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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 to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole house to consider of the same.

On motion, RESOLVED, That if any member of this Convention depart the house, without leave thereof, such member shall forfeit his allowance for attendance.

Mr. Somerville has leave of absence.

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

FRIDAY, December 22, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Somerville and Mr. Done. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Griffith have leave of absence.

A memorial from Baltimore county court, together with several depositions therewith sent, were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. John Duckett being unable through sickness to attend as clerk assistant to the Convention, Mr. John Callahan was appointed in his stead.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Callahan qualify himself as such, by taking the oath of office and secrecy, as before directed to be taken by the clerk.

Certificate of the qualification of the said Callahan was produced and filed.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to consider and report the most effectual method of establishing a gun-lock manufactory, and the expence thereof; and Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Sudler, and Mr. Beatty, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

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.

Mr. Hawkins has leave of absence.

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

SATURDAY, December 23, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Griffith and Mr. Hawkins. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Moale has leave of absence till Monday next. Mr. Edmondson has leave of absence for a few days.

The petition of Edward Parker of Cæcil county, relative to the establishing a linen and woollen manufactory, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to receive all proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories of any kind within this province, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Rumsley, Mr. Ramsley, and Mr. Earle, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the deputies for this province attending in Congress, are instructed, that it is the sense of this Convention, that all India teas imported into this continent before the first day of March last, may be sold and used without any prejudice to the cause of America, and that they endeavour to procure the same to be permitted by the Congress, not taking into such permission any teas imported for or on account of the English East-India company, or imported from Great-Britain contrary to the continental Association, if any such there be.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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