

in the first instance, as the department to which he belonged was abolished the 12th of Jan^r preceeding and one years extra pay allowed to each of the officers who had continued in the department eighteen months previous to its abolition. The Committee therefore are of opinion that for the present the prayer of said Horton's memorial cannot be complied with.¹

The Committee of the Week [Mr. David Jackson, Mr. David Howell and Mr. Melancton Smith] on the memorial of William Finnie late Deputy Quarter Master General in the southern department, praying that the donation of lands and other emoluments appertaining to the rank of a Colonel in the line of the late continental army may be extended to him, beg leave to report, that as the merits of his claim will altogether depend on his being entitled to the rank of a Colonel in the line; and that as it rather appears dubious to them whether such rank is due to M^r Finnie, they therefore recommend his memorial may be referred to the Secretary at War to report.²

The Committee [consisting of Mr. John Bull, Mr. William Ellery, and Mr. David Jackson] to whom was recommitted a Letter from Jno. Pierce paymaster gen^l of the 6th of November, 1784, referring to his Letter dated July 11, 1784, to the Committee of the States, with its inclosures, and also a Petition of the officers of the late American Regiment dated Nov. 20. 1784. report,

That it appears from the said Letters Petition and enclosures that the Officers lately discharged at West Point had appropriated to their own use the sum of 2,276⁵/₉₀ dols. more than the two months pay voted them by Congress, that Capt. Thos. H. Condy, paymaster to the regiment at West Point had received a letter from John Pierce paymaster general desiring him to pay the subsistence of the Garrison at that post, for which purpose he addressed to said Condy two draughts on James Lovell, Esquire one for three thousand and the other for eight hundred and eighty-eight dol^r; that s^d Condy nego-

¹ This report, in the writing of David Jackson, is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 32, folio 631. The indorsement states that it was read on this day, October 19 passed and referred to the Secretary of Congress to take order. Order taken May 10, 1786.

² This report, in the writing of David Jackson, is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 32, folio 633. It is indorsed August 16, but Despatch Book No. 185 enters it under date of August 17 and Committee Book No. 190 notes that it was referred to the Secretary at War on the latter date. He reported September 15. Finnie's memorial is in No. 42, III, folio 139.