

On reading a letter from Samuel Purviance, junior, chairman of the committee of observation for Baltimore county, respecting the conduct of Francis Sanderson, the same was taken into consideration, and the said Francis Sanderson called before the Convention, and on the examination of several witnesses and hearing him in his defence,

On motion of Mr. Paca, the question was put, That the said Francis Sanderson is guilty of delivering sentiments tending to discourage the American opposition to the hostile attempts of Great-Britain: That therefore he be reprimanded at the bar of this house by the president; that he give bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds, with good security, to be approved of by the committee of Baltimore county, to the president, conditioned that he will not hereafter speak or do any matter or thing in prejudice or discouragement of the present opposition; that he pay all the expences incurred on account of his being apprehended, guarded, and brought to this Convention, and that thereupon he be discharged? Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Barnes,	B. Hall,	J. Wilson,	Shepherd,	Ewing,	Gibson,	Guft. Scott,
	Fenwick,	Sprigg,	Fischer,	J. Smith,	D. Smith,	John Ennalls,	Geo. Scott,
	Plater,	Hammond,	Beall,	Bond,	Brevard,	Joseph Ennalls,	Horsley,
	Jordan,	J. Hall,	Hughes,	H. Wilson,	W. Ringgold,	Potter,	Lowe,
	Grahame,	Worthington,	Stull,	Love,	T. Wright,	Mason,	Chaille,
	Fitzhugh,	Paca,	Deye,	Archer,	Edmondson,	Dickinson,	Bishop,
	J. Mackall,	Carroll,	Stevenson,	Gilpin,	Murray,	Johnson,	Mitchell.

N E G A T I V E.

Mc. Bowie,	Dent,	Marbury,	Williams,	Edelen,
Hooe,	Parnham,	Bayly,	Sheredine,	Kent.

Francis Sanderson was then called to the bar of the house, and reprimanded accordingly. Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, October 17, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to repair to the camps obtain a list of the cadets now in the Maryland troops at the camps in New-York and the Jerseys, and return the same to this Convention, or in their recess to the Council of Safety, and also return the names of such non-commissioned officers in the said troops, as may be recommended by their superior officers as men of merit.

Whereas this Convention hath been informed, that William Sluby, merchant, of Chester-town in Kent county, hath lately in a public manner delivered sentiments and opinions with an intention to disunite and disaffect the good people of this state in their present opposition to the hostile attempts of Great-Britain against the United States; therefore, RESOLVED, That the committee of observation of the said county summon James Claypole of the said town to appear before them as a witness against said Sluby, and make enquiry into the truth of the said information, and report the facts arising thereon to this Convention, or in their recess to the Council of Safety, and if they shall judge it necessary, take the said Sluby into custody, and send him under a guard of four of the militia to this Convention, or the Council of Safety as aforesaid, to be dealt with as the nature of his offence may require.

ORDERED, That the clerk transmit a copy of the above resolution to the committee of observation for Kent county.

On reading and considering the petition of John White of Dorchester county, setting forth, that his sloop had been taken by a certain Joseph Whyland and carried to lord Dunmore's fleet, where she had been stripped of her sails and rigging, and burned, but that the sails and rigging had been since taken in a vessel belonging to the enemy, and were now in the possession of a certain major Follin of Dorchester county, and praying that the sails and rigging aforesaid might be restored to him, thereupon RESOLVED, That the said major Follin deliver to the said John White the sails and rigging of his sloop, he first ascertaining by oath or other sufficient proof, that the sails and rigging in the possession of major Follin are the same which were taken from his sloop.