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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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*NEW-JERSEY,*

At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 24th Day of  
*October*, 1786, and continued by Adjournments.

*1st Session*  
BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<i>Bergen,</i>	The Honourable {	Peter Haring,	} Esquires.
<i>Essex,</i>		John Peck,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Samuel Randolph,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Asher Holmes,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Ephraim Martin,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		William Newbold,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Elijah Clark,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Whitten Cripps,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Jeremiah Eldredge,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Robert-Lettis Hooper, <i>V. P.</i>	
<i>Morris,</i>		Abraham Kitchel,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Samuel Ogden,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Mark Thomson,	

LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>	{	Jacob Terhune,	} Esquires.
		Isaac Nicoll,	
		David Board,	
<i>Essex,</i>		Henry Garritse,	
		Daniel Marth,	
		Jonathan Dayton,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		John Combs,	
		James Bonney,	
		James Douglass,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Elisha Walton,	
		Joseph Stillwell,	
		Peter Schenck,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Edward Bunn,	
		Robert Blair,	
		David Kelly,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		Joseph Biddle,	
		David Ridgway,	
		Uriah Woolman, <i>declined</i>	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Thomas Clark,	
		Franklin Davenport,	
		John Killé,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Edmund Wetherby,	
		Ephraim Loyd,	
		Samuel Sharp,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Matthew Whilden,	
		John Baker,	
		Elijah Townsend,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Benj. Van-Cleve, <i>Speaker,</i>	
		Joab Houghton,	
		John Anderson,	
<i>Morris,</i>		Ellis Cook,	
		John Starke,	
		Aaron Kitchel,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		John Sheppard,	
		Ephraim Harris,	
		Jonathan Bowen,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Aaron Hankinson,	
		Christopher Longstreet,	
		Charles Beardslee,	

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*Trenton, Tuesday, October 24, 1786.*

**B**EING the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the late annual Election, several Persons returned as Members attended, to wit, David Board, Daniel Marsh; Jonathan Dayton, James Bonney, James Douglass, Elisha Walton, Joseph Stillwell, Peter Schenck, David Kelly, Robert Blair, Franklin Davenport, Ephraim Loyd, Edmund Wetherby, Samuel Sharp, Benjamin Van-Cleve, John Anderson, Joab Houghton, Ellis Cook, John Starke, Aaron Kitchel, John Sheppard, Ephraim Harris and Aaron Hankinson; and, being a Quorum, they produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, was appointed agreeably to the Constitution to qualify Ephraim Harris, Esquire, who, being duly sworn, took his Seat; and the remaining Persons returned as Members, being also qualified by the said Ephraim Harris, took their Seats in the House.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Speaker, when the Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, was chosen, and placed in the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, when Maskell Ewing was unanimously chosen.

Maskell Ewing attended; and, being duly sworn, took his Seat as Clerk in the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Board do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day proceeded to Business, and have chosen the Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, their Speaker.

*Resolved*, That Daniel Bellerjeau be Doorkeeper to the House during the present Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Peck.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, October 24, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, elected the Honourable Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, October 25, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Board reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Thomas Clark, John Killé, Jonathan Bowen, Elijah Townsend, Joseph Bidde, David Ridgway, Edward Bunn, Christopher Longstreet and John Baker, severally appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Marsh, Cook and Clark, be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report such Business as was referred from, or stood unfinished at, the last Sitting.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Blair, Dayton, Kitchel, Anderson and Schenck, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; and that the said Committee settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to such Committee of this House as may be hereafter appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marsh do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the above Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Sheppard, Cook, Dayton, Wetherby and Davenport, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. Marsh do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House for the above Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Clark and Marsh be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Monmouth was presented, praying that a Law may be passed to authorize the Appointment of Loan-Officers in those Counties in this State in which the Appointment of them agreeably to, or within the Time pointed out by Law has been omitted; which being read, were committed to Messrs. Walton, Baker and Sharp, to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Harris and Davenport be a Committee to examine the Laws, and report to the House such as have expired or are near expiring.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Essex were read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the late annual Election held in the said County may be set aside, and that a new Election may be ordered in the said County;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker have Power during the Session to convene the General



General Assembly whenever any extraordinary Occasion shall render it necessary.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Representation and Petition from the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held at Burlington and Perth-Amboy;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time:

A Petition from the Board of Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington was read, praying that the Bill accompanying the said Petition, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and repairing and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in good Repair,' may be passed into a Law; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit,

- No. 1. Journals of Congress, from the 6th of March to the 1st of June, 1786.
- No. 2. May 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of May 1786.
- No. 3. June 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of June 1786.
- No. 4. June 1, 1786. Journals of Congress, from the 2d of June to the 8th of August, 1786.
- No. 5. July 1, 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson, accompanying the same.
- No. 6. 15 June, 1786. Appointment of Commissioners by the State of Delaware, to consider of the Trade of the United States.
- No. 7. 14 July, 1786. An Act of Congress, touching the Claim which, under the Articles of the Confederation, &c. the whole has on its Parts to comply with the Formation of the Sovereignty and the Duty of the States, seasonably to send forth their Delegates.
- No. 8. July 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of July 1786.
- No. 9. 5 July, 1786. An Act of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, for suspending the Operation of an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.'
- No. 10. 10 July, 1786. Letter from Governor Bowdoin accompanying the same.
- No. 11. August 1786. A State of the Representation in Congress in the Month of August 1786.
- No. 12. 2 August, 1786. Resolution of Congress for defraying the Charges of the present Year.

- No. 13. 7 August, 1786. Ordinance of Congress for the Regulation of Indian Affairs.
- No. 14. 8 August, 1786. Resolution of Congress respecting the Standard of the United States for Gold and Silver, &c.
- No. 15. 9 August, 1786. An Act of Congress again representing to the View of North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia, the Recommendation of the 6th September, 1786.
- No. 16. 9 August, 1786. An Order of Congress for transmitting to the several States, Lists of the Numbers, Names, and the Owners of the Negroes belonging to the Citizens of each State, and carried away by the British.
- No. 17. September 1786. State of the Representation in Congress in this Month.
- No. 18. 18 Sept. 1786. Resolution of Congress respecting the Payment of the Interest and such Parts of the Principal of the foreign Debts of the United States as are included in any of the Requisitions of Congress.
- No. 19. 25 Sept. 1786. Letters from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.
- No. 20. 10 Sept. 1785. A Treaty of Amity and Commerce between his Majesty the King of Prussia and the United States of America.
- No. 21. Journals of Congress from August to the 20th September, 1786.
- No. 22. 13 October, 1786. Ordinance of Congress for establishing a Board to liquidate and settle all Accounts between the United States and individual States.
- No. 23. 16 October, 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.

Which Papers being severally read, were ordered to be filed, except No. 12, No. 16, No. 18, No. 19, No. 22 and No. 23, which were severally ordered to be read a second Time.

Uriah Woolman, returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Burlington, having by Letter to the Speaker informed the House, that his private Affairs forbid his Attendance; and therefore begged Leave to decline taking a Seat;

*Ordered*, That the Speaker issue a Warrant to the High Sheriff of the County of Burlington, requiring him to hold an Election agreeably to Law, for the Choice of a Representative for the said County in General Assembly, in the Room and Place of the said Uriah Woolman, during the Remainder of the Year.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, October 26, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Marsh reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from fundry Owners of the Meadows in the Township of Elfinborough, near the Mouth of Salem Creek, praying, that a Law may be passed to enable them to erect a Bank, Dam, Sluices and other Waterworks, in order to drain and improve the same;

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the same, and a Copy of this Order, at least ten Days previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Elfinborough, in the County of Salem.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh and Swamp, lying on the western Branch of Stow Creek, praying, that a Law may be passed to enable them to erect a Dam across the said Branch, from Reeve's Fishing Landing over to Fishing-Island, in the Marsh late James Daniel's, and to erect Sluices and other Waterworks, the better to enable them to improve the Meadows on the said Branch ;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, at least ten Days previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Lower Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed to bring forward the Business unfinished or referred from the last Session, made report as follows :

1. ' **A**N ACT to authorize the Governor of this State to grant Commissions to the Officers of certain Volunteer Companies of Militia.'
2. ' An ACT to direct the Treasurer to pay Interest upon Loan-Office Certificates that have been registered and endorsed, without further Attestation.'
3. ' An ACT directing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators, and directing the Mode of appealing from Awards by them made.'
4. ' An ACT to limit the Time within which all Accounts or Demands against the State shall be exhibited for Settlement and Allowance.'
5. ' An ACT for quieting the Titles of fundry Persons therein described.'
6. ' An ACT to enable the Owners of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow, lying on Salem Creek, in the Township of Manington, in the County of Salem, to make and maintain a certain Bank, Dams, Sluices, &c. ordered to be read on the second Thursday of next Sitting.
7. ' An ACT for appointing a publick Printer to the State of New-Jersey ; and for declaring the Credit and Authenticity of all such ACTs and Proceedings as shall be printed and published by him, under the Direction of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, or of either of them, and of the Joint-Meeting.'
8. ' An ACT to facilitate the Division and Partition of Lands and Tenements in New-Jersey.'
9. ' A Supplement to an ACT, intituled, An ACT to direct the Mode of Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts.'
10. ' An ACT for enabling Nicholas Lezier to erect and maintain a Mill and the necessary Waterworks for improving the same, on and near Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey,' referred to be read on the second Wednesday of the present Sitting.
11. ' An ACT for rendering permanent the Salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Court.'
12. ' An ACT to satisfy certain Executions therein mentioned.'
13. A Petition from the County of Somerset, praying a Repeal of the forty-first Section. of the Road ACT.



14. A Petition from the County of Bergen, for a Law to prohibit the Setting of Nets in Hackinack River.

15. A Petition from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, read on the thirty-first of May last.

16. A Petition from David Edgar, read on the first June last.

17. A Petition from one of the Regiments of Militia in the County of Morris.

18. Sundry Petitions from the County of Gloucester, praying a Law to divide the said County.

19. Sundry Petitions from different Parts of the State, praying for a Removal of the Supreme Court, &c.

20. Sundry Petitions from different Parts of the State, praying, that an Impost may be laid on Goods imported into this State, through the neighbouring States.

21. Three Petitions from the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, praying for a Revision of the Confiscation Act.

22. A Petition from John Hoff.

23. A Petition from Bridgwater, in the County of Somerset, praying, that a Law may be passed to direct the Roads in the said Township to be repaired by Hire.

24. A Petition from the County of Monmouth, read on the sixteenth of February last.

25. The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to raise a Revenue from certain Professions, Offices and Occupations.'

26. The Petition from Burlington, praying, that a Law may be passed to disannul and repeal the Charter of Incorporation given and granted to the said City; also a Representation from the Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, in Opposition thereto.

27. The Representation from the Justices of the Supreme Court, proposing an Amendment to the Act for regulating the Practice of Physick and Surgery.

28. Petitions from sundry Persons holding Certificates given by Jonathan Burrell, Esquire, praying the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the Interest due on the said Certificates; and that Provision may be made for paying the Interest thereon in Future.

29. The Petition from William Rockhill, read on the twenty-fourth of May last.

30. The Petition of Hannah Garrison, read on the nineteenth of May last.

31. The Petition of Samuel and Ralph Hunt, read on the twentieth of March last.

32. The Requisition of Congress of the twenty-seventh September, 1785, with sundry Papers accompanying the same.

By Order of the Committee,

DANIEL MARSH.

The following Papers in the above Report, to wit, No. 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9, were severally read, and dismissed by the House.

Those marked No. 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16, of said Report, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Papers marked No. 18, containing sundry Petitions from the County of Gloucester, praying a Law to divide the said County, were read; on which a Motion



Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Dayton, that the said Petitions be dismissed; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Killé,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Townsend,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

The Paper marked No. 17, was read, and committed to Messrs. Starke, Walton and Hankinson, to prepare and bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Paper marked No. 14, was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

The Paper marked No. 13, containing a Petition from the County of Somerset, praying a Repeal of the forty-first Section of the Road Act, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners, after the same has been duly advertised in the News-Paper printed in New-Brunswick.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, October 26, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Thomson and Mr. Holmes, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer; and that Messrs. Ogden and Kitchel, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the publick Accounts; and that Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Jacob Terhune, Isaac Nicoll, Henry Garritse and John Combs, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificates of their Election, which were read; approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn, they took their Seats in the House; and having rendered Excuses for their Non-Attendance before this Day, the same were deemed satisfactory.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicoll do wait on the Council, and inform them that this House are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor and other the Officers of the State for the ensuing Year, and do propose that the Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. Nicoll reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of Gloucester, Owners and Possessors of Meadows, lying on Newton Creek, in the said County, praying, that  
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a Law may be passed to enable them to erect a Bank, Dam and other Water-works over said Creek, in the said County, to prevent the Tide from flowing up the same; and two Petitions were also presented from Samuel Harrison, and others, Owners also of Meadows on the said Creek, in Opposition to the passing a Law agreeably to the Prayer of the first mentioned Petition;

*Ordered*, That the Parties for and against the Law prayed for, be heard before the House on Friday the third Day of November next, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that James Sloan do serve Samuel Harrison, or Benjamin Vanlear with a Copy of this Order at least three Days previous to the said Day of Hearing.

The several Petitions from the County of Essex, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the late annual Election held in the said County may be set aside, and that a new Election may be ordered, were read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the Reasons set forth in the said Petitions, if supported, are sufficient to induce this House to vacate the said Election (the Members of the said County desiring to be excused from voting, were accordingly excused) upon the Vote being called and taken, the same was carried in the Negative unanimously.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of unfinished Business.

The Paper marked in the Report No. 15, containing a Petition from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, was read a second Time; also the Paper marked No. 22, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be committed to Messrs. Marsh, Cook, Douglass, Kitchel and Combs, to report thereon to the House.

The Papers marked No. 23, 24 and 26, were read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Paper marked No. 28, was read, and committed to Messrs. Bunn, Stillwell and Bowen.

The Papers marked No. 20, 22, 28 and 29, were severally read, and ordered to be postponed.

The Paper marked No. 25, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, October 26, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Tuesday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Drake.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, October 27, 1786.*

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode of sinking the same,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Marsh, Dayton and Kitchel.

A Petition from Joseph Borden, Esquire, of the County of Burlington, was read, setting forth, that on a Trial in the Supreme Court, at the Suit of the State, a Verdict in Favour of the State was taken against him, and praying, that the Treasurer may be authorized to receive the Amount of the Judgment in Loan-Office Certificates or Thompson's Notes;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Proprietors of a Tract of Land, in the County of Essex,



Effex, called Ashfield's Tract, was read, remonstrating against the Act passed the last Sitting, intituled, 'An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in 'Effex County, commonly called Ashfield's Tract,' and praying either a Repeal of the said Act, or that the Expence attending the Partition may be confined to such Persons as are immediately interested in the Division ;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from Cornelius Cooper, of the County of Bergen, praying, that if a Law should be passed on the Prayer of the Petition of Nicholas Lezier, a Clause may be inserted to secure the Rights and Privileges of the Petitioner, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the County of Bergen, praying for a Law to prohibit the Setting of Nets in Hackinsack River, was read ; and a Petition against the same was also read ;

*Ordered,* That Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Blair and Mr. Kelly, be a Committee to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the first mentioned Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, praying that a Law may be passed, that all travelling Waggon's shall track five Feet wide ;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be referred to Messrs. Nicoll, Combs and Biddle, to bring in a Bill agreeably thereto.

A Petition from the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Bergen, setting forth, that the Laws of the second Sitting of the tenth Session of Assembly have never come to the Possession of the Officers in the said County, and praying that Measures may be taken to furnish them with the said Laws, and for a better Mode of Conveyance in Future, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in 'the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from William Cowperthwait, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying Leave, for Reasons therein contained, to present a Bill to repeal the Act, intituled, 'An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament 'and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will ;'

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The Papers marked No. 32, in the Report of unfinished Business, and the Paper marked No. 12, which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 25th Instant, containing the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September, 1785, and the 2d August, 1786, for defraying the Charges of the present and preceding Years, were read, and referred to Messrs. Harris, Davenport, Marsh, Kitchel, Sheppard, Dayton and Blair, to report thereon to the House.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making 'current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on 'Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' reported the same with sundry Amendments ; which being read, and further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, October 28, 1786.*

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from John Cox, Esquire, of the County of Burlington, exhibiting the following Charges against James Mott, Esquire, Treasurer of this State, to wit,

1st. With Partiality in the Execution of his Office, in giving an undue Preference in the Payment of Interest on publick Securities, to the very great Injury and Exclusion of said Cox and others his Fellow-Citizens.

2d. That many Payments made by said James Mott, Esquire, on publick Securities, are expressly contrary as well to the Letter as Spirit of the Law that provides for the Payment of the same, as said Law authorizes the Treasurer to pay only one Year's Interest, yearly and every Year, out of the Production of the Tax appropriated to the Payment of Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States to Citizens of this State, agreeably to said Law, passed December 20, 1783, disregarding which, he hath, in a Variety of Instances, to the great Injury of said Cox and others, paid and endorsed; and that on the same Day two Years Interest on a Number of Certificates out of the Collection of one Year's Tax; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said James Mott, Esquire, attend this House on Monday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to answer to the above Charges; and that the said John Cox serve the said James Mott with a Copy of the Charges exhibited against him, and also a Copy of this Order, this Day; and that he also attend this House on Monday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to support the said Charges exhibited.

