

commission, is entitled to and hath precedence of any captain having a commission of a later date.

The Convention having, on motion, considered the situation of the officers and privates of captains Barnes's and Elliott's companies of militia, in Kent island, do RESOLVE, That the said companies be not hereafter obliged to join in battalion off the said island, unless when the public service may require, that they should march to some other part of this province, any thing in the proceedings of the last Convention, or the committee of observation for Queen-Anne's county notwithstanding.

RESOLVED, That the said two companies meet and exercise together at such times and places, on the said island, as the field officers of the battalion to which they belong shall appoint, not oftener than once in every week, nor seldomer than once in every two months, the day of their exercising together being accounted as the day of exercise for the week.

RESOLVED, That captain George Noble Sweat's company of militia, in Queen-Anne's county, be added to the twentieth battalion of militia of this province.

On motion, RESOLVED, That all petitions, applications and reports to Convention this present session, and all petitions, applications and reports to Convention in their last session, whereon no final order hath been made, be referred for consideration to the next session of Convention.

On motion, RESOLVED, That nine persons, five of whom residing on the Western, and four on the Eastern-shore, be elected by ballot a Council of Safety, and be and continue such until the end of the next session of Convention; and that until that time, they, or any four or more of them, having taken the oath prescribed to be taken by the Council of Safety, by a resolution of the last session of Convention, shall have and exercise the like and same powers, as the present Council of Safety had or might exercise under the resolutions of the last session of Convention, from the time of their appointment until the end of this session.

The ballots being accordingly taken, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Charles Carroll, barrister, John Hall, Benjamin Rumsey, and George Plater, Esquires, of the Western-shore; and James Tilghman, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Bedingfield Hands, and William Hayward, Esquires, of the Eastern-shore, appeared to be and were declared duly elected.

RESOLVED, That each member of the Council of Safety be allowed and paid fourteen shillings common money, out of the treasury of this province, for every day such member shall sit, or be absent from home on public business.

The journal of accounts was read and assented to.

ORDERED, That the treasurer of the Western-shore pay the several sums allowed in the same.

ORDERED, That James Hollyday and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, revise the journal of the proceedings of this Convention.

The Convention adjourns till the first Monday in August next, to sit at this place, but the Council of Safety may convene the Convention at any other time or place, if they shall judge it necessary.

Signed by order of the Convention,

GABRIEL DUVAL, clk.