

misrepresentations of them and their conduct, to those especially who stand high in the present system of authority or command in America. That if the representations of the said Samuel Purviance concerning the Convention and Council of Safety to the president of the Congress and general Lee were true, such representations could not be serviceable to the public, because neither the president of the Congress or general Lee could displace, nor could properly have any influence towards displacing any individual of either of those bodies, however unequal he might be to his public station. But that such representations being indeed false, the calumny might have proved highly prejudicial to the cause of America in general and to this province in particular.

That this Convention are therefore of opinion, that justice would well warrant a more exemplary punishment to be inflicted on the said Samuel Purviance for his said misdoings; but that in consideration of his active zeal in the common cause, and in expectation that he will hereafter conduct himself with more respect to the public bodies necessarily entrusted with power mediately or immediately by the people of this province, and will be more attentive to propriety, this Convention hath resolved, that the said Samuel Purviance for his said conduct be censured and reprimanded, and that Mr. President do from the chair censure and reprimand him accordingly, and that he be thereupon discharged.

And thereupon the said Samuel Purviance, junior, being called in, and being at the bar of this house, Mr. President communicated to him the resolve of Convention, and did censure and reprimand him accordingly.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to view and value the linen manufactured and transmitted to the Council of Safety by Edward Parker of Cæcil county, in pufuance of his engagement with the Convention at their session in December last; and Mr. Hooe, Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Chamberlaine, and Mr. Contee, were elected by ballot a committee for that purpose.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Met according to adjournment. Mr. Rumfey has leave of absence.

The committee for that purpose appointed, bring in and deliver to Mr. President a report on the memorial of Edward Lloyd, Esquire, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a second time the proceedings of the committee of observation for Prince-George's county, relative to the rev. Mr. John Eversfield, **RESOLVED**, That in consideration of the age and infirmities of the said John Eversfield, and his want of abilities to exert any dangerous influence, that he be discharged, on paying the expences of his confinement.

Mr. T. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. President a report from the committee appointed to consider of and report proper alterations or additions to the resolutions of Convention, for encouraging the making of marine salt; which was read a first and second time, and thereupon the Convention, taking the same into consideration, **RESOLVED**, That a public salt-work be erected on or near the bay near the mouth of Patowmack, and another on the sea-board of this province; and that the said works be carried