The Petition of William Cowperthwait, of the County of Burlington, praying Leave, for Reasons therein contained, to present a Bill to repeal the Act, intituled, 'An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will,' was read a second Time; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said William Cowperthwait have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition on Thursday the ninth Day of November next; and that he serve Job Shreve with a Copy of this Order at least ten Days previous thereto; and that they then be heard before the House respecting the Propriety or Impropriety of the same being enacted into a Law.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, October 30, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishing in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Sheppard, Dayton and Davenport, or any two of them, be a Committee to inspect and correct the Journals of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Treasurer attended the House to answer to certain Charges exhibited against him by John Cox, Esquire, on Saturday last, and the said John Cox attending, they were heard before the House:



House : On the Question, Whether the Charges as exhibited are supported ? It was carried in the Negative unanimously.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, October 31, 1786.*

The House met.

A Memorial from Joseph Bloomfield, Attorney-General of this State, was read, praying Directions from the Legislature how to proceed in an Action commenced by Robert Hoops, Esquire, against this State; and that Provision may be made by the State for retaining and employing Council to assist him in several important Causes in which the State is deeply interested;

*Ordered*, That the said Memorial be read a second Time.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee appointed to confer with Moore Furman and Aaron Dunham, Esquires, Commissioners for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have waited on the said Commissioners, and in some Measure examined into the Extensiveness of their Business, and are of Opinion, that it will be necessary for the Legislature to make Provision for the Payment of two Clerks, to assist said Commissioners in preparing and forwarding said Accounts for Settlement.

ELLIS COOK.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, such Sum, not exceeding Ninety Pounds lawful Money, in Addition to the Sum allowed him by a Resolution of the 30th May last, as he may require for the Payment of Clerks to assist him in preparing the Accounts of this State for Settlement with the Commissioner appointed in Behalf of the United States; and that the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure thereof, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Garritse do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Garritse do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Dayton, seconded by Mr. Kitchel,

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prolong the Collection of the Taxes of the present Year; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,		Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Dayton, Blair and Cook, be a Committee to present a Bill for the Purposes in the said Motion mentioned.

Mr. Garritse reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators, and directing the Mode of appealing from Awards by them made,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Cook, Clark, Combs and Biddle.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

*Council-Chamber, October 31, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, any Sum not exceeding Ninety Pounds, in Addition to the Sum allowed him for the Payment of Clerks to assist him, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 1, 1786.*

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Kitchel, that the following Question be taken in the House, to wit, Whether a Member of the Assembly can hold the Office of a Loan-Officer agreeably to the 20th Section of the Constitution? which being put, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Hankinson.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

The Petition from the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Bergen, praying that Measures may be taken to furnish them with the Laws of the second Sitting of the tenth Session; and that a better Mode may be pointed out



in Future for conveying the same to the several Counties from the Printer ; on the Question, Whether the House will direct by Resolution that the Printer forward by Express the Laws of the State to the several Counties, and provide for paying the Expence thereof? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Starke.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelly,			

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from Mrs. Rachel Wells, setting forth, that by the Revenue Law she is excluded from receiving the Interest due her on Loan-Office Certificates in her Possession, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to pay the Interest on her Certificates, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishery in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Officers of the western Regiment of the County of Morris, praying a Law may pass to direct a Company of Horse to be disciplined in the said Regiment, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the County of Morris, in Favour of Mary Case, late Mary Bell, who was the Widow of Jabez Bell, junior, late a Corporal in Captain Luse’s Company of Colonel Starke’s Regiment of Militia, of said County, and who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved,

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Mary Case, for the Sum of Twenty-seven Shillings and Six-pence per Month, from the 30th September, 1778, to the 19th September, 1780.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and a supplementary Act to the Act above recited ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Captain John Henderson, of the County of Monmouth, praying Compensation for himself and his Company, while engaged in securing the Cargo of the Sloop Polly and Ann, cast on Shore in the County of Monmouth, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishery in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Sharp,		Mr. Anderson,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Combs do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit,

- No. 1. 9 August, 1786. Separate List of the Number, Names, and Owners of the Negroes belonging to the Citizens of each State, and carried away by the British, in Contravention of the late Treaty of Peace.
- No. 2. 23 October, 1786. Circular Letter from Mr. Jay accompanying the said List.
- No. 3. 16 October, 1786. An Ordinance of Congress for the Establishment of the Mint of the United States of America, and for regulating the Value and Alloy of Coin.
- No. 3 a. 21 Oct. 1786. Circular Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.
- No. 4. 20 October, 1786. An Ordinance of Congress for raising 1340 non-commissioned Officers and Privates, to be raised for the Term of three Years, unless sooner discharged, for the Protection and Support of the Frontiers of the States bordering on the western Frontiers, &c.
- No. 5. 21 October, 1786. Circular Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.
- No. 6. The Intelligence concerning the hostile Intentions of certain Tribes of Indians, referred to in Mr. Secretary Thompson's Letter of the 21st October, 1786.
- No. 7. 23 October, 1786. Report of a Committee of Congress respecting the Number of the States that have complied with the Resolution of Congress of the 30th of April, 1784, respecting Commerce, and the Resolution of Congress upon the said Report.
- No. 8. 27 October, 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson enclosing the same. Which



Which Message was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Combs reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable Nicholas Lezier to erect a Dam across Hackinsack River, on a certain Reef of Rocks extending across the same,' was read a second Time; and the Parties being heard with their Evidence in Support of and against the same; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Board,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bunn,			Mr. Houghton,
			Mr. Bowen.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 2, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to regulate Waggon in the State of New-Jersey;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marsh, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable and empower Nicholas Lezier to build up and maintain the Reef of Rocks in Hackinsack River, near the Mill of the said Nicholas Lezier, to its original and natural Height;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from John Butler, of the County of Burlington, praying to be released from the Payment of £. 230 19 1, being the Depreciation of £. 5360 17 6, Part of a Sum of Money by him lent to Colonel William Shreve, and which is charged to him by the Treasurer, was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Schenck and Stillwell, to report their Opinion thereon to the House; also a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, in Favour of the said John Butler, was read, and committed to the said Committee.

A Petition from Daniel Pierfon, an insolvent Debtor now confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to release him from Confinement, was read, and referred to Messrs. Dayton and Marsh to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators and Referees, and describing the Mode of appealing from Awards or Reports by them made,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; which was read, and ordered to be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Message from his Excellency of Yesterday, and the Papers which accompanied the same being severally read, were ordered to be filed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 2, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey," and the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishery in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen," are passed by this House without Amendment.'

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 3, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an insolvent Debtor, confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bunn, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of Lucas Nefius, of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, and State of New-Jersey, deceased;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, and one from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying the Liberty of presenting a Bill to permit certain Persons therein named to build a Bridge over Mantua Creek, from a Landing formerly called Smith's, now Easley's, to the fast Land of David Chew, by voluntary Subscription;

*Ordered,* That the Prayer of the said Petitions be granted, upon Notice being given to David Cooper at least five Days before the Day of Hearing, with a Copy of this Order.

*Also ordered,* That the Parties both for and against the said Bill be heard before the House on Wednesday the fifteenth Day of November Instant, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 3, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same," is passed by this House without Amendment.'

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee appointed to report their Opinion on the Petitions from Middlesex and Somerset Counties, praying an Explanation of the forty-first Section of the Confiscation Act, reported,

**T**HAT the Laws of the State in their Opinion are fully adequate for said Purpose.

By Order of the Committee,

JAMES DOUGLASS.

To which Report the House agreed.

Agreeably to the Order of the House on the Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadows, lying on Newton Creek, the Petitioners for and against



against the Bill prayed for in the said Petition, appeared before the House, and were heard in Support of the Bill; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Hearing be postponed till Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower Nicholas Lezier to build up and maintain the Reef of Rocks in Hackinsack River, near the Mill of the said Nicholas Lezier, to its original and natural Height,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bonney do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and to the supplementary Act to the Act above recited,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Representation and Petition from John Singer, Esquire, one of the Coroners of the County of Hunterdon, praying Directions, whether he shall receive State-Notes from Joshua Corshon, in Discharge of a Fine imposed by the Justices of the Supreme Court for Neglect of Duty as a County Collector, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House proceeded on the Hearing before them upon the Petition from Gloucester respecting the stopping out Newton Creek; and, after having gone through the Evidence, and the Parties having summed up, the Consideration was postponed till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 4, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and to the supplementary Act to the Act above recited,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stillwell,			Mr. Bowen.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bonney reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Memorial from Samuel Harrison was read, and ordered to be filed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Evidence laid before them Yesterday, and the Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Meadows on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester; on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Representation from Silas Condict, Esquire, Commissioner appointed by the Act for calling in all Contractors and Collectors Certificates, and to issue State-Notes to the Holders, &c. was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marsh and Mr. Cook be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to permit the Commissioner again to open an Office and to proceed on Business, the Time limited by Law having elapsed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cripps.

*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, November 4, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Cripps do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing," and request their Concurrence therein."

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Thomas White, praying that Silas Condict, the Commissioner of this State, may be directed to give him a Note in Lieu of one in his Possession given by Moses Munson, a Collector in the County of Morris, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to regulate Waggon in the State of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, A Supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and repairing and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in good Repair,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from John Singer, Esquire, was read a second Time, and referred to Mr. Marsh and Mr. Walton to bring in a Bill to direct the Treasurer to receive State-Notes in Discharge of certain Fines and Forfeitures.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 6, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intitled, 'An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain



‘ certain Fines and Forfeitures therein after mentioned ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an ‘ insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An ‘ Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and repairing ‘ and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County ‘ to Coopers Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the ‘ said Ferries in good Repair,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,’ was read a third Time,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Speaker laid before the House an Account exhibited by Silas Condict, Esquire, Commissioner, for Cash paid unto a Clerk for Services, for Stationary, and for printing Advertisements, &c. amounting to the Sum of Forty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three-pence ;

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the State pay unto the said Silas Condict, the Sum of Forty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three-pence, including the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds Fifteen Shilling, paid for the Services of a Clerk, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 24th Day of March last; and the Receipt of the said Silas Condict shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for so much of the publick Monies in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Garritse, according to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for dividing into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay unto James Christie, or his Order, the Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six-pence, it being the Amount of an Order drawn by Azariah Dunham, in Favour of said Christie, dated September 2, 1784, and charge the same to the Account of the said Azariah Dunham.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Schenck do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Stillwell reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Schenck reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Wetherby, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers ‘ of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the twelfth ‘ Day of October, 1786, and to end the twelfth Day of October, 1787 ; and to ‘ raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held, at Burlington and Perth-Amboy, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bowen, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Letter from Aaron Dunham, Esquire, praying an Augmentation of his Salary, was read, and ordered a second Reading with the Bill for the Support of Government.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

*'Council-Chamber, November 6, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Sir-  
'las Condict, £. 44 11 3, &c.

*'Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto  
'James Christie the Sum of £. 37 11 6, &c.

*'Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'*

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain Fines and Forfeitures therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Christian Van-Doren and others, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to permit the Last Will and Testament of William Van-Doren, deceased, to be proved in the usual Form, notwithstanding the Want of a Seal to the same, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered, That Mr. Davenport have Leave of Absence until Thursday Morning.*

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for dividing into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Charles Beardlee, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House; and having rendered an Excuse to the House for his Non-Attendance heretofore, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 7, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain Fines and Forfeitures therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to divide into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Bunn do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bunn reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Memorial from Jonathan Higgins, jun. was read, praying, that the Treasurer may be directed to pay the Interest due him on Thomson’s Notes, for his Services with a Team in the Service of the United States;

*Ordered,* That the said Memorial be dismissed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intitled, ‘An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Negro Prime, formerly the Property of Abialom Bainbridge, whose Estate has been forfeited to, and vested in this State, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to manumit and set him free;

*Ordered,* That he have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

Mr. Douglass, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 7, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “An additional Supplement to an Act, intitled, “An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum,” &c. is passed by this House without Amendment.’

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “An Act to empower Nicholas Lezier to build up and maintain the Reef of Rocks in Hackinsack River, near the Mill of the said Nicholas Lezier, to its original and natural Height;” the Bill, intitled, “A supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for building and

“ maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining  
 “ other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries ;  
 “ and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Re-  
 “ pair ;” and the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an  
 “ infolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Effex,” are paffed  
 ‘ by this Houfe without Amendment.’

The Houfe adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The Houfe met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting ; and, being returned,  
 the Speaker refumed the Chair, and the Houfe adjourned till To-morrow Morn-  
 ing ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 8, 1786.*

The Houfe met.

The Speaker laid before the Houfe a Letter from the Treafurer, informing  
 that there are nearly Thirty Thoufand Pounds old State Money now in the  
 Treafury ; and praying the Direction of the Houfe therein ; whereupon,

*Refolved*, That James Ewing and Samuel Tucker, Efquires, be, and they  
 are hereby appointed to inspect and burn the Bills of Credit that have been  
 iffued on the Faith of this State, agreeably to the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for  
 ‘ eftablifhing a Fund for finking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of  
 ‘ Credit of the United States, affigned as the Quota of this State,’ and the Act,  
 intituled, ‘ An Act for ftriking the Sum of Thirty Thoufand Pounds in Bills of  
 ‘ Credit, of the Denomination of Seven Shillings and Six-pence and under, and  
 ‘ for directing the Mode for redeeming the fame,’ which may now be in the  
 Treafury of this State ; and that the faid James Ewing and Samuel Tucker  
 do lay an Account of the Number and Denomination of fuch Bills as they  
 may inspect and burn, as herein directed, before the Legislature at their next  
 Sitting.

*Refolved*, That the Treafurer deliver the Continental Money that is in  
 his Hands unto James Ewing, Efquire, the Continental Loan-Officer for this  
 State, and take his Receipt for the Amount thereof, and deliver an Account of  
 the Money fo delivered unto the Auditor of Accounts, that the fame may be  
 charged againft the United States.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Blair do carry the faid Refolution to the Council for  
 their Concurrence.

A Petition from Captain John Henderson, of the County of Monmouth,  
 read the firft Instant, was read a fecond Time ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That he have Leave to prefent a Bill to anfwer the Prayer of his  
 Petition.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying,  
 that Perfons who have purchafed confifcated Property may not be liable to any  
 Profecution for Demands made againft the fame, on Account of Debts due  
 from the Fugitives who forfeited the fame, was read, and ordered to lie on the  
 Table.

A Petition from Samuel Beckett, Stephen Beckett and Peter Beckett, was  
 read, praying Provision may be made for difcharging Accounts belonging to  
 them, which have been adjudged againft forfeited Eftates ;

*Ordered*, That the faid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houfe adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday,*



Thursday, November 9, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Blair reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Davenport returned and took his Seat.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying that an Excise may be laid by Law on Spirituous Liquors, Gauze, Ribbons, Lace, Silk Stockings, and other Superfluities, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Kelly do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October 1786, and to end the twelfth Day of October 1787; and to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government:'

An Amendment was moved to the Title, to wit, to insert the Words 'Four Thousand Pounds' instead of the Words 'Ten Thousand Pounds;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Mr. Terhune,  
Mr. Nicoll,  
Mr. Board,  
Mr. Garritse,  
Mr. Marsh,  
Mr. Dayton,  
Mr. Combs,  
Mr. Bonney,

Yeas.

Mr. Douglass,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Stillwell,  
Mr. Schenck,  
Mr. Bunn,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Loyd,

Yeas.

Mr. Houghton,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Starke,  
Mr. Kitchel,  
Mr. Hankinson,  
Mr. Beardflee,  
Mr. Longstreet.

Nays.

Mr. Biddle,  
Mr. Ridgway,  
Mr. Clark,  
Mr. Davenport,  
Mr. J. Killé,  
Mr. Wetherby,  
Mr. Sharp,  
Mr. Whilden,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Sheppard,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Bowen.

On the Question, Whether the Chief-Justice be allowed the Sum of £. 350 per Annum? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Mr. Terhune,  
Mr. Nicoll,  
Mr. Board,  
Mr. Dayton,  
Mr. Douglass,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Stillwell,  
Mr. Schenck,  
Mr. Ridgway,  
Mr. Clark,

Yeas.

Mr. Davenport,  
Mr. J. Killé,  
Mr. Wetherby,  
Mr. Whilden,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Starke,  
Mr. Kitchel,  
Mr. Sheppard,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Bowen.

Nays.

Mr. Garritse,  
Mr. Marsh,  
Mr. Combs,  
Mr. Bonney,  
Mr. Bunn,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Biddle,  
Mr. Loyd,

Nays.

Mr. Sharp,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Houghton,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Hankinson,  
Mr. Beardflee,  
Mr. Longstreet.

On the Question, what Sum shall be allowed to the Members of the Council and Members of the Assembly per Day? It was carried for 10s. as follows:

For 10/.	For 10/.	For 9/.	For 6/.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Ridgway.	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Townsend,	For 8/.	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bowen.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Harris,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Loyd,			

The House having proceeded as far as the 5th Section, and agreed to the several Paragraphs;

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Mr. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Davenport, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will;' which being read, was ordered a second Reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Thomson.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 9, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Thomson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex;" and the Bill, intituled, "An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain Fines and Forfeitures therein mentioned;" are passed by this House without Amendment.'

