

liberties of America; and also have power and authority to hear, try and imprison till the end of the next convention, or banish all such offenders guilty of the offence aforesaid, as may be sent to them by the several committees of observation.

That the said council of safety have full power and authority to pardon all offenders upon whom sentence of death shall be pronounced by a court-martial, under the rules passed by this convention for governing the forces raised or to be raised within this province, for the defence thereof.

That the said council of safety may call a meeting of the convention of Maryland before the time to which it may be adjourned, and that any two members may call a meeting of the said council of safety.

That the said council of safety may draw upon the treasuries of the western and eastern shores for all charges and expenses incurred in the execution of their office.

That the said council of safety sit constantly if the service requires it, and that their ordinary sessions be held at the city of Annapolis or Baltimore town, but the place of sitting may be changed at the discretion of the said council to any other part of the province, where the public service may require it.

That every member of the said council of safety, before he enters on the execution of his office, take, before some justice of the peace, the following oath, to wit: "You A. B. do swear, that any matter or thing which shall come to your knowledge as a member of the council of safety which is ordered to be kept secret by a majority of the said council of safety, you will not divulge, unless to the deputies in congress for this province, with the permission of the said council of safety, or to a convention of delegates, or member of the said council of safety, or with the permission of the said council of safety or convention. So help you GOD." And that the clerk of the said council of safety shall take an oath in the said form, except instead of the words "as a member of the council of safety," inserting, "as clerk to the council of safety."

That the said council of safety continue till the end of the next convention and no longer, unless otherwise ordered by the next convention, and that they render an account of their proceedings, and always be subject to the control of the convention.

That the honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq., and Charles Carroll, barrister, John Hall, and Benjamin Rumsey, esqrs., of the western shore, and James Tilghman, Thomas Smyth, and Thomas Bedingfield Hands, Esqrs., of the eastern shore, be the said council of safety.