

Friday December 3: 1779

The House met. Devoat as on Yesterday, The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. Hall appeared in the House. Mr. Gresham brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report  
By the Committee appointed by the Honourable House to receive & examine any Proposals for the Establishment of Manufactories, and to consider & report the best Means for setting on foot Manufactories, and promoting the Trade & Commerce of this State; also to enquire into & report what hath been done by those who have heretofore received Encouragement for Manufactories.

Your Committee in Pursuance of the Order and Direction of the House, reports as follows, to wit; That they have received several Proposals for the Establishment of Manufactories. Your Committee conceive this State at present, so much at the Mercy of the present Rate of Importation, Speculators, &c. that a Board of Trade is absolutely essential.

Your Committee therefore recommend to the honourable House, that a Board of Trade be established under the Direction of two or three virtuous Men, acquainted with Commerce, who should be enabled to dispose of any State Supplies or other unnecessary Articles, the Property of this State; and the Money arising from the Sales to be appropriated in purchasing fast sailing Vessels, for the Purpose of importing necessary Cloathing for the Troops in the Service of this State, and military Stores and Salt.

Your Committee further report, that it appears by Bonds and the State of Accounts on the Books of the Auditor General that there remains due to this State the Sum of £30,032-12-11/2 Annexed is a List of those to whom the Money was advanced, and for what Purpose.

Your Committee are of Opinion, that several of the Persons have complied in Part with the Terms of their Bonds, but upon the whole we conceive the Public have derived little or no Benefit from the liberal Encouragement given by the Legislature.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed by Order Nath: Barwood C. Com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridiem.

The House met

Mr. Job brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker at 5 o'clock, an Act to lay out and clear a Road from the Head of Elk towards Christiansa Bridge; which was read the first time & ordered to lie on the Table. On reading a second Time the Report brought in Yesterday by Mr. Hanford from the Conference, the Question was put, That the House concur with that part of the Report, from the words "that it would be improper if" to the words "November 1779". The Yeas and Nays being called for by Mr. Chase

Affirmative

Key, J. Hall, Johns, Bross, Dennis, Alexander,  
Messrs. Ingham, Ward, Magruder, Ringgold, Crampton, Stille,  
Loshburn, Job, Chase, Duvor, Dey, Archer,  
Workington, E. Hall, Eccleston, Daffin, M. Machin, Norris.

Negative

Reed, Tricoland, S. Hanford, Henry, Stricker, Purges,  
Gresham, Williams, Danning, M. Gas, J. Hanford, Bayly,  
Messrs. Wilson, Winder, Birchhead, Smoot, Deatty, Barnes,  
Swetsonson, Dafriale, O. Hall, Noone, Gaunt, Spigg,  
Williamson, Dennis, Luyon, M. Bride.

Joseph Sen, Esq. for the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Letter from George Plater & James Forbes, Esquires, Members of Congress, dated Nov. 30. 1779, enclosing an Act of Congress of Nov. 27. 1779. which was read.

The House adjourns till To Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock