

That the said election be held under the inspection of such persons as may be chosen and appointed by the freemen of that district for the purpose, and be conducted in the same manner and under the same rules as laid down by the last Convention for chusing delegates.

That the freemen of the said district chuse fifteen discreet and sensible men of the same district to be a committee for the said district, any seven of them to act; and that the election be made agreeable to the Resolves of the last Convention.

On reading a second time the petition from the inhabitants of the city of Annapolis, RESOLVED, That the same be referred for consideration till the next session of Convention.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met.

RESOLVED, That this Convention do highly disapprove of the negligence of many of the people of this province, in not paying off their levies, which ought to have been paid and discharged the last summer; and much more so, of the combinations in some few parts of this province against the payment of levies, such conduct evidently leading to throw this province into the disorder, confusion and anarchy desired by the inveterate enemies and dreaded by the real friends to American liberty.

RESOLVED therefore, That this Convention will, if necessary, aid the officers with their utmost power, in the collection of the levies which ought to have been paid in the summer past; yet those officers are requested not to restrain the effects of those, whose extreme poverty disables them from paying.

RESOLVED, That the justices of the several county courts ought to assess the inhabitants of their counties, agreeable to the acts of assembly of this province; but as the people may not be able, if the unhappy differences with Great-Britain should continue, to pay the whole of the assessments for building court-houses, churches, and for the like extraordinary charges, and a Convention will probably again meet before the time of payment, the legislative authority for the time being will make further order, as to the payment of such assessments as the circumstances of the people may require, and the application of the money assessed will admit; it being the fixed intention of this Convention to support order in the community, and ease the good people of this province as far as possible.

On reading the following application of John Archer and James Harris of Harford county:

December 6, 1775."

" Gentlemen,

" WE are fully convinced of the public utility of factories, and would therefore make an overture to you to undertake a flax or hemp manufactory. To carry on the above branch of business to any effect, we should stand in need of £. 300, which we would engage to remit in linen of such sizes as you would recommend, at the following times; one third of the above sum the first of June next, one third more on the first of September, and the remaining third the first of December 1776; the cost we will cheerfully transmit therewith, and leave the price to the honourable Convention.

" To the delegates of Harford county }

" now sitting in Convention. }

JOHN ARCHER,
JAMES HARRIS."

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred pounds, out of the treasury of this province, be advanced to the said John Archer and James Harris, agreeable to their application aforesaid, on their giving bond with good security, payable to the honourable

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