

the state labour under all the disadvantages of their being indebted for the whole sums advanced them, as not knowing on what account their disbursements were, and that way being deprived of the advantage of debiting the United States with what is properly chargeable thereto. In the progress through the accounts and papers, which are numerous, and in which great care and attention has been used, there are a number of vouchers found wanting to establish many charges against the union, and for this reason abstracts only can go forward to the offices of congress, where they are to be passed; and as writing to the parties who have been concerned, has not, nor is likely to have, the effect of procuring the said vouchers, your auditor knows no mode so proper to procure them as by sending some person from one of the offices of agent or auditor to demand such vouchers and testimonies as can now be had, and to demand a settlement of those persons who have been written to, and have not complied with what was required of them. Perhaps it may not be an improper measure for the honourable the general assembly, at their present sitting, to order and empower the auditor, or some other officer, in case of failure in the mode proposed, to bring suits, after a certain day, against all who may continue delinquent on that day. Your agent, Mr. White, having particularly stated the progress of the business relating to the account against the union, your auditor doth not think it necessary to trouble your honours with any thing more upon this subject. He would wish, however, before he closes this report, to call to your observation the great expence the public are liable to from the situation of the arms and military stores now in this city. This expence has arisen from the circumstance of the want of such money in the treasury as could be applied by the governor and council to pay for the transportation of them to Frederick-town during the last year. The expences for the sittings of the various courts and elections for Anne-Arundel county, and city of Annapolis, are incurred because their court-house, formerly the council-chamber, is used by the state as a repository for the arms and stores above mentioned, and the rent of a warehouse at the dock, is also incurred for the same reason, and as the expence of transportation must at all events be incurred, it becomes a question, whether it would not be better to direct, that a sum sufficient for the purpose of transportation be supplied immediately, than that the other expences of house-rent, &c. should continue. Among the arms and military stores, are a number of old and battered articles, scarcely worth the expence or carriage. They consist of old cloathing, old iron, old camp-kettles, axes, &c. and some damaged tents. Your auditor has given this information, that the assembly may be induced to give orders respecting them.

He has the honour to be, &c.

C. RICHMOND, aud. gen.

December 13, 1787.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz.

RESOLVED, That the account of Frederick Green, rendered for publishing the acts of assembly, agreeably to a resolution passed at November session, 1784, be referred to the auditor-general, who is directed to audit the said account? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Key,	M'Pherson,	Hayward,	Bravard,	W. Bowie,	Downes,
	Hlarwood,	Chapman,	Stewart,	Bond,	Quynn,	Loockerman,
	Fitzhugh,	Roberts,	Shaw,	Matthews,	Henry,	Chafe,
	Dent,	Sherwood,	Pattison,	Craufurd,	T. Johnson,	Bruce,
	Parnham,	Tilghman,	Steele,	F. Bowie,	Faw,	Taylor.

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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	R. Miller,	Gough,	S. Miller,	Purnell,	Hughlett,	Burgefs,
	Nicholls,	Cockey,	John Seney,	Mitchell,	M'Mechen,	Oneale,
	Read,	Ridgely,	Jackfon,	Norris,	Funk,	Holmes,
	N. Worthington,	Adams,	Brown,	Walker,	Cellars,	Griffith.
	B. Worthington,	Lecompte,				

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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The petition of William Hanfon, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chafe, Mr. N. Worthington and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

Samuel Hughes, Esquire; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill concerning pardons, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 13, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Ordered to be engrossed.

And sundry letters from his excellency the governor and the council to Mr. Francis Deakins, and his answers, respecting the lands to be laid out to the westward of Fort Cumberland, agreeably to a resolution of the general assembly, and a petition from the settlers on the said lands, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of Vachel Downes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1787: Read and assented to.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

And the bill for the relief of the poor of Cæcil county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

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