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Major Coates and Captain Cowperthwaite, which being read,

*Ordered*, That the same lie on the table for the perusal of the members.

*Ordered*, That the delegates write to their colleagues, who are absent, and inform them that the Congress expect their immediate attendance.

*Resolved*, That for the future, no member absent himself from Congress without leave of Congress.

That the Report of the Committee on the disputes between Pennsylvania and Connecticut be referred till to Morrow.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be a rule of this Congress, that every member remain in his seat whilst any paper is reading or question putting.

A letter from Mr. [Thomas] Mifflin, Quarter Master general of the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst., to the Committee for providing cloathing, was read, and returned to said Committee.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the Instructions to the delegates of Rhode island be deferred till to Morrow.

The order of the day being renewed,  
Adjourned to ten o'Clock to Morrow.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1775

A letter from General Washington, with a letter and journal from Colonel Arnold,<sup>1</sup> and sundry papers, were read: and the General's letter being taken into consideration,<sup>2</sup>

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to take into

<sup>1</sup>Arnold's letter and Journal are in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 162, folios 24-28.

<sup>2</sup>This letter is dated November 8, and is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 152, I, folio 275, and is printed in *Writings of George Washington*, (Ford) III, 202. The copy of Arnold's Journal is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 162, folio 28.

consideration so much of said letter as relates to the disposal of such vessels and cargoes belonging to the enemy, as shall fall into the hands of, or be taken by, the inhabitants of the United Colonies.

That the Committee consist of 7.

The members chosen, Mr. [George] Wythe, Mr. E[dward] Rutledge, Mr. J[ohn] Adams, Mr. W[illiam] Livingston, Dr. [Benjamin] Franklin, Mr. [James] Wilson, and Mr. [Thomas] Johnson.

*Resolved*, That the prisoners taken at Chambly and St. John's, be sent to, and kept in, the towns of Reading, Lancaster, and York, in the colony of Pennsylvania.

That the committee appointed 11th instant, to contract for supplying the Battalion, raised in Pennsylvania, be empowered to distribute the above prisoners in the towns aforesaid, and contract for their support or subsistence.

That the rations of the privates be the same as are allowed the privates in the continental Army.

That Orders issue to the officer who has the charge of conducting the prisoners, to march them by the nearest road to Reading, in the colony of Pennsylvania, and that the Deputy Commissary general be directed to supply them with provisions for their march, agreeable to the rations supplied to the continental Army.

That the said commissary be directed, if the prisoners agree to it, to send the women, children and Baggage by water to Amboy, from thence to be sent across to Borden-town, and from thence by water to Philadelphia, from which last place they will be sent to join the Garrison in the towns allotted them, this being judged the safest, cheapest, and most commodious way of conveying them.

Whereas it is become necessary to appoint another colonel of the regiment of artillery, in the room of Colonel Gridley, on account of his advanced age,

*Resolved*, That this Congress will indemnify Colonel Gridley for any loss of half pay, which he may sustain in consequence of his having been in the service of the United Colonies.

The Congress then proceeded to the choice of a Colonel of the regiment of Artillery, when

Henry Knox, Esq<sup>r</sup> was unanimously elected.

On motion made, *Resolved*, That the commissioned Officers, taken in the forts of Chambly and St. John's, be put on their parole of honour, that they will not go into or near any sea port town, nor further than six miles distant from the respective places of their residence, without leave of the Continental Congress, and that they will carry on no political correspondence whatever, on the subject of the dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, so long as they remain prisoners.

Whereas the officers taken at fort Chambly, have been permitted by General Schuyler, to make choice of, and to reside in Trenton, in New Jersey, and the dispositions of the prisoners by him made, has been approved by Congress,

*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Committee of Trenton, and that the Committee be desired to get the same signed by the officers there.

*Resolved*, That the officers taken at St. John's, be sent to Windham and Lebanon, in the Colony of Connecticut, provided General Schuyler has not given his word for another disposition of them.

*Resolved*, That there be a call of the house on Monday next at 10 o Clock.

The several matters to this day referred postponed to Monday next to which time the Congress adjourned, to 10 o Clock.