

18. PROCEEDINGS of the CONVENTION

kind and value of those that may be delivered to *him*, and the servants that may remain alive and in servitude as well clothed as he receives them.

“And if it should so happen that the said Elisha Winters should chuse to purchase the whole property, that he shall have a right to do it on paying the sum on which he is to pay interest as aforesaid, and the then value of the servants in proportion to their cost and the time they may have to serve respectively, in good muskets fitted as aforesaid, in monthly deliveries of at least one hundred and twenty-five per month, and at the price aforesaid, and if it should be in his power to make more, that *he* ought to deliver and the *public* ought to receive them.

“Your committee beg leave further to report to your honourable house, that upon enquiry they find that the said Elisha Winters has delivered muskets over and above the quantity stipulated to be delivered to this time by his present subsisting contract with the public, and that the said contract ought not to be binding on the said Elisha Winters longer than the commencement of a contract that may be entered into in consequence of this report.

“And your committee are further of opinion, that such gun-barrels as shall hereafter be furnished by Henry Hollingsworth of Cæcil county, in consequence of his present or a future contract, ought to be delivered by him at his works to the said Elisha Winters, to be accounted for at the rate of twenty shillings common money per barrel.

“All which your committee beg leave to submit to the consideration of your honourable house.

“Signed per order of the committee,

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.”

Which was read, and thereupon the Convention taking the same into consideration, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Carried in the negative.

The committee of elections report to the Convention, that by the return from Worcester county, Samuel Handy, Peter Chaille, Smith Bishop, and Josiah Mitchell, Esquires, are duly elected delegates for said county.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the Council of Safety advance a month's pay to the officers and privates of captain Abraham Boyd's company.

A memorial from captain William Stone of Baltimore county, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Handy has leave of absence.

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

T H U R S D A Y, September 5, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Handy. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Schriver, appeared in the house.

Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to take into their consideration the letter from the secretary of the board of war of the sixth of August last, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Shepherd has leave of absence till Monday next.

The Convention appointed captain Peter Mantz major to colonel Griffith's battalion of militia for the flying camp.

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

F R I D A Y, September 6, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Shepherd. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Lowes, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. W. Ringgold, and Mr. Earle, appeared in the house. Mr. Joseph Ennalls has leave of absence.

Whereas the time limited by law for the receipts and inspection of tobacco at the public warehouses is expired, and it being represented to this Convention, that, in order to promote the interest of the good people of this State, it is immediately necessary that the inspectors should continue to receive, inspect, and deliver out, all tobaccos that may be brought to the said warehouses:

RESOLVED, That the several inspectors of this State shall continue to receive and inspect all tobaccos brought to the said warehouses on or before the tenth day of November next, and the inspectors shall also at any time deliver out the tobaccos already inspected, or so to be inspected, for exportation, without any oath being