

are entitled to and shall receive pay and rations from the date of their respective warrants, in lieu of all recruiting expenses, provided such officers have or shall obtain commissions; or from the dates of their commissions, where no warrants have previously issued.

A petition from Thomas Wilton of the city of Annapolis, praying a remission of the fine set upon him by the committee of observation for Anne-Arundel county, for not having enrolled in some company of militia, was read and referred to the consideration of the committee of observation for Anne-Arundel county aforesaid.

A Petition from Thomas French late sheriff, and George French present high sheriff of Frederick county, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Council of Safety laid before the Convention an inventory of sundry articles taken out of a small sloop drifted ashore in this state from the British fleet under the command of lord Dunmore, and now stored by order of major Price, which was read.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to take the subject matter into consideration, and report in what manner such articles and prizes of the like nature are to be disposed of; and Mr. Paca, Mr. Gustavus Scott, and Mr. Hooe, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion, ORDERED, That the Council of Safety be directed to advance the sum of ten pounds to Mr. James Hopkins, to enable him to construct a machine according to proposals communicated to this house.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution of Saturday, respecting the declaration of independence, be published in the Maryland gazette.

The Council of Safety laid before the Convention sundry papers and depositions relative to the reverend John Scott, and several depositions taken by George Plater and John Hall, Esquires, relative thereto; thereupon it is ordered, that a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their opinion thereon; and Mr. Samuel Chase, Mr. Jeremiah Townley Chase, Mr. Paca, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Chamberlaine, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On reading the depositions laid before the Convention by the Council of Safety against Isaac Coffin, ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration on Monday the 2d of September next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

Sundry depositions against William B. Townsend of Worcester county, and Joseph Wheland, jun. John Evans, Robert Howith, and Basil Clarkson, of Dorchester county, were read and referred to the committee appointed to consider of the several depositions and papers relative to the reverend Mr. Scott.

A petition from Abraham Lingenfelter, David Allspaugh, and Henry Barnes, languishing prisoners in Frederick county gaol, and sundry petitions from William Field, Robert Field, Jeremiah Field, Joseph Field, Seymour York, Robert Turner, Samuel Deviny, Stephen Cessney, and Frederick Craft, now confined in Frederick-Town in Frederick county, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Beall has leave of absence.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

T U E S D A Y, August 20, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. B. Mackall. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hammond appeared in the house. Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

The Convention proceeded to elect a surgeon to colonel Thomas Ewing's battalion of militia for the flying camp, when doctor John Dorsey was elected.

A petition from Thomas Watkins, and others, inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be admitted to form themselves into an independent militia company, was read and rejected.

A memorial from Charles Dashiell of Somerset county, and a petition from George Dashiell and William Dashiell, of said county, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

D

W E D N E S -