

Col. JOHN H. STONE. Dr.			CONTRA. Cr.		
1785.					
Nov. 1. To specie certificates,	2750	0 0	By depreciation certificates, per	2658	12 1½
To interest thereon, from			lift,	837	9 4
8th Dec. 1784 to 1st			By interest thereon,	1	14 9
Nov. 1785,	147	16 3	By balance due,		
To allowance for ex-	600	0 0			
change,					
	<u>£. 3497</u>	<u>16 3</u>		<u>£. 3497</u>	<u>16 3</u>
To balance due,		1 14 9			

The house will readily discover the above entry wants method; and, to illustrate the transaction more fully, as to the disposal of the above certificates by the intendant, your committee beg leave to lay before the honourable house the following statement:

Dr. Col. JOHN H. STONE, to the STATE of MARYLAND.			Cr.		
To specie certificates,	2750	0 0	By depreciation certificates, Specie.		
To interest from the 8th Dec.			2658 12 1½, at £.75 in the		
1784 to the 1st Nov. 1785,	147	16 3	100 principal, is	1993	19 1½
			Balance,	903	17 1½
	<u>£. 2897</u>	<u>16 3</u>		<u>£. 2897</u>	<u>16 3</u>

The above balance of £. 903 17 1½, disposed of in depreciation certificates, at the current exchange of £.75 in the 100 principal, would amount to £. 1205 2 10; five years and three months interest thereon, £. 379 12 4; amounting in the whole to £. 1584 15 3; out of which deduct £. 600 paid in exchange by colonel Stone, there is a loss to the state of £. 984 15 2; from which statement it appears evident to your committee, this remark must follow, that the intendant, in the exchange, did not strictly adhere to that economy, so pointedly recommended to him by the act of assembly passed last session, appointing an intendant.

Your committee observe, that the intendant has exercised the power of lending the public money, and that on the 4th of February 1785, he advanced to the trustees of the poor of Anne-Arundel county the sum of one hundred pounds; this conduct, your committee conceive, is repugnant to the interest of the state at large, and contrary to the power with which he is invested.

That the purchase of certificates by the intendant was derogatory to the dignity of this state, unauthorised by law, and will have a tendency to prevent the government from complying with her engagements to her creditors.

As the intendant's books contain no regular account of the expences for the repairs of the public buildings, and erecting a necessary in the public circle, your committee beg leave to suggest to the honourable house the propriety of having a full account of all expenditures relative to this business laid before the house, with an estimate of the probable amount of the sum necessary to complete the same, together with such contracts and engagements for timber and undertakers as the intendant has in his possession.

Your committee are fully impressed with the importance of their trust, and have used every endeavour to make as full a report as the nature of the several matters they have had under consideration would admit. The sale and final adjustment of specifics being drawn so near to a period of entire settlement, as also the sale of real property, your committee have no hesitation in giving it as their opinion, that there is no longer any necessity for an intendant; and that taking in view the intendant's report as to the adjustment of the claims of this state against the United States, as well as the knowledge your committee have of the auditor and the continental commissioner, they give it as their decided opinion, an intendant is unnecessary in the adjustment of these accounts; a longer continuance of so weighty an establishment as the intendant's office, supported by so large a sum of the public money, can only contribute to reduce the funds of the state, and become burthensome to the good citizens thereof.

Unanimously agreed to,
 PHILIP KEY,
 JOHN DE BUTTS,
 JOHN GALE,

HOWES GOLDSBOROUGH,
 THOMAS CRAMPHIN.

All which is submitted to the honourable house,
 By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill relating to the public buildings in Caroline county; the bill to enable John Eagar Howard, of Baltimore county, to convey to the vestry of St. Paul's parish and their successors a parcel of ground adjoining Baltimore-town, for the purposes therein mentioned; and the message respecting an appointment of a register of wills for Talbot county; were sent to the senate by Mr. McMechen.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, is postponed until the fifth day of the next session of assembly, and that the parties have leave to be heard by counsel at the bar of the house.

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