

against the United Colonies, or any of them; or shall afford such persons, or any of them, any aid or comfort, or shall give them, or any of them, or any subject of Great-Britain, any intelligence of the warlike preparations or designs of the United Colonies, or any of them; such person, on conviction thereof by a petit jury, after a presentment by a grand jury, in a court to be erected in this colony by the next Convention for the trial of such offenders, shall suffer death without benefit of clergy, and forfeit all the estate which he had at the time of the commission of the crime, to be applied to the use of this colony, unless such convicted person shall be pardoned by the person or persons invested with the power of granting pardons for such offences.

RESOLVED, That the several offences aforesaid shall receive the same constructions that have been given by the judges in England to such of the said offences as are enumerated in the statute of Edward the 3^d, commonly called the statute of treasons.

RESOLVED, That if any inhabitant of this colony shall, after the fifth day of August next, within or without this colony, or any person whatsoever shall, within this colony, after the said fifth day of August next, forge or counterfeit any of the bills of credit issued by the Congress, by the Assembly, or Convention of any of the United Colonies, or by any of the Conventions of this colony, or alter the sum expressed in any of the said bills of credit, or shall offer or cause to be offered in payment, any such counterfeit, forged, or altered bill of credit, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered, and shall be thereof convicted by a petit jury, after a presentment by a grand jury, in a court to be erected in this colony by the next Convention, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

ORDERED, That the above resolutions be immediately published in the Maryland Gazette.

Whereas some doubts have arisen on the constructions of the resolutions of Convention for ascertaining the rank of the regular officers in the pay of this province, it is therefore declared and **RESOLVED**, That no precedence or rank shall take place between the companies as such, of the corps of regular forces. That precedence between officers of the same rank take place according to the priority of date of their respective commissions, but where two or more of such commissions bear date on the same day, precedence take place according as the company to which such officer belongs stands numbered in the proceedings of Convention in December.

On reading the petition of Turbutt Betton, jun. of Queen-Anne's county, **ORDERED**, That the fine imposed on him be not levied, and that his petition be referred to the Council of Safety to take order therein, and to enforce obedience to the authority of this Convention.

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

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

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Turbutt Wright and Mr. Currer. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. J. Tilghman appeared in the house.

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