

1776.

PROCEEDINGS of CONVENTION.

MONDAY, September 16, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Hughes. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Worthington, Mr. Bruff, Mr. J. Mackall, and Mr. Fenwick, appeared in the house. Mr. Hooe and Mr. Semmes have leave of absence. Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 17, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Hooe, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chamberlaine has leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, That the question be put on the following :
As the establishing a bill of rights, and the formation of a new government on the authority of the people only, are matters of the utmost importance to the good people of this state, and their posterity ; and as the bill of rights and form of government reported to this convention by the committee chosen for that purpose, have been referred for consideration to Monday the thirtieth instant, occasioned by the necessary attendance in congress of several of the representatives of the people ; in order therefore that the fullest consideration may be had thereon, RESOLVED, That the said bill of rights and form of government be immediately printed for the consideration of the people at large, and that twelve copies thereof be sent without delay to each county in this state.

The previous question was called for by Mr. Gustavus Scott, and put, Whether the above question be now put ? Resolved in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE					
Messrs	Fenwick, B. Mackall, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall, Bowie,	B. Hall, Marbury, Hammond, J. Hall, Shriver,	Ridgely, Deye, Stevenson, Shepherd, Bond,	H. Wilton, Love, Archer, W. Ringgold,	S. Wright, Bruff, Edmondson, Gibson,
					Potter, Mason, Chaille, Mitchell.
NEGATIVE					
Messrs	Barnes, Plater, Dent, Parnham,	Sprigg, Carroll, Wootton,	J. Wilton, Bayly, Edelen,	J. Smith, J. T. Chase, T. Ringgold,	Earle, T. Smyth, Murray,
					John Ennalls, Gustavus Scott, Horsey.

The main question was then put, and resolved in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE					
Messrs	Fenwick, B. Mackall, Fitzhugh, J. Mackall, Bowie,	B. Hall, Marbury, Hammond, J. Hall, J. Wilton,	Bayly, Shriver, Ridgely, Deye, Stevenson,	Shepherd, Bond, H. Wilton, Love, Archer,	W. Ringgold, S. Wright, Bruff, Edmondson, Gibson,
					John Ennalls, Potter, Mason, Chaille, Mitchell.
NEGATIVE					
Messrs	Barnes, Plater, Dent,	Parnham, Sprigg, Carroll,	Wootton, Edelen, J. Smith,	J. T. Chase, T. Ringgold, Earle,	T. Smyth, Murray,
					Gustavus Scott, Horsey.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, That the house be adjourned to the 30th instant, and all the members absent as well as present requested to give punctual attendance on that day, and that no itinerant charges for going and returning be allowed to any of the members ?

It was moved, That the question consisting of two parts be separated ? Upon which the question was put, That the same be divided into two questions ? Resolved in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE					
Messrs	Barnes, Fenwick, Plater, Jordan,	Marbury, Hammond, J. Hall, Carroll,	Wootton, J. Wilton, Bayly, J. Smith,	Chase, Archer, T. Ringgold, W. Ringgold,	Earle, T. Smyth, S. Wright, Bruff,
					Mason, Gustavus Scott, Horsey, Mitchell.
NEGATIVE					
Messrs	Dent, Parnham, B. Mackall, Fitzhugh,	J. Mackall, Bowie, B. Hall, Sprigg,	Edelen, Shriver, Ridgely, Deye,	Stevenson, Shepherd, Bond, H. Wilton,	Love, Edmondson, Gibson, Murray,
					John Ennalls, Potter, Chaille.

The question was then put, That the house be adjourned to the 30th instant, and all the members absent as well as present requested to give punctual attendance on that day ? Resolved in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE					
Messrs	Fenwick, Dent, Parnham, B. Mackall, Fitzhugh,	J. Mackall, Bowie, B. Hall, Sprigg, Bayly,	Edelen, Shriver, Ridgely, Deye, Stevenson,	Shepherd, Bond, H. Wilton, Love, Archer,	Edmondson, Gibson, Murray, John Ennalls, Potter,
					Mason, Chaille, Mitchell, Gustavus Scott, Horsey.
NEGATIVE					
Messrs	Barnes, Plater, Jordan,	Marbury, Hammond, J. Hall,	Carroll, Wootton, J. Wilton,	J. Smith, J. T. Chase, T. Ringgold,	W. Ringgold, Earle, T. Smyth,
					S. Wright, Bruff.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Chase, RESOLVED *unanimously*, That no itinerant charges for going and returning be allowed to any of the members.

Convention adjourned till Monday the 30th instant, and thence from day to day, till

WEDNESDAY, October 2, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Tuesday the 17th of September last, except Mr. Jordan, Mr. B. Mackall, Mr. B. Hall, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Schnebely, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. D. Smith,