

ciliation with Great Britain, has been, or is likely to be given, but the whole force of that kingdom, aided by foreign mercenaries, is to be exerted for the destruction of the good people of these colonies—and whereas it appears absolutely irreconcilable to reason and good conscience, for the people of these colonies NOW to take the oaths and affirmations necessary for the support of any government under the crown of Great Britain; and it is necessary that the exercise of every kind of authority under the said crown should be totally suppressed, and all the powers of government exerted under the authority of the people of the colonies, for the preservation of internal peace, virtue, and good order, as well as for the defence of their lives, liberties and properties, against the hostile invasions and cruel depredations of their enemies—Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the respective assemblies, and conventions, of the united colonies, where no government sufficient to the exigencies of their affairs has been heretofore established, to adopt such government as shall, in the opinion of the representatives of the people, best conduce to the happiness and safety of their constituents in particular, and America in general.

“Extract from the minutes, CHA. THOMSON, sec’y.
Which was read and thereupon, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report thereon; and Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Hollyday, and Mr. Tilghman, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

The proceedings of the committee of observation for Prince George’s county on the 16th inst. were read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the merchants of Dorchester county; a letter from John Hanson, jr. of Frederick county; and a petition from the minute company lately commanded by captain William Henry, praying to be established a company of militia, under their late officers, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o’clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Met according to adjournment.

Ordered, That the muskets made and sent hither by Henry Yost and John Unsold of Frederick county, in consequence of their respective contracts with the council of safety on the 28th day of November and 14th of December last, be returned to them as unfit for service, and that they pay the expense of sending them here.

Mr. T. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report