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolutions from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to appointing James Ewing and Samuel Tucker, Esquires, to inspect and burn the Bills of Credit that have been issued on the Faith of this State, &c. and directing the Treasurer to deliver the Continental Money that is in his Hands unto James Ewing, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Order of the Day on the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. being called for,

*Ordered*, That the Hearing be postponed till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Mr. Harris, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for setting free Negro Prime;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the Report of the Commissioners for the States of Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and New-York, lately assembled at



at Annapolis, with a Letter from one of the Commissioners accompanying the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kelly reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, November 10, 1786.*

The House met.

The Warrant entitling Mary Case, late Mary Bell, to draw from the Treasurer the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, was read and approved,

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Biddle do carry the said Bill and Warrant to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being called for, the Bill, intitled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. was read a second Time; and the Evidence in Favour of the same were heard;

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed to three o'Clock, P. M. to which Time the House adjourned.

The House met.

A Petition from Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, setting forth a Mistake which happened in the issuing of Certificates to them on Account of William Franklin and William Skeeles, was read, and ordered to be committed to Messrs. Biddle and Schenck, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from Joseph Borden, Esquire, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying Leave to pay to the Treasurer, in Discharge of Monies due the State from him, State-Notes, or other Notes drawing Interest in this State; and further praying, that such Order may be given as will justify his paying the Loan-Office Money now in his Hands, dated in 1780, partly signed, but mostly unsigned, to the present Loan-Officer;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 10, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Haring do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, "An Act further to prevent Frauds by Mortgages," and request their Concurrence therein; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, "A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," is passed by this House without Amendment; and also that the House do concur in the Warrant entitling Mary Case, late Mary Bell, to draw from the Treasury the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay.'

A Petition from Jeremiah Lambert, a Petition from John Williams, and a Petition from Edward Thomas, all insolvent Debtors confined in the Gaol of the County of Burlington, were severally read, praying that a Law may be passed to exempt their Bodies from Confinement, on their delivering up all their Property to their Creditors;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will ;’ and the Evidence against the same were heard ;

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Biddle reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee consisting of Mr. Harris, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Blair, Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Dayton, to whom were referred the Requisitions of Congress of the 27th of September 1785, and of the 2d of August 1786, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, those Requisitions were made by Congress in Virtue of Powers vested in them by the Confederation : That your Committee, influenced by this Conviction, and sensible of the Propriety of adopting Requisitions made under such Sanction, cannot but regret that the Injustice of some of the Sister States in withholding from us, and appropriating to themselves, the Profits and Advantages accruing from the Sales of those Lands which our Arms have equally contributed to conquer ; and in refusing to Congress the Exercise of the Fruits of a general Impost, which, in the same Proportion as they are burdensome, should be profitable to all, renders a Compliance with them on the Part of this State extremely difficult.

Thus situated, your Committee feel themselves greatly at a Loss what Measures they ought in Preference to recommend. They are notwithstanding, after taking every Circumstance into Consideration, constrained to give it as their Opinion, that the Sums demanded by Congress, as the Quota of this State, be raised as far as possible by Impost and Excise, and the Residue by Taxes in the ordinary Way. In the mean Time they are of Opinion, that the Representatives of this State in Congress should be instructed to represent to that Honourable Body, in the fullest and strongest Terms, the burdened Condition and exhausted Situation of the State, and to request their longest possible Forbearance.

Your Committee, having thus recommended the Mode which they conceived the most expedient and proper for making Provision for the Payment of the Quota of the foreign Debt, would have discharged their Duty but in Part, had they been silent or neglected to communicate to the House their Opinion with Respect to that Part of the Debt which is domestic, or confined to the Citizens of these States. This your Committee thinks cannot better be provided for than by increasing by Tax the Revenue Money to the Sum demanded, as our Quota of the Interest of the domestic Debt, to be appropriated solely to this Purpose ; as it must be very unimportant to Congress if the publick Creditors are satisfied, and they exonerated, in what Manner it be done. Your Committee are clearly of Opinion, that the Plan above suggested will be most beneficial to the Citizens of this State, and equally answer the Purposes of the Requisitions.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

EPHRAIM HARRIS.

The Committee have subjoined, for the Inspection and Satisfaction of the House, a Statement of the different Requisitions, and of the Monies that have been paid upon them, and an Account of the Sums which have already been, and still remain to be, provided for :



Quota of New-Jersey, on the Requisition of January 8, 1781, £.	1956	7	6
Ditto of October 30, 1781,	-	-	-
of September 4, 1782,	-	-	-
of October 16, 1782,	-	-	-
	91,064	16	3
	24,750	0	0
	41,250	0	0
	159,021	3	9
Paid to the Continental Loan-Officers at different Times	63,999	1	8
	95,022	2	1
Two thirds of which are payable in Paper or Facilities, to wit,	63,348	0	10
	31,674	1	3
The Quota of New-Jersey in Specie on the Requisition of September 27, 1785,	-	-	-
	20,839	10	0
	52,513	11	3
Ditto on that of August 2, 1786,	-	-	-
	45,232	2	6
	97,745	13	9
Provision has further been made for the Payment of	39,066	6	6
Remains to be provided for	-	-	-
Which Report being read, the Consideration thereof was postponed.	58,679	7	3

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 11, 1786.*

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Hearing before them on the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed till three o'Clock, P. M. to which Time the House adjourned.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Bond given by James Mott, Esquire, Treasurer, in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, with Sureties for the faithful Discharge of his Office;

*Resolved,* That the same is satisfactory to this House.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Clark do carry the said Bond and Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Hearing before them on the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. and, after having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 13, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for setting free Negro Prime,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held, at Burlington and Perth-Amboy;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Owners and Tenants in Possession of the Meadow, lying on Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, praying that the Bill accompanying the said Petition, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Tenants in Possession of the Meadow Ground, lying on the lower Side of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, between the fast Land of William Hancock and Joseph Stretch, both deceased, and extending back from the said Creek to a Bank called Moore's Bank, running from a Point of Land of said Hancock to a Point of Mary Moore's Land, to rebuild, repair and maintain the Banks, Dams, Sluices and other Works thereof, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to repeal two certain Acts herein mentioned,' may be passed into a Law; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That at the next Sitting the Petitioners have Leave to present the said Bill, on advertising the Purport of the same, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Lower Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee upon the Requisition of Congress, as read the tenth Day of November Instant, and debating it by Paragraphs; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the last? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Wetherby,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Therefore,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Marsh, Cook and Sharp, be a Committee to bring in an Excise Bill, pursuant to the first Paragraph of said Report: That Messrs. Dayton, Schenck, Combs, Kitchel and Douglass, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum of Money pursuant to the said Requisitions: And that Messrs. Blair, Walton and Nicoll, be a Committee to bring in a Supplement to the Revenue Bill.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late



'late of the County of Salem,' &c. was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Board,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Townsend,	
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Speaker.		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whilden do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Harris, with Leave, presented a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;' which being read, was ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1786, and to end the 12th Day of October 1787; and to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government;' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from James Mott, Esq. Treasurer of the State, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act further to prevent Frauds by Mortgages,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 14, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Schenck, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of the Amount of Sales of the Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Henry Van-Nest, praying Leave to present a Bill to authorize him to complete the Mills and Bridge he has lately erected, and is now erecting, on Lawrence's Brook, in the South Ward of New-Brunswick, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, on advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, and a Copy of this Order, at least three Weeks previous thereto, in the Newf-paper printed at New-Brunswick.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was laid before the House by the Speaker, accompanied with the following Papers:

No. 1. The Journal of Congress from the 20th September to the 3d November 1786.

No. 2. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of October 1786.

No. 3. A Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson, of the 11th November 1786, enclosing the same.

No. 4. Report and Resolution of Congress of 20th October 1786, on the hostile Intentions of the Indians in the western Country, and the Troops to be raised to prevent their Incursions, &c.

No. 5. A Letter from the Board of Treasury, of 7th November 1786, accompanying the same.

Which Papers were read; and the Papers marked No. 1 and No. 2 were ordered to be filed, and that the others be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Upper Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Roads in the said Township to be repaired by Hire; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Douglass, Bonney and Wetherby, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to empower and authorize the several Towns, at their annual Town Meetings, to direct in what Manner the Roads and Highways therein shall be repaired.

Mr. Blair, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the 41st Section of the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Whilden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from John Duyckinck, Abigail Munday and Samuel Munday, praying that a Law may be passed to render a Deed given by John Duyckinck, as Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Hendrick Vroom to Stephen Carman, for a Plantation in the County of Middlesex, as effectual as if the same had been duly executed by the three Executors named in the said Will, two of whom are without the Dominions of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in the Newf-paper printed at New-Brunswick.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Board,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Baker,		Mr. Houghton,
			Mr. Cook,
			Mr. Starke,
			Mr. Kitchel,
			Mr. Longstreet.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, 'An Act to direct the  
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‘ Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States,’ was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Douglass, Marth, Kitchel, Sheppard and Blair.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act further to prevent Frauds by Mortgages,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Board,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,			

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Houghton do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Peck.

*Council-Chamber, November 14, 1786.*

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Bond given by James Mott, Esquire, as Treasurer;

‘ *Resolved,* That the same is satisfactory.’

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 15, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for setting free Negro Prince,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Kelly,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson.	Mr. Kitchel,
			Mr. Beardlee,
			Mr. Longstreet.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October 1786, and to end the twelfth Day of October 1787; and to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Ridgway,
			Mr. Davenport,
			Mr. Hankinson,
			Mr. Beardlee.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Sharp, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Stephen Kent and Phebe his Wife, of the County of Suffex, praying



praying Leave to present a Bill to enable them to sell a Tract of Land belonging to Orphan Children, for the Discharge of the Debts of the Father of the said Orphans, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, praying the Loan-Office Certificates which have been transferred may be put upon the same Footing, as far as relates to the Payment of Interest, with those which have not been transferred, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Revenue Act.

Mr. Davenport, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same;' and the Parties, agreeably to the Order of the Day, in Support of and in Opposition to the same, were heard by the House;

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Memorial from Moore Furman, Esq. Agent for Hunterdon County, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the Sale of the publick Barracks in Trenton may be deferred to a future Period in the said Memorial mentioned, being read; upon the Question, Whether the said Agent be directed to defer the Sale or not? It was carried in the Negative, as follows, viz.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Beardslee,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Townsend,
			Mr. Anderson,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

Mr. Houghton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from Benjamin Williams, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, praying to be released from Confinement, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, having examined the Statement of the Auditor's Accounts on the Subject mentioned in said Petition, are of Opinion, that the following Resolution ought to be adopted:

Whereas it appears that the Resolution of the 23d of March last, for the Payment of Monies unto Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman was not agreeable to the Purposes thereby intended, and that the same has not been carried into Effect; therefore,

*Resolved*, That so much of the said Resolution as respects the authorizing the Treasurer to give Certificates unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman be, and the same is hereby rescinded; and that in Lieu thereof the said Treasurer do issue a Certificate unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of William Skeeles, deceased, for the Sum of £.110 3 2; and a Certificate unto the said Daniel Ellis, Attorney of William Franklin, Esq. for the

Sum of £. 87 10 4, to be countersigned and paid in the same Manner as in the said Resolution is expressed.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua Creek, 'in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Motion was made by Mr. Dayton, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that Shepard Kollock be appointed to print the Votes of this House of the present Sitting; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter-Sessions of the County of Monmouth, in Favour of Zylpha Tilton, late Zylpha Sprowl, who was the Widow of James Sprowl, late an Ensign in Col. Martin's Regiment of this State, and killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Zylpha Tilton, late Sprowl, for the Sum of Five Pounds per Month, from the 26th Day of June 1777 to the 22d Day of December 1779, it being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of 'the Amount of Sales of the Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from John Adam was read, praying Compensation for his Services as a Commissary of Prisoners of this State;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

A Petition from Benjamin Shotwell, of the County of Middlesex was read, praying that he may have Liberty, if he should Purchase any confiscated Lands, to pay for them in Notes given by Benjamin Thomson, Esquire; and that the Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick, which will shortly expire, may be continued;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.



*Thursday, November 16, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Butler, reported as follows :

**T**HAT it appears to your Committee from the Proofs and Vouchers exhibited by the said Butler, that, together with other Monies, the Sum of £. 5360 17 6, upon which the Depreciation complained of by him was charged, has been actually lent by the said Butler to Colonel William Shreve, at the Time, and for the Purposes mentioned in his Petition.

That although no publick Officer can be justified in applying to other Uses Monies due to the Treasury ; yet, when it is considered that the Loan was made by Mr. Butler, for the exprefs Purpose of promoting the publick Service, without the most distant View on his Part to particular Interest ; your Committee are induced to recommend, that the said Butler be acquitted and discharged from every Prosecution or Demand which have been, or may be, brought or made by, or in Behalf of the State against said Butler, for the Depreciation which arose upon the above Sum.

By Order of the Committee,

JONATHAN DAYTON.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report ? It was carried in the Negative.

A Petition from Captain Abraham Johnson was read, accompanied with an Account against the State of £. 19 13 6, and praying Payment.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Letter from James Mott, Esquire, read on the 13th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Bowen, Walton and Sharp, to report proper Instructions to the Treasurer and Attorney-General, agreeably to the Request therein contained.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Davenport, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, A Supplement to an Act, intituled, ' An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, ' and for other Purposes therein mentioned ; ' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Starke reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods ' imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States ; ' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 17, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of the Amount of Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her ' Cargo, ' was read and compared,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Bill to Council for their Concurrence.

Sundry Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon were read, praying, that a Law may be passed to direct that a Courthouse and common Gaol be built near Ringo's Tavern, in the County of Hunterdon ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting for a second Reading.

A Petition from Peter Dumont, Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of Somerset, was read, praying Direction in the Execution of his Office ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Blair, Douglass and Bunn, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from John Van-Bueren, Adjutant of the Militia of the County of Bergen, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Militia of the said County of Bergen to be divided into three Regiments or Battalions ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of the Meadow on Repaupa Creek, in the County of Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, for making an Amendment to the Law for maintaining and supporting the Bank, Dam and Waterworks on Repaupa Creek, to improve the Meadows thereon ;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in each of the Townships of Greenwich and Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

A Memorial from the Legatees and Claimants in and under the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Thompson, Esquire, deceased, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Resolution may pass directing and authorizing the Treasurer to pay unto them the Legacies mentioned in the said Will ; the Real Estate of the said Benjamin Thompson, which was bound for the Payment of the Legacies in the said Will, having been confiscated and sold as the Property of Benjamin Thompson, the Grand-Son of the said Benjamin Thompson, Esquire, deceased ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from Elizabeth Horton, the Widow of Doctor Jonathan Horton, deceased, was read, accompanied with sundry Certificates, and praying that a Warrant may be issued to her in the Place of one lately disannulled by the Legislature, or that if the Legislature do not choose to grant that Request, that they will submit it to Arbitrators indifferently chosen, whether an Allowance shall be made to her or not ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition and the several Certificates accompanying the same be filed.

A Petition from Thomas Goadsby and Albion Cox was read, praying a Supplement may be made to the Act, intitled, ' An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State ; ' which may enable them, independent of Walter Mould, in said Act named, to proceed to the Coinage of two Thirds of the Sum limited by the aforesaid Act ;

*Ordered*, That the said Thomas Goadsby and Albion Cox have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from Mr. Mould was read, and ordered to be read a second Time when the said Bill shall be presented to the House.



The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 18, 1786.*

The House met.

A Warrant to renew a Warrant entitling Catharine Piatt, Widow of Major Daniel Piatt, deceased, to draw the Sum of Twenty-five Dollars per Month, being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, was read; on the Question, Whether the same be renewed? It was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive an Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and 'to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Dayton, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from John Outwater, of the County of Bergen, praying Leave to present a Bill for authorizing the Treasurer to issue him a Note for the one Moiety of the Sum of £. 100, and the Interest thereon, being the Amount of a Bond given by him and John Meyer to Abraham Sickelson, or for such Proportion as may be due him from the Estate of the said John Meyer, which has been confiscated, and the Proceeds thereof paid into the Treasury, he having discharged to the said Abraham Sickelson the full Amount of the said Bond;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Letter of the Treasurer of November the 13th, 1786, reported as follows:

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of said Committee, Mr. Stevens, late Treasurer, be called on by the present Treasurer immediately for all Books in his Hands belonging to the State; and in Case of Refusal or Neglect for twenty Days, the Treasurer be directed to commence an Action against said John Stevens for the same.

The Committee are further of Opinion, that a Suit be immediately instituted against Jacob Winans, as specified in a Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 27th Day of May 1786.

The Committee are also of the Opinion, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds and One-penny, which was received by the Collector of Essex, in State Money, and paid forward to the Auditor, be credited to said County as three is to one.

The Committee are further of the Opinion, on the last Paragraph in said Letter respecting the taking up of Deserters, that the Law already in Force is adequate.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Suit be instituted by the Attorney-General of this State against Jacob Winans, for recovering the Amount of three Surplus Certificates given by Nathaniel Farrand to the Use of the said Jacob Winans, one of which was to Nathaniel Pike for £. 627 2 2, the other two payable to John Tucker for the above said Sum of £. 627 2 2 each, for which it appears the said

Farrand received no Original; and that the Auditor deliver the Attorney-General all the Papers in his Possession necessary for the Prosecutions.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sheppard do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to satisfy certain Executions therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and, with the Papers accompanying the same, were referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from Charles Coxé, of the County of Hunterdon, read on the 9th March last, was read,

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

'*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 18, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will," is rejected by Council.'

