

in their power, especially as the fate of *America* may perhaps depend upon the issue of this summer's campaign :

*Do Resolve*, That in case the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental forces at *New-York*, upon the arrival of *British* troops, shall stand in need of the aid of the Militia of this Colony, that he be authorized to call for the same, by applying to one of the Brigadiers-General or the Colonels of Militia. And the said Militia, upon such request, are desired immediately to march to the defence of the parts invaded, or threatened with an immediate invasion. And all such of the Militia as, upon the requisition of the Commander-in-Chief, shall march to the defence of any place in danger, shall be entitled to the same pay and subsistence as are allowed to the Continental forces, and shall not be detained in such service more than one month from the time of their marching. This Congress, from experience of the zeal and alacrity of the inhabitants of this Colony to step forward for the defence of *America* on all former occasions, are persuaded that this request from their Representatives, arising from pure necessity, will be most cheerfully complied with, and the honour and safety of the Colony thereby maintained.

*Ordered*, That a copy of the above Resolution be transmitted to General *Washington*; and that the same be published in the newspapers.

*Ordered, unanimously*, That Doctor *Melancthon Freeman* be appointed Surgeon, and Mr. *Benjamin Stockton* Surgeon's Mate, to the Battalion directed to be raised in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Monmouth*.

A Petition from *John Reynolds* and *George Riche*, Paper-makers in *Germantown, Pennsylvania*, setting forth, that they designed to carry on their trade in this Colony, and praying that this Congress would encourage the same; read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that great expense will necessarily attend recruiting the men directed to be raised by an Ordinance of the 14th instant; and praying that the men may be subsisted and paid from the time of enlistment; read, and ordered a second reading.

*William Franklin, Esq.*, late Governour of this Province, having been brought before this Congress, pursuant to an order for that purpose, to be examined touching such parts of his conduct as were deemed inimical to the liberties of *America*, Mr. *Franklin* refused to answer the questions put to him, denying the authority of this body, which he alleged had usurped the King's Government in this Province.

As the said *William Franklin*, by this and his former conduct, in many instances, appears to be a virulent enemy to this country, and a person that may prove dangerous; therefore, it is

*Unanimously Resolved*, That the said *William Franklin* be confined in such place and manner as the honourable Continental Congress shall direct.

*Ordered*, That the President write to the Continental Congress, enclosing the above Resolves and the questions that were put to Mr. *Franklin*.

*Resolved*, That Lieutenant-Colonel *Bowes Read* keep under safe guard the person of *William Franklin, Esquire*, until the further order of this Congress; and that the President sign an order for this purpose.

Adjourned to three o'clock, afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Burlington* County, setting forth, that great expense will necessarily attend the recruiting the men directed to be raised by an Ordinance of the 14th instant; and praying that the men may be subsisted and paid from the time of enlistment, was read a second time, and referred to Mr. *Dick*, Mr. *Ellis*, and Mr. *Symmes*.

Four Petitions from the Township of *Middletown* and *Shrewsbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying that the Government of the Province of *New-Jersey* may not be changed, &c., read.

Two Petitions from the Township of *Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying that this Congress will immediately establish such mode of Government as shall be equal to the present exigencies of this Colony, and fully coincide with the Resolve of the honourable Continental Congress of the 15th of *May* last; were read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Congress went into the consideration of the propriety of forming a Government, &c.

*Resolved*, That a Government be formed for regulating the internal police of this Colony, pursuant to the recommendation of the Continental Congress of the 15th of *May* last.

On the question, it passed in the affirmative, as follows :

## YEAS.

Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Dunn,
Ogden,	Josiah Holmes,	Sergeant,
Camp,	Sparks,	Combs,
Drummond,	Cooper,	Van Boskirk,
Condict,	Elijah Clark,	Shaver,
Drake,	Hugg,	Potts,
Cook,	Ellis,	Van Campen,
Woodhull,	Elmer,	Symmes,
Green,	Ayers,	Sinnickson,
Frelinghuysen,	Harris,	Holme,
Paterson,	Bowen,	Shinn,
Dr. Witherspoon,	Hughes,	Cripps,
Hardenbergh,	Hand,	Dick,
Linn,	Leaming,	Tallman,
Hart,	Savage,	Reynolds,
Mehelm,	Hathorn,	Fennimore,
Covenhoven,	Dr. Bloomfield,	Read,
Joseph Holmes,	Wetherill,	Shreve.

