FRIDAY, August 16, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Fischer. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. R. T. Hooe, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

The Council of Safety laid before the Convention the declaration of Congress, that the United Colonies are free and independent States, which was received after the rising of the last Convention, and thereupon ordered that the same be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

The petition of sundry freeholders and freemen of Kent county, praying that the proceedings on the late election for the said county may be rendered void, and that at a new election every associator resident of the county one year, and 21 years of age, might be enabled to vote, was read and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety be directed to purchase of the managers of the gun manufactory of Dorchester county, all the muskets they have by them, both finished and unfinished, and that they indemnify the said managers for the money they have expended on the said muskets and manufactory.

ORDERED, That the guns taken by the guard under the command of major Follin be delivered to the order of the Council of Safety.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, RESOLVED, That the militia for the flying camp be entitled to pay and rations from the time they march from home to enter into actual service, or from the dates of the commissions of their [illegible]tive officers, where they have not entered into actual service: That the pay and rations be advanced [illegible]ate, and the continent charged therewith.

[illegible]r. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety direct such of the militia as [illegible]e flying camp, and can be armed and equipped, to march with all expedition to the

[illegible]tions report to the house, That Turbutt Wright, James Kent, Solomon Wright, [illegible]res, are returned by John Seney, Basil Warfield, and Vachel Downes, appointed [illegible] Anne's county judges of the election, as duly elected delegates for the said county [illegible]vention taking the same into consideration, RESOLVED, That the election of delegates [illegible]nne's county, not being held agreeable to the directions of the last Convention, is void; and that an [illegible]tion for the said county be held by the judges appointed by the last Convention, agreeable to the directions and resolves of the said Convention, at the house of Mr. George Hanson, on Monday the 26th instant—and that the members returned be discharged from further attendance.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety advance eight hundred dollars to Lo[illegible]wick Weltner, major of the German battalion, to furnish the companies raised in this colony with arms, blankets, and all necessary accoutrements, he to be accountable to the Congress, to whom the said money be charged.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That the brigadier-general of the flying camp, if acting in conjunction with the regular troops of this colony, be subject to the command of colonel Smallwood.

On motion, the question was put, That the appointment of military officers be by ballot? Carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, That captain Rezin Beall be brigadier-general of the militia of Maryland to compose a part of the flying camp? the previous question was called for and put, whether the above question be now put? Carried in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That no military officer be appointed, unless by a majority of the house, consisting of forty-five members with the president.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a brigadier-general for the flying camp in the room of general Dent who had resigned, when Rezin Beall, Esquire, was elected.

On motion of Mr. Gustavus Scott, RESOLVED, That the seat of every member of this house, who shall hereafter accept a commission in the flying camp, shall be thereby vacated.

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