

Thursday Aug: 3^d 1775

A Letter from the Committee of the Borough of
Norfolk, informing the Convention of the Arrival
of Troops from St Augustine about sixty in Number
under the Command of one Captain & two Lieutenants;
that they learned from good Authority that another
Vessel with more ^{force} might be hourly expected: that
at present they were under no Apprehensions from
these Troops, but that they ~~had experienced~~ ^{found exceedingly} very
bad Effects had arisen among the ~~black~~ Slaves from
the Neighbourhood of the men of War, which they had
great reason to believe would be very much increased
by the Arrival of these Troops.

Also a Letter from the Officers of the Volunteer
Companies in Armsburg, requesting that some certain
Line for their Conduct might be laid down, lest in their
Zeal to serve their Country, they might precipitate their
Countrymen, into unnecessary Calamities — informing
the Convention that the Governor's Letter, had carried
off a number of Slaves belonging to private Gentlemen
& that they thought it high Time to establish the
Doctrine of the period — That one Phillips commanded
an ignorant disorderly Mob, in direct Opposition to the
Measures adopted of this Country, and that they wished
to crush such Attempts in Embryo, and to take every
Advantage a kind Providence might make them masters
of. — Acknowledging that the Execution of the Measures
they had ~~before said to be~~ formally laid before the ~~Assembly~~ ^{Convention} the
ever so proper, ought first to have received the sanction of
this Convention — that they stood reproved for their
too precipitate Conduct on that Occasion, and held themselves
in readiness to execute any Instructions, that this Convention

should be pleased to give them at the Expense of
Life & Fortune. — That they placed implicit
Confidence in Capt. James Innes, the bearer of their
Letter, and wished he might return to him for a
fuller Explanation of Matters — were laid
before the Convention I read

X Ordered, that the said Letter be referred
to the Committee appointed to take into Consideration
the state of the Colony.

The Convention then according to the Order
of the Day resolved itself into the said Committee
and after sometime spent therein Mr. President
resumed the Chair, and Mr. Bland reported, that
the Committee had according to Order had
under their Consideration the State of the Colony
but not having Time to go through the same
had directed him to move for leave to sit
again,

Resolved, that that this Convention will
tomorrow resolve itself into a Committee, to take
into their further Consideration the State of
the Colony.

adjourned till Tomorrow 9 o'clock

A Letter from the Committee of the County of
Montgomery complaining of the great Hardships
& Inconveniences to which the Inhabitants of
their County would be particularly exposed to
by the Resolution entered into by this Convention

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