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stores in the possession of the commissary of stores, and the probable expence of the repairs and outfits of each of the galleys for a cruise for a month or longer time.

YOUR committee, in obedience to the order of the honourable house, have enquired into the state of the galleys and state boats, which they find in the following condition:

That the galley Chester mounts four eighteen pounders, ten four pounders, and four swivel guns, her sails and rigging complete, but half worn, her bottom much damaged by the worms, and unfit for service, until repaired, has two small boats, two barrels of powder, and twenty rounds of shot.

That the galley Conqueror mounts four eighteen pounders, ten four pounders, and ten swivel guns, her sails and rigging nearly complete, and more than half worn, her bottom in the same situation with the Chester's, has one old boat and ten rounds of shot.

That the galley Independence has on board two eighteen pounders, two twelve pounders, and six swivel guns, her sails and rigging complete, all but topgallant sails and the rigging, her hull in pretty good repair, her rudder too small, has two barrels of powder, twenty rounds of shot, and two boats.

That the Dolphin has been new bottomed, has new sails and partly new rigging, has eight swivel guns, a small quantity of powder and shot, and one boat.

That the Plater's hull is in good repair, her sails and rigging two thirds worn, has eight swivel guns, a small quantity of powder and shot.

That there is also a large flat and scow a little out of repair.

That the officers and mariners now in the naval department are as follow: One commodore, two captains of the galleys, two captains of the boats, one acting lieutenant, fifty-one petty-officers, men, and boys.

Your committee beg leave to refer the house, for an account of the naval stores, to the paper No. 1. For an account of the military stores in the fort of Annapolis, the magazine at Rawlings's, and at the Indian Landing, to the paper No. 2. They have not been able to procure any account of the stores at Baltimore-town. For an account of the monthly expence of the marine, to the paper No. 3, delivered in to them by the auditor-general. For an account of the provision purchased into the victualling-office, in the year last past, and monthly issues from the same, to the papers No. 4, 5, 6, and 7. The account of medical and hospital department is contained in the paper No. 8.

Your committee have not been able to obtain an account of the annual expence of the victualling office; they applied to the auditor-general, whom they conceived to be the proper person to furnish that estimate, but were informed by him, that it was not in his power to render any account thereof.

The expence of the fortification and artillery companies in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, and the number of officers and privates now belonging to the said companies, except those of Baltimore-town, of which no return could be procured, your committee find to be as follow:

The amount of contingent expences, from the first of January, 1779, to October	9,272	14	8
the 18th			
The pay of artillery companies for the same time	5,500	0	0
The expence of fortifying Annapolis	307	18	9
The expence of fort at Baltimore-town	384	0	0

The number of officers and privates now belonging to the artillery company in the city of Annapolis, one sergeant, one corporal, one sife, and thirteen privates.

Upon examining the books and papers of William Goldsmith, who has the care and management of the state t-n-yard, your committee find the accounts in such disorder and confusion, that they cannot ascertain the stock on hand, or the benefit arising to the public from the said manufactory; therefore they are of opinion, that the governor and council be requested to employ some other person, better qualified to manage the same, or to sell and dispose of said tan-yard, as they may judge will most conduce to the advantage of the public.

Your committee finding that the house is already furnished with an account of the public stores in the possession of the commissary of stores, by the committee appointed to examine into the auditor's accounts, have thought it unnecessary to make any further enquiry into that article.

They beg leave further to inform the house, that they have obtained from commodore Grafor an estimate of the probable expence of the repairs and outfits of two galleys for a month's cruise. the amount of which is twenty-five thousand four hundred and eighty-two pounds, the particulars of which estimate are contained in the papers No. 9 and 10.

Your committee, considering the vast expence incurred by this state in support of the marine and military departments, and that the benefit derived from the same is very inadequate to the charges of maintaining them in their present system, and being well convinced that the money arising from the sale of the galleys, and as much of the military stores as the governor and council may

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