

After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Worthington reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this Convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, October 23, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On reading the petition of Jane Conn, wife of Hugh Conn, a private in captain Fulford's company of artillery, ORDERED, That the said Hugh Conn be discharged from the service of this state, on his procuring an effective man in his stead.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety be empowered to give a bounty of twenty dollars to each able seaman, and ten dollars to each landsman, who shall enlist to serve in the marine service of this state during the war, or until discharged by the supreme authority of this state; and that the Council of Safety may also order any vessel now fitting, or which shall be fitted under the resolutions of Convention, on such cruize as they may think fit; and further the Council of Safety may retain any men who shall voluntarily offer and subscribe articles for a cruize only, without any bounty or wages, and any prizes which may be made, as to those who go on bounty and wages, shall be divisible according to the resolutions of Congress, two thirds to the public, and one third to the crew; but as to those who shall enter for the cruize without bounty or wages, the division shall be one half to the public, and one half amongst the crew, according to the common practice of privateers.

The Convention having received information, that a number of the inhabitants of Caroline county had marched down into Dorchester county, and committed sundry depredations in the said county, by entering the houses of the inhabitants thereof, and in a violent manner taking and carrying away their salt, and that sundry of the inhabitants of Dorchester county had joined with them in committing such unwarrantable depredations and outrages,

ORDERED, That the committees of Caroline and Dorchester counties make immediate enquiry into the causes of the said disorders, and, if they judge it necessary, to send under a sufficient guard to this Convention, or in their recess to the Council of Safety, such persons as shall appear to them to have been most active therein, and that the committees of Caroline and Dorchester counties do apply to brigadier-general Hooper, to order out such part of the militia under his command as they may judge necessary to bring the said offenders to justice.

Mr. John Ennalls has leave of absence.

Whereas justice may in many instances require that individuals of this state enlisted in the service of the continent or of this state should be discharged, it is therefore RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety may discharge any such person either absolutely or conditionally on such terms as to them may seem proper.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. Worthington in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Worthington reported that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this Convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider further of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. Sprigg appeared in the house.

RESOLVED, That three companies of artillery, each company to consist of ninety-two privates, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, and one fifer, commanded by one captain, one captain-lieutenant, and two