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the Committee were ready to make their Report thereon, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the said Report be now received.

And accordingly Doctor Bull read the same, in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the said Report was afterwards read to the House, and is in the Words following (that is to say)

The Committee to whom the Petition of William Webb and John Gwyn, Agents and Factors of Messieurs Collinson and Lamport of the City of London, Merchants, Owners of the Ship Ann Galley, whereof Thomas Blowers lately

was Master, was referred, report,

That they have enquired into the Allegations of the Petition as far as they relate to the Articles contained in the Account referred to in the said Petition and find by a Receipt signed John Colcock that the four Six-pound Guns and their Tackle with Shot and other Necessaries were impressed by Virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of the Honourable William Bull Esq., Lieutenant Governour of this Province, bearing Date the twelfth Day of July one thousand seven hundred and forty-two, directed to Captain John Colcock to enable this Government to assist the Colony of Georgia at that Time invaded by the Spaniards.

Your Committee then proceeded in their Enquiry with regard to the Allegations of the said Petition that the Guns &c. were not redelivered on board the Ann Galley and upon perusing the Deposition of Matthias Hart taken on Oath before Henry Gibbes Esq., one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, we find that the said Hart, having received Orders the 12th Day of September from Captain Chapman to carry the said Guns on board Captain Blowers' Ship, he got on board the Ann Galley at about Half an Hour after four of the Clock and that the Mate, who was the commanding Officer on board, when he heard that Hart had only verbal Orders from Captain Blowers, refused positively to receive the Guns on board. The Deponent told the Mate that if he would lend him an Hand he would put the Guns on board, which the Mate also refused. That the Deponent saw on board the Ann Galley the Doctor, Mate, and four white Men and some Negroes when he carried the Guns down.

Your Committee then had laid before them a Copy of the Deposition of four Mariners belonging to the said Ann Galley attested by Abraham Croft, Notary Public, setting forth that on the 12th Day of September, 1742, at Half an Hour past six in the Evening, Captain Chapman sent the Long Boat with the Guns belonging to the Ann Galley; that after they came down Captain Blowers' People asked Captain Chapman's Men to assist them in getting in the Guns as they were unable for Want of Men, which Captain Chapman's Men (as the Deponents say) refused to do, upon which Captain Blowers' People said they would take no Charge of the Long Boat and Guns; that they moored the Long Boat astern of the Ann Galley; that at ten that Night the Wind rising the Long Boat sunk with the Guns.

As the two Depositions abovementioned appeared so contradictory, your Committee sent for Capt. Chapman who commanded the Kingston Sloop taken in the Service of this Province for the Relief of Georgia, who, being examined, said that he sent the Boat about Dinner Time with the Guns, that he was in-

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Your Committee apprehend that the Difference appearing in the two abovementioned Depositions may be reconciled by comparing the Examination of Captain Chapman therewith, that it is very probable that Hart got on board the Ann Galley by Half an Hour after four of the Clock, and that after some Delay and Debate with the Mate who at first refused to assist, Hart put off to return to Town as Night came on and then (viz., at Half an Hour after six) the Sailors on board the Ann Galley offered their Assistance.

Your Committee, having made the most full Enquiry concerning the same which they were able, the People principally concerned being off this Province, have taken the Liberty to report the most particular Circumstances which have come to our Knowledge relating thereto, and humbly beg Leave to submit to the Justice and Consideration of the House, how far this Government is engaged in Honour and, to support the public Faith, to make good the Damages sustained by any Persons whose Goods have been impressed for the Service of this Province which have been lost or not timely returned by the Persons in whose Care they were entrusted pursuant to the Orders which your Committee are informed were given to each Captain of the provincial Vessels of War by his Honour the Lieutenant Governour for that Purpose.

The above Report was read a second Time and debated Paragraph by Paragraph. And while the same was under debate,

Mr. Cramahé, the Master in Chancery, brought down the following Papers from the Honourable the Upper House of Assembly which he delivered and then withdrew (that is to say) the Bill intitled a Bill to ascertain and regulate Public Officers' Fees, and to repeal an Act of the General Assembly of this Province intitled an Act for ascertaining Public Officers' Fees, which Bill had been read a first Time in the Upper House the 24th Day of November, 1742, and passed with Amendments; the Petition of William Boone to the General Assembly; the Petition of Benjamin Savage of Charles Town, Merchant, to the General Assembly; and the Petition of William Saxby to the General Assembly.

