

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE CONVENTIONS

OF THE

PROVINCE OF MARYLAND,

HELD AT

THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS,

IN

1774, 1775, & 1776.

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BALTIMORE:

JAMES LUCAS & E. K. DEEVER.

ANNAPOLIS—JONAS GREEN.

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1836.

That the said commissioners be allowed each twelve pounds ten shillings common money per week from the time they leave home until their return.

The convention then proceeded to elect the commissioners aforesaid, and James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Benjamin Rumsey, Thomas Contee, and John Hanson, jr., esqrs., were elected.

*Ordered*, That the president prepare a letter to the president of congress, and transmit a copy of the above resolutions therein.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the letter from the president of congress, of the second instant, was read and referred till to-morrow.

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

#### THURSDAY, October 10, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday, were read.

On motion of Mr. J. Mackall, the question was put on the following, "As the people have a right and ought to know the conduct and behavior of their representatives, *Resolved*, That on all questions to be determined in this convention by a committee of the whole house, the yeas and nays shall be taken when called for by any member of the house and seconded, any custom or usage of parliament, assemblies, or former conventions to the contrary notwithstanding," and carried in the negative.

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Fitzhugh,  
J. Mackall,  
Hammond,

Mr. Fischer,  
Ridgely,

Mr. Deye,  
Bond.

#### NEGATIVE.

Mr. Barnes,  
Fenwick,  
Plater,  
Hooe,  
Dent,  
Parnham,  
Grahame,  
Bowie,  
B. Hall,  
Sprigg,  
Marbury,  
J. Hall,  
Worthington,

Mr. Sheredine,  
Edelen,  
Schriver,  
Beall,  
Hughes,  
Stull,  
Stevenson,  
J. Smith,  
J. T. Chase,  
H. Wilson,  
Love,  
Archer,  
Gilpin,

Mr. Kent,  
S. Wright,  
Bruff,  
Edmondson,  
Gibson,  
Chamberlaine,  
Murray,  
John Ennalls,  
Jos. Ennalls,  
Potter,  
Mason,  
Dickinson,  
Johnson,

Mr. S. Chase,  
Paca,  
Carroll,  
Wootton,  
J. Wilson,  
Bayly,  
Williams,

Mr. Ewing,  
D. Smith,  
Brevard,  
T. Ringgold,  
W. Ringgold,  
T. Smyth,  
T. Wright,

Mr. Gust. Scott,  
Geo. Scott,  
Horsey,  
Loves,  
Chaille,  
Mitchell.

Agreeable to the order of the day the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the declaration and charter of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. Worthington in the chair. After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Worthington reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, but not being able to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this convention will in the afternoon resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

### POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr. Jordan appeared in the house.

According to order the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. Worthington in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Worthington reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, but not having had time to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this convention will to-morrow morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

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

### FRIDAY, October 11, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants, on behalf of themselves and other freeholders and inhabitants of that part of Prince George's county which lies to the westward of the eastern branch of Potowmac river, praying that that part of Prince George's county which lies to the westward of the eastern branch of Potowmac river afore-