regulating the internal polity and government of this colony be reserved to the people thereof. We have also thought proper to call a new convention, for the purpose of establishing a government in this colony. No ambitious views, no desire of independence, induced the people of Maryland to form an union with the other col-To procure an exemption from parliamentary taxation, and to continue to the legislatures of these colonies the sole and exclusive right of regulating their internal polity, was our original and only motive. To maintain inviolate our liberties, and to transmit them unimpared to posterity, was our duty and first wish; our next, to continue connected with, and dependent on Great Britain. the truth of these assertions, we appeal to that Almighty Being who is emphatically styled the searcher of hearts, and from whose omniscience nothing is concealed. Relying on his divine protection and affiance, and trusting to the justice of our cause, we exort and conjure every virtuous citizen to join cordially in defence of our common rights, and in maintainance of the freedom of this and her sister colonies.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met.

The president laid before the convention several letters from the honorable, the president of the congress, of the 25th and 29th of June, and of the 4th instant, and sundry resolutions of that respectable body, which were taken into consideration, and thereupon Ordered, That colonel Smallwood immediately proceed with his battalion to the city of Philadelphia, and put himself under the continental officer commanding there, and be subject to the further orders of the congress.

Ordered, That the independent companies stationed in Talbot, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's counties, immediately proceed to Philadelphia, and put themselves under the command of colonel Smallwood, subject to the further orders of the congress.

Ordered, That vessels be immediately procured to transport such of the said troops as are on the western shore to the head of Elk.

Resolved, That the council of safety take such measures as they may think best, to supply the said troops with carriages and provisions on their march to Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the said battalion and independent companies be deducted from the number of the militia required by congress of this colony to compose the flying camp.

Ordered, That copies of the letter from congress of the 4th instand of the above resolutions, be transmitted by express, to the se-