

That within the general description of able bodied effective freemen of this province, are intended to be included, overseers, and those who are bound by contract made within this province to serve in any particular quality or capacity, being able bodied effective men, between sixteen and fifty years of age.

That a brigadier general, a quarter-master, and an adjutant general, be appointed by the Convention over every eight battalions, and to include within that command, all artillery companies and other militia within the district.

That the counties ballot for the rank of colonels and battalions from number one to number sixteen, and so the county drawing number one to have its second battalion the seventeenth of the province, &c. and all field and commissioned officers to rank according to their commissions, and as to those who bear the like commissions, according to the number of the battalion to which they belong.

That the companies of each battalion ballot from number one to number eight, and hold their rank the first battalion day according to the numbers drawn, the second day number two to take the place of number one, and number one the place of number eight, and so on, that equals may each in turn have the most honourable place, and every man may be instructed to act in any part of a battalion, as occasion may require.

That, to avoid a needless and insupportable expence, no person after the tenth day of May next, wear any uniform at exercise, either in single companies or in battalion, but hunting shirts, the officers distinguishing themselves from the privates by different feathers, cockades, or the like, as fancy may direct.

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

F R I D A Y, January 5, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sluby appeared in the house. Mr. Bishop has leave of absence.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the several committees of observation purchase the whole of the sulphur in their respective counties, provided it is to be had at six-pence per pound, and that they transmit the same with an account thereof, as soon as may be, to Mess. William Lux and Daniel Bowley, of Baltimore-town; and that the committees of observation be empowered to draw on their treasurer of their respective shire, for as many of the bills of credit of this province as may be wanted, as well for the purposes aforesaid, as for any expences to be incurred in removing the sulphur to Baltimore-town.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out and transmit copies of the above resolve to the several committees of observation for each county in this province.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the several counties in this province be divided into the following districts, to wit. Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, and Prince-George's counties, into one district. Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, and Harford counties, into another district. Frederick county, into another district. Cæcil, Kent, Queen-Anne's, and Talbot counties, into another district. Dorchester, Caroline, Somerset, and Worcester counties, into another district.

That to each of the said districts or brigades, there be one brigadier-general, a quarter-master, and an adjutant.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. J. Dashiell has leave of absence till Monday next.

Mr.