'*Ordered*,

**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey," and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The Bill, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 20, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

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The engrossed Bill, intitled; ' An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intitled, An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An additional Supplement to an Act, intitled, A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Sheppard do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Beardlee, according to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled; ' An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John-Tabor Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to the State, situate in Hardwick Township, in the County of Suffex;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Nicoll, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, in the County of Bergen;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act for laying an Excise on fundry Articles consumed in this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Douglass, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to prevent the keeping of supernumerary Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' which Bill was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intitled; ' An Act to continue an Act, intitled, A supplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the following Papers :

No. 1. 1 July, 1786. A general Account of the Expenditures of the United States from the 1st of November 1785, to the 30th June 1786.

No. 2, 1 July, 1786: Schedule of Requisitions on the several States by the United States in Congress assembled, of the 10th of September 1782, the 30th October 1781, the 27th and 28th April 1784, of the 27th of April 1785, and of the 2d of August 1786, shewing the Quotas assigned to each, the Amount paid thereon, and the Balances due the 10th of June 1786.

No. 3. 2 August, 1786. Resolution of Congress respecting the Sums necessary to be raised for the Services of the present Year, and for the Payment of the Interest and two Instalments of Principal on the Dutch and French Loans, &c.

No. 4. 13 Nov. 1786. Letter from the Board of Treasury on the Amount of the Deficiencies of the several States, &c.

Which Papers were severally read; and the Paper marked No. 1 was ordered

ed to be filed ; and the Papers marked No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4, were referred to Messrs. Dayton, Schenck, Combs, Kitchel and Douglass, who were appointed to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum of Money pursuant to former Requisitions of Congress received ; and that the said Committee examine the Laws respecting

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 100,000 State Money—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	
by the County of	& Certificates.	Specie.
Salem,		£. 166 14 10

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	
by the Counties of	& Certificates.	
Burlington,	£. 4608 17 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Suffex,	578 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
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	£. 5187 16 8	

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 7500 Specie,—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid		
in by the County of		Specie.
Suffex,		£. 473 15 3

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State Money—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	
by the several Counties of	& Certificates.	Specie.
Effex,		£. 23 1 1
Burlington,		1049 0 2
Morris,	£. 499 19 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Suffex,	1338 11 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	1405 5 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	£. 1838 10 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	£. 2477 6 5 $\frac{1}{2}$



respecting such Part of the Taxes as was appropriated for the Use of the United States, and report their Opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. Sheppard, from the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer of this State, reported a Statement of the same as follows :

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—and Certificates, and £. 7500 Specie, due September 10, 1781.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid	State Money		
in by the County of	& Certificates.	Specie.	
Salem,		£. 166 14 10	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			
By Order of the Committees,			

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—Money and Certificates, due December 1, 1781.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid	State Money		
by the Counties of	& Certificates.		
Burlington,	£. 4590 11 3½		
Suffex,	578 19 7½		
Balance carried to Account Current,	18 5 9		
	£. 5187 16 8		

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—for Support of Government, due April 1, 1782.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid in by			
the County of		Specie.	
Suffex,		£. 473 15 3	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			
By Order of the Committees,			

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—and Certificates, and £. 25,000 Specie, due April 1, 1782.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid by	State Money		
the several Counties of	& Certificates.	Specie.	
Essex,		£. 23 1 1	
Burlington,		713 14 3	
Suffex,	£. 1317 17 3½	1405 5 2½	
Balance carried to Account Current,	520 13 3½	335 5 11	
	£. 1838 10 7½	£. 2477 6 5½	

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State Money and—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State Money & Certificates.	Specie.
Effex,		£. 839 15 9
Monmouth,	£. 2104 6 9½	
Burlington,	898 17 11	2433 10 6½
Salem,		110 18 6
Cape-May,	159 1 6	
Hunterdon,	2277 9 6	158 1 2
Morris,	1832 2 5½	
Cumberland,	298 12 1½	
Suffex,	1090 12 5	1948 6 7
	<u>£. 8661 2 8½</u>	<u>£. 5490 12 6½</u>

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 7500, Specie,—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of		Specie.
Effex,		£. 53 0 9½
Suffex,		600
		<u>£. 653 0 9½</u>

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—	
	On Account of the Proportion of the first Payment of—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State Money.	Specie.
Burlington,		£. 352 7 7
Hunterdon,	£. 412 2 5	354 2 2
Cumberland,	337 15	
Suffex,	228 5	276 13 4
	<u>£. 978 2 5</u>	<u>£. 983 3 1</u>



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,					CR.
—Certificates, and £. 25,000, Specie, due July 1, 1782.					
By Deficiencies not yet paid in					
by the several Counties of		State Money		Specie.	
Effex,				£. 839 15 9	
Monmouth,	£. 2005 9 8½				
Burlington,	304 17 7			2433 10 6½	
Salem,				38 8 6	
Cape-May,	92 1				
Hunterdon,	1208 1 2				
Morris,	1652 1 10½				
Cumberland,	298 12 1½				
Suffex,	1090 12 5			1948 6 7	
Balance carried to Account Current,	2009 6 10			230 11 2	
	£. 8661 2 8½			£. 5490 12 6½	

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,					CR.
—for Support of Government, due July 1, 1782.					
By Deficiencies not yet paid in					
by the Counties of				Specie.	
Effex,				£. 53 0 9½	
Suffex,				600	
				£. 653 0 9½	

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,					CR.
—Tax for raising £. 90,000, due October 1, 1782.					
By Deficiencies not yet paid in					
by the several Counties of		State Money.		Specie.	
Burlington,				£. 241 14 10	
Hunterdon,	£. 412 2 5			143 17 4	
Cumberland,	337 15				
Suffex,	228 5			159 7 2	
Balance carried to Account Current,				438 3 9	
	£. 978 2 5			£. 983 3 1	

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
On Account of the Proportion of the second Payment of—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by  
the several Counties of

	State Money.	Specie.
Bergen,	£. 203 8 10	
Middlefex,	154 15 5	
Hunterdon,	556 11 10	£. 298 16
Morris,	182 6 9½	505 8 2
Cumberland,	337 10	
Suffex,	568 14 9	242 9 9
	<u>£. 2103 7 7½</u>	<u>£. 1046 13 11</u>

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
On Account of the Proportion of the first Payment—

To Deficiencies not yet paid  
in by the Counties of

	Specie.
Middlefex,	£. 286 13 10½
Hunterdon,	32 6 4½
	<u>£. 319 0 3</u>

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
On Account of the Proportion of the second Payment—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the several Counties of

	Specie.
Middlefex,	£. 1186 4 4½
Burlington,	475 6 3½
Hunterdon,	2082 3 1¼
Morris,	2157 19 3
Cumberland,	351 14 9¾
Suffex,	1600 3 10½
	<u>£. 7853 11 8½</u>

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000, Specie,—

To Deficiencies not yet paid  
in by the County of  
Suffex,

Specie.
£. 105 5 7



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—Tax for raising £. 90,000, due January 1, 1783.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid in			
by the several Counties of	State Money.	Specie.	
Bergen,	£. 97 5 9		
Middlefex,	100 0 0		
Hunterdon,	556 11 10	£. 298 16 0	
Cumberland,	13 4 4		
Suffex,	568 14 9		
Balance carried to Account Current	767 10 11½	747 17 11	
	£. 2103 7 7½	£. 1046 13 11	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—of Tax for raising £. 90,930, due October 1, 1783.			
Amount carried to Account Current,		Specie.	
		£. 319 0 3	
		£. 319 0 3	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—of Tax for raising £. 90,930, due January 1, 1784.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid in			
by the several Counties of		Specie.	
Middlefex,		£. 947 15 7	
Burlington,		475 6 3½	
Hunterdon,		1122 12 3½	
Morris,		1142 17 6	
Cumberland,		203 9 4½	
Suffex.		1600 3 10½	
Balance carried to Account Current,		2361 6 9½	
		£. 7853 11 8½	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—for the Support of Government, due October 1, 1784.			
Amount carried to Account Current,		Specie.	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.		£. 105 5 7	

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—To Deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the Counties ofHunterdon,  
Suffex,

Revenue.

£. 935 11 6½  
1086 11 10

£. 2022 3 4½

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JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000, Specie, for—To the Quota of the said Tax payable into  
the Treafury by the several Counties ofBergen,  
Effex,  
Middlefex,  
Monmouth,  
Somerfet,  
Burlington,  
Gloucefter,  
Salem,  
Cape-May,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,

Specie.

£. 671 14 10  
664 2 2  
815 9 2  
987 0 10  
868 19 8  
1095 18 8  
795 6 8  
636 0 10  
149 15 9  
1346 8 3  
743 10 9  
357 2 4  
868 10 1

£. 10,000 0 0

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000 for—To the Quota of the said Tax payable into  
the Treafury by the several Counties ofBergen,  
Effex,  
Middlefex,  
Monmouth,  
Somerfet,  
Burlington,  
Gloucefter,  
Salem,  
Cape-May,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,

Specie.

£. 671 14 10  
664 2 2  
815 9 2  
987 0 10  
868 19 8  
1095 18 8  
795 6 8  
636 0 10  
149 15 9  
1346 8 3  
743 10 9  
357 2 4  
868 10 1

£. 10,000 0 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —£. 31,259 5 0 in Bills of Credit, due October 1, 1784.

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Revenue.  
 Amount carried to Account Current, £. 2022 3 4 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —sinking £. 30,000 in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785.  
 By Deficiencies not yet paid in  
 by the several Counties of

CR.

	£.	Specie.
Essex,	96	7 4
Middlesex,	201	7 5
Monmouth,	909	10 10
Somerfet,	589	15 2
Salem,	13	0 9
Cape-May,	80	4 9
Hunterdon,	1049	5 9
Morris,	563	9 3
Cumberland,	119	4 3
Suffex,	689	16 4
Balance carried to Account Current,	5687	18 2

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

£. 10,000 0 0

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —Support of Government, due December 1, 1785.  
 By Deficiencies not yet paid in by  
 the several Counties of

CR.

	£.	Specie.
Essex,	108	6 0
Monmouth,	348	6 8
Somerfet,	309	9 11
Morris,	266	15 0
Suffex,	627	4 4
Balance carried to Account Current,	8339	18 1

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

£. 10,000 0 0

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD.

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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—To the Quota of the said Tax payable into  
the Treasury by the several Counties of

	Specie.
Bergen,	£. 2099 16 4
Essex,	2075 18 10
Middlesex,	2549 1 6
Monmouth,	3087 17 2
Somerfet,	2716 7 0
Burlington,	3425 16 4
Gloucester,	2486 2 11
Salem,	1988 4 5
Cape-May,	468 4 6
Hunterdon,	4208 15 6
Morris,	2321 16 5
Cumberland,	1116 6 6
Suffex,	2714 17 7
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	£. 31,259 5 0

## AMOUNT of DEFICIENCIES due from the several COUNTIES.

	Arrears of Taxes.		Sinking Tax,		Support Tax,		Revenue Tax,	
	State Money.	Specie.	due Dec. 1, 1785.	Specie.	due Dec. 1, 1785.	Specie.	due Dec. 1, 1785.	Specie.
Bergen,	£. 97 5 9	£ 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0		£. 0 0 0		£. 0 0 0	
Essex,	0 0 0	915 17 7½	96 7 4		108 6 0		56 14 9	
Middlesex,	100 0 0	947 15 7	201 7 5		0 0 0		432 2 11	
Monmouth,	2005 9 8½	0 0 0	909 10 10		348 6 8		1358 18 2	
Somerfet,	0 0 0	0 0 0	589 15 2		309 9 11		625 14 4	
Burlington,	4895 8 10¼	3864 5 11¼	0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0	
Gloucester,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 0	
Salem,	0 0 0	205 3 4	13 0 9		0 0 0		88 4 5	
Cape-May,	92 1 0	0 0 0	80 4 9		0 0 0		0 0 0	
Hunterdon,	2176 15 5	1565 5 7½	1049 5 9		0 0 0		1151 5 7	
Morris,	1652 1 10½	1142 17 6	563 9 3		266 15 0		813 18 11	
Cumberland,	649 11 5½	203 9 4½	189 4 3		0 0 0		0 0 0	
Suffex,	3784 9 1½	6186 18 0½	689 16 4		627 4 4		1442 19 4	
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	£. 15,453 3 2½	15,031 13 0½	4312 1 10		1660 1 11		5969 18 5	

November 1, 1786.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.
1785.	On Account of Cash received of fundry Persons.	
Nov. 17.	Received of Thomas Fenimore, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates for Burlington County,	£. 52 2 11
Dec. 28.	Eli Elmer, Esquire, Sheriff of Cumberland County, on Account of Fines,	21 1 7
Jan. 2.	John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, on Account of the Balance due from him to the State,	734 0 0
Feb. 24.	Thomas Denny, Esquire, late Sheriff of Gloucester County, on Account of Fines,	57 19 7
27.	John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, on Account of the Balance due from him to the State,	530 7 9

Amount carried forward,

£. 1395 11 10



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —£. 31,259 5 0 in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785.  
 By Deficiencies not yet paid in  
 by the several Counties of

	Specie.
Essex,	£. 56 14 9
Middlesex,	432 2 11
Monmouth,	1358 18 2
Somerſet,	625 14 4
Salem,	88 4 5
Hunterdon,	1151 5 7
Morris,	813 18 11
Suffex,	1442 19 4
Balance carried to Account Current,	25289 6 7

£. 31,259 5 0

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD.

1786.	Amount brought forward,	£. 1395 11 10
Mar. 9.	John Peck, jun. late Agent to the 2d Jerſey Regiment, being the Sum he received for Interest on Final Settlement Certificates belonging to fundry Soldiers of the ſaid Regiment,	32 14 8
11.	Joſeph Mullen, Eſquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of Fines,	3 0 0
16.	Edward Siddons, Eſquire, Coroner of Salem County, on Account of Fines,	9 10 0
April 3.	John Stevens, jun. Eſquire, late Treafurer, on Account of the Balance due from him to the State,	68 8 9
May 9.	John Black, Collector of Burlington County, on Account of Fines,	3 0 0
Oct. 13.	Moore Furman, Eſquire, being the Balance due from him, James Ewing, Eſquire, and Conrad Kotts,	0 8 9
Oct. 19.	Received of Joſhua Corſhon, Eſquire, being the Sum overpaid him for Interest on a Collector's Certificate, October 26, 1785,	22 1 2

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 1534 15 2

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.
1785.	On Account of State Money received of fundry Persons.	
Nov. 3.	Received of William Kelfay, Esquire, late Sheriff of Cumberland County, on Account of Fines, £.	17 2 6
Dec. 14.	John Black, Collector of Burlington County, on Account of Arrears of Continental Taxes,	43 2 6
1786.		
May 13.	John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, on Account of a Balance of £. 3267 18 7, Specie, due from him to the State, as settled by the Committee the 11th of March last, received agreeably to a Resolution passed 13th March 1786,	9803 15 9

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 9864 0 9

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.
On Account of Continental Money received on Arrears of Taxes, levied in Continental Currency.		
1785.	Received of Edward Dunlop, late Collector of Suffex County, on Arrears of Continental Taxes, £.	176 5 0
Nov. 14.		
Dec. 2.	Kenneth Hankinson, Collector of Monmouth County, on Ditto,	755 6 3
		236 6 3
14.	John Black, Collector of Burlington County, on Ditto,	
1786.	Kenneth Hankinson, Collector of Monmouth County, on Ditto,	136 1 3
Mar. 24.		
Oct. 27.	Jonathan Stiles, Esquire, former Collector of Morris County, on Ditto,	1242 12 6

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 2546 11 3

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.
1786.	On Account of Continental Money received of Ralph Post, being a Debt due from his Father Francis Post, to the Loan-Office in the County of Essex, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature, passed June 14, 1783,	£. 116 5 0

Amount carried to Account Current,

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.



JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.	
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of sundry Persons			
1785.	for Debts due to the State.		
Nov. 12.	Received of William Leddel, Esquire, Sheriff of Morris County, on Account of Fines,	£. 40	7 7
Mar. 11.	Joseph Mullen, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of Ditto,	71	7 7
April 4.	Ditto, Ditto,	20	6 7
5.	John Conway, Esquire, former Sheriff of Middlesex County, on Account of Ditto,	66	3 5
May 9.	Nathaniel Hunt, Esquire, Commissioner of the Loan-Office for the County of Hunterdon,	365	15 7
13.	Mark Thomson, Esquire, late Sheriff of Suffex County, on Account of Fines,	30	0 0
Sept. 5.	Joseph Mullen, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of Ditto,	55	1 5

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 649 2 2

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.	
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of the several			
1785.	Agents of forfeited Estates.		
Nov. 10.	Received of Abraham Kitchell, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates for Morris County,	£. 262	5 0
12.	Cornelius Haring, Ditto, Bergen County,	4421	17 10
	John Stillwell, Ditto, Monmouth,	1290	13 3
	Ditto, Ditto, Ditto,	35	19 0
14.	Thomas Fenimore, Esquire, Ditto, Burlington,	121	11 8
16.	David Olden, Esquire, Ditto, Middlesex,	1056	5 6
1786.			
Mar. 10.	Samuel Hayes, Esquire, Ditto, Essex,	591	2 4
15.	John Stillwell, Ditto, Monmouth,	34	9 0
16.	John Sparks, Esquire, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates for Gloucester County, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature passed November 11, 1785,	164	15 8
April 14.	Ditto, Ditto, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature passed March 21, 1786,	43	4 10
June 27.	Cornelius Haring, Agent of forfeited Estates for Bergen County,	552	16 9

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 8575 0 10

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Balance due the State in Continental Money, on Settlement

November 1, 1785,

£. 35,515 11 7½

To Amount received on Arrears of Continental Taxes,

2546 11 3

To Amount received of Ralph Post, agreeably to a Resolution  
passed June 14, 1783,

116 5 0

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£. 38,178 7 10½

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Amount received of fundry Persons,

£. 649 2 2

To Ditto, received of the several Agents of forfeited Estates,

8575 0 10

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£. 9224 3 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —Continental Money.  
 Balance due the State,

CR.

