

given me good reason to believe, that he and company had delivered the state all the salt they made (about 2200 bushels), and that the greater part of the money that he received for carrying on the salt works depreciated so much in his hands, that when it came to be liquidated, produced only £ 240. I therefore compromised that business, by receiving from him, in depreciation certificates, £. 500, and a state certificate for £ 239. As to the suits above mentioned, he has offered to arbitrate them, which the intendant has agreed to do, provided the general assembly has no objection to that mode of decision.

Permit an old servant to recommend to your most serious consideration, the increasing of the chancellor's and the judges of the general courts salaries. Their present allowances will not support them, whilst provisions and other necessaries continue at their present prices. Your lives, liberties and properties, depend much upon the abilities and integrities of gentlemen who fill these judicatories, than perhaps at first view may be imagined. These officers ought to be put above want, and whatever is given ought to be absolute, and without control, and not be obliged to look up annually to the legislative body for their next year's support. The increase I would recommend would be £. 150 to each, amounting in the whole to only £. 600; a small tax upon law proceedings would bring in much more than this sum to the treasury. Whilst I am recommending the increase of these salaries, I should be wanting in my duty, were I not to suggest to the honourable the general assembly the propriety (in the infancy of this republic) of passing laws to guard against the over growth of the emoluments of office. I therefore most earnestly recommend, that laws may be enacted this session, to be in force for five, ten, or fifteen years, or even to an indefinite time. That every officer, holding his office under government, (the governor, chancellor, and judges of the general court, only excepted) be obliged to render an account on oath yearly, of the fees and perquisites of his office, together with his charges for supporting the same, and whenever the net balance shall exceed the sum of £. 500, such excess shall, by him, be paid into the treasury. This in time, under the present regulation of fees, may amount to a capital sum.

The intendant begs the favour, that a committee may be appointed to examine his proceedings at large, and report the same to both houses.

DANIEL of St. THOMAS JENIFER,
Intendant of the revenue and all public monies.

A LIST of books, accounts, and other papers, delivered the general assembly, November session, 1784.

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| <p>1, 2, 3, State of the different emissions of bills of credit.</p> <p>4. Balances due on the western shore to Nov. 1784.</p> <p>5. Ditto due on the eastern shore Nov. 9, 1784</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B O O K S.</p> <p>6. Orders drawn by the intendant on the treasurer, from Dec. 30 last to Nov. 25, 1784.</p> <p>7. Intendant's letter book to May 1784.</p> <p>8. Ditto from May to December 1784</p> <p>9. Assessments, returns of specifics, sales of goods from France, &c.</p> <p>10. Account against officers of the Maryland line, 5 months pay.</p> <p>11. Alphabetical list of payments made to privates for their 5 months pay paid by the intendant.</p> | <p>12. Ditto. Ditto made by the intendant and others to ditto.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P A P E R S.</p> <p>13. Specific or provision account.</p> <p>14. Sales of 1280 hogheads of tobacco.</p> <p>15. Ditto of 1353.</p> <p>16. Ditto of 30 ditto.</p> <p>17. List of tobacco not to be found, or rotten.</p> <p>18. Interest paid on specie certificates, to Nov. 1, 1784.</p> <p>19. Funds under the old government.</p> <p>20. A list of tobacco burnt by the enemy.</p> <p>21. Product of the different funds 1784.</p> <p>22. Letter from Mr. Wallace, assigning reasons for not finishing the state-house.</p> <p>23. Resolutions of congress, June 1, 1784.</p> |
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A letter of resignation from John Hall, Esq; one of the delegates to congress, dated the tenth day of February last; and a petition from Joseph Baxter, in behalf of his son William, George Hamilton and Frances his wife, Edward Mitchell and Anne his wife, Harriot Haley, and Charlotte Haley, praying an act to enable the said Joseph Baxter to convey in fee simple part of two tracts of land, called Saint Andrew's Cross and the Fork, to which his son William, a minor, has title, and enable Harriot Haley and Charlotte Haley, who are under age, to convey their parts of the said lands; endorsed; "By the senate, December 3, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

J. DORSEY, clk."

S A T U R D A Y, December 4, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hanson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Joseph Baxter, and others, was read, and referred to Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

The report from the intendant of the revenue and all public monies, was read.