

where the original actions shall be brought by licence from the committee of observation.

RESOLVED, That the committees of observation now in being in each county, and the committees of Frederick county, in their respective districts, meet as soon as they conveniently can, after publication and due notice of these resolves, and that committees hereafter to be chosen, meet as soon as they conveniently can, at the court-house, or some other place agreed upon by themselves, and appoint by the ballot, seven of their number to be a committee for licencing suits; which said committee shall meet on the first and third Mondays in every month, for the purpose of receiving applications, and give notice of the place where they intend to meet.

RESOLVED, That it is earnestly recommended by this Convention to all the inhabitants of this province, to make payment without compulsion when they are able, or give security as above mentioned, and particularly that they pay the public taxes, and interest money due in the loan-office; it being the design of this Convention to prevent oppression and imprisonment of poor debtors, but not to give any pretence of non-payment to those who are of sufficient ability to pay their just debts.

Doubts being entertained, whether merchandise or other commodities taken on board craft, or in any manner water borne, before the tenth day of September next, may not be considered as exported within the 4th article of the continental association, although the said merchandise or commodities be not before that time taken on board the ship or vessel that shall export the same, **RESOLVED,** That where any such merchandise or other commodity whatsoever, is or shall before the same 10th day of September be laden on board the ship or vessel that shall actually export the same, such loading on board shall be deemed a sufficient exportation, within the spirit and intention of the said article, and not otherwise.

It appearing to this Convention, that a person arrested by the sheriff of Baltimore county, and in his custody for debt, had been rescued by some disorderly people in that county, and that the riot had been suppressed, and the prisoner so rescued had been restored to the custody of the said sheriff, by the intervention and activity of captains Buchanan and Gift, and the companies under their command. And this Convention being fully impressed with the necessity that the civil power in the ordinary administration of justice should be supported, it is **RESOLVED,** That this Convention do highly approve of the conduct of the said captains and their companies, in the suppression of the said riot, and support of the civil authority, and that this resolve be communicated to the said captains and their companies, by the delegates of Baltimore county in this Convention.

ORDERED, That out of the public arms in the possession of colonels Joshua Beall, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd and Henry Hooper, a quantity of arms, with proportion of lead and ammunition sufficient for a company, be by them delivered to such captain of minute-men as the Council of Safety shall direct.

RESOLVED, That the late committee of observation for Cecil county be authorized to act as usual, until the second Tuesday of September next.

RESOLVED, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; and Thomas Johnson, jun. Robert Goldsborough, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Thomas Stone, and John Hall, Esqrs. or any three or more of them, be deputies to represent this province in Continental Congress, and that they or any three or more of them, have full and ample power to consent and agree to all measures which such Congress shall deem necessary and effectual to obtain a redress of American grievances; and further we do authorize our said deputies to represent and act for this province in any Continental Congress which may be held before the 25th day of March next.