

two lieutenants, be immediately raised; one of the said companies to be stationed at Baltimore town, and the remaining two companies to be stationed at the city of Annapolis. That the non-commissioned officers and privates be enlisted in the service of this state for the war: That the officers receive the pay and rations established by the Convention from the date of their commissions; that the non-commissioned officers and privates receive their pay and rations from the day of their enlistment: That to encourage the speedy enrolment of the said companies, each non-commissioned officer and soldier shall, during their continuance in the service of this state, be annually clothed at the expence of this state, and for that purpose shall be entitled to receive a coat, waistcoat, and breeches, of coarse cloth, two white linen shirts, two pair of stockings, two pair of shoes, and a hat, and they shall not be compelled to march to any place out of this state.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety issue warrants to recruiting serjeants for the enlistment of men to serve in the artillery companies, according to resolutions of this day, and that such serjeants may enlist any men already enrolled in any company of camp militia not under marching orders.

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

T H U R S D A Y, October 24, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. John Ennalls. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. T. Wright appeared in the house.

The petition of William Richardson was read a second time and referred to the Council of Safety.

Mr. Dickinson appeared in the house.

On reading a letter from Robert Peter and Thomas Richardson of the sixteenth instant to Thomas Johnson, Esquire, and by him communicated to the Convention, relative to the ferry over Patowmack river, ORDERED, That the clerk be directed to give notice to the said Robert Peter and Thomas Richardson to attend this Convention on Friday the first of November next, and to bring with them the ferrymen of the said river, that an enquiry may be made into the facts set forth in the said letter.

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. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright 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.

F R I D A Y, October 25, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Marbury and Mr. Schriver have leave of absence on account of particular private business.

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. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright 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.

Mr. Carroll has leave of absence till Wednesday next on account of the indisposition of his family, Mr. T. Smyth has leave of absence for a few days on account of particular private business.

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

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