

bly; but your committee apprehend it might be done during the recess thereof, to the time that the committee of claims settle with the western shore treasurer, and strike a balance on his account. This might be done so as to lay a state thereof before the general assembly at their next session, and continue in rotation from thenceforth, whenever the committee of claims make a settlement of the western shore treasurer's account, that is, on the committee of claims settling with the western shore treasurer on any day during a session of assembly, the auditor to balance his books on that day, and make out a general state from them to that date, in order to be laid before the next session thereafter.

That from the manner in which the public accounts have been heretofore kept, under former regulations, no certain estimates of the claims against the state can be ascertained, because the auditor cannot make an entry of any account on his books before the governor and council have given their approbation thereof; and when the treasury is not in cash to pay the public claims, the public creditors will not bring in their accounts, by which it is impossible to ascertain the amount of the public debts at any particular period.

That the prices and rewards allowed for all kind of services, so far as they have come to the knowledge of your committee, are as follow, viz. For expresses 22/6 specie per day and ferriages; for boat hire 1/6 per ton per day; for horse hire 3/9 per day; for armourers wages 7/6 to 10/ per day; for waggon hire 20/ per day, and when the state finds provision and forage 15/; for cart hire 15/ to 20/ per day, as can be agreed on, and upon particular emergencies something more, as the case might require.

That the papers, for want of convenient places to put them in, are not arranged in so good order as they ought to be, but this cannot be altered before a set of shelves, or paper cases, are made to put them in, which, for want of money to pay the expence, has hitherto been delayed.

Your committee further report, that the books kept by the commissary of stores are in good order; that the variation of prices given for goods has been such, that he hath not priced any of the articles charged in his books. That it appears to your committee that there has been purchased, since the first day of January last, to the first day of December, viz. Linen 6317 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards, woollens 3305 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards, coats 684, sleeve jackets 488, jackets without sleeves 144, linen overalls 929, leather breeches 30 pair, shirts 1886, shoes 1745 pair, Stockings 2458 pair, hats 815, stocks 900, Buckles 380 pair, blankets 642, socks 516, knapsacks 356, tents 75, camp kettles 218, pounds of thread and twist 32 $\frac{1}{2}$, dozens of buttons 2762, silk handkerchiefs 6, linen ditto 26, silk stockings 6 pair, and butchers knives 12, as by a particular account herewith returned will appear; and your committee further beg leave to refer to the inventory hereunto annexed, for the goods remaining on hand.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

The following question being moved, viz. This house having agreed to receive paper in lieu of the sum imposed in taxes at the following rates, that is to say, money of the last emission at par, state money at two for one, and continental state at three for one, That the price to be allowed for specific articles to be received in payment of the assessment be ascertained at the current specie price? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Bayly, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Forrest,	Ridgely,	Rowland,	Coursey,	Beatty,	Sprigg,
	Thomas,	Hindman,	Hawkins,	Chafe,	Duvall,	Griffith,
	Mills,	Miller,	Wright,	Quynn,	Wilson,	Bayly.
	Hall,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	N. Worthington,	Chew,	Gibson,	Bowie,	Seney,	Stull,
	B. Worthington,	Jenifer,	Eccleston,	Duckett,	Taylor,	Chapline,
	Brogden,	Stone,	Job,	Kent,	Smithson,	Burgess.
	Fitzhugh,	S. Worthington,	Brevard,			

So it was determined in the negative.

The following question was then moved, That the price to be allowed for specific articles to be received in payment of the assessment, be ascertained at the current specie price? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the supply bill, the question was put, That the allowance for pork be thirty-five shillings per hundred? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chafe, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Forrest,	Ridgely,	Hawkins,	Coursey,	Quynn,	Wilson,
	Thomas,	Hindman,	Wright,	Chafe,	M'Mechen,	Sprigg.
	Mills,					

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