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Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A letter, of 21, from W. Rogers, chaplain of the brigade late commanded by Brigadier Conway, was read, requesting that the stile of the brigade may be changed to that of "the third Pennsylvania brigade," being the stile by which it is known in the army:¹

Resolved, That his request be granted, and that a new certificate be granted to him, referring to his appointment of 11 June, 1778.

A letter, of 20th, from James Calhoun, was read, enclosing a deposition of Joseph White, respecting the ravages and depredations of the enemy in Virginia.²

The commissioners report, That they have examined the accounts of Samuel Shaw and Richard Marven for expences incurred in defending an action at law brought against them by Esek Hopkins, in the State of Rhode island, and find that there is due to them for sundry expences, including fees to attorney and council for the defendants, the sum of fourteen hundred and eighteen dollars and 7/90, to be paid to Mr. Sam. Adams, agreeable to the request of the claimants:³

That we have considered the account of Captain Francis Proctor, for Superintending the Hospital at the Yellow Spring, from the 23rd of December last to the 15th instant, is one hundred and forty four days at three dollars p^r day, amounting to four hundred and thirty two dollars.

This duty he terms extra service. As charges under that head are generally settled by the Auditors at Camp, and we have never been furnished with any instruction or Resolves, by which to define what are, and what are not Extra services; we own we are doubtfull

¹ This letter is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 78, XIX, folio 279.

² Calhoun's letter is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 78, V, folio 349; the deposition is on folio 353.

³ This sum included "a fee to be paid to William Channing, Esq. as counsel for the defendants, which fee was left to the discretion of Congress, and is now by direction of the Treasury filled up at five hundred dollars."¹

whether this comes properly under that denomination. There is reason to believe that Officers can live as cheap at an hospital in the country, where there are plenty of good stores, as any where else. Indeed wherever there are public stores, the expense of living to them must be the same. We have it from the best authority that his Excellency General Washington is very cautious in granting warrants for extra services, and that many of these accounts are rejected, not without sufficient reasons.

We are therefore inclined to think that officers ordered on services of this nature should be allowed only for the days they are travelling, to and from the places they are ordered to, at the rate of three dollars every twenty miles; and we humbly conceive this distinction to have been the intention of the Resolution of Congress; If so, Capⁿ Proctor is entitled to nine dollars, but we respectfully submit this to further consideration.

Is it not the duty of an officer to command a guard at an Hospital as well as at Camp or wherever he may be ordered? ¹

Ordered, That the same be paid.

Ordered, That so much of the report as relates to the claims of Captain Francis Proctor, for superintending the hospital at the Yellow Spring, be referred to the auditors of accounts at the main army.

The Committee on the Treasury brought in a report, which was read; Whereupon,

Ordered, That a warrant issue on the treasurer, in favour of the delegates of Maryland, on their application, for ten thousand dollars, the said State to be accountable.

That a warrant issue on the treasurer, in favour of Mr. [William] Whipple, delegate from the State of New Hampshire, on his application, for four thousand dollars, the said State to be accountable.

That a warrant issue on the treasurer, in favour of Mr. J[ames] Duane, one of the delegates from the State of New

¹ This report, dated May 21, is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 136, III, folio 329.