

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

Convention met.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of the three lower counties Newcastle, Kent and Suffex on Delaware, praying that Richard Ellis of Cæcil county may be continued their captain, was read a first and second time and granted.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to consider what alterations and amendments are necessary in the regulation of the militia of this province, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Ware, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. J. Tilghman, and Mr. Hooper, 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 Tuesday next.

Mr. Hooe has leave of absence.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 26, 1775.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Moale, Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Hooe, Mr. Sim, Mr. Smith, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Tolley. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to devise the best ways and means to promote the manufacture of salt-petre, which 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.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 27, 1775.

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

The petition of Patrick Graham of Charles county, praying a remission of the judgment pronounced against him by the last Convention, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The Convention proceeded to take into their consideration, the report from the committee appointed to devise the best ways and means to promote the manufacture of salt-petre, and thereupon RESOLVED, That a small salt-petre work be erected at a principal inspecting house, or in the neighbourhood of tobacco houses, or in some other public and convenient place in each county, at the public expence, for the making crude nitre; that thus, besides the advantage immediately accruing from carrying on so many works in different parts of the province, the good people thereof may be generally instructed in the art of making crude nitre; and as a farther inducement thereto, and that this art may be still more extensively diffused and practised, that a liberal price ought to be allowed for all crude nitre manufactured in private families; that all the crude nitre, whether made by individuals, or at the county manufactories, be carried to one refinery, where the same may be purified by a skilful refiner in large quantities, without waste, and made fit for manufacturing into gunpowder.

That seventeen hundred pounds common money be appropriated, one hundred pounds whereof to be placed in the hands of a discreet and active person in the lower district,