

# MARYLAND GAZETTE.

T H U R S D A Y, A P R I L 19, 1781.

An ACT to encourage the importation and manufacturing of salt within this state.

W H E R E A S the present enormous price of salt and the uncertainty of the supplies thereof is distressing and alarming to the inhabitants of this state: For remedy whereof and the encouragement of adventurers,

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following bounties shall be paid the importers and manufacturers of salt, to wit: For every hundred bushels of salt imported into this state, through the capes of Chesapeake or by any inlet on the sea-coast, between the twentieth day of February and the twentieth day of December next, and sold within this state by retail in quantities not exceeding ten bushels to any one person, the sum of ten pounds, in Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six-pence each, or the value thereof in bills of credit, and in the same proportion for any other quantity so imported and sold; and for every hundred bushels of salt imported as aforesaid between the said days, and sold within this state by wholesale, the sum of five pounds in like money or value, and in the same proportion for any other quantity.

And be it enacted, That ten pounds like money or value shall be paid as a bounty to any person manufacturing within this state, between the first day of January and the twentieth day of December next, and selling therein one hundred bushels of salt by retail, in quantities not exceeding ten bushels to any one person, and in the same proportion for any other quantity; and that a bounty of five pounds in like money or value shall be paid to every person manufacturing within this state, between the said days, and selling by wholesale one hundred bushels of salt therein, and in the same proportion for any other quantity.

And be it enacted, That the said bounties shall be paid by either of the treasurers of this state, on the order of the governor and council, who are hereby empowered and requested to give such order in favour of such importer or manufacturer, proving to their satisfaction, by his oath or otherwise, the quantity of salt by him imported and sold, as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That no salt, on which either of the said bounties shall have been paid, shall be exported by water out of this state, or laden on board any vessel with intent to export the same out of this state, before the bounty paid shall have been repaid into the public treasury, under the penalty of such salt becoming forfeit, and seizable by any naval officer or other peace officer or militia officer of this state, and also under the forfeiture of twenty shillings for every such bushel of salt so exported or laden on board any vessel as aforesaid, one half to the person seizing or prosecuting, and the other half to the use of this state; and in case of any seizure or prosecution, it shall lie on the claimant or defendant to prove, that no bounty had been received for the salt on account of which the seizure shall have been made or prosecution commenced, or that the bounty paid had been repaid as aforesaid.

N E W P O R T, (Rhode-Island) March 10.

On Tuesday the 6th inst. a universal joy was diffused through this town, upon the arrival of his excellency general

Washington, our illustrious commander in chief. At the ferry on Jamestown he was received by the admiral's barge and conducted on board his ship, where he was met by his Excellency general Rochambeau, the admiral, the generals, and many other officers of the army and navy of his Most Christian Majesty in this place. He was saluted by a discharge of cannon from the admiral's ship, and, on his landing at the long wharf in this town, from the north battery, the whole troops of the garrison were under arms and formed two lines, through which his excellency was escorted to the headquarters of general Rochambeau, and, in consequence of orders from the court of France, received all the honours ever paid to the princes royal, or marshal of France, greater than which can be rendered only to the king. In the evening this town and the fleet in the harbour were beautifully illuminated, and the highest pleasure and satisfaction appeared in every countenance. The next morning a committee, appointed by the town, waited upon his excellency with the following address:

To his Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq; general and commander in chief of the armies of the thirteen United States of America.

S I R,

THE inhabitants of the ancient town of Newport, warmed with the purest sentiments of esteem and respect, beg leave, through their committee, to congratulate your Excellency upon your arrival at this town, the capital of the state of Rhode-Island and Providence plantations. Permit us to assure your Excellency, that words are inadequate to express the joy which your presence has infused into the hearts of our fellow-citizens. Happily guided by the Supreme Director of the American councils, your Excellency was placed at the head of their armies: our gratitude is greatly excited to Heaven for the protection of your Excellency's person through all those scenes of danger and enterprise incident to war, and which your Excellency has sustained with a patriotism and fortitude unpaired in the page of history.

We will not cloud the festivity of this day by enumerating the scenes of lawless rapine and devastation, which have so peculiarly marked the steps of a tyrannical and rapacious enemy in this town. The thought merely occurs, as it deprives us of affording your Excellency some further manifestations of our sincere regard.

Suffer us here, Sir, because we know it must give your Excellency a most sensible pleasure, to express the happiness this town has enjoyed with the army and fleet of our illustrious ally, who have, by the wisdom and prudence of their commanders, as well as their own most zealous inclinations, allied themselves to us, not as soldiers only, but as friends and citizens. Armed with a most righteous cause, engaged for all that men hold dear; what blessings may not America, under the auspices of a kind and over-ruling Providence, be led to expect from the future exertions of your Excellency, the military ardour of our American troops, and an army and a fleet of a most generous and magnanimous ally, thirsting for glory, and eager to bleed in the cause of liberty and mankind.

We congratulate your Excellency upon the late signal successes of the American arms by land, and those of our allies by sea. May the succeeding campaign be

productive of the end of all our efforts, liberty, peace and independence to the United States of America, and happiness to all mankind.

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, }  
WILLIAM CHANNING, } committee.  
WILLIAM TAGGART, }  
SOLOMON SOUTHWICK, }

To which his EXCELLENCY was pleased to return the following answer:

To CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, WILLIAM CHANNING, WILLIAM TAGGART, and SOLOMON SOUTHWICK, Esquires.

GENTLEMEN,

AMONG the distinguished honours, which have a claim to my gratitude since my arrival, I have seen, with peculiar satisfaction, those effusions of esteem and attachment which have manifested themselves in the citizens of this town. My happiness is complete in a moment that unites the expressions of their sentiments for me, with their suffrages in favour of our allies.

The conduct of the French army and fleet, of which the inhabitants testify so grateful and affectionate a sense, at the same time that it evinces the wisdom of the commanders, and the discipline of the troops, is a new proof of the magnanimity of the nation. It is a further demonstration of that generous zeal and concern for the happiness of America, which brought them to our assistance: a happy prelude of future harmony; a pleasing evidence, that an intercourse between the two nations will more and more cement the union, by the solid and lasting ties of mutual affection.

I sincerely sympathise with you, gentlemen, in lamenting the depredations suffered by this town; while in possession of the enemy: and heartily join you in those liberal wishes, the accomplishment of which would soon more than restore it to its former flourishing condition. Accept my acknowledgments for the polite and obliging manner in which you have been pleased to communicate to me the sentiments of your fellow-citizens, and the assurances of my warmest esteem for them, and for you personally.

G. WASHINGTON.

Newport, March 8, 1781.

TRENTON, April 4.

Thursday last a party of the enemy from New-York attempted to carry off the honourable Josiah Hornblower, Esq; speaker of the assembly of this state. They were in the habit of peasants, and personated Jersey militia. In this manner they came to the ferry nearly opposite his house in Essex county, and called for the boat, which was carried over to them, the people not suspecting their villainy. The ferryman, on his arrival, observed G. R. on their cartouch boxes, and therefore on his return, with some address, let the boat fall down the stream with the tide, in order to give a hint to Mr. Hornblower's family that all was not right. This had the desired effect; Mr. Hornblower escaped out of the back door a few minutes prior to their coming at the front. Two of the villains pursued him and were taken, the others got off, after making Mr. Hornblower's son-in-law, Mr. Cape, prisoner, who has since returned on parole.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.

A report yesterday circulated here that the states of Holland have declared war against Great-Britain. This account is said to be received by a vessel lately arrived at Boston from France.

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