

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

By the COMMITTEE authorised to enquire into the state of the public offices.

YOUR committee have, in consequence of their appointment, examined the several accounts and proceedings of the commissioners for emitting bills of credit established by act of assembly, from the 26th day of January, 1778, the date of the last report, to the 30th of November, 1779, inclusive, and find, by the last account from the trustees, dated at London, the 24th of February, 1775, that there was then £. 29,000 capital stock in the Bank of England belonging to this province, which cost the sum of £. 36,131 6 6 sterling, and a balance in their hands of £. 478 3 sterling, not invested, and that by the said account it appears, the dividends on the said stock have only been received up to the 10th day of November, 1774.

That it appears to your committee, by a report made in January, 1778, there was then a balance due to sundry claimants on the journal of accounts and list of debts passed at November session, 1766, and for which no payments have been since made, the sum of 1,515 ⁸/₁₀₀ dollars.

And that there remains in the office in bills of credit of the emission of } 13,639 ¹/₁₀₀
 the year 1767, unapplied, the sum of - - - - - } 15,154 ⁸/₁₀₀

That it appears to your committee, by a report in January 1778, there was then due from sundry sheriffs, on account of ordinary licences, the sum of £. 1,800 7 3 ¹/₄ gold currency, and that there has become due from sundry sheriffs on that account the sum of £. 693 3 8 gold currency, as appears by the following list, viz.

Thomas Deale's administrators, Anne-Arundel county, for the year 1776	19	0	0
John Burgels, Anne-Arundel county, 1777 and 1778	230	17	0
Benjamin Cawood, Charles county, 1777 and 1778	71	5	0
Thomas Duckett, Prince-George's county, 1777 and 1778	233	7	8
Daniel Beall, Washington county, 1777	138	14	0
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	£. 693 3 8		

That the commissioners have received from the sundry sheriffs the sum of £. 500 6 3, and there remains a balance still on the said account of £. 1,993 4 8 ¹/₄ gold currency, and no lists having been returned by the clerks but as above, the arrears cannot at this time be further ascertained.

That your committee find, by the books and accounts of said commissioners, that they received from sundry persons, in discharge of the principals of their bonds, since 26th January, 1778, the sum of £. 56,068 1 3 sterling, and the further sum of £. 6,603 5 3 ¹/₂ sterling for interest.

That out of the beforementioned sums, they have paid into the hands of the western shore treasurer, agreeable to a resolve of the house of delegates, the sum of £. 12,378 17 4 ¹/₂ sterling, and for office expences, including their and their clerk's salaries, the sum of £. 1,613 11 1 for all which have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts, and that there remains in the office a balance of £. 49,757 0 3 sterling.

That your committee have examined the several bonds taken by the commissioners, in virtue of an act of assembly passed at November session, 1769, for bills of credit, bills of exchange, and gold and silver, lent out on bond to sundry persons on interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, and compared the same with a list thereof now remaining in the loan-office, ready for the inspection of the honourable houses, amounting to £. 28,655 10 sterling.

And that by the accounts of said commissioners it appears there has become and still remains due from sundry persons on the beforementioned bonds, to the 30th November, 1779, the sum of £. 615 12 sterling for interest.

That it appears to your committee, the commissioners have received, out of the £. 50,167 10 sterling, the balance per last report of the bills of credit emitted by act of assembly, November, 1773, and lent out on bond to sundry persons the sum of £. 25,102 10 sterling, in discharge of the principals of their bonds from 26th January, 1778, to 30th November, 1779.

That the said commissioners have, in compliance with a resolve of the house of delegates, paid into the hands of the western shore treasurer the sum of £. 6,799 15 3 sterling, and there remains in the office a balance of £. 18,302 14 9 sterling.

That your committee have examined the several bonds of that emission, and compared the same with a list thereof now remaining in the office ready for the inspection of both houses, amounting to £. 25,065 sterling.

That your committee have also examined the state of the 31,333 ¹/₂ dollars, emitted to be lent out on interest for the use of the poor in Baltimore county, and for repairing the public roads in the several counties, and find by a report in January, 1778, there was then in the office a balance of - - - - - 1,678 1 9

That the commissioners have since received from the supervisors of Baltimore county 281 14 6 ¹/₂
 And from the supervisors of Frederick county - - - - - 280 2 3

£. 2,239 18 6 ¹/₂
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