

in said county, by John Page, William Rogers, and William Bordly, Esqrs. or any two or one of them, and that the said election be held and made agreeable to the directions and resolves of the last convention.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state; Mr. T. Wright in the chair. After some time spent therein Mr. President resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the declaration of rights, and form of government for this state, and had come to several resolutions thereon, but not having had time to come to a conclusion, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

Mr. Bowie and Mr. Hooe have leave of absence for a few days, on account of particular private business.

This convention being informed, that in the constitution or form of government agreed to by the delegates of Virginia, a claim is made by them injurious to the inhabitants of this state, *Ordered*, That the same be read, and the same was read as follows, to wit:

“The territories contained within the charters erecting the colonies of Maryland, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, are hereby ceded, released, and forever confirmed to the people of those colonies respectively, with all the rights of property, jurisdiction and government, and all other rights whatsoever, which might at any time hereafter have been claimed by Virginia, except the free navigation and use of the rivers Potowmack and Pocomoke, with the property of the Virginia shores or strands, bordering on either of the said rivers, and all improvements which have been or shall be made thereon. The western and northern extent of Virginia shall in all other respects stand as fixed by the charter of king James the first, in the year one thousand six hundred and nine, and by the public treaty of peace between the courts of Great Britain and France in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty three; unless, by an act of legislature, one or more territories shall hereafter be laid off, and governments established westward of the Alleghany mountains. And no purchase of lands shall be made of the Indian natives, but on behalf of the public, by authority of the general assembly.”

*Resolved*, That this convention will on to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole; to take the same into consideration. Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.