

established in Frederick-Town in Frederick county, or in the neighbourhood thereof. That twelve hundred pounds common money be appropriated for erecting and carrying on the said manufactory, and be subject to be drawn out and applied for that purpose by three commissioners, who shall over and above, have power to draw out of the public treasury any sum of money, not exceeding one dollar, for every good mulquet lock, made at the said manufactory and delivered pursuant to the orders of the Convention, or Council of Safety in the recess of the Convention.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Beatty, Mr. James Johnson, and Mr. John Hanson, jun. or any two of them, be commissioners for the above purpose.

RESOLVED, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, be directed to purchase ground, not exceeding one half acre, in or near Frederick-Town, sufficient for erecting shops for the said manufactory; which ground is to be conveyed to the said commissioners for the use of this province; and that the said commissioners, or any two of them, draw on the treasury of the western-shore for the price of the said ground; in the purchase of which, and in the buildings, it is recommended to the said commissioners, to be as frugal of the public money as may be.

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.

THURSDAY, December 28, 1775.

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

Mr. J. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to consider what alterations and amendments are necessary in the regulation of the militia of this province, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety to be appointed by this Convention, be empowered to advance on loan for two years, without interest, on bond with good security, any part of the one thousand pounds appropriated by the last Convention for erecting and working a powder-mill, to such person or persons as will undertake and give good security for erecting and working the same, such person or persons undertaking that such mill shall be capable of manufacturing at least eight hundred pounds of gunpowder per week, and that the salt-petre which may belong to the public, shall be there manufactured into gunpowder for a just and reasonable price; the same powder-mill to be erected within fourteen, and not less than six miles from Baltimore-town.

Upon reading a second time the memorial and depositions from Baltimore county court, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to consider of the truth of the facts therein set forth, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hollyday, Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. Rumsfy, and Mr. T. Johnson, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

Mr. Chamberlaine brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee