

PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

ORDERED, That Mr. Allen Quynn be continued messenger and Mr. Robert Reynolds door-keeper to the Convention, and that they severally qualify themselves as such by taking the oath of office and secrecy as above directed to be taken by the clerk.

ORDERED, That the resolve of secrecy entered into at the last session of Convention be observed this session.

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

THURSDAY, May 9, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Col. George Plater, a member for Saint Mary's county, appeared and took his seat in the house. Mr. Sudler appeared in the house.

A remonstrance from the committee of observation for the lower district of Frederick county relating to the payment of public taxes; a petition from the lieutenants of the second independent company of regular troops, praying to be removed from said company; a petition from William Faris of the city of Annapolis; and the proceedings of the committee of observation for Talbot county against Alexander Wickham, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Certificates of the qualification of the clerk, messenger and door-keeper, were produced and filed.

The proceedings of the Council of Safety, in consequence of intercepted letters from Lord George Germain to Robert Eden, Esq; deputy governor of Maryland, were laid before the Convention, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a second time the representation of the committee of Talbot county of the case of Alexander Wickham, ORDERED, That the said Alexander Wickham be committed to the custody of a guard, to be appointed by col. William Smallwood, until the Convention shall take order in the premises, and that the guard from the independent company commanded by captain Hindman be discharged of the said Alexander Wickham.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIE M.

Convention met. Mr. Rumsey, Mr. Hall, Mr. Paca, Mr. Love, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. J. T. Chafe, appeared in the house.

A memorial from Francis Baker of Talbot county, praying a remission of that part of the sentence pronounced against him at the last session of Convention, which forbids him to offer himself for any office of trust, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a second time the petition of lieutenants Uriah Forrest, William Bowie, and Benjamin Brooks, of the second independent company of regular troops, ORDERED, That captain John Gunby appear before this Convention, or in the recess thereof before the Council of Safety, on Monday the 20th instant, to answer the charge exhibited against him in said petition.

ORDERED, That summonses issue to Henry Jackson and lieutenants William Bowie and Benjamin Brooks of Somerset county, captain James Handy of Worcester county, and