

*Ordered*, That Gabriel Duvall be continued clerk to the convention, and that he qualify himself as such by taking oath that he will faithfully, diligently, and honestly discharge the office of clerk to the convention of Maryland, and that he will not disclose or reveal the secrets thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Allen Quynn be continued messenger, and Mr. Robert Reynolds door keeper to the convention, and that they severally qualify themselves as such by taking the oath of office and secrecy as above directed to be taken by the clerk.

*Ordered*, That the resolve of secrecy entered into at the last session of convention be observed this session.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, May 9, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Col. George Plater, a member for St. Mary's county, appeared and took his seat in the house. Mr. Sudler appeared in the house.

A remonstrance from the committee of observation for the lower district of Frederick county, relating to the payment of public taxes; a petition from the lieutenants of the second independent company of regular troops, praying to be removed from said company; a petition from William Faris of the city of Annapolis; and the proceedings of the committee of observation for Talbot county, against Alexander Wickham, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Certificates of the qualification of the clerk, messenger and door keeper, were produced and filed.

The proceedings of the council of safety, in consequence of intercepted letters from lord George Germain to Robert Eden, Esq., deputy governor of Maryland, were laid before the convention, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a second time the representation of the committee of Talbot county of the case of Alexander Wickham, *Ordered*, That the said Alexander Wickham be committed to the custody of a guard, to be appointed by col. William Smallwood, until the convention shall take order in the premises, and that the guard from the independent company commanded by captain Hindman, be discharged of the said Alexander Wickham.

Adjourned till three o'clock.