ſheriff of Frederick county, as well of the inhabitants of Frederick as of Waſhington and Montgomery counties aforeſaid, and collected, accounted for, and applied, in ſuch manner as the ſaid public and county levy would have been collected, accounted for, and applied, had theſe reſolves never been made.

RESOLVED, That the county court of Waſhington county ſhall begin and be held yearly on the fourth Tueſdays of thoſe months in which other county courts are held, and ſhall have equal power and juriſdiction with any county court in this ſtate.

RESOLVED, That the county court of Montgomery county ſhall begin and be held yearly on the ſecond Tueſdays of thoſe months in which other county courts are held, and ſhall have equal power and juriſdiction with any county court in this ſtate.

Mr. Ridgely has leave of abſence till Tueſday next.

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

SATURDAY, September 7, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members preſent as on yeſterday, except Mr. Joſeph Ennalls and Mr. Ridgely. The proceedings of yeſterday were read. Mr. Chamberlaine and Mr. Horſey appeared in the houſe.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, that the queſtion be put on the following:

Whereas it has been the uniform rule and practice of former Conventions of this ſtate, to delegate members to general Congreſs from their own body, being the repreſentatives of the people of this ſtate; and as a departure therefrom may introduce and intrude on this community men unworthy of confidence into the moſt important and higheſt truſts, dangerous to the ſafety and welfare of America, eſpecially at this critical conjuncture, That no perſon whatſoever, except a delegate of the people in Convention, be choſen or qualified to ſerve this ſtate as a member of the general Congreſs? The previous queſtion was called for and put, whether the above queſtion be now put? Carried in the negative.

NEGATIVE.

Meſſieurs: Barnes, Hooe, Dent, Semmes, Parnham, Bowie, Hall, Sprigg, Marbury, Paca, Carroll, Wootton, J. Wilſon, Bayly, Sheredine, Edelen, Schriver, Beall, Hughs, Stull, Schnebely, T. Smyth, Chaſe, H. Wilſon, Gilpin, Ewing, T. Ringgold, W. Ringgold, Earle, J. Smith, T. Wright, Kent, Edmondſon, Gibſon, Chamberlaine, Goldſborough, Murray, John Ennalls, Potter, Maſon, Johnſon, Guſ. Scott, Geo. Scott, Horſey, Lowes, Chaille, Mitchell.

AFFIRMATIVE.

Meſſ. Plater, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall, Hammond, Williams, Deye, Stevenſon, Bond, Love, Archer, Brevard, S. Wright.

Mr. Stevenſon and Mr. T. Smyth have leave of abſence till Tueſday next, and Mr. W. Ringgold till Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Paca, the queſtion was put, That Thomas Stone, Eſq; be and is hereby empowered to repreſent this ſtate in Congreſs, in as full and ample manner as the delegates heretofore appointed might or could do, until the ſaid delegates or any two or more of them ſhall attend, or this Convention make further order therein? Carried in the negative.

NEGATIVE.

Meſſieurs: Barnes, Plater, Hooe, Dent, Semmes, Parnham, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall, Bowie, Hall, Sprigg, Marbury, Hammond, Wootton, Bayly, Williams, Sheredine, Hughs, Schriver, Schnebely, Deye, J. Smith, Chaſe, Bond, Love, Archer, Gilpin, Brevard, Kent, S. Wright, Edmondſon.

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