

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a colonel for the battalion raised on the eastern-shore for the flying camp in the room of James Kent, Esquire, when William Richardson, Esquire, was elected. William Whitely, Esquire, was then elected lieutenant-colonel of the said battalion. Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, August 17, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Richardson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Gustavus Scott, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to examine and adjust the several claims on the treasury; and Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Hooe, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Sheredine, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, appeared and took his seat in the house.

On motion of Mr. Plater, RESOLVED, That Mr. Thomas Gassaway, jun. be added to the signers of the bills of credit.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a delegate be elected for Caroline county in the room of Mr. William Richardson, whose seat is vacated by his acceptance of a colonel's commission in the flying camp; that the said election be held on the 26th of this month at Melvill's warehouse in said county, by Foster Goldsborough, Jeremiah Colston, and John White, Esquires, or any two or one of them, and that the said election be held and made agreeable to the directions and Resolves of the last Convention.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Robert Campbell be appointed adjutant to the eastern-shore battalion of militia for the flying camp.

Agreeable to the order of the day the Convention took into consideration the resolution of Congress declaring the United Colonies Free and Independent States, and thereupon RESOLVED *unanimously*, That this Convention will maintain the freedom and independency of the United States with their lives and fortunes.

Doctor John Hindman was appointed surgeon to the eastern-shore battalion of militia for the flying camp.

On reading a petition from Thomas Harwood of Anne-Arundel county, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to receive proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Beall, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to examine and report the state of the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office; and Mr. Grahame, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims report to the Convention the number and denominations of the bills of credit emitted by resolutions of the Convention in July 1775, which have been exchanged by the treasurers of this state for bills of credit emitted by resolutions of the Convention in December last; also the number and denominations of the former bills of credit now remaining in the hands of the said treasurers.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a declaration and charter of rights, and a plan of government agreeable to such rights as will best maintain peace and good order, and most effectually secure happiness and liberty to the people of this state.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the president apply to Congress for the sum of ten thousand pounds, to reimburse in part the expence incurred in this state for the continent.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. James Lloyd Chamberlaine, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

On motion, the question was put, That the nomination of the committee for preparing a bill of rights, and a form of government, be postponed until there is a full representation of this state in Convention? Carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, That all questions to be agitated in this house be determined *viva voce*, and that balloting on any question whatsoever be exploded, as it has a tendency to deceive the good people of this