

company of militia in Charles county; proposals from Henry Hollingsworth of Cecil county, to manufacture gun barrels; a petition from John Brewer of the city of Annapolis; and a petition from the inhabitants of Prince George's county, on Potowmac river, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jordan appeared in the house.

The convention being informed that Mr. Samuel Purviance, jr., was attending, agreeable to his recognizance entered into by order of the council of safety on the 26th day of April last, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine the papers laid before the convention by the council of safety, relative to the conduct of the said Samuel Purviance, jr., and report the charge arising therefrom; and Mr. Hollyday, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. T. Johnson, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

A petition from the committee and inhabitants of the upper district of Frederick county; a petition from the committee and others, the freemen of the lower district of said county; a memorial from captain Edward Veazey of the 7th independent company of regular troops; and a remonstrance from the committee of observation for Talbot county, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hollyday brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to examine the papers laid before the convention by the council of safety, relative to the conduct of the said Samuel Purviance, jr., which was read a first and second time, and follows in these words, to wit:

"By the committee appointed to examine the papers laid before the convention by the council of safety, relative to the conduct of Samuel Purviance, jr., of Baltimore town, &c.

"Your committee do report, that they have examined the papers laid before the convention, from which it appears to your committee, that the charge arising from the said papers falls under the following heads:

"*First*, That the said Samuel Purviance, since the rising of the last convention, hath usurped a power to direct the operations of the military force of this province, (at a time when the council of safety, to whom the same solely and properly belongs in the recess of convention, was sitting, and might without inconvenience have been applied to,) as appears by his letter of instructions to captain