

ON E G A T I V E

Barnes,	B. Hall,	Bayly,	Hughes,	T. Ringgold,	John Eanalls,	Johnson,
Fenwick,	Sprigg,	Fischer,	Stull,	W. Ringgold,	Joseph Eanalls,	Gust. Scott,
Hooe,	Worthington,	Sheredine,	J. Smith,	T. Smyth,	Potter,	Lowes,
Dent,	S. Chase,	Edelen,	J. D. Chase,	S. Wright,	Mason,	Bishop,
Parnham,	Carroll,	Schriver,	Gilpin,	Edmondson,	Dickinson,	Mitchell.
Bowie,	J. Wilson,	Beall,	D. Smith,	Chamberlaine,		

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

W E D N E S D A Y, October 9, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Marbury appeared in the house.

On motion of Mr. Wootton, **RESOLVED**, That the commissioners for Montgomery county have the line which divides Frederick and Montgomery counties laid off and marked by the surveyor of Frederick county, at least ten days before the election for fixing on the place for building a court-house and prison for said county, and that the qualification of voters for the purpose of fixing on the most convenient place for a court-house and prison in the said county, be the same as of voters for representatives in this Convention.

Mr. Murray appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That no person who has refused or neglected to subscribe the association (unless from religious principles) be permitted to come within the doors of this house during the sitting of the Convention.

The Convention took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider of the letter and resolutions of Congress, of the sixteenth, eighteenth and nineteenth of September last, and thereupon came to the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, That the eight battalions required by Congress to be raised by this state, exceeds its just quota, being as they presume, founded on a calculation of white and black inhabitants of both sexes and of all ages, whereas the quotas of men to be raised by the several states, ought to be in proportion to the number of white inhabitants only in each state respectively.

That this state ought not to comply with the proposed terms of granting lands to the officers and soldiers, because there are no lands belonging solely and exclusively to this state; the purchase of lands might eventually involve this state in an expence exceeding its abilities, and an engagement by this state to defray the expence of purchasing land, according to its number of souls, would be unequal and unjust.

That this state desirous of exerting the most strenuous efforts to support the liberties and independence of the United States, will therefore use its utmost endeavours to raise the eight battalions required (including the troops already raised and in the service of the United States) as soon as possible.

That for this purpose this state will give a bounty of ten dollars to each non-commissioned officer and soldier who will enlist in the service of the United States for the war, in lieu of the hundred acres of land offered to them by Congress.

That four commissioners be appointed to repair to the camps in the Jerseys and New-York, and there obtain a list of such of the officers in the regular troops and flying camp from this state, now in the service of the United States, as are willing to engage in the service during the war; and also enlist or cause to be enlisted all or every of the said regular troops or flying camp militia in the service of the United States during the war, continuing the regular battalion and forming the independent companies into a battalion, and filling both up according to the continental establishment; and also forming such of the flying camp militia as shall enlist as aforesaid into battalions; and the said commissioners, or any three of them, may also fill up such of the blank commissions sent to this Convention by Congress, as may be immediately necessary for the officering of the said corps; but in filling up the said commissions they are required not to introduce into the corps of the now regulars, any officer other than such as are of those regulars, nor into the corps which may be formed of the flying camp militia, any officer not now an officer in the said regulars or flying camp; and the commissioners are also required to leave some of the offices vacant, that cadets of merit may be provided for; which list of the officers so to be obtained, as well as a list of the appointments which shall be made as aforesaid, the said commissioners shall return to this Convention, or in their recess to the Council of Safety. That the commissioners exert their utmost endeavours to procure the enlistment of the regular troops and militia from this state in the continental service, and make report of the state and condition of the forces from this state now in camp.

That