

refused to submit to and abide by the determination of the said committee upon his conduct, and had brought with him to the committee an armed force to oppose the determination of the said committee, **RESOLVED**, That the committee of observation for Caroline county be empowered immediately to take into custody the said Ezekiel Hunter and examine into his conduct, and either confine him in the gaol of their county, or send him under a sufficient guard with the charge against him, to this Convention, or acquit and discharge him, as the committee shall think proper.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out and transmit a copy of the above resolution to the committee of Caroline county.

Mr. Mason has leave of absence.

It appearing to this Convention by sundry depositions, that William Bartlet Townsend, of Worcester county, had left this province with inimical designs against the same, and that the said William Bartlet Townsend had carried sundry inhabitants of this province to join lord Dunmore, who is now carrying on hostilities against the colony of Virginia, and has committed depredations upon the property of some of the inhabitants of this province; and this Convention being also informed, that the committee of observation for Worcester county had fixed a guard upon the estate of the said William Bartlet Townsend, as well to save the same from waste, as to prevent the said William Bartlet Townsend carrying the negroes thereon to join him with lord Dunmore; and application having been made by Bartlet Townsend, son of the said William Bartlet Townsend, to take the management of the said estate into his possession, to secure the same against waste, and to prevent the negroes thereon being removed,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the committee of observation for Worcester county aforesaid, to commit the said estate to the said Bartlet Townsend, taking bond with sufficient security, for his taking care of, managing and securing the said estate, and every part thereof, first having the same inventoried and appraised, and to be accountable for the same, and to take such measures as shall be necessary to prevent the negroes on the said estate being carried out of this province, or removed to any place where they may be liable to be taken out of this province, and to return and deliver up the said estate, and every part thereof, as soon as the said William Bartlet Townsend shall surrender himself to the committee of Worcester county, to take his trial before the Convention if sitting, or the Council of Safety hereafter to be appointed.

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

Mr. Robert Buchanan, a member for Kent county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, relative to the election of committee-men and delegates for said county, being read, **ORDERED**, That the same be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

The proceedings of the committee of Kent county were read to Mr. Robert Buchanan in his place, and the said Robert Buchanan heard thereon; upon which Mr. Buchanan confessed that he had refused to enroll according to the resolution of the last Convention, and that in consequence of his reasons, fourteen others had also refused; and declared, he having conceived himself not well treated by the said Committee, at the time the said proceeding passed, was rather short in his answers to them, and did not