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asures as may be thought necessary for the safety of the country, until the same are re-considered by the representative body of the people. That the expressions and declarations made use of by the said Mr. Patterson were highly indecent and intemperate, for which, and for his disrespectful conduct to the committee of Kent county, he deserves the censure of this Convention. That the President do accordingly censure Mr. Patterson, for the indecency and intemperance of his expressions, and declarations, reflecting upon the proceedings of the Conventions of this province; and for his disrespectful conduct to the committee of Kent county; and caution him against such behaviour in future.

That in consideration of Mr. Patterson's declaration and resolution, that he will not do any act to oppose or impede measures which have been and are thought necessary for the preservation of American liberty, and upon his acknowledging before this Convention, the impropriety of his rash and imprudent behaviour before the said committee, and paying the expences incurred in bringing him to the Convention, he be discharged.

RESOLVED, That this Convention do highly approve the conduct of the committee of Kent county, in calling to account the Rev. Mr. Patterson, for having spoken disrespectfully of the proceedings of the Conventions of this province, in terms which cannot be justified by an individual in opposition to the representative body thereof.

ORDERED, That the committee of observation for Frederick county, immediately send in two waggons, under the guard of four of their militia and an officer, to Baltimore-town, three thousand pounds of gunpowder to the care of Mr. William Lux of that town.

A letter from the committee of Baltimore county was read. ORDERED, That the same be referred to a committee of the whole house.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province was read. ORDERED, That the same be referred for consideration till to-morrow.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 19, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Abraham Jarret and Robert Harris, captains of companies of minute-men in Harford county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, That the proceedings of the Eastern-Shore Branch of the Council of Safety, together with the depositions therewith sent, relative to Benjamin Shockley, be read; the same were read accordingly.

Thereupon it is ORDERED, That the committee of Worcester county order Benjamin Shockley before them, and reprimand him, and upon his making proper concessions that he be discharged.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province was read.

The Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole house to consider of the same; Mr. Carroll in the chair.

After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Carroll reported, That the committee according to order had 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 the same be referred for further consideration till to-morrow.

Mr. Wright has leave of absence.

Mr.