

house, or in the neighborhood of Tobacco houses, or in some other public and convenient place in each county, at the public expense, for the making crude nitre; that thus, besides the advantage immediately accruing from carrying on so many works in different parts of the province, the good people thereof may be generally instructed in the art of making crude nitre; and as a further inducement thereto, and that this art may be still more extensively diffused and practised, that a liberal price ought to be allowed for all crude nitre manufactured in private families; that all the crude nitre, whether made by individuals, or at the county manufactories, be carried to one refinery, where the same may be purified by a skilful refiner in large quantities without waste, and made fit for manufacturing into gunpowder.

That seventeen hundred pounds common money be appropriated, one hundred pounds to be placed in the hands of a discreet and active person in the lower district, and one hundred pounds in the hands of a discreet and active person in the middle district of Frederick county; and the residue thereof, one hundred pounds for each other county, to be placed in the hands of a discreet and active person in each county, who shall be called a supervisor; and that so much of the said one hundred pounds as may be necessary, shall be laid out by the said supervisor in purchasing, procuring, and setting up, proper kettles, tubs, and other necessary utensils and conveniences, for manufacturing rough nitre, at some such place as aforesaid, in his county; and also in erecting a rough shed convenient thereto, under which the earth, from which the ley shall have been drawn, may be placed, that the same may become again impregnated with nitre.

That each of the said supervisors be empowered to lay out the residue of his one hundred pounds, in hiring laborers to assist a skilful workman, who shall be employed in each of the said works, and in procuring and removing earth impregnated with nitre fit to be used at the said works.

That the supervisor of each of the said works employ a skilful workman to carry on, direct, and manage the process of making crude nitre at the said works respectively; and that the same supervisor pay to the said workman one shilling common money, for each pound of good crude nitre that he shall manufacture and deliver at the same works, as his wages and reward for his skill and labor.

That the said workmen show and explain to those who will attend the work, and may be desirous of instruction, the method and process of making crude nitre.