

Whereas many farmers and planters are indebted in sums of money bearing interest, and from there being no market for the tobacco, wheat, and other usual produce of their farms and plantations since the tenth day of September last, they have not been enabled to pay the interest accrued since that time, and from a continuance of the cause may probably continue disabled to pay the interest which may accrue on their debts for some time to come; it is therefore RESOLVED, That all interest which hath accrued since the tenth day of September last, or shall accrue before the tenth day of July 1777, shall and may be payable in Indian corn, wheat, tobacco, flax, hemp or cotton, or linen or woollen cloth, which was or shall be raised or manufactured by the party who shall offer to pay the same, or be received by any creditor in discharge of such interest, so due from him as aforesaid, and in such of the said commodities or manufactures as such committee on all circumstances shall think most reasonable, and therefore direct; and if the parties cannot agree on the price and place of delivery, then the committee of observation of the county where the debtor resides, may ascertain and fix the price of the commodity, the time when; and the place (within their county) where the delivery shall be: provided the said delivery be made before the tenth day of September next after the said interest shall have accrued; and provided also that this resolution shall extend only to private, and not to loan-office or other public debts.

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

SATURDAY, July 6, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday, except Mr. Reeder, Mr. Ford, Mr. Stull, Mr. Baird, Mr. Sluby, Mr. Chamberlaine, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Scott, Mr. Chaille, and Mr. Handy. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, RESOLVED, That no ship carpenter employed in building vessels for the service of the continent or this colony, shall be compelled to attend his duty in the militia, nor be liable to any fine for non-attendance, during the time of his being employed in such service.

Mr. William Shircliff was appointed ensign of capt. Robert Bowie's company of militia for the flying camp, in the room of Colmore Beans who resigned.

On motion, RESOLVED, That any vacancy which may happen in the militia raised by this colony to compose the flying camp, shall and may be filled up by the Council of Safety.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Contee, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Tolley, be a committee, in the recess of Convention, to examine and report to the Council of Safety, the state of the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office; and that the Council be directed to order the monies, books and papers, in that office, to be packed up in proper chests and removed, if they should think proper, to some place of security.

Mr. Daniel Bowie was appointed captain of a company in col. Smallwood's battalion of regular forces in the room of capt. Thomas Ewing.

On reading the memorial of Jacob Brice, RESOLVED, That a commission issue to him as adjutant to the battalion of regular forces, and that he be entitled to pay as such, from the time of his performing that duty, and that the pay of adjutant be at the rate of twenty dollars per month.

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