

# 161 PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

be now advanced to him as part of the three hundred pounds ordered to be advanced him on completion of his first contract, on the like terms and conditions as mentioned in a former resolve.

**ORDERED**, That the ship Defence and her tenders immediately proceed to this place, and that the captain attend the Convention or Council of Safety for further orders.

Mr. Beall brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to report on the establishment of manufactories, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading the petition of William Faris of the city of Annapolis, and the report of a committee appointed by the last Convention to examine into the facts stated therein, **RESOLVED**, That the said fire-arms of the said William Faris be restored to him, and that he be considered as fully enrolled as if he had done the same according to the resolves of Convention.

Mr. G. Dashiell has leave of absence.

On reading and considering the petition of George French and Joshua Tessil of Frederick county, **RESOLVED**, That the same be rejected.

**ORDERED**, That a copy of the above resolution be sent to the committee of observation for the middle district of Frederick county.

Mr. Waters has leave of absence.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to fit out, as soon as may be, three vessels with a number of guns, not exceeding ten each, and also any number of armed boats not exceeding six, for the service and defence of this colony, and to order such of the vessels in the service of this colony, as they may think necessary, to cruise on the eastern-shore, for the protection hereof.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be enabled to pay to the officers of the two companies of rifle-men raised in this province last summer, and employed in the continental service, or their representatives, the difference between the pay they were entitled to at the time they engaged in the service, and the establishment afterwards made, for the time they served before that establishment took place.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

**RESOLVED**, That a new Convention be elected for the express purpose of forming a new government, by the authority of the people only, and enacting and ordering all things for the preservation, safety, and general weal of this colony.

**RESOLVED**, That there be four representatives chosen for each of the districts of Frederick county, as described in the proceedings of the session of July last, two representatives for the city of Annapolis, and two representatives for the town of Baltimore in Baltimore county, and four representatives for each county in this province, except Frederick county aforesaid; but that the inhabitants of Annapolis and Baltimore town be not allowed to vote for representatives for their respective counties, nor shall the resolution be understood to engage or secure such representation to Annapolis or Baltimore