

thereafter, in proportions of not less than fifty per month; the said Elisha Winters to be furnished in due time, by order of the Convention or Council of Safety for the time being, with barrels and bayonets, of the dimensions and quality as aforesaid, at the Head of Elk river in Cæcil county, at the rate of twenty shillings common money each for the barrels, and eight shillings like money each for the bayonets. That a further sum of four hundred and twenty-seven pounds ten shillings like money be advanced him, upon the delivery of three hundred of the said musquets and accoutrements as aforesaid; and upon the delivery of the residue as aforesaid, that the further sum of four hundred and twenty-seven pounds ten shillings be paid him as the balance of the amount of the said six hundred musquets and accoutrements, at four pounds five shillings common money, deducting the cost of the barrels and bayonets as aforesaid.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That all persons employed in the manufacturing or repairing of arms for the public, or in repairing arms for the use of the militia by order or appointment of any field officer of the militia, and all persons, who are personally employed in erecting or working of powder-mills, or in working in any public salt-petre or marine salt-works, carried on for the use and on account of the public, shall, during the time they are actually so employed, within one year next following, be exempt from attending on musters.

RESOLVED, That no musquets or rifles, except by the owner thereof on his removal to reside out of this province, or any gun-barrels, gunlocks, or bayonets, be carried out of this province, without the leave of the Council of Safety for the time being.

On reading a second time the petition of Charles Lansdale of Prince-George's county, **ORDERED**, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to examine the several claims on the treasury.

A memorial from Henry Ridgely of Elk-Ridge in Anne-Arundel county; a memorial from Stephen Gartrill of said county; and a petition from Isaac M^rHard of the city of Annapolis; were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

The committee for that purpose appointed, bring in and deliver to Mr. President, the following report, to wit.

"**THE** committee appointed to view and value the linen manufactured and sent to the Council of Safety by Edward Parker of Cæcil county, do report, That seven pieces of linen delivered in to the commissary of stores, containing $281\frac{1}{2}$ yards, are of the value of three shillings and six-pence currency per yard, and that one piece containing 21 yards, is of the value of two shillings and three-pence currency per yard. All which is submitted to the honourable Convention.

"Signed per order of the committee,

N. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read and agreed to.

Sundry remonstrances and petitions from the 5th and 20th battalions of militia in Queen-Anne's county, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Convention took into consideration the proceedings of the committee of observation for Calvert county, in the case of James Weems, and it appearing that the facts stated in the said Weems's letter to the said committee, of the 26th day of February last, are true, **RESOLVED**, That the said James Weems was not guilty of a breach of the resolve of Congress referred to in the proceedings of the said committee, and that the said committee erred in the determination by them made.

A petition