

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to make captain John Fulford an allowance for his services in superintending the fortifications at the city of Annapolis, over and above his pay as captain of the artillery company, in proportion to what they may be of opinion he hath or shall deserve.

Agreeable to the order of the day the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Mr. Joseph Ennalls has leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Lowes, **ORDERED**, That the petition of Basil Clarkson be referred to the Council of Safety.

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

F R I D A Y, October 18, 1776.

**CONVENTION** met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Joseph Ennalls. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Parnham has leave of absence. Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the Council of Safety be empowered to hear and determine on the case of William Bartlet Townsend of Worcester county, and to pass such judgment thereon as in their discretion they may think fit.

Agreeable to the order of the day the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

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

S A T U R D A Y, October 19, 1776.

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

On motion of Mr. Johnson, **RESOLVED**, That every member who asks for leave of absence shall give his reasons for asking such leave, and that they be entered on the journal.

Mr. T. Wright has leave of absence till Wednesday next, on account of particular private business. Mr. Fischer has leave of absence for a few days. Mr. Hughs has leave of absence, his private affairs requiring his attendance at home.

Agreeable to the order of the day the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. Worthington in the chair. After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Worthington reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Mr. S. Wright has leave of absence on account of his bad state of health. Mr. Mason has leave of absence on account of the sickness of his family.

Convention adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

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