

Mr. Wootton brings in and delivers to Mr. President an ordinance for the division of Frederick county into three distinct and separate counties, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jordan has leave of absence for a few days.

Convention adjourns till Monday 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

M O N D A Y, September 2, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Horsey, Mr. Chamberlaine, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. Jordan, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. Bowie. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Dent appeared in the house. Mr. Turbutt Wright and Mr. James Kent, delegates returned for Queen-Anne's county, and Mr. Thomas Smyth, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared and took their seats in the house.

The committee of elections report to the Convention, that by the return for Queen Anne's county, Turbutt Wright, James Kent, William Bruff, and Solomon Wright, Esquires, are duly elected delegates for said county.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to examine the papers and depositions laid before the Convention, relative to the conduct of Isaac Coffin, which was read in the words following, to wit.

"By the committee appointed to examine the papers and depositions laid before this Convention, relative to the conduct of Isaac Coffin.

"Your committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the said papers and depositions, from which it appears, that about the middle of June last, Isaac Coffin with many others went to their neighbours houses, to inform them that Job Ingram and Barkley Townsend had come express from Lewis-town, to let the people of Somerset county know that a large number of men were coming from Lewis-town to compel them to assent to independency. That Coffin persuaded them to assemble at Merumscodams to oppose it, and that in consequence of the said report, Isaac Coffin with about two hundred people did assemble at Merumscodams for the declared purpose of opposing independency.

"Your committee further report, that about the twentieth of June last, Isaac Coffin, in company with several persons, some of whom were armed, damned the whigs and rebels, that the company hazzaed for king George the third, and said they would wash the shirtmens shirts for them.

"Your committee further report, that some time in the month of September or October last, the said Isaac Coffin went with Levin Townsend on board the man of war at Norfolk, and on their returning to their company he strongly solicited and endeavoured to induce them to enlist under lord Dunmore, by offering them a guinea and a crown advance and standing pay, a gun, bayonet, &c. and a suit of regimentals each. That the said Isaac Coffin highly approved of the proposition of Levin Townsend to fit out a privateer to cruize in the bay, and agreed to act as his lieutenant, and to proceed up Pocomoke river to take the committee of Worcester county prisoners, and to carry them to lord Dunmore.

"All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of the honourable Convention.

"Signed per order of the committee,

JOHN JOHNSON, clerk."

The order of the day for taking into consideration the several depositions and papers relative to the conduct of the said Isaac Coffin was then read, and referred till Monday the 16th instant.

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

T U E S D A Y, September 3, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Parnham, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. T. Ringgold, and Mr. Bowie, appeared in the house.

On reading propositions from Abraham Boyd of Prince-George's county, RESOLVED, That a company of militia to be composed of not less than fifty men be immediately enrolled, and proper officers commissioned thereto, and that a warrant issue by the Council of Safety to Abraham Boyd for enrolling the said company, which shall be employed, paid, and continued for the same time as the militia lately raised in this state for the flying camp, the said company finding their own arms and blankets.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.