

ty, had some time past publicly spoken words which reflected upon the Convention; upon which the matter was considered, and RESOLVED, That summons issue to the said Patterson, for him to appear before the next committee to be held for the county aforesaid, on Monday the 21st instant, to which time this committee is adjourned."

"Monday the 21st day of August, the committee met according to adjournment, PRESENT, thirty one members.

"The Rev. John Patterson appeared in consequence of the summons issued at the last meeting, and being interrogated with regard to the disrespectful words which it was alleged he had spoken against the Convention, confessed that he had reflected on the proceedings of the Convention, as well that held in December last, as the one held in July last; that the first had undertaken to preclude persons who were not members of the committee, from judging of the propriety of their proceedings; that he conceived the said Convention had entered into that resolution, to cover a duplicity of conduct of the Continental Congress; that it was depriving men of their liberty, and that he considered himself brought as a criminal, to receive a mock trial; that the multitude were deluded; that he did not see why he should not judge upon the proceedings of the Convention, it was a liberty the people of New-York had taken; upon being asked who in New-York, he answered, doctor Cooper and doctor Chandler, and said that he should think it an higher honour to be ranked with those gentlemen, than to have the approbation of this committee, or even the Convention; that the last Convention had treated James Chrystie in a tyrannical, cruel, and oppressive manner, and that there was more liberty in Turkey, than in this province; that the Convention had forbid him from passing any censure on the Congress; that he had not done it since, and that if the committee should forbid him from passing any censure on the Convention, he would not, but should then confine himself to censures on the committee.

"Upon which it was unanimously voted, that the whole proceedings against said Patterson be transmitted to the Council of Safety for this province, for them to take order therein.

"A true copy from the minutes,

"W. HALL, clk. com."

Whereupon it is RESOLVED, That the committee of observation for Kent county be requested immediately to take into custody the Rev. John Patterson, and send him under a guard of four of the militia to this Convention.

On motion, That Mr. Robert Buchanan, elected a delegate for Kent county, attend his duty in Convention on Monday next the 18th of this present month, and that the committee of observation for that county procure a copy of this order to be served on Mr. Buchanan as soon as may be; the previous question was called for and put, whether the above question be now put? carried in the negative.

ORDERED, That the treasurer of the western-shore pay to Samuel Chase, or his order, forty pounds common money, to be accounted for.

On motion, RESOLVED, That no boat or other vessel belonging to this province, go out of this province, without a licence in writing from this Convention, the Council of Safety hereafter to be appointed, or from some committee of observation, and that the particular place such boat or vessel shall be designed to go to, shall be expressed in all licences granted by the committees of observation. And if any such boat or vessel shall be navigated beyond the limits of this province without such licence, or if after having obtained such licence, the skipper thereof shall, without absolute and inevitable necessity, go to, or touch at, any place out of this province, other than that mentioned in such licence, or shall carry any person, or letter, of which he shall not give pre-vious