

Whereas, at a convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July last, it was *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, common money should be appropriated for erecting and working a powder mill, on the account of this province. And, by a resolution of the last session of convention, the council of safety were empowered to advance on loan for two years without interest, on bond with good security, any part of the said one thousand pounds to such person or persons as would undertake and give good security for erecting and working a powder mill, on the terms in the same resolution mentioned; the same powder mill to be erected within fourteen and not less than six miles from Baltimore town; but no contract having been yet made for erecting a powder mill in this province, owing in some measure to the limitation of the distance from Baltimore town, within which the said powder mill is directed to be built, and because it is hoped and expected that a greater quantity of salt-petre will be manufactured in this province than can be made into gunpowder at one mill, and one mill cannot make a sufficient quantity of gunpowder for the use of the inhabitants of this province; it is therefore *Resolved*, That the said one thousand pounds, or any part thereof that may be necessary, be applied and expended by the council of safety for the time being, in erecting and working a powder mill within this province, on account of the public. And that a sum of money not exceeding £500 be advanced by the council of safety for the time being, to any person who will undertake and give security for erecting a powder mill at any place within this province, which shall be thought proper by the council of safety, on the terms of the said resolution of the last session of convention. And to encourage and induce the good people of this province to make crude nitre, it is *Resolved*, That to every person who will carry in and deliver at the said public powder mill, within one year next after the same shall begin to work, any quantity of good crude nitre manufactured within this province, there shall be delivered good gunpowder, after the rate of three quarters of a pound of powder for one pound of good crude nitre.

That instead of the two shillings per pound, directed to be paid by the supervisors of salt-petre works, to private persons manufacturing and delivering crude nitre, there be allowed and paid, after the rate of three shillings and nine pence for every pound of good crude nitre so manufactured and delivered.

And whereas the several supervisors of the public salt-petre works, except those of Kent, Queen Anne's, Prince George's, and Calvert counties, have omitted to lay their accounts before this