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and that there remains at the Havannah, in the hands of the state agent, 4086 dollars belonging to this state.

The committee further report, that the governor and council chartered a ship to carry flour to the Havannah, which was taken by the enemy at Portsmouth in Virginia.

Your committee further report, that on the 26th day of July last, the governor and council directed the treasurer to draw a set of bills of exchange for £. 1500 sterling, on the trustees, which bills the governor and council transmitted to Mr. Joshua Johnson at Nantes, and directed him with the said bills, if paid, to purchase and ship, at the risk and for the use of the state, 500 suits of soldiers cloathing, 2000 pair of stockings, 1000 hats, and 1000 pair of copper shoe-buckles. That on the fourth of this present month, the governor and council directed the treasurer to draw another set of bills of exchange, for £. 1500 sterling, on the trustees, which was also transmitted to Mr. Joshua Johnson, for the purpose of purchasing cloth and linen for the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the purchase of 200 muskets and 500 bushels of salt.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that of the bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act for the payment of the public claims, there was brought into the treasury £. 1825 12 3 sterling, for which bills of exchange were drawn on the trustees, and £. 417 5 5 currency, for which certificates were issued agreeable to the act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit, passed at November session 1779; and there remains £. 53,204 19 currency of the said bills of credit, not brought in, agreeable to the said act, by the first of June last.

Your committee also report, that the governor and council wrote the 4th of January last to Benjamin Franklin, Esq; at Paris, enclosing the powers appointing trustees to sell the bank stock, and transmitted copies, but have received no answer thereto. They also at the same time wrote to John Jay, Esq; at Madrid, who acknowledges receipt of said powers.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. LYON, clk.

Which was read,

Mr. Alexander has leave of absence until Monday week. Mr. Magruder has leave of absence until Tuesday next.

A letter from brigadier-general Gift was laid before the house and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the letters of general Washington, &c.

Mr. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the sheriffs of this state to take recognizances of persons taken on criminal writs, on offences less than felony; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house took into consideration the information given respecting the conduct and declarations of Mr. Hindman, and the evidence offered, and thereupon unanimously RESOLVED, That it appears to the house, that Mr. James Hindman, in a tavern in this city, in conversation with a number of gentlemen respecting the debate and division of the house last Thursday, on the question for calling out of circulation the state and convention money, declared, That some of the members who voted against the proposition to call in the state and convention money, were fools, that others of them were misled, and that a great part of them were villains and scoundrels; that he believed some of the members were actuated by base motives, and that particular members were rascals, scoundrels, and fools, and that one of the members was crazy, a fool, or out of his senses, and that he was influenced to give his vote from interest; and that he observed a member give a wink or a nod to the chair.

On motion, That Mr. James Hindman be informed by Mr. Speaker, that the house highly disapprove of his conduct, and the expressions uttered by him, as improper, illiberal, indecent, and highly injurious to the honour and dignity of the house, and the honour and integrity of several of the members; and that he be reprimanded, and censured for such his misconduct, and that he ask the pardon of the house, and the speaker, and the particular members reflected on by him; an amendment was proposed, and the question put, That the following words be struck out: "and the particular members reflected on by him." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Cadwalader appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Wilmer,	Deye,	Kent,	Dennis,	F. Gaunt,	M'Meehan,
	Cadwalader,	Martin,	Wright,	Houston,	Whitely,	Bayly.
	Freeland,	Sulivane,	Earle,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	J. Mackall,	L. Mackall,	Causin,	Job,	Quyna,	Chapline,
	W. Stevenson,	Williamson,	J. Stevenson,	Kirk,	Morris,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	T. Gantt,	Ward,	Duckett,	Dashiell,	Queale,
	Maccubbin,	Dent,	Lawson,	Chase,	Norris,	Hungerford.
	Brogden,					

So it was determined in the negative.

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