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[Council to Mr. Hercules Courtney.]

Your Terms of Payment for the Cloths are such as we cannot possibly comply with and therefore inadmissible. It gives us pain to loose so favourable an opportunity of providing our Troops with such Cloaths as are immediately wanted, but our Inability to comply with a Contract of that kind must justify us in declining the Purchase.

Ibid.

[Council Circular to the Auctioneers.]

We have appointed you Auctioneer for County but you are not to act as such till after the first Day of April next, before you act
p. 63 you must take the Oaths to the Government required by Law (unless you have heretofore taken them) under the Penalty of five hundred Pounds and give Bond in the Penalty of two thousand Pounds current money with such Securities as the County Courts of your County shall approve with Condition that you will faithfully execute the Office and Trust reposed in you as Auctioneer for County agreeable to Law and in all things well and faithfully execute and perform the several Duties required of you by the Act entitled "An Act to regulate Auctions" and take the following Oath. "I A B do swear that I will faithfully and honestly execute the office and Trust reposed in me as Auctioneer, for County and will well and faithfully perform the several Duties required of me by Law without any Partiality Fraud and Deceit" Your Bond and Securities are liable for the Payment of one Pound in every hundred Pounds of property by you sold at Auction and you are once in every three Months to account on Oath and pay the same to the Treasurer of your Shore. Your Allowance as Auctioneer is as follows for house hold Goods Cattle or live Stock 3 p Cent for Horses 2½ for Ships or other Vessels Houses or Land ½ p Cent for Goods wares and Merchandize 2½ p Cent, for Negroes one p Cent with a Power to appoint a Deputy Auctioneer.

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Monday 19th February 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Slaughter sixteen Pounds, two shillings and six pence of the new Emission due him per account passed by the Aud^r Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas B. Hodgkin four pounds two shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty four pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Acc^t passed by he Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Dawson forty five Pounds of the same per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to John Ward a British Deserter on his way to Philadelphia two Days rations.