

to Edward Parker of Cæcil county, any sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds common money, on his complying with his former contract, on the terms and conditions, and for the purposes in his said former contract mentioned, so long and as often as the said Council of Safety shall conceive the public exigences shall require the same.

On reading a second time the report from the committee appointed to devise ways and means for the establishment of a paper manufactory, the Convention took the same into consideration, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That the sum of four hundred pounds common money be advanced to James Dorsett of Baltimore county, he giving bond with sufficient security, to repay the same within two years without interest, either in cash or writing or cartridge paper, or in such proportions of each as this or a future Convention, or Council of Safety in their recess, shall direct and order, that is to say, one third part thereof within twelve months, and the other two thirds within two years from the date of said bond; he at the same time engaging to build a mill for that purpose within six months from the date of his said contract, and to sell to the inhabitants of this province any kind of paper which he may make, as cheap as the same can or shall be sold at any mill in the province of Pennsylvania.

Edward Lloyd of Talbot county, Barnaby Egan and Basil Brooke, jun. of Calvert county, William Faris and John Brewer of Anne-Arundel county, and George French and Joshua Testill of Frederick county, having applied to this Convention to be relieved from the fine assessed on them respectively for not enrolling, and this Convention not having time now fully to examine into the merits of the several applications, **RESOLVED**, That the committees forbear to levy the said fines until the end of the next session of Convention, and to stay all further proceedings therein.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That a paymaster be appointed for the Eastern shore, and that he be allowed the sum of twelve dollars per month for executing the said office.

RESOLVED, That the said paymaster, before he enter upon the execution of his office, give bond with sufficient security, in the sum of five thousand pounds current money, payable to the honourable Matthew Tilghman and James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Esquires, for the due execution of his said office.

RESOLVED, That the sum of twelve dollars per month be from henceforth deducted from the salary of the paymaster of the Western-shore.

Mr. Robert Lloyd Nicols was elected by ballot to the said office of paymaster for the Eastern-shore.

Whereas it is highly necessary that regular and methodical accounts of all public monies should be kept, that the due expenditure thereof may at all times be readily evinced; it is **RESOLVED**, That a committee, or board, of two persons be appointed, who shall and may, in the recesses of Convention, cause a set of books to be opened, and proper accounts to be raised, entered and made up, of the expenditure, loan, or other disposition, of all public monies by or under the authority of Convention; and for that purpose, that the said committee, or board, be empowered to appoint and employ a skilful accountant. Each of the said two persons to be allowed fourteen shillings for every day he shall be employed in the service aforesaid, and the said accountant to be allowed and paid such reasonable reward, as the said committee, or board, shall agree for with him.

Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Richardson were elected by ballot to compose the said board. It is declared, that the captain of the company of light infantry, having an elder commission,