

they have gained in Quantity, which is to be accounted for by the Difference in the weight & length measures. We herewith lay before you an Inventory of Goods now in the Commissary's hands N<sup>o</sup>. 6, as likewise an Account of the Goods by him delivered from the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 1779, to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 1779, as of said Account N<sup>o</sup>. 7, as likewise a list of Balances due the State from the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 1779 to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1779, as of said Account N<sup>o</sup>. 8. which we submit to the Consideration of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Assembly. Your Committee further report as their Opinion, that the Commissary of Stores should be directed to dispose of the Salt Petre on Hand, and that Instructions should be given him, what ought to be done with the Hogheads of Gunpowder in his Care, the Proprietor unknown. Your Committee further beg leave to report, that the Auditor General should be empowered to call on the several Commissaries to settle and audit their Books of Accounts. Your Committee are of Opinion, that your present Auditor General, considering the papers & State that the Books were in at the time he was appointed of his Appointment, hath done his Duty, and should that Hon<sup>ble</sup> Assembly think proper to continue him in that Office, he ought to have a liberal Salary, as the Business that will necessarily attend that Department will be attended with considerable Difficulty and Trouble. All which is submitted to the Honorable House.

Signed by Order Nath<sup>l</sup> Marwood Sec<sup>y</sup> Com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Richard Barron, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to the Speaker two Letters from James Calhoun Deputy Quarter Master General, bearing Date the 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of November 1779, directed to his Excellency Thomas M<sup>or</sup>ris Esq.; which were severally read.

Mr. Manly from the Conference brings in & delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report

At a Conference agreed to by the two Houses of Assembly, for the purpose of considering the proper Measures to be adopted to procure speedy and full Supply of Cloth and Storage for the Army of the United States, by what Trade a Quantity of Cloathing, Blankets, Shoes, and other Necessaries, can be obtained to furnish the Troops of this State and the Recommendation of Congress of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, to enact Laws for the establishing and carrying into Execution a general Limitation of Prices.

to represent

Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Brice Thomas Deale both Esquires, Senators, John Hall, John Henry, John Hanson, William Stevenson, Peregrine S<sup>ir</sup>bury, and Samuel Chap, Esquires Delegates

Who made Choice of Matthew Tilghman, Esq. President & M. H. Slegely, Clerk.

Your Conference appointed for the above purposes, have agreed to the following Propositions, and submit the same to the Consideration of the General Assembly.

1<sup>st</sup> That it would be improper at this present Session of Assembly, to enact Laws establishing and carrying into Execution a general Limitation of the Prices of Country Produce, common Labour, the Wages of Tradesmen, Mechanics and foreign Merchandize, agreeable to the Resolution of Congress of the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1779. But altho' your Conference are of Opinion, that it would be highly inconvenient to, and burthened on, the Inhabitants of this State, to frame Laws for a general Regulation of Prices, to have Effect, before it is ascertained that the several States in the Union will adopt similar Measures; yet they would beg leave to recommend to the General Assembly that Commissioners be appointed to meet Commissioners, appointed by the Legislatures of the several States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia, at the City of Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday of

January,