



At a CONVENTION of the DELEGATES chosen by the several counties and districts, and by the city of Annapolis and town of Baltimore, of the province of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 14th of August, 1776.

W E R E P R E S E N T,

For St. Mary's county.

Richard Barnes,
Ignatius Fenwick.

Charles county.

John Dent,
Thomas Semmes,
John Parnham.

Calvert county.

Benjamin Mackall,
Charles Grahame,
William Fitzhugh,
John Mackall.

Prince-George's county.

Walter Bowie,

Luke Marbury,

Osborn Sprigg,
Thomas Sim Lee.

Anne-Arundel county.

Rezin Hammond,
B. T. B. Worthington,
Charles Carroll, barrister,
Samuel Chafe.

Frederick county.

Lower district.

Thomas S. Wootton,
Jonathan Wilson,
William Bayly, jun.
Elisha Williams.

Middle district.

Adam Fischer,
Upton Sheredine,
Christopher Edelen,
David Schriver.

Upper district.

Samuel Beall,
John Stull,
Henry Schnebely.

Baltimore county.

Charles Ridgely,
Thomas Cockey Deye,
John Stevenson,
Peter Shepherd.

Baltimore town.

John Smith,
Jeremiah T. Chafe.

Harford county.

Jacob Bond,
Henry Wilson, jun.
John Love,
John Archer.

Cecil county.

Joseph Gilpin,
Patrick Ewing,
David Smith.

Talbot County.

Matthew Tilghman.

THE Convention proceeded to the choice of a president, and the hon. Matthew Tilghman, Esq; was unanimously elected.

The Convention appointed Mr. Gabriel Duvall clerk. ORDERED, That he qualify himself as such, by taking oath that he will honestly, diligently, and faithfully discharge the office of clerk to the Convention of Maryland, and that he will not disclose or reveal the secrets thereof.

Mr. Allen Quynn was appointed messenger, and Mr. Robert Reynolds doorkeeper. ORDERED, That they severally qualify themselves as such, by taking the oath of office and secrecy as above directed to be taken by the clerk.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee of elections be appointed, and that they be directed to inspect the returns thereof, and report whether the elections have been made agreeable to the directions of the last Convention; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. S. Chafe, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Carroll, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. William Paca, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, and Mr. Nathaniel Potter, Mr. William Richardson, and Mr. Richard Mason, delegates returned for Caroline county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety be empowered to draw for a sum not exceeding thirty thousand pounds, of the bills of credit now remaining in the hands of the treasurer, appropriated to the calling in and cancelling the bills of credit issued by the Convention in July 1775, and that they apply the same or any part thereof to the use of the public, as occasion may require; and that this Convention will make such provision for calling in and cancelling the said former emission as may be necessary.

Certificates of the qualification of the clerk, messenger and doorkeeper, were produced and filed. Mr. Nicholas Harwood and Mr. John Johnson were appointed assistant clerks to the Convention. ORDERED, That they qualify as such, by taking the usual oath.

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

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