

SUNDAY, November 10, 1776.

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

On motion of Mr. S. Wright, the question was put, That a committee be appointed to revise the declaration of rights and the form of government, and that the same be read in the house and signed by the president before the rising of this Convention, and that the said committee correct language and report to the house any inconsistencies they may discover therein? Carried in the negative.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the letter from the president of Congress of the 2d of October last, being read, the Convention took the same into consideration, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; and Thomas Johnson, junior, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Benjamin Rumsey, and Charles Carroll, barrister, Esquires, or any three or more of them, be delegates to represent this state in Congress until the first day of March next, or until the general assembly shall make further order therein; and that the said delegates, or any three or more of them, be authorized and empowered to concur with the other United States, or a majority of them, in forming a confederation, and in making foreign alliances, provided that such confederation, when formed, be not binding upon this state without the assent of the general assembly; and the said delegates, or any three or more of them, are also authorized and empowered to concur in any measures which may be resolved on by Congress for carrying on the war with Great-Britain, and securing the liberties of the United States, reserving always to this state the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal police thereof.

And the said delegates, or any three or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered, notwithstanding any measures heretofore taken, to concur with the Congress, or a majority of them, in accommodating our unhappy differences with Great-Britain, on such terms as the Congress, or a majority of them, shall think proper.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Convention met. Mr. H. Wilson and Mr. Ringgold appeared in the house.

On motion, RESOLVED, That no civil officer or delegate to Congress be appointed, unless there shall be a majority of the members present in his favour.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a Council of Safety, and John Hall, George Plater, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Charles Grahame, Joseph Nicholson, Nicholas Thomas, William Rumsey, and James Tilghman, Esquires, were elected.

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

M O N D A Y, November 11, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Fenwick, Mr. B. Mackall, Mr. Gust. Scott, and Mr. Geo. Scott. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, RESOLVED, That a committee of observation for each county in this state be elected by ballot on Monday the 25th instant; that the number for each county be the same as heretofore directed; that the judges appointed for the election of electors of the senate be judges of the said election, and the qualification of voters the same as for delegates to the house of delegates. That the said committees, at their first meeting after the election, proceed to the choice of committees for licencing suits, in the same manner as heretofore directed; and that the above committees be invested with the powers given by this and former Conventions, and continue to act till the tenth day of March next, or until the general assembly of this state shall make further order therein.

The Convention took into consideration the letter from the honourable the president of the Congress of the twelfth day of October last, enclosing the resolutions of Congress of the third and seventh of the same month, relative to the establishment of a loan-office in each of the United states, and thereupon came to the following resolutions:

That a loan-office be established in this state agreeable to the resolve of Congress, and that Mr. Thomas Harwood, jun. be appointed commissioner, to superintend such loan-office in this state.

That if any inhabitant of this state shall, after the first day of December next, within or without this state, or any person whatsoever shall, within this state, after the said first day of December next, forge or counterfeit