£. 38,178 7 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 


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 £. 38,178 7 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

**W**E, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, do find a Balance of Thirty-eight Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Ten-pence Three Farthings, in Continental Money, remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. THOMSON,  
 ASHER HOLMES,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD,  
 ELLIS COOK,  
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
 JONA. DAYTON,  
 EDMUND WETHERBY.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —Notes and Certificates.

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By Amount of fundry Notes and Certificates examined and  
 allowed,

£. 9224 3 0

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

**W**E, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find the same justly stated.

M. THOMSON,  
 ASHER HOLMES,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD,  
 ELLIS COOK,  
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
 JONA. DAYTON,  
 EDMUND WETHERBY.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Balance on Tax in State Money and Certificates, due Decem- ber 1, 1781,	£. 18 5 9
To Ditto, on Ditto, due April 1, 1782,	520 13 3½
To Ditto, on Ditto, due July 1, 1782,	2009 6 10
To Ditto, on Tax in State Money, due January 1, 1783,	767 10 11½
To Amount received on the Sinking Fund Tax £. 5687 18 2,	
Specie, which, at one for three, is equal in State Money to,	17,063 14 6
To Amount received of fundry Perfons,	9864 0 9

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£. 30,243 12 1½

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Balance due the State in Specie on Settlement in November 1, 1785,	£. 23 0 5
To Ditto, in Revenue Money on Ditto,	217 10 11½
To Balance on Account of Tax in Specie, due April 1, 1782,	335 5 11
To Ditto, on Ditto, due July 1,	230 11 2
To Ditto, on Ditto, due October 1,	438 3 9
To Ditto, on Ditto, due January 1, 1783,	747 17 11
To Ditto, on Ditto, due October 1,	319 0 3
To Ditto, on Ditto, due January 1, 1784,	2361 6 9½
To Ditto, on Ditto, for Support of Government, due October 1, 1784,	105 5 7
To Ditto, on Account of the Revenue Tax, due October 1, 1784,	2022 3 4½
To Ditto, on Account of Tax for Support of Government, due December 1, 1785,	8339 18 1
To Ditto, on Account of the Revenue Tax, due December 1, 1785,	25,289 6 7
To Amount received of fundry Perfons,	1534 15 2

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Amount carried over, £. 41,964 5 11½



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,	CR.
—State Money.	
By Balance due James Mott on Settlement, November 1, 1785,	£. 0 17 3 $\frac{1}{4}$
By Amount of Certificates paid in the Tax due July 1, 1782,	1275 0 8
By Amount of Ditto, paid on the Sinking Fund Tax by Thomas Sinnickson, Esquire, Collector of Salem County, agreeably to an Act passed November 29, 1785,	46 15 10
By Amount of one Voucher, No. 1, for Cash paid in Old State Money to John Black, late Agent for the recruiting Service in Burlington County,	18 5 9
Balance due the State,	28,902 12 7
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	£. 30,243 12 1 $\frac{1}{4}$

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

**W**E, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find a Balance of Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Seven-pence, old State Money, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. THOMSON,  
 ASHER HOLMES,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD,  
 ELLIS COOK,  
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
 JONA. DAYTON,  
 EDMUND WETHERBY.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,	CR.
—Specie and Revenue Money.	
By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to 83, inclusive, for Cash paid in Specie, for one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	£. 1583 15 4
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 152, Ditto, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	312 4 8
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 415, Ditto, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for the second Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	3340 0 1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 403, Ditto, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for the third Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	4212 13 5
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 800, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for one Year's Interest on Certificates signed by Benjamin Thomson, Esquire, Commissioner,	5575 1 4
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 601, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for the second Year's Interest on Certificates signed by Benjamin Thomson, Esquire, Commissioner,	6632 8 8
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 147, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for one Year's Interest on Final Settlement Certificates, signed by John Pierce, Esquire, Commissioner,	756 6 10
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 257, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for the second Year's Interest on Ditto,	3691 15 0
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Amount carried over,	£. 26,104 5 4

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
Account Current in—  
Amount brought over, £. 41,964 5 11½

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£. 41,964 5 11½



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
—Specie and Revenue Money.

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Amount brought over, £. 26,104 5 4

By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for Interest on Certificates signed by John Pierce, Esquire, Commissioner, which was received by John Peck, jun. late Agent to the 2d Jersey Regiment, and deposited in the Treasury by him, to be paid to the Proprietors of the said Certificates,	1 11 0
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 15, Ditto, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Contractors Certificates,	71 6 6
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 16, Ditto, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Collectors Certificates,	96 2 8
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 11, Ditto, for Cash paid for Interest on Notes of Depreciation,	160 7 1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 37, Ditto, for Cash paid for Principal and Interest on $\frac{1}{4}$ Notes of Depreciation,	1105 2 5
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 296, Ditto, for Cash paid for Support of Government,	9617 12 0
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 72, Ditto, for Cash paid on Warrants of Half-pay,	2359 15 1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 75, Ditto, for Cash paid to Invalids on their Discharges,	526 10 7
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 21, Ditto, for Cash paid to Invalids on their Certificates from Isaac Smith, Esq. Inspector,	229 17 9
By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 42, Ditto, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on old State Money,	518 2 1
By Amount of 1 Ditto, No. 1, for Cash paid in Remittance of a Militia Fine,	8 4 4
By Amount of 2 Ditto, No. 1 and No. 2, for Cash paid to Isaac Halfey, Esquire, Paymaster to the Militia of Essex County,	600 0 0
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for Cash paid John Black, late Agent for the Recruiting Service in Burlington County,	177 7 0
By Amount of 1 Ditto, No. 1, for Cash paid for the Time of a Servant enlisted in the Continental Army,	12 0 0
By Amount of fundry Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for Cash paid to John Applegate, for impressing Teams for the Continental Service,	1 6 0
Balance due the State,	374 16 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

£. 41,964 5 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Trenton, November 1, 1786,

WE, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 83, inclusive, from No. 1 to No. 152, Do. from No. 1 to No. 415, Do. from No. 1 to No. 403, Do. from No. 1 to No. 800, Do. from No. 1 to No. 601, Do. from No. 1 to No. 147, Do. from No. 1 to No. 257, Do. from No. 1 to No. 3, Do. from No. 1 to No. 15, Do. from No. 1 to No. 16, Do. from No. 1 to No. 11, Do. from No. 1 to No. 37, Do. from No. 1 to No. 296, Do. from No. 1 to No. 72, Do. from No. 1 to No. 75, Do. from No. 1 to No. 21, Do. from No. 1 to No. 42, Do. No. 1, No. 1, and No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 5, inclusive, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, do find a Balance of Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One-penny One Farthing, due from the said Treasurer, James Mott, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. THOMSON,  
ASHER HOLMES,  
JOHN SHEPPARD,  
ELLIS COOK,  
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
JONA. DAYTON,  
EDMUND WETHERBY.

Which Settlement being read and examined,

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the same as settled by the Committee.

Mr. Sheppard reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A third Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783;' which Bill was read, and ordered to be referred to the next Sitting.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive certain Parts of an Act, intituled, 'An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,		

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to continue an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey,' was read a third Time,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harris do carry the first mentioned Bill to Council for Concurrence; and that he carry the last mentioned Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Harris reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to Messrs. Dayton and Marsh, and that they report the same at the next Sitting.

The Message from his Excellency the Governor of the 9th Instant, with the Papers accompanying the same, were read a second Time, and ordered to be referred to the Joint-Meeting.



A Petition from James M'Comb, Esquire, late Clothier of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, praying that some Measures may be taken whereby he may have a final Settlement of his Accounts ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of New-Barbados Precinct, in the County of Bergen,' was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Kitchel.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

*Council-Chamber, November 20, 1786.*

*Ordered*,

**T**HAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Resolution of the House of Assembly of November 15, 1786, respecting the Payment of Monies unto Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of William Skeeles, deceased, and to Daniel Ellis, Attorney for William Franklin, Esq. is concurred in by Council ; and also that the Bill, intitled, " An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam, and necessary Waterworks, to stop out the Tide," &c. is passed by Council without Amendment.

A Petition from Uriah Paul, Administrator cum Testamento annexo of David Paul, deceased, was read, setting forth that the said deceased, in April 1779, purchased the confiscated Estate of Gabriel De-Veber, and received a Deed of Conveyance for the same ; since which the said Lands being claimed in Virtue of a Mortgage by Michael Woolf, a Suit in Ejectment was brought by the said Michael Woolf, in which Suit the Verdict of the Jury was in his Favour, and the said David Paul was turned out of Possession ; and praying that a Law may pass to direct the Treasurer to pay to the said Uriah Paul, as Administrator aforesaid, the Sum of £. 108 12 1, with its Interest.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition, with the Vouchers accompanying the same, be read a second Time at the next Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 21, 1786.*

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John Tabor-Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, which have been confiscated to this State, situate in Hardwick Township, in the County of Suffex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to raise the Sum of                      for the Use of the United States ;' which was read, whereupon,

A Motion was made that the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Townfend,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Longstreet.		

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Marsh, Clark and Sharp, be a Committee to examine what Money is due to the Treasury from each Loan-Office, in the several Counties of this State, on Account of the Loan-Office Money issued in 1776.

Mr. Blair, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from Jeremiah Clark, of the County of Essex, praying a Sum of Money may be refunded to the late Sheriff of the County of Essex, being a Fine imposed upon the Memorialist to the Amount of £. 900, for a Misdemeanor, and by the Sheriff paid into the Treasury, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, November 20, 1786.*  
**T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua-Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same," is passed by Council without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles consumed in this State,' was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to Messrs. Sheppard, Douglass, Marsh and Sharp.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, desiring the Direction of the House how to Credit the County of Essex with a Sum of publick Money taken by Robbers from John Gould, late Collector of the Township of Acquackanunk, in said County; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That as the Quota of Taxes levied in the said County of Essex was in State Money, the Treasurer do credit the said County for the Amount of the said Money as three is to one.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John Tabor Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to the State, situate in Hardwick Township, in the County of Sussex,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Dayton, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for



‘ for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bonney, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act ‘ to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Persons who have ‘ purchased Property for the Use of the Publick ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from John Ogden, jun. of the County of Essex, setting forth, that he has been prosecuted by the Treasurer of the State, for publick Money, and praying that a Committee of the House may be appointed to examine into and report the true State of his Accounts with the State ;

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Davenport and Walton be a Committee for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Warrant entitling Zylpha Tilton, late Zylpha Sprowl, to draw the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-pay, was read and approved,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hankinson do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bowen reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Kitchel, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act ‘ to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act for raising a ‘ Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five ‘ Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of ‘ paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, ‘ agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April ‘ 1783, and for appropriating the same ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hankinson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,’ was read a second Time ;

A Motion was made to amend the 6th Section, by striking out ‘ Wehawkin’ from among the Ferries to be included in the Bill ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Whilden,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Ridgway,			

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

‘ *Ordered*, ‘ *Council-Chamber November 21, 1786.*  
‘ **T**HAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint ‘ them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for setting free Negro Prime,” is ‘ passed by Council without Amendment.’

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Clark.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 21, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Clark do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State," with the Amendments made thereto by the House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 21, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of the Amount of Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo;" and the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year," &c. are passed by this House without Amendment.'

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April 1783, and for appropriating the same,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of Barbadoes Precinct, in the County of Bergen,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 22, 1786.*

The House met.

Several Petitions from the County of Middlesex were read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held, at Burlington and New-Brunswick. Several Petitions were read, from Somerset, praying, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislature to sit, and Supreme Court to be held, at New-Brunswick; whereupon,

The several Petitions heretofore at several Times presented on the same Subjects were read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for imposing an Excise on sundry Articles consumed in this State;'

A Motion was made, that, for every Gallon of Geneva, Brandy or Rum, One Shilling Excise be paid; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried for Six-pence a Gallon, as follows:

For 6d.	For 6d.	For 6d.	For 1s.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Bowen,
			Mr. Hankinson.

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The House having made some further Progress in the said Bill,  
*Ordered*, That the same be re-committed to the Committee who reported the same, and that Messrs. Dayton and Kitchel be added to the Committee.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset,' was read and compared,  
*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of Barbadoes Precinct, in the County of Bergen,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Townsend,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April 1783, and for appropriating the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardflee do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee to whom were referred the Memorial and other Papers of John Ogden, jun. late Collector of the County of Essex, reported as follows:

**T**HAT it appears to your Committee, a Suit was instituted in the Supreme Court of this State against the said John Ogden by the Treasurer, returnable to September Term 1785: That a Judgment was entered by Default, and Execution issued against him to the Term of April 1786 for £. 85 12 11 Debt, with £. 8 1 5 Costs: That previous to the Entry of said Judgment, to wit, on the 11th Day of August 1785 the said John Ogden was credited to the said State, by the Auditor's Books, for £. 50 2 2, and afterwards, and also, before the said Judgment, viz. the 12th Day of August 1785, he paid into the Treasury the further Sum of £. 40 10 9.

With

With Respect to the latter Part of the said John Ogden's Memorial, it further appears to your Committee, that another Suit is now instituted in the same Court against him for other Sums of publick Monies which have come to his Hands, but that no Judgment is as yet entered upon that Action; and that the said Ogden has made several Payments which he may and will receive Credit for upon the Trial of the said Suit, or upon an Assesment to be made by the Court in which the same Action is brought.

FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed and ordered to credit the said John Ogden, jun. late Collector of Essex County, for the Sum of £. 90 12 11, in Part of a Judgment entered against him in the Term of November 1785, at the Suit of the said Treasurer, on Behalf of the State; and that, upon the said John Ogden's paying the Balance of the Debt, Interest and Costs upon the said Suit, he be discharged from any further Prosecution on the said first Action.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the forty-first Section of the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' was read a second Time;

A Motion was made by Mr. Combs, seconded by Mr. Bonney, that the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson.		

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, 'An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the forty-first Section of the 'Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hankinon,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Davenport,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hankinon,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Schenck,			Mr. Sharp,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Longstreet do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Peck.

*Council-Chamber, November 22, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer in crediting John Gould, late Collector of the Township of Acquackanonk, in the County of Essex, with a Sum of Money taken by Robbers, &c.

*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein,

On Motion,

*Resolved,* That the Legislature meet again on the 16th Day of May next, at the City of Burlington, in the County of Burlington, for the Dispatch of publick Business.

The Auditor of Accounts appeared in the House; whereupon the Memorial of James M'Comb, late Clothier for this State, was read the second Time, and the Auditor reported a Statement of his Accounts, by which there appears to be a Balance due to the said James M'Comb of £. 184 19 2, lawful Money.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer do pay to the said James M'Comb the aforefaid Sum of £. 184 19 2, being the Balance of his Account as State-Clothier.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Longstreet reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Inhabitants of this State to maintain their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,' which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Nicoll, Starke and Hankinson, have Leave of Absence during the Remainder of this Sitting.

A Representation and Memorial from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, was read, setting forth that he had purchased of the Commissioner of forfeited Estates of the County of Middlesex a Lot of Land in Amboy, supposed to be the forfeited Property of Michael Kearney: That an Action of Ejectment is now brought against him by Isabella Kearney, and praying that the Attorney-General may be directed to assist in defending the Title he holds under the State;

*Ordered,* That the said Memorial be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 23, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Peter Dumont, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Somerset, reported as follows:

**T**HAT your Committee are of Opinion, that the said Peter Dumont, Agent of the County of Somerset, be directed to proceed immediately to the Sales of all the Right, Title and Interest, which this State hath in and to any forfeited Estates, either Real or Personal, which is, or lie within the said County, for the highest Price or Prices that can be had, notwithstanding the former Sales made in Part by Wilson and Bergen.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT BLAIR.

To which Report the House agreed.

Whereas there are several Suits of Importance now depending in the Supreme Court, in which the State of New-Jersey is immediately interested; and in which some of the ablest Counsel are employed against it; and whereas it is necessary that other Counsel should be employed to assist the Attorney-General in the Prosecution and Defence of such Suits; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, during the present Session of the Legislature, to employ able Counsel for the Purpose of assisting the Attorney-General, when necessary, in Causes of Importance wherein the State is concerned, and to pay the necessary and reasonable Fees; and that the Receipt of such Counsel, so employed, for any Sum not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer on the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Four Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland were read, praying, they may have Leave to present a Bill to establish a publick Ferry on Maurice River, near Joshua Brick's, on said River; and that a Road may be opened to pass from Bridgton to the said Ferry, and from thence to Jonas Hoffman's Gristmill;

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in each



of the Townships of Fairfield, Downs and Maurice River, and also the like Town in Bridgton, in the County of Cumberland.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Public,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Douglass do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draft of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Cripps.

