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On motion, **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to report Rules and regulations for the government of the forces to be raised in this province; and Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Carroll, of Carrollton, Mr. Stone, Mr. Rumfey, and Mr. J. Tilghman, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose:

Mr. S. Chase has leave of absence on Wednesday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. Sim and Mr. Somerville appeared in the house. Mr. Le-sherbury, Mr. Sudler, and Mr. Sluby, have leave of absence.

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

T U E S D A Y, January 2, 1776.

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

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the acceptance of any office in the regular forces to be raised in this province, shall be a disqualification of the officer accepting the same, from and after the making out and acceptance of his commission, to be a delegate to serve in Convention, or to be of the Council of Safety, or a member of any committee of observation, or of any other civil office under the authority of the Convention, during the continuance of his said commission.

The Convention proceeded to elect by ballot field-officers for the battalion:

Mr. William Smallwood was elected colonel, Mr. Francis Ware lieutenant-colonel, Mr. Thomas Price first major, Mr. Mordecai Gift second major.

They then proceeded to elect seven captains for the seven independent companies; the ballots were as follow:

For Rezin Beall, 15. John Gunby, 14. John Watkins, 11. James Hindman, 10. John Allen Thomas, 9. Lemuel Barrett, 7. Edward Veazey, 6.

The following persons were then elected captains of the battalion:

John H. Stone, 15. William Hyde, 11. Barton Lucas, 10. Thomas Ewing, 10. Nathaniel Ramsfey, 10. Peter Adams, 9. John Day Scott, 8. Samuel Smith of John, 8. George Stricker, 7, light infantry.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

The petition of Thomas M^cCobb of Lincoln county, in the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, setting forth, that in consequence of a resolution of the general court of that colony, he had obtained a permit from the select men and committee of correspondence of George-Town, in Lincoln county in the same colony, to import grain into the said county, and praying leave to load his vessel, was read; and thereupon it is **RESOLVED**, That the said petitioner be allowed to load his said vessel in Somerset county: And it is **ORDERED**, That the loading of the said vessel be under the inspection of the committee of observation for Somerset county, who are required, before the said vessel shall depart, to appoint the tract for her voyage, and have the captain and mate of her sworn to perform the same, so far as they can, and that they will use their utmost endeavours