

they did enlist with Robert Bodkin and James Horner, and from the evidence of the said two men, that when they were to pass an examination before the county lieutenant, they were instructed to tell where they had worked, and the names of the persons who they were to say knew them; and Peter Scott, one of them, saith, that Robert Bodkin applied to him for his pass, and told the said Scott to swear that he had no pass, if asked, and to say that they never had been soldiers; and John Butler saith, that James Horner told him, when the lieutenant asked if he had never been a soldier, to say he had not, and many other things, which, by referring to the deposition aforesaid, will more fully appear.

Your committee have inserted part of Butler's and Scott's depositions here, to shew how consistent Mr. Horner stands, when, by Mr. Dallam's deposition he declares, that Mr. Horner assured him upon his honour, that he had never seen the young men before they came to the Cross-roads that day to enlist, which, by referring to Mr. Dallam's deposition, will more fully appear.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that they have spent a great deal of time in endeavouring to investigate the truth of the aforesaid facts, as it appeared to them to be a matter of very great importance, as a similar conduct as this of Mr. Horner's, can't fail to alienate the affections of our good citizens, and in the end prove the destruction of American independence.

Your committee, from the foregoing state of facts proved against James Horner, do further report to the honourable house, that in their opinion he hath deviated from that line of conduct that ought to characterise every honest citizen, has greatly abused the trust reposed in him by the good people of his county, and hath been guilty of a most iniquitous and shameful prostitution of office; that a prosecution ought to be set on foot in the general court against said Horner by the house of delegates, and that he pay all the legal expences attending this enquiry.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Clagett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the letter of John Randall, state clothier, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and are of opinion, that the said John Randall, as state clothier, ought to have the pay of two hundred and fifty pounds specie per annum, or the value in paper money, commencing from the 12th day of May 1779, when he entered into the service; they are likewise of opinion, that Mr. Debosier, his assistant, should be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds like money, wages, from the 10th of February 1780; they are to pay their own travelling expences. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. W. Stevenson, from the committee, 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, Esq; treasurer of the western shore, and find by a report made the tenth day of April last, there was a balance of £. 117,270 5 remaining in his hands. It appears from the books and accounts of the said treasurer, that he hath received on loan, from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, the sum of £. 100,601 5; that he hath received from the treasurer of the eastern shore the sum of £. 43,388 5, and £. 6 specie; from the lieutenant of Anne-Arundel county, for class money and militia fines, £. 36,150 15 9; from the lieutenant of St. Mary's county, for class money, £. 29,176; from the collectors of the several counties, £. 368,309 9 2 on account of assessment; from the loan-office, £. 75,000; on loan, £. 159,935 0 7 and £. 20 specie, agreeable to an act, entitled, An act to procure a loan; also the further sum of £. 85,935 13 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ for fines and forfeitures, tonnage on vessels, and sundry state debtors.

Your committee also find, that the said treasurer hath paid away, for interest on state loan-office certificates, the sum of £. 5434 7 11, and £. 243 12 for interest on certificates issued agreeable to act of assembly, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes; and the sundry claimants, for their allowances on the journal of accounts, £. 79,229 2 2.

It appears to your committee, by the books and accounts of said treasurer, that he hath paid away to sundry persons, from the 1st of April last to 19th November 1780 inclusive, £. 929,940 18 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, and £. 10 18 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ specie, for all which payments have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and there remains a balance of £. 15 1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ specie, and £. 922 14 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ currency, in his hands, belonging to this state.

Your committee have also examined the accounts of the said treasurer of the new emission, and find that he hath received in bills of credit emitted agreeable to an act of assembly passed June session 1780, £. 50,000.

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