

T U E S D A Y, October 29, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Lowes. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Fischer appeared in the house.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety be empowered to issue warrants to recruiting serjeants, for the enlistment of non-commissioned officers and privates in the Continental service, as a part of the eight battalions for this state, agreeable to the resolutions of this Convention, and that any freeman enrolled for the flying camp service be permitted to enlist.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a delegate be elected for Kent county in the room of Mr. Thomas Ringgold, deceased; that the election be held on the 14th day of November next, at Chester-town in said county, by John Page, William Rogers, and William Bordley, 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.

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. Bowie and Mr. Hooe have leave of absence for a few days, on account of particular private business.

This Convention being informed, that in the constitution or form of government agreed to by the delegates of Virginia, a claim is made by them injurious to the inhabitants of this state, ORDERED, That the same be read, and the same was read as follows, to wit:

“The territories contained within the charters erecting the colonies of Maryland, Pennsylvania, North and South-Carolina, are hereby ceded, released, and for ever confirmed to the people of those colonies respectively, with all the rights of property, jurisdiction and government, and all other rights whatsoever, which might at any time hereafter have been claimed by Virginia, except the free navigation and use of the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, with the property of the Virginia shores or strands, bordering on either of the said rivers, and all improvements which have been or shall be made thereon. The western and northern extent of Virginia shall in all other respects stand as fixed by the charter of king James the first, in the year one thousand six hundred and nine, and by the public treaty of peace between the courts of Great-Britain and France in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three; unless, by act of legislature, one or more territories shall hereafter be laid off, and governments established westward of the Allegheny mountains. And no purchase of lands shall be made of the Indian natives, but on behalf of the public, by authority of the general assembly.”

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

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

W E D N E S D A Y, October 30, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Bowie and Mr. Hooe. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Mercury appeared in the house.

The Council of Safety having laid before the Convention a letter from John Rogers, Esquire, inclosing a resignation of his commission as judge of the court of admiralty, the Convention proceeded to appoint another in his stead, and Benjamin Nicholson, Esquire, was appointed.

On motion of Mr. J. Hall, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety be empowered to write to their agents in the foreign West-Indies, for such warlike stores or other necessaries as have been heretofore ordered by this Convention, to the amount of twenty-five thousand pounds currency, to be paid for in paper money by draughts on the treasury here, instead of exporting country produce to that value, any former order to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the said sum of money be deemed and taken as part of the sixty-five thousand pounds heretofore appropriated for the purchase of military stores and other articles necessary for the defence and protection of this state.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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