

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That Mr. Frederick Green be added to the signers of bills of credit.
Mr. Housley has leave of absence for a few days.
Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, August 31, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Edmondson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hammond appeared in the house. Mr. D. Smith has leave of absence till Monday week.

On reading a second time the petition of Samuel Sharpe, setting forth, that he had, on the seventeenth day of December last, become security for a certain Isaac Atkinson, in a bond taken to Matthew Tilghman, Esquire, then president of the Convention, in the sum of one thousand pounds currency, for the said Isaac Atkinson's future good behaviour; and that the said Isaac Atkinson had since fled from this state and joined the enemies thereof, and now assists the British fleet and army in waging war against the United States of America, and praying of this house to have the said bond put in suit; and that as the estate of the said Isaac Atkinson was daily wasting, they would also direct the said estate to be put under the care and direction of such person or persons as the house could confide in; and it appearing to this Convention that the said Isaac Atkinson hath for some time past absented himself from his home, and hath, as is reported and generally believed, joined the enemies of this state; it is therefore **RESOLVED**, That William Hayward, Esquire, of Talbot county, take into his custody the real and personal estate of the said Isaac Atkinson within this state, he first giving bond to the president of this Convention in the penalty of two thousand pounds, conditioned that he will well and truly preserve and keep all the estate of the said Isaac Atkinson which shall come to his hands without waste or imbezzlement, and return an inventory and appraisement on the oath of two freeholders, within six weeks after his taking the said estate into his possession, and shall render a true and just account, and dispose of the said estate and all profits therefrom arising in such manner as shall be hereafter directed by this Convention or by law of this state, and that he will deliver in upon oath to the said appraisers the whole of the said estate which shall come to his hands.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to purchase and store thirty thousand bushels of salt in such of the islands in the West-Indies as they may think proper, and by proper opportunities to import the same into this state, to be sold out on the public account.

The committee appointed to receive proposals relative to the establishment of manufactories and report their opinions thereon, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following report:

"Your committee of manufactories have considered the petition of John Wells, and are of opinion that it will not be of general and public utility to grant the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable Convention.

"Signed by order of the committee,

NICHOLAS HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read, and the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Carried in the negative.

The petition was then read, and the Convention taking the same into consideration, **RESOLVED**, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be advanced by the Council of Safety to John Wells of Baltimore county, he giving bond with good security to repay the same in linen, at such price as the Convention, upon view thereof and inspection of a bill of costs of the same, shall think proper to allow; the said John Wells to deliver one third thereof within six months, and one third within nine months, and the remaining third within twelve months from the date of his bond, or to repay the said sum with interest at six per centum within one year, if the Convention shall so order.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an ordinance for the division of Frederick county into three distinct and separate counties.

On reading and considering the petition of Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt, respecting an action commenced by him against Edward Meadows, Esq; commander of the Tartar man of war, in the provincial court, **RESOLVED**, That the said action, from the peculiar circumstances of the case, shall not abate by the death of either party, but that a trial of the same may be had, and judgment rendered, and all after process issue, as if both parties were living, without any regard to the death of either party: and if such death shall happen either before or after such trial, or judgment, or process, such death shall not be pleadable by the special bail in such action in discharge of himself.

Mr.