

M O N D A Y, October 21, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Fifeher, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. S. Wright, Mr. Mason, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Hughs, and Mr. Sprigg. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Dent has leave of absence.

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. Earle appeared in the house.

On reading and considering the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, setting forth, that by a late resolve of Convention the election for fixing the place for the court-house of Washington county was to be held at Hagar's-town, which would be so distant from many of the inhabitants of the said county that it would be very inconvenient for them to attend, and praying that the election might be held for one or more days at Skipton or Old-town; thereupon the question was put, That for the ease and convenience of the inhabitants of the upper part of Washington county, the election for fixing the place for the court-house of the said county shall be held two days at Skipton, beginning on the sixth day of November, and that Andrew Buce, Lemuel Barret, and Thomas Warren, or any two of them, be judges of the said election, and give due notice thereof to the inhabitants of the said county; and that the judges appointed to hold the election at Hagar's-town, and those appointed to hold the election at Skipton, meet together as soon as conveniently may be at Hagar's-town, and there examine the said polls, and declare the said election according as the majority of voters may appear to be on both the said polls? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Barnes,	B. Hall,	Edelen,	J. T. Chase,	Ewing,	Murray,	Lowes,
	Fenwick,	Carroll,	Schriver,	Bond,	Brevard,	Potter,	Chaille,
	Plater,	J. Wilson,	Deye,	H. Wilson,	W. Ringgold,	Johnson,	Bishop,
	Jordan,	Bayly,	Stever son,	Love,	T. Smyth,	Gust. Scott,	Mitchell,
	Hooe,	Williams,	Shepherd,	Archer,	Kent,	Geo. Scott,	Edmondson,
	Fitzhugh,	Sheredine,	J. Smith,	Gilpin,	Gibson,	Horsley,	Earle.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs. Stull, Beall.

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

T U E S D A Y, October 22, 1776.

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

A petition from William Richardson, setting forth, that he, at the time of the alarming appearance of a hostile fleet under the direction of lord Dunmore, on the thirteenth of July last, observed a sloop drifting towards the shore within about a mile and a half of his dwelling house, and a barge from the fleet rowing towards her, which soon scuttled the said sloop; that he went off with his own negroes, intending to board her and save every thing on board the said sloop he possibly could; that he accordingly saved and brought away a main-sail, top-sail, and gib, a quantity of old iron, thirty-six pair of iron hinges, and fifty-three cow hides; and that all the said articles were sent for and taken away by captain Uriah Forrest; and praying to be authorized to receive a moiety of the said articles procured by him as aforesaid, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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