

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to contract for one thousand pikes, not less than twelve feet in length.

Mr. Goldsborogh, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Beall, Mr. George Scott, and Mr. Williams, have leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Hughs, **RESOLVED**, That the qualification of voters in Washington county for the purpose of fixing on the most convenient place for a court-house and prison in said county, be the same as of voters for representatives in this Convention.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the reverend John Scott be allowed another week from this day to settle his affairs, and to remove himself and family to Frederick county, under the condition and restrictions of a former resolve upon this subject.

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

**T H U R S D A Y**, September 12, 1776.

**CONVENTION** met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Beall, Mr. Stull, and Mr. Hughs. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Parnham and Mr. Mason appeared in the house.

A petition from William Hopper sheriff of Caroline county, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Convention appointed Mr. George Cook commander of the ship Defence, Mr. Henry Auchinleck first lieutenant, Mr. John Burnell second lieutenant, and Mr. James Codray master of the said ship.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to sell the schooner Resolution, after removing her military and other stores, and her sails, rigging, anchors and cables.

**RESOLVED**, That no merchant vessel belonging to any inhabitant of this state, sail from this state without licence from the Council of Safety, or the committee of observation for the county from which the vessel shall sail, and that no such licence be granted before the captain of such vessel shall make oath, or affirmation (if a quaker) as to the contents of his cargo, and that he will use his best endeavours to prevent such cargo, and every part thereof, from being landed in any part of the dominions of the king of Great-Britain, or otherwise going into the hands of the enemies of America; and further shall give bond with good security, that he will not land such cargo, or any part thereof, in any port, island, or territory, subject to the king of Great-Britain, nor sell or dispose of the said cargo, or any part thereof, to the enemies of America; and the owners of the cargo shall also make oath, or affirmation (if a quaker) that the said cargo, and no part thereof, belongs to or is for the use or benefit of any inhabitant of Great-Britain, Ireland, or any of the dominions subject to the king of Great-Britain.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met, and took into consideration the report of the committee on the conduct of Joseph Wheland, jun. John Evans, Robert Howith, and John Price; and the aforesaid Joseph Wheland having admitted the charge as reported against him,

**RESOLVED**, That the said Joseph Wheland be confined in the log gaol in Frederick county until he make ample restitution unto John White of Dorchester county for his sloop, which he caused to be destroyed, the value thereof to be ascertained by the committee of observation for Dorchester county, and give such security as the Council of Safety of this state, or the executive power for the time being, shall judge necessary for his future good behaviour.

**RESOLVED**, That the aforesaid John Evans and John Price give bond with good security, each in the sum of fifty pounds current money, and that the aforesaid Robert Howith give bond in the sum of twenty pounds current money, payable to the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; for their future good behaviour, and that they be committed to the gaol of Anne-Arundel county until they severally give the security aforesaid, but after giving the same, that they be discharged.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the several inspectors within this state shall permit all tobaccos inspected by private inspectors, according to contract prior to the resolutions of this Convention regulating the inspection of tobacco, to be taken out of the warehouses, without inspecting the same, or making any charge against the proprietor of such tobacco, other than one shilling per hoghead for warehouse rent.

Mr. Gilpin and Mr. Brevard have leave of absence.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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