

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
March 18

Your Committee also observe in Cresaps Account N.º 3. he Charges for 37. Blankets Delivered Mess^{rs} Fortye and Lynn at 16/-Each which (allowing to be of the Same Quality with those bought at Annapolis) are overcharged upwards of 100 p Cent and that sundry other Articles in the Said Account for Goods appear to them very unreasonable.

Your Committee also find in Colº Cresaps said Account N.º 3 the Sum of £22:12:0. Charged Cash paid for Slaughtering, cutting up and Salting the first time 226 Cattle at 2/. a Head yet by the same Account or any other now before them it Does not appear there were any More than 177 Live Cattle bought for the Present Expedition 60 Whereof as appears by the Same Account have not been Slaughtered in which Article there is an overcharge of £10:18:0. They are also of Opinion that the storage charged in that and the Account Nº 1. and 2. are much too high, if not the same Article.

Your Committee further observe that in the abovementioned Accounts there are several sums of Money Charged as paid to Sundry Persons for Services some on Account of the present Expedition for which no Vouchers are Laid before them and they are of Opinion that the above Accounts Delivered in by Colº Cresap are Stated in a Dark Confused and unintelligible Manner.

Your Committee also apprehend that Capt. Dagworthy and Lieutenant Fortyes Accounts of their Expences in Enlisting and Recruiting are Very Extraordinary and are of Opinion that the service might have been performed at a much Less Expence to the Publick and also observe that the Necessary Vouchers to Support the same Accounts have not been Laid before them and that by the Accounts now before Your Committee of the Charge of Enlisting Victualling and Transporting 47 Men Since the Maryland Company was Completed there appears only £169:3:6. to have been Expended out of £200. Delivered to M^r Fortye for that Service as p General Account.

Your Committee Likewise observe a Credit in Colº Cresaps Account of £95:16:7 for 11499½^{lb} Raw Hides and £1:10:0 for 4 pair of Shoes which are not Deducted out of the Debet of said Account nor Credited in the General Account.

Your Committee also find that when the Accounts now before them are properly Settled and the Pay of the Company till the 24.th August next included there will Remain a Balance unexpended of the £6000. granted as aforesaid.

All Which is humbly Submitted to the Consideration of your Honble House

18.th March 1755.

Signed p order B: Nicholson C^{lk}

Which was read and ordered to Lie on the Table.

The House Adjourns 'till the Morrow Morning at 9. a Clock.