

purchase of the said Arms and Ammunition. And that each Branch of the Council of Safety, order the Treasurer of their Share, to pay to such person as shall be appointed by each of the said Committees on their respective Shares, the amount of the money so paid in and actually expended in the purposes aforesaid, before the transmitting of such account that the same as well as, all other money paid in, not expended as aforesaid, may be returned to the subscribers or contributors thereof.

Resolved, That the Gentlemen Matthew Delaplain and John Beale Knolly, Esquires, and Robert Goldborough, James Nollyday, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd Thomas Smyth, and Henry Hooper Esquires residents of the Eastern Shore, and the Honorable Daniel of St. Thomas, Justice Esquire, and Thomas Johnson Esquire William Paea, Charles Carroll, Barnister, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, Robert Alexander and Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esquires, residents of the Western Shore, or any some of them, be a Council of Safety for this Province.

That every member of the Council of Safety before he enters on the Execution of his Office, having subscribed the Association take before some Justice of the Peace, the following Oath to wit: "You A. B. do swear, that any matter or thing, which shall come to your knowledge, as a member of the Council of Safety, and which you shall know, is by a majority of the Council ordered to be kept secret, you will not divulge unless in a Convention of Delegates, or to the Members of the Council of Safety, or with the leave of the Convention, or a majority of the Council of Safety, So help you God."

And that the Clerk of the Council of Safety, or of either of the said Branches thereof shall before he enters on the Execution of his Office, before some Justice of the Peace take an oath in the same Form; except, instead of the words, "a member of the Council of Safety," inserting, "as Clerk of the Council of Safety," or "as Clerk of the Eastern or Western Shore Branch of the Council of Safety," as the case may be.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the Report relative to the shutting of the Courts of Justice, which after debates thereon, was committed for Amendments, and the following parts of it were agreed to.

Resolved, That in all suits and actions now depending or commenced within this Province, where there is no real dispute, the Sutors and Attornies proceed with all convenient speed to settle the same by Judgment, Reference, or other amicable way; and that all suits and actions now depending or commenced (where there are real disputes, and which cannot be settled in an amicable manner, or tried with justice to the parties) ought to stand and remain during these times of Public Calamity, in their present state and condition, or be continued until otherwise ordered by Act of Assembly, or some future Convention. save and except, only that bail may surrender their principals, in their own discharge, and for want of other bail that the principal may be committed; and that hereafter proper provision ought to be made by Act of Assembly for reinstating, re-establishing and prosecuting the business of the Courts, and for barring the Act for the Limitation of suits.

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