

*Ordered*, That Messrs. James and William Winthrop, be permitted to occupy the barracks, standing without the fortifications on Governor's Island, in the harbor of Boston, for the purpose of a barn, until farther order shall be taken respecting the same by the United States in Congress assembled.<sup>1</sup>

The committee, ||consisting of Mr. Clymer, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Mathews,|| appointed to prepare a commission and instructions to Thomas Barclay, vice consul, reported a draught, which was agreed.

COMMISSION TO THOMAS BARCLAY, ESQUIRE.

The United States of America in Congress assembled,  
to Thomas Barclay, Esquire, Greeting.

We, reposing special trust and confidence in your abilities and integrity, do by these presents constitute you our vice consul in France, during the absence of William Palfrey, esquire, our consul, from that kingdom, or during the pleasure of Congress, to exercise the functions and to enjoy all the honors, authorities, pre-eminences, privileges, exemptions, rights, and emoluments to the said office appertaining. And we hereby enjoin it upon all merchants of these United States, and upon all captains, masters and commanders of ships and other vessels, armed or unarmed, sailing under our flag, as well as all other of our citizens, to acknowledge the said Thomas Barclay, and to obey him in his vice consular quality; praying and requesting our very dear great friend and ally, his Most Christian Majesty, his governors and other officers whom it may concern, to permit the said Thomas Barclay fully and peaceably to enjoy the said office, without giving, or suffering to be

<sup>1</sup> This report, in the writing of James Lovell and Charles Thomson, is in the *Papers of the Continental Congress*, No. 19, VI, folio 581.