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of each denomination progressively, and consist of the following denominations, viz:

41,667	of the	denomination	of	40	dollars,	1,666,680
41,667	do.	do.		30	do.	1,250,010
41,666	do.	do.		20	do.	833,320
41,666	do.	do.		8	do.	333,328
41,666	do.	do.		7	do.	291,662
41,667	do.	do.		6	do.	250,002
41,666	do.	do.		5	do.	208,330
41,667	do.	do.		4	do.	166,668
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The committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Marven and Samuel Shaw, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is the duty of all persons in the service of the United States, as well as all other the inhabitants thereof, to give the earliest information to Congress or other proper authority of any misconduct, frauds or misdemeanors committed by any officers or persons in the service of these states, which may come to their knowledge.

Whereas, a suit has been commenced by Esek Hopkins, Esq. against Richard Marven and Samuel Shaw, for information and complaint by them and others made to Congress against the said Esek Hopkins, while in the service of the United States:

Resolved, That the reasonable expences of defending the said suit be defrayed by the United States.

Ordered, That the secretary of Congress furnish the petitioners with attested copies of the records of Congress, so far as they relate to the appointment of Esek Hopkins, Esq. to any command in the continental navy, and his dismissal from the same, and also to the proceedings of Congress upon the complaint of the petitioners against

¹ This report is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 136, II, folio 427.

the said Esek Hopkins, preferred to Congress through the Marine Committee, as mentioned in their petition.

The committee to whom was referred the draught of an answer to the intended speech of the hon. the Sieur Gérard, brought in a new draught, which was taken into consideration and agreed to.

Resolved, That Thursday next be assigned for giving audience to the hon. the Sieur Gérard, minister plenipotentiary from his most Christian majesty.

Congress proceeded to the election of two members to wait upon the Hon. Sieur Gérard, and conduct him to the audience:

The members chosen, Mr. R[ichard] H[enry] Lee, and Mr. S[amuel] Adams.

Adjourned to 9 o'Clock to Morrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1778

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to direct and superintend an entertainment to be given by Congress to the Hon. Sieur Gérard, minister plenipotentiary from his most Christian majesty, on Thursday next, the day assigned for his public audience:

The members chosen, Mr. J[oseph] Reed, Mr. [Francis] Dana, and Mr. G[ouverneur] Morris.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Letter from the Board of War of the Massachusetts Bay of the 26th of March, 1778, and the Inclosures therein contained, beg leave to report:

That in the Opinion of your Committee it will be necessary to the Reception of Ambassadors and other Foreigners of Importance, that the President of the Congress for the Time being should be allowed a House and Table at the Public Expence, and that a Master of the Ceremonies should be appointed to superintend the same, adjust the Ceremonies and the like, ~~the which by the assent of Congress ought~~