

## N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Fitzhugh, J. Mackall,	Williams, Schriver,	Ridgely, Deye,	Shepherd, Stevenson,	Bond.
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The question was then put, That the bill of rights, as reported by a committee of the whole house, be immediately printed for the consideration and use of the members of this Convention, before the same is taken into consideration? Carried in the negative.

## A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Parnham, Grahame, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall,	Hammond, Bayly, Williams, Fischer,	Schriver, Ridgely, Deye,	Stevenson, Shepherd, J. T. Chase,	Bond, Love, Archer,	Ewing, Brevard, Kent,	Bruff, S. Wright, Johnson.
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Messrs	Barnes, Fenwick, Jordan, Dent, B. Hall, Sprigg,	Marbury, Worthington, S. Chase, Paca, Carroll,	J. Wilson, Sheredine, J. Hall, Edelen, Beall,	Stull, J. Smith, H. Wilson, Gilpin, D. Smith,	W. Ringgold, Earle, T. Wright, Edmondson, Gibson,	Murray, Potter, Mason, Dickinson, Gust. Scott,	Geo. Scott, Horsey, Chaille, Bishop, Mitchell.
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On motion of Mr. Parnham, **RESOLVED**, That all and every action, suit, process, and proceeding, which were depending in the March and August courts of St. Mary's and Charles counties, and which have been discontinued by reason of the said courts not being held, shall be revived and continued to the next November courts to be held in the said counties, and shall stand and remain in the same state and condition as they would have been had the said courts been regularly held.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That three persons be appointed a committee to prepare and report instructions for recruiting serjeants, and that Mr. Earle, Mr. Gust. Scott, and Mr. J. T. Chase, be a committee for that purpose.

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

T H U R S D A Y, October 31, 1776.

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

On motion of Mr. Chaille, the following resolution was entered into:

Whereas it is represented to this Convention, that the committee of observation for Worcester county hath declined to act, whereby merchants who have vessels to clear out of Sinnepuxen inlet or Pocomoke river are put to great trouble and inconvenience, it is therefore **RESOLVED**, That Messrs. Robert Done, John Selby, Joshua Mitchell, and John Dennis, or any two or more of them, of Worcester county, may clear out any vessel, in like manner and on the same conditions and terms as the committee of observation for Worcester county aforesaid might or could have done by virtue of any resolution of Convention.

On motion of Mr. S. Chase, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to employ some fit and trusty person or persons, to purchase and salt up, at the expence of this state, a quantity of pork not exceeding two thousand five hundred barrels, and a quantity not exceeding five hundred casks of beef, and to draw on either of the treasurers of this state for the necessary sums to defray the expence thereof.

The Convention took into consideration the report of the declaration of rights from the committee of the whole, which follows in these words, to wit:

“ The **DECLARATION** of **RIGHTS**.

“ The parliament of Great-Britain, by a declaratory act, having assumed a right to make laws to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever, and in pursuance of such claim endeavoured by force of arms to subjugate the United Colonies to an unconditional submission to their will and power, and having at length constrained