*Council-Chamber, November 22, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to employ Counsel to assist the Attorney-General, &c.

*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to credit John Ogden, late Collector of Essex County, the Sum of £. 90 12 11, &c.

*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Cripps do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;' the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John-Tabor Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land which have been confiscated to the State;" &c. the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt;" and the Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, "An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge;" are passed by this House without Amendment: And that the House concur in the Resolution directing the Attorney-General to prosecute Jacob Winans; and in the Warrant entitling Zylpha Tilton, late Zylpha Sprowl, to draw her late Husband's Half-pay; and also that the Bill, intituled, "An additional Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester;" is rejected by this House.

Mr. Douglass reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying Incidental Charges,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Whereas it appears by a Letter from his Excellency the Governor, that he has Reason to believe that Congress would, upon Application for that Purpose, consent to lend this State five Brass Field Pieces, three or four Pounders, upon the State's engaging to return them when demanded, or to pay the full Value of those of them that may happen to be destroyed or lost; and that it would be expedient for this State to add such Field Pieces to its present Artillery; and that he will

will accordingly make such Application, in case his Proposals shall meet with the Approbation of the Legislature, and he be indemnified by the State against all Expences that may accrue on their being brought into it, and transported to the several Places of their Destination, also against all Demands that may accrue by Reason of their not being returned when demanded by Congress, as well as by the Loss or Destruction of all or any of them.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to make such Application; and that if the said Field Pieces shall be obtained, the State will be at the Expence of bringing them into New-Jersey, and of transporting them to the several Counties of this State to which the Commander in Chief shall order them to be conveyed; and will also indemnify him against all Damages that may accrue by Reason of their not being returned when demanded by Congress, as well as by Reason of the Loss or Destruction of all or any of them.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Davenport do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, setting forth, that the Surveyors of the Highways for that County had, in Contradiction to, and Contempt of, a late Law of the Legislature, ordered that a Road on Bergen Point should be opened, and praying the Interference of the Legislature;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time at the next Sitting of the Legislature.

A Memorial from Jasper Smith, and Company, of the County of Morris, praying Liberty to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State, on their paying one Tenth Part of what they Coin into the Treasury, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from David Olden was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Davenport reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying Incidental Charges,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mt. Sharp,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Townsend,		Mr. Baker,
			Mr. Cook.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ridgway do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

*Council Chamber, November 23, 1786.*

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to requesting his Excellency the Governor to make Application to Congress for some Brass Field Pieces, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to James M<sup>o</sup>Comb £. 184 19 2,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

*Ordered*,



*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years," &c. and the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of Barbadoes Precinct, in the County of Bergen," are passed by this House without Amendment; and that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset," is rejected by this House.

A Petition from Thomas Kinney, late Sheriff of the County of Morris, setting forth, that, in the Year 1775, two Executions were put in his Hands in Favour of Sheffield Howard, for the Sum of £. 450, by Virtue of which he collected the Sum of £. 367; and the War coming on before he could pay it forward to the said Howard, he remaining within the Lines of the Enemy, it continued in the Hands of said Kinney until the 24th of March 1781, at which Time he was called on by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of Morris for said Money, they alledging that the Property of the said Sheffield Howard was forfeited to the State of New-Jersey; and he, the said Petitioner, believing the same to be true, paid the Money to one of said Commissioners, who lodged it in the Treasury, since which it hath appeared, that final Judgment was never entered against the said Howard, and that the said Kinney is now called on for said Money; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer be directed to give a Certificate to the said Thomas Kinney for the Sum of £. 153, being the Value of said Money at the Time it was paid into the Treasury.

*Ordered,* That Mr. J. Killé do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Ridgway reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, November 24, 1786.*

The House met:

Mr. J. Killé reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, which was read, and ordered a second Reading at the next Sitting.

The Memorial from Isaac Cowgill, Israel Shreve and George Anderson, Esquires, Justices of Burlington, in Favour of John Butler, being read a second Time;

*Resolved,* That the Attorney-General be directed to stay any further Proceedings on the Action against John Butler, at the Suit of the State, until the next Sitting of the Legislature.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Starke do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Starke reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

*Resolved,* That the Honourable David Brearley, William C. Houston, William Paterson and John Neilson, Esquires, Commissioners appointed on the Part of this State, or any three of them, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to meet such Commissioners as have been or may be appointed by the other States in the Union at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the second Monday in May next, for the Purpose



of taking into Consideration the State of the Union as to Trade and other important Objects, and of devising such further Provisions as shall appear necessary to render the Constitution of the federal Government adequate to the Exigencies thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Anderson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to any three of the Commissioners of this State, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States in the Union upon Commercial and other Matters, the Sum of Four Dollars per Day, for every Day they or either of them shall be employed in this Service, upon Account by them to be exhibited upon Oath, certifying the Time they have been so employed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Loyd do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Loyd reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee appointed to report Instructions to the Delegates of this State in the Congress of the United States, brought in the following Report:

To the Honourable LAMBERT CADWALADER, ABRAHAM CLARK and JAMES SCHUURMAN, Esquires, Delegates representing the State of New-Jersey in Congress,

GENTLEMEN,

**W**E, the Representatives of the State of New-Jersey in Council and Assembly met, although fully convinced of your Abilities and Zeal to promote the Interest of this State and of the Union, cannot refrain from communicating to you our Sentiments and Instructions upon certain Subjects of the first political Importance.

For the Sake of avoiding unnecessary Repetitions, we think it proper and sufficient in the first Place, to refer you to the Instructions given the former Representatives by the last Legislature, dated the first of March 1786, which one of you is officially possessed of, and the others may find recorded in the Minutes of the House of Assembly of the same Date.

The Disadvantages under which we then laboured, the Impositions that were at that Time practised upon us by the nearest States, and the Injustice that we conceived was done us by others still exist, and even operate with additional Force. These Instructions you will consider as the Rule and Direction of your Conduct while in Congress, and invariably adhere to them in every Matter to which they bear Relation.

As it may be necessary for you to be made acquainted with our Determination and Opinion upon the various Requisitions of Congress, we refer you for full Information on this Head to the Report of the Committee appointed for that Purpose, which has received the Approbation of that Branch of the Legislature from which they were appointed. We have directed that a Copy of this Report be enclosed to you, and you will regard it as expressive of our Wishes and Resolutions on this Subject. You will discover upon Reading it, that it is expected you will spare no Exertions in endeavouring to paint, to that Honourable Body with whom you have a Seat, the Unhappiness of our Situation, in its most striking and truest Colours. While you assure them of our Inclination to satisfy their federal and just Demands, so long as that Justice which we have long and loudly called for is denied us, and those unfeeling Oppressions against which we have hitherto unavailingly complained and remonstrated, are continued and increased.

The Welfare of the Union is the first Object of our Wishes and nearest to our



our Hearts. It is your Duty to promote it in every Situation, and under every Circumstance. Should any Misfortune, which Heaven avert, hereafter happen to it, those States, and those alone, must be responsible, whose illiberal and selfish Policy will have occasioned it, and on them must fall the whole Weight of the Evils which cannot fail to accompany such an Event. Be it then your Care, while you are asserting the Rights of the State you represent, to guard with a watchful Eye the Interests of the Whole. Let your Conduct be such, as will furnish no Room for the Reproach that New-Jersey has been among the last, or in the least Degree remiss in supporting the Confederation.

The Cession for a Term of Years of the entire Navigation of the River Mississippi to the Spanish Court, has, we are informed, been proposed and agitated in Congress. We cannot avoid expressing our Disapprobation of the Measure; and it is our Wish that you should give it your Opposition whenever it is again brought forward for Discussion or Decision. Were it evident, that the Execution of this Business would be attended with no ill Consequences or Inconveniences, yet, in our Opinion, the Consideration offered for it is Nothing to this State, and little or trifling to the Union. But we View it in a far different Light. We believe that the Value of the western Country, on the Sales of which we rely for the Discharge of our numerous Debts, is in some Degree dependant upon the free Navigation of this important River. The Cession of a disputed Right, when once made, is not easily reclaimed. And whether the Court of Madrid asks or intends it for the Benefit of its own Subjects, or to barter with Britain, the Step will be equally imprudent, and the Inconvenience equally great.

Which Instructions being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wetherby do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 24, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns;" the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the forty-first Section of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges;" the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick;" and the Bill, intituled, "An Act for defraying Incidental Charges," are passed by this House without Amendment.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to give a Certificate to Thomas Kinney for £. 153, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

Mr. Wetherby reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

*Council-Chamber, November 24, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, empowering the Commissioners to meet at Philadelphia in May next, on Commercial and other Matters, &c. and also the Instructions to the Delegates in Congress.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Attorney-General to stay Proceedings against John Butler, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

**T**H E Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to any three of the Commissioners of this State, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States, Four Dollars per Day, &c.  
*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

The House adjourned to meet at the City of Burlington, on Wednesday the sixteenth Day of May next.

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**B**Y Virtue of an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of New-Jersey, I do hereby appoint Isaac Collins, of Trenton, to print these Votes.  
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.

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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 24th Day of  
*October*, 1786, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<i>Bergen,</i>	The Honourable	Peter Haring,	Esquires.
<i>Effex,</i>		John Peck,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Samuel Randolph,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Asher Holmes,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Ephraim Martin,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		William Newbold,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Elijah Clark,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Whitten Cripps,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Jeremiah Eldredge,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Robert-Lettis Hooper, <i>V. P.</i>	
<i>Morris,</i>		Abraham Kitchel,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Samuel Ogden,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Mark Thomson,	

LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>	}	Jacob Terhune,	Esquires.
		Isaac Nicoll,	
		David Board,	
<i>Effex,</i>		Henry Garritle,	
		Daniel Marth,	
		Jonathan Dayton,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		John Combs,	
		James Bonney,	
		James Douglass,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Elisba Walton,	
		Joseph Stillwell,	
		Peter Schenck,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Edward Bunn,	
		Robert Blair,	
		David Kelly,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		Joseph Biddle,	
		David Ridgway,	
		Uriah Woolman,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Thomas Clark,	
		Franklin Davenport,	
		John Killé,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Edmund Wetherby,	
		Ephraim Loyd,	
		Samuel Sharp,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Matthew Whilden,	
		John Baker,	
		Elijah Townsend,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Benj. Van-Cleve, <i>Speaker,</i>	
		Joab Houghton,	
		John Anderson,	
<i>Morris,</i>		Ellis Cook,	
		John Starke,	
		Aaron Kitchel,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		John Sheppard,	
		Ephraim Harris,	
		Jonathan Bowen,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Aaron Hankinson,	
		Christopher Longstreet,	
		Charles Beardlee,	





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*Trenton, Tuesday, October 24, 1786.*

**B**EING the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the late annual Election, several Persons returned as Members attended, to wit, David Board, Daniel Marsh, Jonathan Dayton, James Bonney, James Douglass, Elisha Walton, Joseph Stillwell, Peter Schenck, David Kelly, Robert Blair, Franklin Davenport, Ephraim Loyd, Edmund Wetherby, Samuel Sharp, Benjamin Van-Cleve, John Anderson, Joab Houghton, Ellis Cook, John Starke, Aaron Kitchel, John Sheppard, Ephraim Harris and Aaron Hankinson ; and, being a Quorum, they produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed ; whereupon Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, was appointed agreeably to the Constitution to qualify Ephraim Harris, Esquire, who, being duly sworn, took his Seat ; and the remaining Persons returned as Members, being also qualified by the said Ephraim Harris, took their Seats in the House.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Speaker, when the Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, was chosen, and placed in the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, when Maskell Ewing was unanimously chosen.

Maskell Ewing attended ; and, being duly sworn, took his Seat as Clerk in the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Board do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day proceeded to Business, and have chosen the Honourable Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, their Speaker.

*Resolved*, That Daniel Bellerjeau be Doorkeeper to the House during the present Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Peck.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, October 24, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, elected the Honourable Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, October 25, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Board reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Thomas Clark, John Killé, Jonathan Bowen, Elijah Townsend, Joseph Bidle, David Ridgway, Edward Bunn, Christopher Longstreet and John Baker, severally appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Marsh, Cook and Clark, be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report such Business as was referred from, or stood unfinished at, the last Sitting.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Blair, Dayton, Kitchel, Anderson and Schenck, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; and that the said Committee settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to such Committee of this House as may be hereafter appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marsh do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the above Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Sheppard, Cook, Dayton, Wetherby and Davenport, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. Marsh do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House for the above Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Clark and Marsh be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Monmouth was presented, praying that a Law may be passed to authorize the Appointment of Loan-Officers in those Counties in this State in which the Appointment of them agreeably to, or within the Time pointed out by Law has been omitted; which being read, were committed to Messrs. Walton, Baker and Sharp, to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Harris and Davenport be a Committee to examine the Laws, and report to the House such as have expired or are near expiring.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Essex were read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the late annual Election held in the said County may be set aside, and that a new Election may be ordered in the said County;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker have Power during the Session to convene the General



General Assembly whenever any extraordinary Occasion shall render it necessary.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Representation and Petition from the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held at Burlington and Perth-Amboy;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Board of Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington was read, praying that the Bill accompanying the said Petition, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and repairing and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in good Repair,' may be passed into a Law; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit,

No. 1. Journals of Congress, from the 6th of March to the 1st of June, 1786.

No. 2. May 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of May 1786.

No. 3. June 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of June 1786.

No. 4. June 1, 1786. Journals of Congress, from the 2d of June to the 8th of August, 1786.

No. 5. July 1, 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.

No. 6. 15 June, 1786. Appointment of Commissioners by the State of Delaware, to consider of the Trade of the United States.

No. 7. 14 July, 1786. An Act of Congress, touching the Claim which, under the Articles of the Confederation, &c. the whole has on its Parts to comply with the Formation of the Sovereignty and the Duty of the States, seasonably to send forth their Delegates.

No. 8. July 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of July 1786.

No. 9. 5 July, 1786. An Act of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts, for suspending the Operation of an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.'

No. 10. 10 July, 1786. Letter from Governor Bowdoin accompanying the same.

No. 11. August 1786. A State of the Representation in Congress in the Month of August 1786.

No. 12. 2 August, 1786. Resolution of Congress for defraying the Charges of the present Year.

No. 13.

- No. 13. 7 August, 1786. Ordinance of Congress for the Regulation of Indian Affairs.
- No. 14. 8 August, 1786. Resolution of Congress respecting the Standard of the United States for Gold and Silver, &c.
- No. 15. 9 August, 1786. An Act of Congress again representing to the View of North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia, the Recommendation of the 6th September, 1786.
- No. 16. 9 August, 1786. An Order of Congress for transmitting to the several States, Lists of the Numbers, Names, and the Owners of the Negroes belonging to the Citizens of each State, and carried away by the British.
- No. 17. September 1786. State of the Representation in Congress in this Month.
- No. 18. 18 Sept. 1786. Resolution of Congress respecting the Payment of the Interest and such Parts of the Principal of the foreign Debts of the United States as are included in any of the Requisitions of Congress.
- No. 19. 25 Sept. 1786. Letters from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.
- No. 20. 10 Sept. 1785. A Treaty of Amity and Commerce between his Majesty the King of Prussia and the United States of America.
- No. 21. Journals of Congress from August to the 20th September, 1786.
- No. 22. 13 October, 1786. Ordinance of Congress for establishing a Board to liquidate and settle all Accounts between the United States and individual States.
- No. 23. 16 October, 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.

Which Papers being severally read, were ordered to be filed, except No. 12, No. 16, No. 18, No. 19, No. 22 and No. 23, which were severally ordered to be read a second Time.

