

bounty of forty dollars be given to such able bodied seaman, including those now on board, as may be wanted and will engage in the service, and a bounty of thirty dollars to such marines, including those now on board, as may be wanted and will engage in the said service, besides necessary and proper cloathing; that the galleys, together with their guns, tackle, apparel and furniture, be appraised as they now stand, and all expences, bounty included, of their outfit, be charged to the continent; and that the governor and the council be requested to inform congress, and also the governor of Virginia, that this state hath come to the above resolution, and that there are no other galleys belonging to this state fit for the intended expedition that can be got ready in any short time.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to apply to congress for a sufficient sum of money to pay for the cloathing and bounty advanced to such seamen and marines as may be engaged to serve on board the galleys for six months on the expedition to the southward.

RESOLVED, That the officers, sailors and marines in the pay of this state, and also in the pay of the United States on the intended expedition, be subject to the continental articles for the government of the navy, and that the governor and council be requested to procure a copy of the said articles, and cause a duplicate thereof to be given to the commodore, and also to the captain or commander in chief of each galley bound out on the said expedition.

RESOLVED, That the new galley now in the harbour be fitted out with all expedition, under the care and direction of the commodore, and that she be called the Annapolis, and that the same bounty above mentioned be given to all the sailors and marines that may be wanted for manning said galley; and that the governor and the council be empowered and requested to cause such of the galleys and armed boats as are not wanted, or cannot be fitted and manned, to be unrigged and laid up in some secure harbour, out of the way of danger from the ice in winter or worm in summer, and that they cause such only of them to be armed and otherwise completely fitted, as may be necessary for the defence of our bays and rivers, or for other public services; and that the governor and council be requested to keep the same constantly cruising, and more especially towards the mouth of the river Patowmack and the Sound; and that the governor and the council have full power and authority to fix and ascertain the number of officers that may be necessary for the galleys and armed boats that may be kept in action, and also to ascertain the pay and rations of such officers, provided such pay and rations do not exceed the continental pay and rations to officers of similar rank.

Mr. Smith brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee have examined the several accounts and proceedings of Thomas Harwood, treasurer of the western shore, and find by a report made on the 9th day of December, 1777, by the committee of claims, there was a balance of £. 9,434 18 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  remaining in his hands, subject to the orders of the governor and council, and the further sum of £. 5,136 15 5 for the purpose of calling in and exchanging bills of credit emitted 26th July, 1775. That it appears to your committee, by the books and accounts of said treasurer, he hath received at sundry times from the continental treasury, the sum of £. 70,500, and from the commissioners of the loan-office for this state, in virtue of a resolve of the house of delegates, £. 70,330 5 1. That certificates have been issued by said treasurer, agreeable to an act of assembly for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes, which your committee have examined, amounting to £. 11,320, and the further sum of £. 1000, agreeable to an act of assembly to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state. That he also hath received on loan, from the 24th day of December last to the 20th day of November inclusive, for which state certificates have been issued, and examined by your committee, £. 170,025 19 2. From the sheriffs of the several counties, £. 46,859 2 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ , on account of assessment for the year 1777, and the further sum of £. 26,350 4 2, for the year 1778. And for marriage licences, fines on non-enrollers and militia, and for money returned from manufacturers and sundry other persons, the sum of £. 9,307 14 8. Your committee also find, that the said treasurer hath paid away the sum of £. 5,419 5, in exchange for the like sum of bills of credit emitted 26th July, 1775, which your committee have counted and burnt. That it appears to your committee, by the books and accounts of the said treasurer, he hath paid away, from the 9th day of December last to the 21st of November, the sum of £. 324,143 2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; for all which payments have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and that after allowing the sum of £. 500 for one year's salary, ending the 9th of November last, there remains in his hands a balance of £. 90,167 2 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Your committee have also examined the accounts of Edward Hindman, Esq; treasurer of the eastern shore, by which it appears, that he hath received on loan the sum of £. 6,937 10; and that he hath received from the sheriffs of several counties the sum of £. 17,099 5 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Your committee also find, that the said treasurer hath debited the state with £. 7 18 11 balance due him, as appears by the report of the committee of claims of the 20th of April last. That he hath paid away the sum of £. 105 17 6 in exchange for the like sum of bills of credit emitted the 26th

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