

**RESOLVED**, That the said Isaac Atkinson be discharged from confinement, first having given bond with good security, payable to the President, in the sum of one thousand pounds currency, for his future good behaviour; and for the payment of such reasonable expences as shall be adjudged by the Convention to have been incurred, in guarding and confining him.

**RESOLVED**, That the thanks of this Convention are due to the committee of Somerset county, and to all those patriotic and spirited friends of Worcester and Somerset counties, who were active in arresting and securing the said Isaac Atkinson, and quelling that dangerous spirit, which was discovered by the said Isaac Atkinson, and others, who joined in inimical designs against this country.

**ORDERED**, That the said Isaac Atkinson be continued in custody, till he give the security abovementioned.

**ORDERED**, That four men of Captain Hyde's company guard the said Isaac Atkinson. The Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole house. Charles Carroll, Esq; barrister, in the chair.

After having spent some time in considering the state of the province, Mr. President resumed the chair; and Mr. Carroll reported, that the committee, according to order, had taken under their consideration the state of the province, but not being able to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention will, on Monday next, resolve itself into the said committee.

Convention adjourns till Monday morning half after 9 o'clock.

**M O N D A Y**, December 18, 1775.

**CONVENTION** met. All members present as on Saturday except Mr. Gantt, Mr. Simm, and Mr. Sudler. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. William Baird, a member for the upper district of Frederick county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

The petition of Thomas M'Cobb of Lincoln county, in the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson, according to order, was brought before the Convention in custody of a guard of four of the militia of Capt. Johnson's company. The proceedings of the committee of Kent county, respecting the conduct and behaviour of the said Rev. Mr. Patterson, were read; and he was informed by Mr. President, that the Convention would hear any thing he had to offer in his defence. Mr. Patterson was then heard, and ordered to withdraw.

**ORDERED**, That he attend in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met, and took Mr. Patterson's case into consideration, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That Mr. Patterson be informed by the President, that it is not the intention of this Convention to preclude the inhabitants of this province from judging of their proceedings with decency and temper; but that those, who apprehend any defect therein, ought to apply for such alterations and amendments, as may be thought proper and necessary; and such applications will always be attended to, and duly considered. And in the mean time this Convention expects an acquiescence in such measures