

The committee for that purpose appointed bring in and deliver to Mr. President a report relating to the establishment of manufactories, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

To prevent confusion and discontent among the officers in the regular and militia service of this state respecting rank, on motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, **RESOLVED**, That all officers in the regular service, when acting in conjunction with the militia, by detachment or otherwise, shall take rank and command of all officers of the militia of the same denomination, without regard to the date of their respective commissions, and not otherwise; but this regulation shall not affect the resolve of Friday last, relative to colonel Smallwood's taking command of the brigadier appointed to the flying camp.

The proceedings of the Council of Safety were laid before the Convention and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from part of the independent company of regular troops lately commanded by captain Rezin Beall, praying that their third lieutenant should be appointed captain of the company, was read and rejected.

Mr. Bennett Bracco was then appointed captain, Mr. John Halkerston first lieutenant, Mr. Daniel Jennifer Adams second lieutenant, and Mr. Thomas Beall third lieutenant of said company.

On reading a second time the report from the committee appointed to receive proposals relating to the establishment of manufactories, the Convention took the same into consideration, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That the sum of one hundred pounds be advanced out of the public treasury, to Thomas Harwood, of Anne-Arundel county, to enable him to carry on a stocking manufactory, he giving bond with good security to repay the same in one year from the date of his bond, in good merchantable thread or yarn stockings, at such prices as the Convention, or in their recesses the Council of Safety shall adjudge.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

F R I D A Y, August 23, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Samuel Hughs, a delegate returned for the upper district of Frederick county, appeared and took his seat in the house.

Mr. President communicated to the Convention a letter from the secretary of the board of war, of the 20th day of this instant, relative to prisoners of war, and officers of the troops raised in this state for the continental service, which was read. Thereupon **ORDERED**, That the same be referred to a committee to report a list of such prisoners and of such officers, their rank and dates of commissions, and the time for which their men were enlisted; and Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Hughs, and Mr. Edelen, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

A letter from Mr. Stone of the twenty-first of this instant, with resolutions of Congress of the twenty-sixth of June and seventeenth of August, were laid before the Convention by the president, and read. **ORDERED**, That a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their opinion thereon to the Convention; and Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Plater, and Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the appointment of commanders for the vessels and armed boats ordered to be fitted out by the last Convention, be made by the Council of Safety.

A memorial from James Cunningham, relative to a sloop drifted ashore in this state from the British fleet under the command of lord Dunmore, was read, and referred to the committee appointed to report how captures shall be disposed of.

Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton and Mr. William Bayly, jun. delegates returned for the lower district of Frederick county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

The Convention appointed John Hall, Esquire, judge of the court of admiralty, in the room of William Hayward, Esquire, who resigned.

A petition from Robert Long of Baltimore county was read and rejected.

The committee of elections report to the Convention, That by the return from the lower district of Frederick county, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Jonathan Wilson, William Bayly, jun. and Elisha Williams, Esquires, were duly elected for the said district, agreeable to the resolve of the last Convention.

Mr. Semmes has leave of absence for a few days, Mr. Sheredine till Thursday next, Mr. Ridgely till Tuesday next, and Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Shepherd till Monday next.

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

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