

Mr. Gail Duvall was elected by ballot muster-master and commissary of stores, Mr. Peter Manz quartermaster, Mr. Charles Wallace paymaster.

Mr. Nathaniel Smith captain of the matrosses at Baltimore-Town, Mr. William Woolsey first lieutenant. Mr. Alexander Farnival second lieutenant.

Mr. Beall has leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. Thomas Wright, a member for Queen-Anne's county, appeared and took his seat in the house. Mr. Hanay and Mr. Waters appeared in the house.

Mr. George Keepott was appointed third lieutenant of captain Smith's company of matrosses.

The Convention took into consideration the following report, to wit.

In obedience to a resolve of the honourable Convention, the committee appointed to receive all proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories of any kind within this province, and report their opinion thereon,

DO report, That the following proposals and petitions have been laid before them, to wit. The petition of Mr. Fielder Gaunt, setting forth, That about four months ago he had discovered a vein of lead ore in Frederick county, between Frederick-town and the Kitocton mountain; that upon an examination of the same, appearances were so favourable, that he hoped to be able in a short time to supply this province with a sufficient quantity of lead during our present unhappy disputes, and prayed, that two hundred pounds might be advanced to him for the term of one year without interest, upon giving bond with sufficient security at the end of that term to repay the same. Your committee further report, that Mr. Gaunt hath in person informed them, that he has, by sinking a shaft thirty-eight feet in the earth higher up the hill, found another vein of lead, and that both the said veins run under a large rock, where it was too expensive, on his own capital, to pursue the same, and that the quantities of lead ore taken out of said veins were not considerable. Your committee beg leave further to report thereon, that in their opinion a manufactory of lead in this province would be of great advantage to the public, and of course merits the attention and encouragement of this province, and that the sum requested for that purpose is not unreasonable.

Your committee further beg leave to report, that Alexander M'Fadon of Frederick county, by his petition, hath expressed his desire of erecting a linen, woollen, and cotton manufactory, in or near Frederick-town; that he is also well acquainted with the business, and would undertake to carry on the same with the public encouragement and assistance, and proposed that a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds should be advanced to him, from time to time, by the province, on giving bond with good security for the payment of the money lent, with four per cent. interest after the expiration of three years from the advancement thereof. Your committee further report, that Mr. M'Fadon in person informed them, that altho' he proposed by the above scheme to carry on the same so extensively, as thereby to manufacture annually fifty thousand yards, yet if it did not meet with the approbation of the honourable the Convention, he was willing to undertake to set up a manufactory, on having not less than one half of the above sum advanced to him; that he proposed to begin at first with the sum of five hundred pounds, and draw out to the amount of the sum stipulated, in proportion as he should purchase the materials to manufacture; that he would not engage to deliver any certain quantity of linen or woollen cloth, unless he could be assured of purchasing the rough materials, nor could he agree for any price, as he was uncertain