## NAYS.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Brown.
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Adjourned till to-morrow morning, eight o'clock.

Saturday, June 22, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Upon the question, Whether one or more Delegates shall be a sufficient number to represent this Colony in Continental Congress? It passed in the affirmative, as follows, viz :

## FOR ONE.

Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Shaver,	Mr. Dunn,
Ogden,	Potts,	Dr. Wetherill,
Camp,	Van Campen,	Sergeant,
Condict,	Mehelm,	Combs,
Drake,	Covenhoven,	Van Boskirk,
Cook,	E. Clark,	Quackenbush,
Woodhull,	Hugg,	Symmes,
Green,	Ellis,	John Holme,
Frelinghuysen,	Hughes,	Shinn,
Paterson,	Hand,	Cripps,
Dr. Witherspoon,	Leaming,	Dick,
Hardenbergh,	Savage,	Reynolds,
Linn,	Hathorn,	Shreve.
Brown,	Bloomfield,	

## FOR MORE.

Mr. Drummond,	Mr. Mott,	Mr. Bowen,
Dickenson,	Josiah Holmes,	Post,
Hart,	Cooper,	Sinnickson,
Taylor,	Elmer,	Tallman,
Joseph Holmes,	Harris,	Read.

*Resolved*, That five persons be elected to represent this Colony in Continental Congress, to serve for one year, unless a new appointment be made before that time, any one of whom shall have power to vote.

Mr. *Sergeant* having resigned his appointment as a Delegate in the Continental Congress,

*Ordered*, That his resignation be accepted.

Adjourned to three o'clock, afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

The Congress proceeded to the election of Delegates to represent this Colony in Continental Congress, when *Richard Stockton*, *Abraham Clark*, *John Hart*, *Francis Hopkinson*, Esquires, and Dr. *John Witherspoon*, were elected by ballot to serve for one year, unless a new appointment be made before that time.

*Resolved*, That the following Instructions be given to the Delegates so elected, viz :

To RICHARD STOCKTON, ABRAHAM CLARK, JOHN HART, FRANCIS HOPKINSON, Esquires, and the Rev. Dr. JOHN WITHERSPOON, Delegates appointed to represent the Colony of NEW-JERSEY in Continental Congress.

The Congress empower and direct you, in the name of this Colony, to join with the Delegates of the other Colonies in Continental Congress, in the most vigorous measures for supporting the just rights and liberties of *America*. And, if you shall judge it necessary and expedient for this purpose, we empower you to join with them in declaring the United

Colonies independent of *Great Britain*, entering into a Confederacy for union and common defence, making treaties with foreign nations for commerce and assistance, and to take such other measures as to them and you may appear necessary for these great ends, promising to support them with the whole force of this Province; always observing, that whatever plan of Confederacy you enter into, the regulating the internal police of this Province is to be reserved to the Colony Legislature.

*Ordered*, That *Ebenezer Howell*, of the County of *Salem*, be commissioned as Major of the Battalion commanded by Colonel *Newcomb*.

A Petition from the County Committee of *Monmouth*; read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from *Stafford Township*, in *Monmouth County*; read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from *Charles Loveland*; read, filed, and ordered a second reading.

Two Petitions from the Township of *Woodbridge*; read, filed, and ordered a second reading.

Colonel *Borden's* Account for the paying of *Robert Quigley's* Company; read, filed, and ordered a second reading.

Adjourned to two o'clock, on *Monday* next.

Monday, June 24, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Two Petitions from the Townships of *Middletown* and *Freehold*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying that this Congress would immediately establish such mode of Government as shall be equal to the exigencies of this Colony, and fully coincide with the Resolve of the honourable Continental Congress of the 15th of *May* last; read, and ordered a second reading.

A Letter from the County Committee of *Monmouth*, enclosing an Association signed by certain disaffected persons; read, and ordered a second reading.

A Representation of the County Committee of *Monmouth*, giving a detail of Colonel *Forman* and the Minute-men's seizing several disaffected persons in that County without the express command of the Committee, though approved by them afterwards; accompanied with an account of the expense attending the seizure of said persons; read, and ordered a second reading.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Green*, *Mr. Cooper*, *Mr. Sergeant*, *Mr. Ogen*, *Mr. Elmer*, *Mr. Hughes*, *Mr. Covenhoven*, *Mr. Symmes*, *Mr. Condict*, and *Mr. Dick*, be a Committee to prepare the draft of a Constitution.

