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The House met. All present as on yesterday. The proceedings of Yesterday were read Mr. Loxamplin brings in a memorial from Joseph O'Connell, on behalf of the widow of Robert Cummins, deceased; and the House having in the present Instance, dispensed with the Order for admitting a new Paper, the same was read and referred to Committee N. 2 who are to enquire into and report upon the same Mr. Magruder and Mr. Carmichael appeared in the House.

On Motion, the Question was put, That the following be entered as the Resolves of this House: Whereas considerable Sums of Money have been heretofore advanced to sundry persons in this State, for furnishing Cannon, Muskets, Gunlocks, Salt, Saltpetre, and sundry other Manufactures, and it not appearing to this House that the Terms on which these Sums aforesaid were advanced had been complied with: Resolved, That Messrs. Hall, Beall, Luyon, Brier, and Macculbin, together with such members of the Senate as they may think proper to nominate, or any three or more of the said Persons, so nominated, be a Committee in the Name of the General Assembly, to enquire and report to the next Session of the General Assembly, how far the persons to whom Money hath been advanced for the above purposes, have complied with the Terms on which the said several Sums were advanced. That the said Committee inspect and examine the Accounts and Proceedings of the Auditor General, and to see that the same be properly stated and entered up; also the Accounts of the late and present Commissary of Stores and Commissioners of the Loan Office: That they call on the Council of Safety, and also on the Governor and Council, for a sight of their Journals and other Proceedings, and also for an Account of the Disposition and Loan of all public Monies advanced to them by the late Conventions, General Assembly, Council of Safety or by Order of the Governor and Council, to render an Account thereof; and in general, that they, or any three or more of them, have full power to enquire into the Expenditure of all public Monies, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and Records, and that they make Report of their Proceedings to the next Session of the General Assembly; That they have power to employ a Clerk and Doorkeeper, and be allowed their reasonable Expenses whilst at Annapolis, and in going and coming thereto: Resolved in the Affirmative

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- Mr. Marshall, Digges, Stearnson, Northborough, Key, Schucholtz,
- Thomas, Polk, Job, Bruff, Norris, Loxamplin,
- Messrs. } Lloyd, Jackson, Evans, Brown, W. Comas, Bayly,
- Westmor, Strawbridge, Beall, Carmichael, Hood, Bungo,
- T. Marshall, Macculbin, Magruder, Chaille, Sprigg, Luyon,
- S. Hanfor, Eccleston, Gibson, Mitchell, Hughes, Brier,
- Dent, Woolford, Northborough, Hanfor, Barnes, L. Chase.

Negative

- Messrs. Doye, Hammon, Bridgely, Bond.

Sent to the Senate by Mr. Beall and Mr. Jackson