Uriah Woolman, returned as one of the Representatives of the County of Burlington, having by Letter to the Speaker informed the House, that his private Affairs forbad his Attendance; and therefore begged Leave to decline taking a Seat;

*Ordered*, That the Speaker issue a Warrant to the High Sheriff of the County of Burlington, requiring him to hold an Election agreeably to Law, for the Choice of a Representative for the said County in General Assembly, in the Room and Place of the said Uriah Woolman, during the Remainder of the Year.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, October 26, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Marsh reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from fundry Owners of the Meadows in the Township of Elsinborough, near the Mouth of Salem Creek, praying, that a Law may be passed to enable them to erect a Bank, Dam, Sluices and other Waterworks, in order to drain and improve the same;

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the same, and a Copy of this Order, at least ten Days previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Elfinborough, in the County of Salem.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh and Swamp, lying on the western Branch of Stow Creek, praying, that a Law may be passed to enable them to erect a Dam across the said Branch, from Reeve's Fishing Landing over to Fishing-Island, in the Marsh late James Daniel's, and to erect Sluices and other Waterworks, the better to enable them to improve the Meadows on the said Branch ;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, at least ten Days previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Lower Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed to bring forward the Business unfinished or referred from the last Session, made report as follows :—

1. ' **A**N ACT to authorize the Governor of this State to grant Commissions to the Officers of certain Volunteer Companies of Militia.'
2. ' An ACT to direct the Treasurer to pay Interest upon Loan-Office Certificates that have been registered and endorsed, without further Attestation.'
3. ' An ACT directing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators, and directing the Mode of appealing from Awards by them made.'
4. ' An ACT to limit the Time within which all Accounts or Demands against the State shall be exhibited for Settlement and Allowance.'
5. ' An ACT for quieting the Titles of fundry Persons therein described.'
6. ' An ACT to enable the Owners of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow, lying on Salem Creek, in the Township of Manington, in the County of Salem, to make and maintain a certain Bank, Dams, Sluices,' &c. ordered to be read on the second Thursday of next Sitting.
7. ' An ACT for appointing a publick Printer to the State of New-Jersey ; and for declaring the Credit and Authenticity of all such ACTs and Proceedings as shall be printed and published by him, under the Direction of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, or of either of them, and of the Joint-Meeting.'
8. ' An ACT to facilitate the Division and Partition of Lands and Tenements in New-Jersey.'
9. ' A Supplement to an ACT, intituled, An ACT to direct the Mode of Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts.'
10. ' An ACT for enabling Nicholas Lezier to erect and maintain a Mill and the necessary Waterworks for improving the same, on and near Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey,' referred to be read on the second Wednesday of the present Sitting.
11. ' An ACT for rendering permanent the Salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Court.'
12. ' An ACT to satisfy certain Executions therein mentioned.'
13. A Petition from the County of Somerset, praying a Repeal of the forty-first Section of the Road ACT.

14. A Petition from the County of Bergen, for a Law to prohibit the Setting of Nets in Hackinack River.

15. A Petition from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, read on the thirty-first of May last.

16. A Petition from David Edgar, read on the first June last.

17. A Petition from one of the Regiments of Militia in the County of Morris.

18. Sundry Petitions from the County of Gloucester, praying a Law to divide the said County.

19. Sundry Petitions from different Parts of the State, praying for a Removal of the Supreme Court, &c.

20. Sundry Petitions from different Parts of the State, praying, that an Impost may be laid on Goods imported into this State, through the neighbouring States.

21. Three Petitions from the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, praying for a Revision of the Confiscation Act.

22. A Petition from John Hoff.

23. A Petition from Bridgwater, in the County of Somerset, praying, that a Law may be passed to direct the Roads in the said Township to be repaired by Hire.

24. A Petition from the County of Monmouth, read on the sixteenth of February last.

25. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to raise a Revenue from certain Professions, Offices and Occupations.

26. The Petition from Burlington, praying, that a Law may be passed to disannul and repeal the Charter of Incorporation given and granted to the said City; also a Representation from the Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, in Opposition thereto.

27. The Representation from the Justices of the Supreme Court, proposing an Amendment to the Act for regulating the Practice of Physick and Surgery.

28. Petitions from sundry Persons holding Certificates given by Jonathan Burrell, Esquire, praying the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the Interest due on the said Certificates; and that Provision may be made for paying the Interest thereon in Future.

29. The Petition from William Rockhill, read on the twenty-fourth of May last.

30. The Petition of Hannah Garrison, read on the nineteenth of May last.

31. The Petition of Samuel and Ralph Hunt, read on the twentieth of March last.

32. The Requisition of Congress of the twenty-seventh September, 1785, with sundry Papers accompanying the same.

By Order of the Committee,

DANIEL MARSH.

The following Papers in the above Report, to wit, No. 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9, were severally read, and dismissed by the House.

Those marked No. 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16, of said Report, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Papers marked No. 18, containing sundry Petitions from the County of Gloucester, praying a Law to divide the said County, were read; on which a Motion



Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Dayton, that the said Petitions be dismissed; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Killé,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Townsend,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

The Paper marked No. 17, was read, and committed to Messrs. Starke, Walton and Hankinson, to prepare and bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Paper marked No. 14, was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

The Paper marked No. 13, containing a Petition from the County of Somerset, praying a Repeal of the forty-first Section of the Road Act, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners, after the same has been duly advertised in the News-Paper printed in New-Brunswick.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, October 26, 1786.*  
**T**HAT Mr. Thomson and Mr. Holmes, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer; and that Messrs. Ogden and Kitchel, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the publick Accounts; and that Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Jacob Terhune, Isaac Nicoll, Henry Garritse and John Combs, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn, they took their Seats in the House; and having rendered Excuses for their Non-Attendance before this Day, the same were deemed satisfactory.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Nicoll do wait on the Council, and inform them that this House are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor and other the Officers of the State for the ensuing Year, and do propose that the Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. Nicoll reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of Gloucester, Owners and Possessors of Meadows, lying on Newton Creek, in the said County, praying, that  
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a Law may be passed to enable them to erect a Bank, Dam and other Water-works over said Creek, in the said County; to prevent the Tide from flowing up the same; and two Petitions were also presented from Samuel Harrison, and others, Owners also of Meadows on the said Creek, in Opposition to the passing a Law agreeably to the Prayer of the first mentioned Petition;

*Ordered*, That the Parties for and against the Law prayed for, be heard before the House on Friday the third Day of November next, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that James Sloan do serve Samuel Harrison or Benjamin Vanlear with a Copy of this Order at least three Days previous to the said Day of Hearing.

The several Petitions from the County of Essex, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the late annual Election held in the said County may be set aside, and that a new Election may be ordered, were read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the Reasons set forth in the said Petitions, if supported, are sufficient to induce this House to vacate the said Election (the Members of the said County desiring to be excused from voting, were accordingly excused) upon the Vote being called and taken, the same was carried in the Negative unanimously.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of unfinished Business.

The Paper marked in the Report No. 15, containing a Petition from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, was read a second Time; also the Paper marked No. 22, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be committed to Messrs. Marsh, Cook, Douglass, Kitchel and Combs, to report thereon to the House.

The Papers marked No. 23, 24 and 26, were read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Paper marked No. 28, was read, and committed to Messrs. Bunn, Stillwell and Bowen.

The Papers marked No. 20, 22, 28 and 29, were severally read, and ordered to be postponed.

The Paper marked No. 25, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, October 26, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Tuesday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Drake.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, October 27, 1786.*

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode of sinking the same,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Marsh, Dayton and Kitchel.

A Petition from Joseph Borden, Esquire, of the County of Burlington, was read, setting forth, that on a Trial in the Supreme Court, at the Suit of the State, a Verdict in Favour of the State was taken against him, and praying, that the Treasurer may be authorized to receive the Amount of the Judgment in Loan-Office Certificates or Thompson's Notes;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Proprietors of a Tract of Land, in the County of Essex,



Effex, called Ashfield's Tract, was read, remonstrating against the Act passed the last Sitting, intituled, 'An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in 'Effex County, commonly called Ashfield's Tract,' and praying either a Repeal of the said Act, or that the Expence attending the Partition may be confined to such Persons as are immediately interested in the Division ;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from Cornelius Cooper, of the County of Bergen, praying, that if a Law should be passed on the Prayer of the Petition of Nicholas Lezier, a Clause may be inserted to secure the Rights and Privileges of the Petitioner, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the County of Bergen, praying for a Law to prohibit the Setting of Nets in Hackinsack River, was read ; and a Petition against the same was also read ;

*Ordered,* That Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Blair and Mr. Kelly, be a Committee to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the first mentioned Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, praying that a Law may be passed, that all travelling Waggon's shall track five Feet wide ;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be referred to Messrs. Nicoll, Combs and Biddle, to bring in a Bill agreeably thereto.

A Petition from the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Bergen, setting forth, that the Laws of the second Sitting of the tenth Session of Assembly have never come to the Possession of the Officers in the said County, and praying that Measures may be taken to furnish them with the said Laws, and for a better Mode of Conveyance in Future, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from William Cowperthwait, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying Leave, for Reasons therein contained, to present a Bill to repeal the Act, intituled, 'An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will ;'

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The Papers marked No. 32, in the Report of unfinished Business, and the Paper marked No. 12, which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 25th Instant, containing the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September, 1785, and the 2d August, 1786, for defraying the Charges of the present and preceding Years, were read, and referred to Messrs. Harris, Davenport, Marsh, Kitchel, Sheppard, Dayton and Blair, to report thereon to the House.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' reported the same with sundry Amendments ; which being read, and further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, October 28, 1786.*

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from John Cox, Esquire, of the County of Burlington, exhibiting the following Charges against James Mott, Esquire, Treasurer of this State, to wit,

1st. With Partiality in the Execution of his Office, in giving an undue Preference in the Payment of Interest on publick Securities, to the very great Injury and Exclusion of said Cox and others his Fellow-Citizens.

2d. That many Payments made by said James Mott, Esquire, on publick Securities, are expressly contrary as well to the Letter as Spirit of the Law that provides for the Payment of the same, as said Law authorizes the Treasurer to pay only one Year's Interest, yearly and every Year, out of the Production of the Tax appropriated to the Payment of Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States to Citizens of this State, agreeably to said Law, passed December 20, 1783, disregarding which, he hath, in a Variety of Instances, to the great Injury of said Cox and others, paid and endorsed; and that on the same Day two Years Interest on a Number of Certificates out of the Collection of one Year's Tax; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said James Mott, Esquire, attend this House on Monday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to answer to the above Charges; and that the said John Cox serve the said James Mott with a Copy of the Charges exhibited against him, and also a Copy of this Order, this Day; and that he also attend this House on Monday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to support the said Charges exhibited.

The Petition of William Cowperthwait, of the County of Burlington, praying Leave, for Reasons therein contained, to present a Bill to repeal the Act, intitled, 'An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will,' was read a second Time; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said William Cowperthwait have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition on Thursday the ninth Day of November next; and that he serve Job Shreve with a Copy of this Order at least ten Days previous thereto; and that they then be heard before the House respecting the Propriety or Impropriety of the same being enacted into a Law.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, October 30, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishing in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Sheppard, Dayton and Davenport, or any two of them, be a Committee to inspect and correct the Journals of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Treasurer attended the House to answer to certain Charges exhibited against him by John Cox, Esquire, on Saturday last, and the said John Cox attending, they were heard before the House:



House : On the Question, Whether the Charges as exhibited are supported ? It was carried in the Negative unanimously.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, October 31, 1786.*

The House met.

A Memorial from Joseph Bloomfield, Attorney-General of this State, was read, praying Directions from the Legislature how to proceed in an Action commenced by Robert Hoops, Esquire, against this State; and that Provision may be made by the State for retaining and employing Council to assist him in several important Causes in which the State is deeply interested;

*Ordered*, That the said Memorial be read a second Time.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee appointed to confer with Moore Furman and Aaron Dunham, Esquires, Commissioners for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have waited on the said Commissioners, and in some Measure examined into the Extensiveness of their Business, and are of Opinion, that it will be necessary for the Legislature to make Provision for the Payment of two Clerks, to assist said Commissioners in preparing and forwarding said Accounts for Settlement.

ELLIS COOK.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, such Sum, not exceeding Ninety Pounds lawful Money, in Addition to the Sum allowed him by a Resolution of the 30th May last, as he may require for the Payment of Clerks to assist him in preparing the Accounts of this State for Settlement with the Commissioner appointed in Behalf of the United States; and that the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure thereof, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Garritse do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Garritse do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

On Motion of Mr. Dayton, seconded by Mr. Kitchel,

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prolong the Collection of the Taxes of the present Year; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,		Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Dayton, Blair and Cook, be a Committee to present a Bill for the Purposes in the said Motion mentioned.

Mr. Garritse reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators, and directing the Mode of appealing from Awards by them made,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Cook, Clark, Combs and Biddle.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

*' Council-Chamber, October 31, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, any Sum not exceeding Ninety Pounds, in Addition to the Sum allowed him for the Payment of Clerks to assist him, &c.

*' Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 1, 1786.*

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Kitchel, that the following Question be taken in the House, to wit, Whether a Member of the Assembly can hold the Office of a Loan-Officer agreeably to the 20th Section of the Constitution? which being put, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Hankinson.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

The Petition from the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Bergen, praying that Measures may be taken to furnish them with the Laws of the second Sitting of the tenth Session; and that a better Mode may be pointed out in



in Future for conveying the same to the several Counties from the Printer ; on the Question, Whether the House will direct by Resolution that the Printer forward by Express the Laws of the State to the several Counties, and provide for paying the Expence thereof? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Starke.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelly,			

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from Mrs. Rachel Wells, setting forth, that by the Revenue Law she is excluded from receiving the Interest due her on Loan-Office Certificates in her Possession, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to pay the Interest on her Certificates, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishery in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Officers of the western Regiment of the County of Morris, praying a Law may pass to direct a Company of Horse to be disciplined in the said Regiment, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in the County of Morris, in Favour of Mary Case, late Mary Bell, who was the Widow of Jabez Bell, junior, late a Corporal in Captain Luse’s Company of Colonel Starke’s Regiment of Militia, of said County, and who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved,

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Mary Case, for the Sum of Twenty-seven Shillings and Six-pence per Month, from the 30th September, 1778, to the 19th September, 1780.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and a supplementary Act to the Act above recited ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Captain John Henderson, of the County of Monmouth, praying Compensation for himself and his Company, while engaged in securing the Cargo of the Sloop Polly and Ann, cast on Shore in the County of Monmouth, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to ' regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishery in ' Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Sharp,		Mr. Anderson,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Combs do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit,

- No. 1. 9 August, 1786. Separate List of the Number, Names, and Owners of the Negroes belonging to the Citizens of each State, and carried away by the British, in Contravention of the late Treaty of Peace.
- No. 2. 23 October, 1786. Circular Letter from Mr. Jay accompanying the said List.
- No. 3. 16 October, 1786. An Ordinance of Congress for the Establishment of the Mint of the United States of America, and for regulating the Value and Alloy of Coin.
- No. 3 a. 21 Oct. 1786. Circular Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.
- No. 4. 20 October, 1786. An Ordinance of Congress for raising 1340 non-commissioned Officers and Privates, to be raised for the Term of three Years, unless sooner discharged, for the Protection and Support of the Frontiers of the States bordering on the western Frontiers, &c.
- No. 5. 21 October, 1786. Circular Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the same.
- No. 6. The Intelligence concerning the hostile Intentions of certain Tribes of Indians, referred to in Mr. Secretary Thompson's Letter of the 21st October, 1786.
- No. 7. 23 October, 1786. Report of a Committee of Congress respecting the Number of the States that have complied with the Resolution of Congress of the 30th of April, 1784, respecting Commerce, and the Resolution of Congress upon the said Report.
- No. 8. 27 October, 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson enclosing the same. Which



Which Message was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Combs reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable Nicholas Lezier to erect a Dam across Hackinsack River, on a certain Reef of Rocks extending across the same,' was read a second Time; and the Parties being heard with their Evidence in Support of and against the same; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Board,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bunn,			Mr. Houghton,
			Mr. Bowen.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 2, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to regulate Waggon in the State of New-Jersey;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marsh, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable and empower Nicholas Lezier to build up and maintain the Reef of Rocks in Hackinsack River, near the Mill of the said Nicholas Lezier, to its original and natural Height;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from John Butler, of the County of Burlington, praying to be released from the Payment of £. 230 19 1, being the Depreciation of £. 5360 17 6, Part of a Sum of Money by him lent to Colonel William Shreve, and which is charged to him by the Treasurer, was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Schenck and Stillwell, to report their Opinion thereon to the House; also a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, in Favour of the said John Butler, was read, and committed to the said Committee.

A Petition from Daniel Pierfon, an insolvent Debtor now confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to release him from Confinement, was read, and referred to Messrs. Dayton and Marsh to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators and Referees, and describing the Mode of appealing from Awards or Reports by them made,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; which was read, and ordered to be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

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The House resumed the Consideration of the Message from his Excellency of Yesterday, and the Papers which accompanied the same being severally read, were ordered to be filed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 2, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey," and the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Mode of Fishery in Hackinsack River, in the County of Bergen," are passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 3, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierſon, an insolvent Debtor, confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bunn, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of Lucas Nefius, of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, and State of New-Jersey, deceased;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, and one from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying the Liberty of presenting a Bill to permit certain Persons therein named to build a Bridge over Mantua Creek, from a Landing formerly called Smith's, now Easley's, to the fast Land of David Chew, by voluntary Subscription;

*Ordered,* That the Prayer of the said Petitions be granted, upon Notice being given to David Cooper at least five Days before the Day of Hearing, with a Copy of this Order.

*Also ordered,* That the Parties both for and against the said Bill be heard before the House on Wednesday the fifteenth Day of November Instant, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 3, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same," is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee appointed to report their Opinion on the Petitions from Middlesex and Somerset Counties, praying an Explanation of the forty-first Section of the Confiscation Act, reported,

**T**HAT the Laws of the State in their Opinion are fully adequate for said Purpose.

By Order of the Committee,

JAMES DOUGLASS.

To which Report the House agreed.

Agreeably to the Order of the House on the Petition from fundry Owners and Possessors of Meadows, lying on Newton Creek, the Petitioners for and against



against the Bill prayed for in the said Petition, appeared before the House, and were heard in Support of the Bill; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Hearing be postponed till Afternoon.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower Nicholas Lezier to build up and maintain the Reef of Rocks in Hackinsack River, near the Mill of the said Nicholas Lezier, to its original and natural Height,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bonney do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and to the supplementary Act to the Act above recited,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Representation and Petition from John Singer, Esquire, one of the Coroners of the County of Hunterdon, praying Directions, whether he shall receive State-Notes from Joshua Corshon, in Discharge of a Fine imposed by the Justices of the Supreme Court for Neglect of Duty as a County Collector, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House proceeded on the Hearing before them upon the Petition from Gloucester respecting the stopping out Newton Creek; and, after having gone through the Evidence, and the Parties having summed up, the Consideration was postponed till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 4, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and to the supplementary Act to the Act above recited,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stillwell,			Mr. Bowen.

