

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

Convention met. Mr. Josias Beall, a member for Prince-George's, appeared and took his seat in the house. Mr. Bond has leave of absence.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to draw the form of commissions for the officers of the militia of this province, and Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Hollyday, and Mr. Wright, were elected by ballot a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Nicholson has leave of absence till Monday next.

RESOLVED, That if the assistance of the militia of Somerset and Worcester counties, or either of them, should be needed and requested by the Committee of Accomack or Northampton county, this Convention is desirous such assistance should be given; and this province will pay and subsist the militia in that service.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province was read and considered; ORDERED, That the same be referred for further consideration until to-morrow.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 16, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday except Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Bond. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sim has leave of absence.

Upon reading the proposals of Jacob Myer of Frederick county, for building a powder-mill; ORDERED, That the same be referred to the committee for devising the best ways and means to promote the manufacture of salt-petre.

The order of the day, for taking into consideration the state of the province, was read and considered, and after some time spent in debate thereon, RESOLVED, That this Convention will, in the afternoon, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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Convention met. Mr. Gantt has leave of absence.

Isaac Atkinson, according to order, being brought before the Convention in custody of Captain William Hyde, the proceedings of the Eastern-Shore Branch of the Council of Safety, respecting the said Isaac Atkinson, were read; and he was informed by Mr. President, that the Convention would hear any thing, which he had to say in mitigation of his offence; the said Isaac Atkinson declared, he never meant to injure America, his native country, and was extremely sorry for what he had done; that he was ready and willing to make any concessions, and atonement to his country, which were in his power, and this Convention thought necessary; that he was willing to give security for his good behaviour in future; whereupon, it is RESOLVED, That the President reprimand the said Isaac Atkinson for the offence, of which he stands condemned; and that the said Isaac Atkinson be informed by the President, that this Convention views him, as a man guilty of a crime of a heinous nature against this country, which was and is entitled to his aid and assistance; but that this Convention, considering the penitence and contrition of the said Isaac Atkinson, and that a numerous family must suffer by a continuance of his imprisonment, had thought proper to mitigate his punishment.

RESOLVED,