*Ordered*, That *Thomas Okeson*, charged with supplying the *British Men-of-War* with Provisions, be committed to the common Jail of *Burlington County*.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, eight o'clock.

Tuesday, June 25, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

The Continental Congress having resolved, "That *William Franklin*, Esquire, be sent under guard to Governour *Trumbull*, of *Connecticut*, who is desired to take his parole; and if *Mr. Franklin* refuse to give his parole, that Governour *Trumbull* be desired to treat him agreeable to the Resolutions of Congress respecting Prisoners."

*Resolved*, That the President do issue orders, and take such measures as may be necessary to carry the above Resolve into execution.

Brigadier-General *Livingston* having, by letter, informed this Congress that he could not, for reasons therein mentioned, accept the command of the Militia destined for *New-York*:

*Resolved*, That Colonel *Nathaniel Heard* be, and he is hereby, appointed Brigadier-General of the said forces.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from *Burlington*, praying that the men raised in order to reinforce the Army at *New-York*, may be subsisted and paid from the time of enlistment, made Report; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Adjourned to three o'clock, afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

Memorial of Colonel *Stephen Hunt*, setting forth that

several difficulties have arisen in raising the new levies, &c.; read, and ordered a second reading.

Representation of *Richard Robins* and *Moses Ivins*, containing reasons for their refusing to obey the summons of this House; read.

The Congress took under consideration the Memorial of Colonel *Hunt*; and also the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from *Burlington County*, &c.; and after some time spent therein, came to the following determination:

Whereas, by a late Ordinance of this Congress, for the raising of three thousand three hundred of the Militia to reinforce the Army at *New-York*, no provision was made for the subsistence of the said Militia from the time of enlistment to the time of marching; and whereas it is highly reasonable that some provision should be made therefor:

It is therefore *Resolved*, That every commissioned Officer be allowed at the rate of fifteen shillings a week for his subsistence from the time he begins to recruit to the time he begins to march to the place of general rendezvous; and that every non-commissioned Officer and Private be allowed at the rate of seven shillings and six pence a week for his subsistence, computing from the time of his enlistment to the time of his marching for the place of destination or general rendezvous.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, eight o'clock.

Wednesday, June 26, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Whereas it appears, from undoubted intelligence, that there are several Insurgents in the County of *Monmouth*, who take every measure in their power to contravene the Regulations of Congress, and to oppose the cause of *American* freedom; and as it is highly necessary that an immediate check be given to so daring a spirit of disaffection:

It is therefore *Resolved, unanimously*, That Colonel *Charles Read* take to his aid two Companies of the Militia of the County of *Burlington*, properly officered and armed, and proceed without delay to the County of *Monmouth*, in order to apprehend such Insurgents and disaffected persons in said County as this Congress shall give in direction to Colonel *Read*.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That Colonel *Read* take, if necessary, to his assistance the Militia of *Monmouth*.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That such Officers and Militia as engage in this service shall receive the like pay as the Continental Troops.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the said Militia furnish themselves with Provisions, and that this Congress will order payment therefor.

*Resolved*, That the following Directions, signed by the President, be given to Colonel *Read*.

Colonel CHARLES READ:

You are hereby ordered to apprehend *Richard Robins* and *Moses Ivins*, and to deliver them unto the keeper of the common Jail of the County of *Gloucester*, who is hereby commanded to keep said persons in close and safe confinement, until this Congress, or Committee of Safety, shall take further order therein; and you are also to apprehend *Anthony Woodward, Jun.*, *Joseph Grover*, *Guisebert Guisebertson*, and *Thomas Lewis Woodward*, and bring them before this Congress, or, during their recess, the Committee of Safety.

Whereas it appears, from authentick information, that certain disaffected persons in the County of *Hunterdon* have confederated for the purpose of opposing the measures of the Continental and Provincial Congresses, and have even proceeded to acts of open and daring violence; have plundered and robbed the house of Captain *Jones*; have beaten, wounded, and otherwise abused the friends of freedom in said County, and now publicly declare, that they will take up arms and engage in behalf of the King of *Great Britain*, the avowed and implacable enemy of the United Colonies: In order to put an effectual stop to a combination so hostile and dangerous:

It is *Resolved, unanimously*, That Lieutenant-Colonel *Ten Eick* and Major *Berry* take to their aid such a number of the Militia, properly officered and armed, of the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Somerset*, as they may think necessary,