

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 compleating 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 expence 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 expence be allowed in his general account as supervisor of the salt-petre work in Cæcil county.

The Convention took into their consideration a report from the said committee on the terms offered by Elisha Winters of Chester-town in Kent county, and came to the following resolutions thereon, to wit.

RESOLVED, That the sum of eight hundred and fifty-five pounds common money be advanced to the said Elisha Winters out of the public treasury, he giving bond in double that sum, with sufficient security, conditioned for the delivery of 600 stand of musquets, three quarters of an inch in the bore and $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet in the barrel, to be well stocked with walnut, and well finished, with strong substantial double bridled locks, strong brass mounting, substantial steel bayonets and ramrods, and swivels for slings, agreeable to a sample this day produced to the Convention, at the rate of four pounds five shillings common money for each musquet so finished; the said musquets and accoutrements to be delivered to the order of the Convention or the Council of Safety of this province for the time being, in the following proportions, to wit. Forty per month for the first three months from the date of the contract, and the residue in nine months thereafter,

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