

F R I D A Y, January 12, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Gilpin. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President communicates to the Convention several resolutions of Congress, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ware has leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

Mr. Hollyday brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to prepare and report a scheme for the emission of bills of credit, to defray the expences of defending this province, and other purposes therein mentioned, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A report from the committee appointed to receive proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories of any kind within this province, was read and considered; and thereupon RESOLVED, That six hundred pounds in bills of credit out of the public treasury, be advanced to Mr. William Whetcroft of the city of Annapolis, for the term of two years, without interest, he giving bond with good security to repay the same; the said William Whetcroft to contract to build and compleat, within the space of six months, at his own risque, a rolling, sheeting and slitting mill, within twenty miles of Baltimore-Town, or in any other part of the province that this Convention shall appoint; and therefrom to supply the public and individuals with slit or sheet iron, at the price the same, at the time of sale thereof, can be purchased in Pennsylvania or Virginia, and that it shall never exceed the sum of thirty-five pounds common money per ton. The said William Whetcroft also to slit, roll, or make into sheet or flatted iron, any quantity thereof, the property of the public, brought to the said mill, at the rate of five pounds per ton; and any quantity thereof, the property of private persons, being inhabitants of this province, at the rate of six pounds per ton, if brought to the said mill.

ORDERED, That no commission issue to Mr. John Thomas, first major of the South-River battalion in Anne-Arundel county, he having declined that office; or to any of the officers of Mr. John Burgess's company; or to Mr. William Gambrell, a lieutenant of Mr. John Boone's company, during the sitting of this Convention, but that the same be referred to the Council of Safety.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for the rank of counties and colonels, when the rank was settled as follows:

Somerset, 1. Cæcil, 2. Dorchester, 3. Talbot, 4. Queen-Anne's, 5. St. Mary's, 6. Anne-Arundel, 7. Harford, 8. Baltimore, 9. Worcester, 10. Prince-George's, 11. Charles, 12. Kent, 13. Caroline, 14. Calvert, 15. Frederick, 16.

In Somerset county. Col. George Dashiell of the first battalion, 1; col. Thomas Hayward, 17.

Cæcil county. Col. Charles Rumsey, 2; col. John Veazey, 18; col. George Johnson, 30.

Dorchester. Upper battalion, 3; Lower battalion, 19.

Talbot.