

district, and one hundred pounds in the hands of a discreet and active person in the middle district, of Frederick county; and the residue thereof, one hundred pounds for each other county, to be placed in the hands of a discreet and active person in each county, who shall be called a supervisor; and that so much of the said one hundred pounds as may be necessary, shall be laid out by the said supervisor in purchasing, procuring, and setting up, proper kettles, tubs, and other necessary utensils and conveniences, for manufacturing rough nitre, at some such place as aforesaid, in his county; and also in erecting a rough shed convenient thereto, under which the earth, from which the ley shall have been drawn, may be placed, that the same may become again impregnated with nitre.

That each of the said supervisors be empowered to lay out the residue of his one hundred pounds, in hiring labourers to assist a skilful workman, who shall be employed in each of the said works, and in procuring and removing earth impregnated with nitre fit to be used at the said works.

That the supervisor of each of the said works employ a skilful workman to carry on, direct, and manage the process of making crude nitre at the said works respectively; and that the same supervisor pay to the said workman one shilling common money for each pound of good crude nitre that he shall manufacture and deliver at the same works, as his wages and reward for his skill and labour.

That the said workmen shew and explain to those who will attend the work, and may be desirous of instruction, the method and process of making crude nitre.

That each supervisor pay to any person who shall deliver to him good crude nitre, manufactured at any place within his county, other than the said public work, for the use of the public, after the rate of two shillings common money for every pound thereof.

That as soon as a contract shall be made for building a powder-mill, pursuant to the resolution of the late Convention, a public work be erected convenient thereto, under the management of a skilful person, for purifying nitre. And the several supervisors shall, from time to time, send all the crude nitre which shall be made at the said works, and otherwise come to their hands as aforesaid, to the said public refinery.

That each supervisor draw from the treasurer of his shire, as well the said one hundred pounds, as the sum of two shillings common money, and no more, per pound, for all crude nitre by him sent to, and delivered at, the said refinery.

That each of the said supervisors render an account of his transactions to every Convention, by the third day of every session thereof; and that on such account he be allowed all the said disbursements, the actual expences of sending the crude nitre to the refinery, and for his trouble the sum of two pence for every pound of rough nitre made at the works under his care, and the sum of one penny for every other pound of crude nitre by him collected as aforesaid, and sent to the said refinery; and that he pay the balance of the money in his hands into the public treasury for the use of the public, if so ordered.

That it be strongly recommended to such of the good people of this province, whose circumstances and conveniences will allow them to pursue the following directions, to place in open houses, or sheds admitting the air, but excluding the rain and sun, the stalks and trashy leaves of tobacco, rotten straw, the sweepings of stables mixed with rich mould, collected from the floors of barns and outhouses, and from time to time to sprinkle with urine, brine, or water, this collection of various substances, so as to occasion the fermentation and speedy putrefaction thereof, that the whole mass, when perfectly rotten and digested, may be dug, stirred up, and thoroughly blended, and thus left without farther damping, so loose and light, as to attract more readily, and be more plentifully impregnated with nitre for future use.

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