

Mr. John Duckett was appointed clerk assilant to the Convention.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims estimate and report a proper allowance to a guard for the security of prisoners or offenders.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 20, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. Mr. Sim and Mr. Gantt appeared in the house. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the petition from Baltimore county, which was referred from Thursday last to this day, being read, the same was considered, and thereupon it is RESOLVED *unanimously*, that Robert Alexander, Benjamin Nicholson, John Moale, Walter Foisy, jun. and Jeremiah T. Chate, returned delegates for Baltimore county, are duly elected.

The petition of Samuel Dorsey, of Anne Arundel county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 21, 1775.

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

A letter and deposition of Thomas Hammond, and the memorial of William Whetcroft, were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Maton appeared in the house.

Edward Davis was brought before the Convention on suspicion of attempting to convey intelligence to Lord Dunmore, and examined: ORDERED, That the said Edward Davis be committed to the custody of Mr. William Cayten, until the further order of this Convention; and that the treasurer of the western-shore pay the said William Cayten for his trouble and expence, during the confinement of the said Davis, three shillings and sixpence common money per day.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. Sudler appeared in the house.

A letter from the committee of Kent county, dated Dec. 20, 1775, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lone has leave of absence.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the sum of fourteen shillings currency per day, and reasonable itinerant charges, be allowed to each member attending this Convention.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the province being 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