

accounts to be raised, entered, and made up, of the expenditure, loan, or other disposition of all publick moneys, by or under the authority of Convention, examine, audit, and adjust all accounts and sums of money due from or to this Colony, in the recess of Convention, and the same transmit, with the respective balances struck, to the Council of Safety for the time being, subject to their examination and control, and in order to be by them paid and discharged.

Resolved, That Mr. *Thomas Contee* be added to the above Board, and that they, or any two of them, be empowered and authorized to act.

On reading a Memorial from Dr. *Charles Alexander Warfield*, of *Anne Arundel* County, for a sum of Money to be advanced him for the purpose of carrying on a Crude Nitre Manufactory,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the consideration of the Council of Safety, and that they contract with him and advance the Money if they think proper.

This Convention, taking into consideration the Resolves of the Convention of *Virginia* of the 31st day of *May* last, relative to the Proceedings of this Convention in *May* respecting the case of Governour *Eden*, came to the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this Convention cannot but be of opinion that the said Resolution of the Convention of *Virginia* were not only hasty, and made without due and proper reflection, but betray a disposition to interfere in the affairs of this Colony, and that that Resolution might have proved highly injurious to the general interest of *America*, by infusing groundless jealousies and effecting fatal divisions.

That this Convention never intermeddled, nor was disposed to interfere with the affairs of *Virginia*, but hath at all times shown a due and proper respect to the Convention of that Colony, and on all occasions must have evinced their sincere and tender regard for the people thereof; and this Convention cannot be of opinion that the Convention of *Virginia* could believe that this Convention promoted Governour *Eden's* passage "to assist in their destruction under a pretence of his retiring to *England*."

That this Convention, and the Council of Safety for the time being, were the only proper and adequate judges of the propriety and expediency of suffering Governour *Eden* to depart out of this Province, and have proceeded in that matter upon evidence which was satisfactory to themselves, and to which the Convention of *Virginia* were strangers.

That had the Convention of *Virginia* been in possession of the evidence upon which the Council of Safety and this Convention proceeded, they could not have been at a loss to account for the Council of Safety their declining to seize Governour *Eden*, or for the Convention having promoted his passage (not, as is unjustly insinuated in the Resolution of the *Virginia* Convention, to assist in their destruction, but really) to *England*, whither this Convention hath the best grounds to believe he would go by the first opportunity. Nor can the address alluded to in the said Resolution of the Convention of *Virginia*, in the opinion of this Convention, be considered as enabling, nor was it meant to enable, Governour *Eden* to assume the character of a publick agent, nor can this Convention discover how the said Governour would thereby be enabled to promote divisions and disunion amongst the Colonies; but the same was presented as a testimony due to the Governour of the sense this Convention entertained of his fair and impartial representations of the principles, motives, and views of the people of this Colony, so far as the same had come to their knowledge.

That although this Convention was sensible that in the absence of the Governour the Government in its old form would devolve to the President of the Council of State, and although such President should be under equal obligations with the Governour to perform the Ministerial mandates, yet was the Convention fully satisfied that it would not be equally, if at all, in the power of the President to perform such mandates; and therefore this Convention cannot but consider the imputing their proceedings "to some undue influence of Governour *Eden* under the mask of friendship to *America*, and of the Proprietary interest in *Maryland*," as groundless and unjust; nor is this Convention able to discover how their vote for the departure of Governour *Eden* from this Province could have any evil tendency to the common cause, or to *Virginia* in particular.

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That as the Convention of *Virginia* hath by their said Resolution appealed to the good people of this Province against their Convention, and by their publication of the said Resolve, have endeavoured to injure this Convention in the good opinion of the United Colonies at large, it became the indispensable duty of this—though they are anxiously desirous to cultivate union and harmony with their sister Colonies—thus to vindicate their proceedings, and those of the Council of Safety, which this Convention did approve of, against the groundless and unjust imputations contained in the said Resolution of the Convention of *Virginia*; and conscious of the uprightness of their own intentions, and the rectitude of the measures they adopted, do wholly deny, and can cheerfully join in the appeal to their constituents, and to all men acquainted with the affairs of *Maryland*, against the charge of Proprietary influence.

On reading the Resolutions relative to the Resolve of the Convention of *Virginia*, the question was put, That the words, "and do," in the last Resolve, between the word "did" and the word "approve," be struck out of the said Resolve?

Resolved in the affirmative.

FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Jordan,	Mr. Sim,	Mr. Moale,
Barnes,	Beall,	Tolley,
Hawkins,	Contee,	Hall,
Hooe,	S. Chase,	Dallam,
Harrison,	Carroll of Carrollton,	Gilpin,
Mackall,	Griffith,	Ewing,
Smith,	Beatty,	Letherbury,
Allein,	B. Johnson,	Done.