After Receipt of the above Papers, the House resumed the Debate on the Report from the Committee to whom the Petition of William Webb and John Gwyn, Agents and Factors to Messieurs Collinson and Lamport of the City of London, Merchants, &c., was referred. And the said Report being debated throughout, it was resolved, that the great Guns and what else (in the said Petition and Report mentioned) that shall appear to have been impressed by Virtue of the Warrant from his Honour the Lieutenant Governour, and which have not been returned to the said Thomas Blowers, Master of the said Ship Ann Galley, shall be paid for by the Public. And

Ordered, that it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom the Petition of William Webb and John Gwyn was referred, that they do settle the Account

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Lieutenant Governour and the Upper House, which the Master in Chancery delivered, and then withdrew.

Mr. Stephen Bull and Mr. Piere, who had it Yesterday in charge from the House to accompany Mr. David Godin to the Council Chamber, in order to their being present at his taking the State Oaths before his Honour the Lieutenant Governour, being returned with Mr. Godin, from the Council Chamber, reported to the House that he had taken the State Oaths.

Ordered, that Jacob Motte Esq., a Member of this House and one of his Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the Peace for the County of Berkley, do administer the Oath of Qualification of a Member of this House to the said Mr. David Godin, which Mr. Motte accordingly did. And then the said Mr. Godin took his Seat in the House as a Member of the same.

Ordered, that the Message which the Master in Chancery just now brought down from his Honour the Lieutenant Governour, be now read. And the same was accordingly read, and is as follows (that is to say)

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

I herewith send you an Account of the Number of the Negroes who were inlisted and sent on the late Expedition for the Relief of the Colony of Georgia, several of whom have applied to me for some small Reward for their Service on that Occasion; but, as there was no established Provision for that Purpose, I could not well grant their Request; and as a small Allowance, by Way of Reward, for what they have done, may be an Encouragement on future Occasions, wherein the Negroes may be of great Service to the Province, I recommend the same to your Consideration.

The 27th day of November, 1742

William Bull

Then the account of the Negroes inlisted, in the above Message mentioned, was read to the House, and is as follows, (that is to say)

ACCOUNT OF NEGROES INLISTED ON BOARD THE VESSELS FITTED OUT BY THIS GOVERNMENT AND SENT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE COLONY OF GEORGIA

On board	The Success, Capt. Wm. Tompson		16	Negroes
	The Charles Town Galley, Wm. Lyfo	ord	10	1.75
	The Carolina, John Murray		16	
	The Beaufort Galley, Willm. Gibson		4	
	The Norfolk, David Cutler Braddock		2	
>	The Kingston, Thomas Chapman		7	
	The Juan Baptista, James Barrett		18	
		In all	73	Negroes

The House proceeded to take the above Message under Consideration, and the same being read a second Time and debated, the Question was put that a small Reward should be given to the Negroes in the said Message mentioned. And it passed in the Negative.

The Message to the Honourable the Upper House of Assembly in Answer to their Honours' Message of the 18th Day of November last in regard to the

MAGAZINE	Dr.	CONTRA	Cr.
	Lbs.		Lbs.
To Stock in the Magazine,		By Sundries for Powder de-	
Jan. 22, 1741/42	15,2433/4	livered out of the Maga-	
To Powder received from		zine for Batteries &c. in	
that Date to Jan. 13,		Charlestown	1,425
1742/43	7,5811/2	Johnson's Fort	3,000
-	22,8251/4	Indians	7181/2
	22,02374	Port Royal	1,000
		Vessels fitted out in the	
		Alarm	2,100
		Armorer	125
		Galleys and Scout Boats	1,500
		Look-outs	350
		Townships	150
			10,3681/2
		By Sundries for Powder lent which is to be replaced or paid for, viz.,	
		Captain Thompson	1,000
		Captain Frankland	1,000
		Mr. Jenys	300
		Mr. Pringle for Capt.	
		Wimble	200
		= ×	12,8681/2
		By Powder discounted for Ballast	730
		By Commissions to the Re-	
		ceiver on Powder	758
		By Ditto on Ballast	73
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Lieu of Powder	730	at this Date	9,12534
	23,5551/4		23,5551/4
	Total Control		. 1.1

Memorandum: the above Quantity of 7,581½ Lbs. of Powder includes 1,150 Wt. returned from Captains Barret, Chapman, and Murray.

The above Report being read a second Time, it was resolved that it is the Opinion of this House that the Powder Receiver is not intitled to, nor ought to be allowed, Commissions on any Powder delivered out for the Public Service and returned again into the Magazine.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to bring in a new Bill relating to the Powder Receiver's Office.

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