

# PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

The question was then put, That the said reverend John Scott is a disaffected person, and has a dangerous influence in Somerset county, that he be removed from the said county to Frederick county, and that he give bond to the Council of Safety in the sum of one thousand pounds sterling, with good security, not to depart the said county without leave of the Convention, or Council of Safety, and that he will not correspond upon public matters with any person whatever? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

T H U R S D A Y, August 29, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Grahame. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the reverend John Scott be discharged from his recognizance and from any further attendance on this Convention, on his giving bond agreeable to the resolve of yesterday; and that he be allowed a fortnight to settle his affairs and to remove himself and family to Frederick; but the said John Scott is not to return to Somerset county, nor hold any conversation or correspondence with any inhabitant thereof upon public affairs during that time.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out and deliver to Mr. Scott a copy of the resolution respecting him. Mr. Fenwick has leave of absence.

A petition from Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt, and a petition from John Wells of Baltimore county, for a sum of money to enable him to carry on a linen manufactory, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the petition against Anne-Arundel county election being read, ORDERED, That the same be referred for consideration till Tuesday next.

Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Schriver, have leave of absence for a few days.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the persons now confined in the log gaol in Frederick county be removed to the public gaol thereof, and be permitted to occupy the upper story, and to have the use of the prison yard in common with the debtors, until the further order of this Convention, and that the guard be continued.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out and transmit a copy of the above resolution to the committee of observation for the middle district of Frederick county.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

F R I D A Y, August 30, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Gibson, Mr. Schriver, Mr. Fenwick, and Mr. Hammond. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Potter, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Semmes, appeared in the house. Mr. Walter Bowie, Mr. Benjamin Hall, Mr. Osborn Sprigg, and Mr. Luke Marbury, delegates returned for Prince George's county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

The committee of elections report to the Convention, That Walter Bowie, Benjamin Hall, Osborn Sprigg, and Luke Marbury, Esquires, are duly elected delegates for Prince George's county; and that Thomas Johnson, Esquire, is duly elected a delegate for Caroline county.

Mr. Thomas Ringgold has leave of absence till Monday next, Mr. Fitzhugh till Tuesday next, and Mr. Chamberlaine for a few days.

A petition from the trustees of the poor of Frederick county for a sum of money to be advanced them out of the public treasury, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson appeared and took his seat in the house.

On reading a second time the petition of Thomas French late sheriff, and George French present sheriff of Frederick county, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts therein set forth; and Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Beall, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

A petition from Samuel Sharpe of Talbot county was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, RESOLVED, That two persons be added to the committee appointed to prepare a declaration and charter of rights, and a form of government for this state; and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hooe were elected by ballot to be of the said committee.