

third Mondays in every month, for the purpose of receiving applications, and give notice of the place where they intend to meet.

*Resolved*, That it is earnestly recommended by this convention to all the inhabitants of this province, to make payment without compulsion when they are able, or give security as above mentioned, and particularly that they pay the public taxes, and interest money due in the loan-office; it being the design of this convention to prevent oppression and imprisonment of poor debtors, but not to give any pretence of non-payment to those who are of sufficient ability to pay their just debts.

Doubts being entertained, whether merchandize or other commodities taken on board craft, or in any manner water borne, before the 10th day of September next, may not be considered as exported within the 4th article of the continental association, although the said merchandize or commodities be not before that time taken on board the ship or vessel that shall export the same, *Resolved*, That where any such merchandize or other commodity whatsoever, is or shall before the same 10th day of September be laden on board the ship or vessel that shall actually export the same, such loading on board shall be deemed a sufficient exportation, within the spirit and intention of the said article, and not otherwise.

It appearing to this convention, that a person arrested by the sheriff of Baltimore county, and in his custody for debt, had been rescued by some disorderly people in that county, and that the riot had been suppressed, and the prisoner so rescued had been restored to the custody of the said sheriff, by the intervention and activity of captains Buchanan and Gist, and the companies under their command. And this convention being fully impressed with the necessity that the civil power in the ordinary administration of justice should be supported, it is *Resolved*, That this convention do highly approve of the conduct of the said captains and their companies, in the suppression of the said riot, and support of the civil authority, and that this resolve be communicated to the said captains and their companies, by the delegates of Baltimore county in this convention.

*Ordered*, That out of the public arms in the possession of colonels Joshua Beall, Richard Lloyd, Edward Lloyd, and Henry Hooper, a quantity of arms, with proportion of lead and ammunition sufficient for a company, be by them delivered to such captain of minute men as the council of safety shall direct.

*Resolved*, That the late committee of observation for Cecil county be authorised to act as usual, until the second Tuesday of September next.