy the rights of a member of this community, on such terms and conditions as this convention may think proper to impose; and promised a strict compliance with all Continental and Provincial Resolutions: Whereupon it is **RESOLVED**, That the seat of the said Francis Baker be vacated, and that the electors of Talbot county elect another person as a member and committee-man for that county, in the room and place of the said Francis Baker, the Committee giving ten days notice of the election, excluding the days of notice and election, and any three of their members to be judges thereof: That the said Baker not offering himself for any office of trust, his offence be not published, nor any further proceedings had against him.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out and transmit a copy of the above resolve to the committee of observation for Talbot county.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That this Convention will, on Thursday next, take into consideration the state of the province.

The Proceedings of the Eastern-shore Branch of the Council of Safety, relating to Mr. Isaac Atkinson, were read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 12, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Gontee, Mr. James Tilghman, Mr. Mackall, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Gilpin, appeared in the house.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the committee of observation for Talbot county, be requested immediately to send Isaac Atkinson, under a guard of four of the militia of that county, to this Convention; and that the sheriff of Talbot county deliver the said Atkinson to such guard.

ORDERED, That the accounts of expences attending the prosecution of Isaac Atkinson, be referred to the committee appointed to examine the several claims upon the treasury.

The proceedings of the committee of Kent county, relative to the conduct and behaviour of the Rev. John Patterson were read, and are as follow:-

“ At a meeting of a special committee held for Kent county, on the 16th day of August, anno domini 1775, **PRESENT**, Thomas Smyth, chairman, and thirteen members.

“ This committee being informed, that the Rev. Mr. John Patterson, of Kent county,

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