

terfeit any of the certificates, bills, or notes of the continental loan-office, or alter the sum expressed in any of the said certificates, bills, or notes, or shall offer or cause to be offered in payment, any such counterfeit, forged, or altered certificate, bill, or note, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered, and shall be thereof convicted by a petit jury, after a presentment by a grand jury, in the general court, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, he shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

ORDERED, That copies of the above resolutions be transmitted by the clerk to the commissioners of the continental treasury.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from the exorbitant and extraordinary charges of the magistrates, clerk, and sheriff of said county, was read, and referred till the first meeting of the general assembly.

On reading a letter from the chairman of the committee of observation for Baltimore county, setting forth, that a great number of the people called methodists, pretending to be preachers, claimed an exemption from mustering under the exception made in favour of clergymen, and a certificate from the yearly conference, that a certain Nathan Perigo, who had been fined by the said committee for not enrolling in some company of militia, was a preacher of that denomination, RESOLVED, That the fine set upon the said Nathan Perigo by the committee of Baltimore county aforesaid, be remitted.

On motion, RESOLVED, That all petitions, applications and reports, to Convention this present session, and all petitions, applications and reports, in all former sessions, whereon no final order hath been or shall be made, be referred to the general assembly.

Whereas the detaining in custody debtors who are willing to deliver up their estates to the use of their creditors, can be of no benefit to individuals, and may be prejudicial to the community, RESOLVED Therefore, that the justices of the several counties in this state, are hereby authorized and empowered to release all debtors in their several jails who may owe upwards of two hundred pounds sterling money, in the same manner and upon the same terms as debtors may be released under the act of assembly; provided application be made by the several debtors, or such of them as may be desirous of being released, on or before the first day of January next.

Mr. Horsley and Mr. Dickinson have leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met.

On motion of Mr. J. Hall, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety be empowered to draw for a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds, of the bills of credit now remaining in the hands of the treasurer of the eastern shore, appropriated to the calling in and cancelling the bills of credit issued by the Convention in July seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and that they apply the same, or any part thereof, to the use of the public, as occasion may require, and that the same be replaced in the treasury out of the new emission ordered by this Convention. And further RESOLVED, That in case the new emission should be delayed, by not getting paper, or otherwise, so as to make it necessary, the Council of Safety be empowered to borrow, of such persons who are willing to lend, a further sum of money, not exceeding twenty thousand pounds, to answer the demands that may be made on them for public expences, or on the treasurers for money to be exchanged according to former resolves, to be repaid out of the said new emission.

Mr. Worthington brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to examine the claims upon the treasury, which was read in the following words, to wit:

“ By the committee appointed to examine the claims upon the treasury.

“ In obedience to the order of the honourable Convention, your committee have examined the accounts of the treasurers of the western and eastern shores, and compared the payments made by them with the vouchers, and find by account settled the thirty-first of August a balance remaining in the hands of William Hindman, treasurer of the eastern shore, in notes of credit to the amount of seventeen thousand four hundred and seventy-seven pounds ten shillings and ten pence; and by account settled to the ninth of November, a balance remaining in the hands of Thomas Harwood, treasurer of the western shore, to the amount of seventeen thousand seven hundred and twenty-four pounds six shillings and seven pence, of which last sum there appears to have been paid to him, nine thousand six hundred and twenty-five pounds by the treasurer of the eastern shore since the settlement of the account with him.

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