

By the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Letter of his Excellency the Governor of the 10th Instant, and also the Letter of General Smallwood of the 20th of February last. Your Committee have taken the above Letters into Consideration, and beg Leave to report to the Honble House, that as we already have an Office of this State by whom all Payments to be made to Congress for our Quota of the continental Expence, & always heretofore have been and still may be made, we think it unnecessary, and therefore improper, to appoint an Office for that special Purpose.

Your Committee are of Opinion, that the Governor and Council ought to be authorized and empowered to exchange all such sums of Money of the Emissions of May 1777, and April 11th 1778, as have issued out of the Treasury of this State for Procents to the Maryland Officers or the Staff, or pay the State Bounty to the Nine Months Men who enlisted in that Service.

As General Smallwood expresses his Doubts whether the Staff, or what Part in the Maryland Line, under the Resolution of the 11th of December last, were entitled to the Procent of two hundred and fifty pounds, made to the Maryland Officers and Staff by the Resolution aforesaid; and also doubts what Part of the Officers in the German and Rawlings's Regiments are entitled to the said Procent; Your Committee beg Leave to express it as their Opinion, that under the Resolution aforesaid the whole of the Staff then in actual Service in the Maryland Line were comprehended, and consequently that the whole of them are entitled to the same Procent.

As the German and Rawlings's Regiments were not at the Time of entering into the aforesaid Resolution of 11th December considered as a part of the Maryland Line, your Committee are of Opinion they cannot be comprehended within the same. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honorable House. Signed by Order Wm. W. Pheasant Esq.

Which was read a first and second Time and concurred with

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Resolve about translating and printing the laws in the German Language, thus endorsed; "By the Senate March 20th 1779: Read and deferred to By Order H. Ridgely Esq. Secy."

And the following (one page, By the Senate March 25th 1779

Gentlemen, We have deferred to the Resolve for translating into the German Language the several acts of Assembly and form of Government therein mentioned, because it is in our Judgment a Matter of too much Importance to be so suddenly determined upon. By Ord. H. Ridgely Esq. Secy. The following Resolve was sent to the Senate by Mr. W. G. Edborough and Mr. Gibson, Resolved, That the Governor and Council be authorized to exchange all Bills of the Emissions of 20th May 1777, and 11th April 1778, that have issued out of the Treasury of this State, in Payment of public Debts, or for the Purchase of Provisions for this State, or for Procents to the Maryland Officers & Staff, or to pay the Bounty to the Nine Months Men who enlisted in that Service, and make good the same out of the Money of other Emissions in the Western Shore Treasury; provided such Bills of the Emissions of the 20th May 1777, and 11th April 1778, be exchanged on or before the 20th Day of May next By Order J. Dushett Esq. Secy.

Wm. W. Pheasant, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the above Resolve, thus endorsed; "By the Senate March 25th 1779: Read and deferred to. By Order H. Ridgely Esq. Secy."

Also the Resolve for increasing the Salary of the Clerk of the Council, thus endorsed; "By the Senate March 20th 1779: Read and deferred to. By Order H. Ridgely Esq. Secy. and the following (one page)