

Resolved, That this province be immediately put in the best state of defence.

Resolved, That a sufficient armed force be immediately raised and embodied under proper officers, for the defence and protection of this province.

Resolved, That 1444 men, with proper officers, be immediately raised in the pay and for the defence of this province.

Resolved, That 8 companies of the said troops, to consist of 68 privates each, under proper officers, be formed into a battalion.

Resolved, That the remainder of the said troops be divided into companies of one hundred men each.

Resolved, That two companies of the said troops, to consist of one hundred men each, be companies of matrosses, and trained as such.

Which were read and agreed to.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report resolutions for raising, clothing, and victualling the forces to be raised in this province; and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stone, Mr. Carroll, barrister, Mr. Rumsey, and Mr. Ware, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report rules and regulations for the government of the forces to be raised in this province; and Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, Mr. Stone, Mr. Rumsey, and Mr. J. Tilghman, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Mr. S. Chase has leave of absence on Wednesday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

Convention met. Mr Sim and Mr. Somerville appeared in the house. Mr. Letherbury, Mr. Sudler, and Mr. Sluby, have leave of absence.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 2, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the acceptance of any office in the regular forces to be raised in this province, shall be a disqualification of the officer accepting the same, from and after the making out and acceptance of his commission, to be a delegate to serve in convention, or to be of the council of safety, or a member of any committee of observation, or of any other civil office under the au-