FOR THE NEGATIVE.

Mr. Somerville,	Mr. Ringgold,	Mr. Richardson,
T. Johnson,	Hollyday,	Mason,
Love,	Thomas Wright,	Bishop,
Veazey,	Earle,	J. Dashiell.
Thompson,	Murray,	

Resolved, That the following Declaration be entered on the Journal of this Convention:

A DECLARATION of the Delegates of MARYLAND.

To be exempted from Parliamentary taxation, and to regulate their internal government and polity, the people of this Colony have ever considered as their inherent and unalienable right. Without the former, they can have no property; without the latter, no security for their lives or liberties.

The Parliament of *Great Britain* has of late claimed an uncontrollable right of binding these Colonies in all cases whatsoever. To enforce an unconditional submission to this claim, the Legislative and Executive powers of that state have invariably pursued for these ten years past a studied system of oppression, by passing many impolitick, severe, and cruel acts for raising a revenue from the Colonists; by depriving them in many cases of the trial by Jury; by altering the chartered Constitution of one Colony, and the entire stoppage of the trade of its Capital; by cutting off all intercourse between the Colonies; by restraining them from fishing on their own coasts; by extending the limits of, and erecting an arbitrary Government in the Province of *Quebeck*; by confiscating the property of the Colonists taken on the seas, and compelling the crews of their vessels, under the pain of death, to act against their native country and dearest friends; by declaring all seizures, detention, or destruction, of the persons or property of the Colonists, to be legal and just.

A war unjustly commenced hath been prosecuted against the United Colonies with cruelty, outrageous violence, and perfidy; slaves, savages, and foreign mercenaries, have been meanly hired to rob a people of their property, liberties, and lives,—a people guilty of no other crime than deeming the last of no estimation without the secure enjoyment of the former. Their humble and dutiful petitions for peace, liberty, and safety, have been rejected with scorn; secure of and relying on foreign aid, not on his national forces, the unrelenting Monarch of *Britain* hath at length avowed, by his answer to the City of *London*, his determined and inexorable resolution of reducing these Colonies to abject slavery.

Compelled by dire necessity either to surrender our properties, liberties, and lives, into the hands of a *British* King and Parliament, or to use such means as will most probably secure to us and our posterity those invaluable blessings,

We, the Delegates of *Maryland* in Convention assembled, do declare, that the King of *Great Britain* has violated his compact with this people, and that they owe no allegiance to him; we have therefore thought it just and necessary to empower our Deputies in Congress to join with a majority of the United Colonies in declaring them free and independent States, in framing such further Confederation between them, in making foreign alliances, and in adopting such other measures as shall be judged necessary for the preservation of their liberties: provided, the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal polity and government of this Colony be reserved to the people thereof. We have also thought proper to call a new Convention, for the purpose of establishing a Government in this Colony. No ambitious views, no desire of independence, induced the people of *Maryland* to form an union with the other Colonies. To procure an exemption from Parliamentary taxation, and to continue to the Legislatures of these Colonies the sole and exclusive right of regulating their internal polity, was our original and only motive. To maintain inviolate our liberties, and to transmit them unimpaired to posterity, was our duty and first wish; our next, to continue connected with, and dependant on, *Great Britain*. For the truth of these assertions, we appeal to that Almighty Being who is emphatically styled the Searcher of hearts, and from whose omniscience nothing is concealed. Relying on His divine protection and affiance, and trusting to the justice of our cause, we exhort and conjure every virtuous citizen to join cordially in defence of our common rights, and in maintenance of the freedom of this and her sister Colonies.

Adjourned till three o'clock.

Post Meridiem. Convention met.

The President laid before the Convention several Letters from the Honourable the President of the Congress, of the 25th and 29th of *June*, and of the 4th of this instant, and sundry Resolutions of that respectable body, which were taken into consideration,

And thereupon, *Ordered*, That Colonel *Smallwood* immediately proceed with his Battalion to the City of *Philadelphia*, and put himself under the Continental Officer commanding there, and be subject to the further orders of the Congress.

Ordered, That the Independent Companies stationed in *Talbot*, *Kent*, *Queen Anne's*, and *St. Mary's* Counties, immediately proceed to *Philadelphia*, and put themselves under the command of Colonel *Smallwood*, subject to the further orders of the Congress.

Ordered, That Vessels be immediately procured to transport such of the said Troops as are on the *Western-Shore* to the head of *Elk*.

Resolved, That the Council of Safety take such measures as they may think best, to supply the said Troops with Carriages and Provisions on their march to *Philadelphia*.

