

couraging the making of marine salt, which was read a first and second time, and thereupon the convention taking the same into consideration, *Resolved*, That a public salt work be erected on or near the bay near the mouth of Potowmac, and another on the seaboard of this province; and that the said works be carried on on the public account, under the management and direction of such persons as shall be appointed by the council of safety for the time being; and that any sum of public money, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds, may, by order of the said council of safety, be expended in erecting and carrying on each of the said works. And that for encouraging private people to set up and carry on salt works, the council of safety for the time being may, on proper security, and such terms as they approve of, advance of the public money any sum or sums not exceeding five hundred pounds, for erecting and carrying on each of two or more salt works in this province; so that such advances for the encouragement of private salt works exceed not in the whole fifteen hundred pounds common money; and that no public money be advanced for erecting and carrying on salt works under the resolution of convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July last.

On reading a second time the report from the committee appointed to consider the proposals of Henry Hollingsworth, the convention took the same into consideration, and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds be advanced to the said Henry Hollingsworth, out of the public treasury, he giving bond in double that sum, conditioned for the payment of the sum so advanced in good substantial gun-barrels, that will stand the usual proof, well bored and ground,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch in the bore, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet in the barrel, at twenty shillings per barrel, and good substantial well manufactured and finished steel bayonets, at eight shillings per bayonet, in four months after the date thereof; and upon the completing the said or any subsequent contract for the like purpose, a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds on the like condition be advanced by the convention or council of safety, so long and as often as they shall think the public exigency will require it.

*Resolved*, That as a laudable desire to attain a competent knowledge in the art of making salt-petre, and to diffuse this knowledge as extensively as possible, appears to this convention to have been the motive that induced the said Henry Hollingsworth to incur the expense of thirty pounds, in employing a certain John Mingle, a man of reputed skill in the said business, and he being further encouraged thereto by the advice and concurrence of some of the members of this house, that the said expense be allowed in his general account as supervisor of the salt-petre work in Cecil county.