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It is voted and resolved, that His Honor the Governor, and Mr. John Jenckes, draw out of the general treasury, the sum of £600, lawful money, towards fitting out a vessel, ordered by this General Assembly, to fetch salt for the use of this state.

It is voted and resolved, that John Cole and Jonathan Arnold, Esqs., be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee, to revise the act establishing a maritime court, for the trial of prize causes, within this state; and that they make report of the same, to this Assembly, at the next session.

Whereas, Richard Aylsworth, Stephen Spencer, Christopher Bentley and Abel Shearman, preferred a petition to this Assembly, setting forth, that on the 14th day of February last past, they were captured on board the sloop Dolphin, in the service of this state, by the Portland man of war, and carried to Antigua; from whence they obtained a passage to Nova Scotia, and from thence home to East Greenwich; which was attended with great cost and charges, which they have been obliged, since their return, to re-pay by their daily labor, and whereby their families are deprived of their necessary support; and thereupon besought this Assembly to commiserate their distressed situation, and order their wages and expenses to be paid them.

[The total amount allowed, was £55 19s. 7d.]

An Act for the inspection of gunpowder, manufactured within this state.

Be it enacted by this General Assembly, and by the authority thereof, it is enacted, that if any person or persons, within this state, shall vend or expose to sale any gunpowder, manufactured within the same, unless said gunpowder be packed in a good dry cask, marked with the two first letters of the manufacturer's name, and hath been examined and approved by the inspector of gunpowder, for said state, and by him marked with the letters **U. S. A.**, and such other marks as are necessary to distinguish the several sorts of gunpowder; the person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and

pay £6, lawful money, for every cask so exposed to sale; to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, upon conviction before any court of record within this state; which forfeiture, shall one moiety thereof be given to the informer, and the other be paid into the general treasury of this state.

And be it further enacted by the authority, aforesaid, that the said inspector be paid out of the general treasury ninepence, lawful money, for every cask so marked and inspected by him.

An Act for punishing persons counterfeiting the bills or notes of either of the Continental loan offices, within the United States of America.

Be it enacted by this General Assembly, and by the authority thereof, it is enacted, that if any person or persons within this state, shall counterfeit the bills or notes of either of the Continental loan offices, within the United States of America, or utter or pass the same, knowing them to be such, and be thereof duly convicted, shall suffer the pains of death.

It is voted and resolved, that the Hon. William Bradford, Esq., be, and he is hereby, chosen a delegate to represent this state in the Continental Congress.

It is voted and resolved, that the lot on which the old court house, in the county of Kings county, stands, and the said house, be sold by the sheriff of said county, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, on the 2d day of November next, at two o'clock, in the afternoon; and that the general treasurer give a warranty deed of the same, to the purchaser, in behalf of this state.

It is voted and resolved, that Jesse Burdick be appointed captain; Weight Burdick, lieutenant; and Phineas Maxson, ensign, of the third company of militia, in the town of Hopkinton.

It is voted and resolved, that the report of the committee who were appointed to estimate the damages done by the soldiers, to the house of Capt. Joshua Ingraham, be ac-