

# 10 PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

vious notice to such committee, or shall bring back any person, or letter, of which he shall not give notice to some committee of observation, as soon as may be after his return, such skipper, and all other persons accessory to such misbehaviour, may be punished by imprisonment; but it is understood that this resolution is not to prohibit the crossing Patowmack, although the boats or vessels employed or used therefor, should go up the creeks or arms of Patowmack river making into Virginia, or to prohibit passing or repassing at the ferry on Patowmack river.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That no member of this Convention depart the house without leave thereof.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. Robert Tyler, a member from Prince-George's county, and Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, a member for Saint-Mary's county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

A petition from the frontier inhabitants of Frederick county, and a memorial from the magistrates of said county, were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

**ORDERED**, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts set forth in the memorial from Frederick county court, and the petition of the frontier inhabitants of said county, and report the same to the Convention; and Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Jeremiah T. Chase, Mr. John Allen Thomas, Mr. Chamberlaine, and Mr. James Filghman, were elected by ballot, a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Sim appeared in the house.

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

## W E D N E S D A Y, December 13, 1775.

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

Mr. John Stull, a member for the upper district of Frederick county, and Mr. Henry Hooper, a member for Dorchester county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to devise the best ways and means to promote the manufacture of salt-petre; and Mr. Carroll, of Carrollton, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Ramsey, and Mr. Gilpin, were elected by ballot, a committee for that purpose.

A letter from the committee of observation for Somerset county, to the Eastern-Shore Branch of the Council of Safety, dated 21st November, 1775, was read.

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention doth approve the conduct of the committee of observation for Somerset county in raising the company of men mentioned in the said letter.

**RESOLVED**, That this province will discharge the pay, according to the rates allowed by the last Convention to militia in actual service, of the said company, and also the reasonable expences of subsistence from the time of their entering into actual service, till the further order of this Convention.

**RESOLVED**, That the said company of men be subject to the orders of the said committee, who shall provide for their pay and subsistence.

**RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the eastern shore pay to the said committee, six hundred dollars on account, and that such part thereof as may be necessary, be expended by them for the purposes aforesaid.

**ORDERED**,