

MONDAY, January 1, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday except Mr. Clarke. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Bond appeared in the house.

A letter from Mess. Wilfred Neale, Gerard Bond, and James Eden, of St. Mary's county, and sundry depositions, relative to the conduct of Basil Patterson, were read; and upon consideration thereof, RESOLVED, That the said Basil Patterson, together with the said letter and depositions, be sent and delivered up to a justice of the peace for St. Mary's county, that the charge against him may be enquired into by a civil magistrate, and order taken therein according to the due course of law.

ORDERED, That the treasurer of the western-shore pay to Nicholas White or his order, out of the bills of credit in his hands, fifty-six pounds six shillings and a penny common money, for repairing guns, as per account.

Mr. Contee brings in and delivers to Mr. President the following report.

IN obedience to the honourable Convention, your committee appointed to estimate the expences of bringing Basil Patterson to answer, and carrying him back to St. Mary's county to some magistrate there, do report as follows:

To James Brown and Ignatius Edwards, for bringing Basil Patterson from St. Mary's to Annapolis, 4 days. - - - - -	4 0 0
To ditto for carrying Basil Patterson to St. Mary's county, and delivering him to a justice of the peace there. - - - - -	1 0 0
To ditto for Patterson's expences to Annapolis and back to St. Mary's, and when at Annapolis, about 7 days. - - - - -	1 15 0
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Signed per order

JOHN CALLAHAN, clk. com.

ORDERED, That the treasurer of the western-shore pay to James Brown and Ignatius Edwards, for their expences in bringing Basil Patterson from St. Mary's county to this Convention, and carrying him back, out of the bills of credit in his hands, six pounds fifteen shillings common money.

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 to consider of the same; Mr. Carroll in the chair.

After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Carroll reported from the committee the following resolutions, to wit.

RESOLVED, That this province be immediately put in the best state of defence.

RESOLVED, That a sufficient armed force be immediately raised and embodied under proper officers, for the defence and protection of this province.

RESOLVED, That 1444 men, with proper officers, be immediately raised in the pay and for the defence of this province.

RESOLVED, That 8 companies of the said troops, to consist of 68 privates each, under proper officers, be formed into a battalion.

RESOLVED, That the remainder of the said troops be divided into companies of one hundred men each.

RESOLVED, That two companies of the said troops, to consist of one hundred men each, be companies of matrosses, and trained as such.

Which were read and agreed to.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to report resolutions for raising, cloathing and victualling the forces to be raised in this province; and Mr. T. Johnson,