Resolved, That the said Battalion and Independent Companies be deducted from the number of Militia required by Congress of this Colony to compose the Flying-Camp.

Ordered, That copies of the Letter from Congress, of the 4th instant, and of the above Resolutions, be transmitted, by express, to the several Committees in each County, and that they be earnestly requested to give every assistance in their power to the immediate enrolling of the Militia Companies, and enabling them to march.

Resolved, That the Council of Safety direct such and so many of the said Militia Companies to march to the City of *Annapolis*, *Baltimore Town*, *Talbot*, *Kent*, *Queen Anne's*, and *St. Mary's* Counties, as will supply the number and places of the said Battalion and Independent Companies; and that till the places of the Regular Troops ordered from *Annapolis* and *Baltimore Town* can be supplied by the Militia to be raised as aforesaid, the Council of Safety direct three Companies of the neighbouring Militia to march into *Annapolis*, and two Companies of the neighbouring Militia to march into *Baltimore Town*.

Resolved, That the Continental Officer who may command the Flying-Camp is requested, if the service will permit, to separate the Corps of Regulars from the Corps of Militia to be supplied by this Province, to prevent any ground of discontent about rank.

Resolved, That this Province will raise two Companies of Riflemen and four Companies of *Germans*, according to the requisitions of Congress in their Resolutions of the 27th day of *June* last.

That one of the said Companies of Riflemen be raised in *Harford* County, two of the said Companies of *Germans* be raised in *Baltimore* County, and one of the Companies of Riflemen and two of the Companies of *Germans* be raised in *Frederick* County.

That to expedite the raising and levying the said Troops, the Committee of Observation for *Harford* County recommend the Officers of the Company to be raised in that County; the Committee of Observation for *Baltimore* County, the Officers of the Companies to be raised in that County; and that two of the Committee of Observation from each of the Districts of *Frederick* County, who are to meet at *Fredericktown* on *Friday*, the 12th day of this instant, *July*, or the major part of them so met, recommend the Officers of the Companies of *Germans* to be raised in that County, and also the Officers of the Rifle Company to be raised there, except the Captain.

That *Lemuel Barrett* be Captain of the Rifle Company to be raised in *Frederick* County, if he will act as such.

That each of the Companies of *Germans* consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, one Fifer, and seventy-six Privates; and each of the Rifle Companies of one Captain, three Lieutenants, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, one Fifer, and seventy-six Privates; and that the Officers being approved, be appointed and certified to the Congress by the Council of Safety.

That each of the Officers, being nominated by the Committees, have Warrants for inlisting, and that each of the Officers inlist the following numbers, to wit: a Captain thirty, First and Second Lieutenant twenty, Third Lieutenant, or Ensign, sixteen; and that, by order of the Council of Safety, the said Officers draw out of the publick Treasury moneys sufficient to discharge the bounties.

The Committee for that purpose appointed, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following Report:

"Your Committee, appointed to examine and price the Linen brought in by *Edward Parker*, do report, that he has brought in six hundred and eleven yards, valued at 3s. 6d. per yard, and four hundred and twenty-seven and a quarter yards, at 2s. 3d. per yard, common currency. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable House.

"*THOMAS CONTEE, Chairman Committee.*"

Which was read and agreed to.

Whereas this Convention hath resolved, "that the several Companies of Militia intended to be raised for the purpose of forming a Flying-Camp for the protection of the Middle Colonies, shall be mustered and passed by some one of the Field-Officers of the Counties where such Companies shall be raised, and the Captains shall return two copies of his Muster-Roll, certified by the Field-Officer who musters the men, to the Council of Safety:" And whereas no Field-Officers are appointed in *Kent* County: It is, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee of Observation for *Kent* County are hereby authorized to appoint a Militia commissioned Officer in said County, who is empowered to muster and pass such Companies in as full and ample manner as if the same was done by a Field-Officer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Commissioners appointed by a Resolve of the Convention of this Province, in *December* last, for the purpose of establishing a Gun-lock Manufactory in *Fredericktown*, in *Frederick* County, or in the neighbourhood thereof, for which purpose £1,200 was appropriated, do lay before the next Convention, on the third day of their sitting, a full and clear account of their proceedings in the premises, together with state of the said Manufactory.

On reading and considering the Report from the Committee appointed to report on the Petition of *John Brewer*, of the City of *Annapolis*,

Resolved, That the Fine imposed on the said *John Brewer* by the Committee of Observation for *Anne Arundel* County be remitted, and his Fire-Arms returned to him.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all Petitions, Applications, and Reports to Convention this present session, and all Peti-