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*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bonney reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Memorial from Samuel Harrison was read, and ordered to be filed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Evidence laid before them Yesterday, and the Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Meadows on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester; on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Representation from Silas Condict, Esquire, Commissioner appointed by the Act for calling in all Contractors and Collectors Certificates, and to issue State-Notes to the Holders, &c. was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marth and Mr. Cook be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to permit the Commissioner again to open an Office and to proceed on Business, the Time limited by Law having elapsed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cripps.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 4, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Cripps do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing," and request their Concurrence therein."

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Thomas White, praying that Silas Condict, the Commissioner of this State, may be directed to give him a Note in Lieu of one in his Possession given by Moses Munson, a Collector in the County of Morris, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate Waggon in the State of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, A Supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and repairing and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in good Repair,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from John Singer, Esquire, was read a second Time, and referred to Mr. Marth and Mr. Walton to bring in a Bill to direct the Treasurer to receive State-Notes in Discharge of certain Fines and Forfeitures.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 6, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Marth, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain



‘ certain Fines and Forfeitures therein after mentioned ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and repairing and maintaining other Bridges on the great Road from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in good Repair,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,’ was read a third Time,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Speaker laid before the House an Account exhibited by Silas Condict, Esquire, Commissioner, for Cash paid unto a Clerk for Services, for Stationary, and for printing Advertisements, &c. amounting to the Sum of Forty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three-pence ;

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the State pay unto the said Silas Condict, the Sum of Forty-four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Three-pence, including the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds Fifteen Shilling, paid for the Services of a Clerk, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 24th Day of March last; and the Receipt of the said Silas Condict shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for so much of the publick Monies in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Garritse, according to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for dividing into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer pay unto James Christie, or his Order, the Sum of Thirty-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six-pence, it being the Amount of an Order drawn by Azariah Dunham, in Favour of said Christie, dated September 2, 1784, and charge the same to the Account of the said Azariah Dunham.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Schenck do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Stillwell reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Schenck reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Wetherby, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October, 1786, and to end the twelfth Day of October, 1787; and to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held, at Burlington and Perth-Amboy, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bowen, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Letter from Aaron Dunham, Esquire, praying an Augmentation of his Salary, was read, and ordered a second Reading with the Bill for the Support of Government.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

*' Council-Chamber, November 6, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Silas Condict, £. 44 11 3, &c.

*' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto James Christie the Sum of £. 37 11 6, &c.

*' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'*

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain Fines and Forfeitures therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Christian Van-Doren and others, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to permit the Last Will and Testament of William Van-Doren, deceased, to be proved in the usual Form, notwithstanding the Want of a Seal to the same, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered, That Mr. Davenport have Leave of Absence until Thursday Morning.*

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for dividing into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Charles Beardlee, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House; and having rendered an Excuse to the House for his Non-Attendance heretofore, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 7, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain Fines and Forfeitures therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to divide into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Bunn do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bunn reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Memorial from Jonathan Higgins, jun. was read, praying, that the Treasurer may be directed to pay the Interest due him on Thomson’s Notes, for his Services with a Team in the Service of the United States ;

*Ordered,* That the said Memorial be dismissed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Negro Prime, formerly the Property of Absalom Bainbridge, whose Estate has been forfeited to, and vested in this State, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to manumit and set him free ;

*Ordered,* That he have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

Mr. Douglass, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 7, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “ An additional Supplement to an Act, intitled, “ An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum,” &c. is passed by this House without Amendment.’

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to empower Nicholas Lezier to build up and maintain the Reef of Rocks in Hackinsack River, near the Mill of the said Nicholas Lezier, to its original and natural Height ;” the Bill, intitled, “ A supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for building and

“ maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining  
 “ other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries ;  
 “ and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Re-  
 “ pair ;” and the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of Daniel Pierfon, an  
 “ insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex,” are passed  
 ‘ by this House without Amendment.’

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting ; and, being returned,  
 the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the House adjourned till To-morrow Morn-  
 ing ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 8, 1786.*

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, informing  
 that there are nearly Thirty Thousand Pounds old State Money now in the  
 Treasury ; and praying the Direction of the House therein ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That James Ewing and Samuel Tucker, Esquires, be, and they  
 are hereby appointed to inspect and burn the Bills of Credit that have been  
 issued on the Faith of this State, agreeably to the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for  
 ‘ establishing a Fund for sinking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of  
 ‘ Credit of the United States, assigned as the Quota of this State,’ and the Act,  
 intituled, ‘ An Act for striking the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of  
 ‘ Credit, of the Denomination of Seven Shillings and Six-pence and under, and  
 ‘ for directing the Mode for redeeming the same,’ which may now be in the  
 Treasury of this State ; and that the said James Ewing and Samuel Tucker  
 do lay an Account of the Number and Denomination of such Bills as they  
 may inspect and burn, as herein directed, before the Legislature at their next  
 Sitting.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer deliver the Continental Money that is in  
 his Hands unto James Ewing, Esquire, the Continental Loan-Officer for this  
 State, and take his Receipt for the Amount thereof, and deliver an Account of  
 the Money so delivered unto the Auditor of Accounts, that the same may be  
 charged against the United States.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Blair do carry the said Resolution to the Council for  
 their Concurrence.

A Petition from Captain John Henderson, of the County of Monmouth,  
 read the first Instant, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That he have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his  
 Petition.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying,  
 that Persons who have purchased confiscated Property may not be liable to any  
 Prosecution for Demands made against the same, on Account of Debts due  
 from the Fugitives who forfeited the same, was read, and ordered to lie on the  
 Table.

A Petition from Samuel Beckett, Stephen Beckett and Peter Beckett, was  
 read, praying Provision may be made for discharging Accounts belonging to  
 them, which have been adjudged against forfeited Estates ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday,*



Thursday, November 9, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Blair reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Davenport returned and took his Seat.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying that an Excise may be laid by Law on Spirituous Liquors, Gauze, Ribbons, Lace, Silk Stockings, and other Superfluities, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Kelly do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October 1786, and to end the twelfth Day of October 1787; and to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government:'

An Amendment was moved to the Title, to wit, to insert the Words 'Four Thousand Pounds' instead of the Words 'Ten Thousand Pounds;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the same? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Whilden,
			Mr. Baker,
			Mr. Townsend,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

On the Question, Whether the Chief-Justice be allowed the Sum of £. 350 per Annum? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Loyd,	
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen.		

On the Question, what Sum shall be allowed to the Members of the Council and Members of the Assembly per Day? It was carried for 10/ as follows:

For 10s.  
Mr. Terhune,  
Mr. Nicoll,  
Mr. Board,  
Mr. Garritse,  
Mr. Marsh,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Stillwell,  
Mr. Schenck,  
Mr. Bunn,  
Mr. Blair,  
Mr. Kelly,  
Mr. Loyd,

For 10s.  
Mr. Sharp,  
Mr. Whilden,  
Mr. Baker,  
Mr. Townsend,  
Mr. Houghton,  
Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Starke,  
Mr. Kitchel,  
Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Hankinson,  
Mr. Longstreet.

For 9s.  
Mr. Combs,  
Mr. Bonney,  
Mr. Ridgway.  
For 8s.  
Mr. Douglass,  
Mr. Wetherby,  
Mr. Sheppard,  
Mr. Bowen.

For 6s.  
Mr. Dayton,  
Mr. Biddle,  
Mr. Clark,  
Mr. Davenport,  
Mr. J. Killé,  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Beardslee.

The House having proceeded as far as the 5th Section, and agreed to the several Paragraphs ;

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Mr. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear ; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Davenport, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will ;' which being read, was ordered a second Reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Thomson.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 9, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Thomson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, " An Act to divide into three equal Parts a certain Tract of Land lying at a Place called Horse-Neck, in the County of Essex ;" and the Bill, intituled, " An Act for making State-Notes or Certificates receivable for certain Fines and Forfeitures therein mentioned ;" are passed by this House without Amendment.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolutions from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to appointing James Ewing and Samuel Tucker, Esquires, to inspect and burn the Bills of Credit that have been issued on the Faith of this State, &c. and directing the Treasurer to deliver the Continental Money that is in his Hands unto James Ewing, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Order of the Day on the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. being called for,

*Ordered*, That the Hearing be postponed till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Mr. Harris, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for setting free Negro Prime ;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the Report of the Commissioners for the States of Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and New-York, lately assembled



at Annapolis, with a Letter from one of the Commissioners accompanying the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kelly reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, November 10, 1786.*

The House met.

The Warrant entitling Mary Case, late Mary Bell, to draw from the Treasurer the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, was read and approved,  
*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said Bill and Warrant to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being called for, the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. was read a second Time; and the Evidence in Favour of the same were heard;

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed to three o'Clock, P. M. to which Time the House adjourned.

The House met.

A Petition from Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, setting forth a Mistake which happened in the issuing of Certificates to them on Account of William Franklin and William Skeeles, was read, and ordered to be committed to Messrs. Biddle and Schenck, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from Joseph Borden, Esquire, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying Leave to pay to the Treasurer, in Discharge of Monies due the State from him, State-Notes, or other Notes drawing Interest in this State; and further praying, that such Order may be given as will justify his paying the Loan-Office Money now in his Hands, dated in 1780, partly signed, but mostly unsigned, to the present Loan-Officer;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 10, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Haring do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to prevent Frauds by Mortgages," and request their Concurrence therein; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," is passed by this House without Amendment; and also that the House do concur in the Warrant entitling Mary Case, late Mary Bell, to draw from the Treasury the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay.'

A Petition from Jeremiah Lambert, a Petition from John Williams, and a Petition from Edward Thomas, all insolvent Debtors confined in the Gaol of the County of Burlington, were severally read, praying that a Law may be passed to exempt their Bodies from Confinement, on their delivering up all their Property to their Creditors;

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*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased, and ' to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will ;' and the Evidence against the same were heard ;

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Biddle reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee consisting of Mr. Harris, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Blair, Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Dayton, to whom were referred the Requisitions of Congress of the 27th of September 1785, and of the 2d of August 1786, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, those Requisitions were made by Congress in Virtue of Powers vested in them by the Confederation : That your Committee, influenced by this Conviction, and sensible of the Propriety of adopting Requisitions made under such Sanction, cannot but regret that the Injustice of some of the Sister States in withholding from us, and appropriating to themselves, the Profits and Advantages accruing from the Sales of those Lands which our Arms have equally contributed to conquer ; and in refusing to Congress the Exercise of the Fruits of a general Impost, which, in the same Proportion as they are burdensome, should be profitable to all, renders a Compliance with them on the Part of this State extremely difficult.

Thus situated, your Committee feel themselves greatly at a Loss what Measures they ought in Preference to recommend. They are notwithstanding, after taking every Circumstance into Consideration, constrained to give it as their Opinion, that the Sums demanded by Congress, as the Quota of this State, be raised as far as possible by Impost and Excise, and the Residue by Taxes in the ordinary Way. In the mean Time they are of Opinion, that the Representatives of this State in Congress should be instructed to represent to that Honourable Body, in the fullest and strongest Terms, the burdened Condition and exhausted Situation of the State, and to request their longest possible Forbearance.

Your Committee, having thus recommended the Mode which they conceived the most expedient and proper for making Provision for the Payment of the Quota of the foreign Debt, would have discharged their Duty but in Part, had they been silent or neglected to communicate to the House their Opinion with Respect to that Part of the Debt which is domestic, or confined to the Citizens of these States. This your Committee thinks cannot better be provided for than by increasing by Tax the Revenue Money to the Sum demanded, as our Quota of the Interest of the domestic Debt, to be appropriated solely to this Purpose ; as it must be very unimportant to Congress if the publick Creditors are satisfied, and they exonerated, in what Manner it be done. Your Committee are clearly of Opinion, that the Plan above suggested will be most beneficial to the Citizens of this State, and equally answer the Purposes of the Requisitions.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

EPHRAIM HARRIS.

The Committee have subjoined, for the Inspection and Satisfaction of the House, a Statement of the different Requisitions, and of the Monies that have been paid upon them, and an Account of the Sums which have already been, and still remain to be, provided for :



Quota of New-Jersey, on the Requisition of January 8, 1781, £.	1956	7	6
Ditto of October 30, 1781,	-	-	-
of September 4, 1782,	-	-	-
of October 16, 1782,	-	-	-

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159,021	3	9
63,999	1	8

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Paid to the Continental Loan-Officers at different Times

95,022	2	1
63,348	0	10

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Two thirds of which are payable in Paper or Facilities, to wit,

31,674	1	3
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The Quota of New-Jersey in Specie on the Requisition of September 27, 1785,

20,839	10	0
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Ditto on that of August 2, 1786,

52,513	11	3
45,232	2	6

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Provision has further been made for the Payment of

97,745	13	9
39,066	6	6

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Remains to be provided for

58,679	7	3
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Which Report being read, the Consideration thereof was postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 11, 1786.*

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Hearing before them on the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed till three o'Clock, P. M. to which Time the House adjourned.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Bond given by James Mott, Esquire, Treasurer, in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, with Sureties for the faithful Discharge of his Office;

*Resolved,* That the same is satisfactory to this House.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Clark do carry the said Bond and Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Hearing before them on the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased,' &c. and, after having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 13, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

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The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for setting free Negro Prime,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held, at Burlington and Perth-Amboy ;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Owners and Tenants in Possession of the Meadow, lying on Alloway’s Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, praying that the Bill accompanying the said Petition, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Tenants in Possession of the Meadow Ground, lying on the lower Side of Alloway’s Creek, in the County of Salem, between the fast Land of William Hancock and Joseph Stretch, both deceased, and extending back from the said Creek to a Bank called Moore’s Bank, running from a Point of Land of said Hancock to a Point of Mary Moore’s Land, to rebuild, repair and maintain the Banks, Dams, Sluices and other Works thereof, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to repeal two certain Acts herein mentioned,’ may be passed into a Law ; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That at the next Sitting the Petitioners have Leave to present the said Bill, on advertising the Purport of the same, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Lower Alloway’s Creek, in the County of Salem, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee upon the Requisition of Congress, as read the tenth Day of November Instant, and debating it by Paragraphs ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the last ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Wetherby,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Therefore,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Marsh, Cook and Sharp, be a Committee to bring in an Excise Bill, pursuant to the first Paragraph of said Report : That Messrs. Dayton, Schenck, Combs, Kitchel and Douglass, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum of Money pursuant to the said Requisitions : And that Messrs. Blair, Walton and Nicoll, be a Committee to bring in a Supplement to the Revenue Bill.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late



‘late of the County of Salem,’ &c. was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Board,	Mr. J. Kilé,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Hankinſon,
Mr. Douglaſs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardſlee.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longſtreet.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Townſend,	
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Speaker.		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whilden do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Harris, with Leave, preſented a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, ‘An Act to direct the Mode of Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;’ which being read, was ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to provide for the Payment of the ſeveral Officers of the Government of New-Jerſey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1786, and to end the 12th Day of October 1787; and to raiſe the Sum of Four Thouſand Pounds for the above Purpoſes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government;’ was read a ſecond Time, debated, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from James Mott, Eſq. Treafurer of the State, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act further to prevent Frauds by Mortgages,’ was read a ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 14, 1786.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. Schenck, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to direct the Mode of ſettling the Accounts of the Amount of Sales of the Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo;’ which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from Henry Van-Neſt, praying Leave to preſent a Bill to authorize him to complete the Mills and Bridge he has lately erected, and is now erecting, on Lawrence’s Brook, in the South Ward of New-Brunſwick, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to preſent a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, on advertiſing the Purport of the Bill he means to preſent, and a Copy of this Order, at leaſt three Weeks previous thereto, in the Newſ-paper printed at New-Brunſwick.

A Meſſage from his Excellency the Governor was laid before the Houſe by the Speaker, accompanied with the following Papers:

No. 1. The Journal of Congreſs from the 20th September to the 3d November 1786.

No. 2. A State of the Representation in Congreſs for the Month of October 1786.

No. 3. A Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson, of the 11th November 1786, enclosing the same.

No. 4. Report and Resolution of Congress of 20th October 1786, on the hostile Intentions of the Indians in the western Country, and the Troops to be raised to prevent their Incursions, &c.

No. 5. A Letter from the Board of Treasury, of 7th November 1786, accompanying the same.

Which Papers were read; and the Papers marked No. 1 and No. 2 were ordered to be filed, and that the others be read a second Time.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the Township of Upper Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Roads in the said Township to be repaired by Hire; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Douglass, Bonney and Wetherby, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to empower and authorize the several Towns, at their annual Town Meetings, to direct in what Manner the Roads and Highways therein shall be repaired.

Mr. Blair, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the 41st Section of the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating 'Roads and Bridges,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Whilden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from John Duyckinck, Abigail Munday and Samuel Munday, praying that a Law may be passed to render a Deed given by John Duyckinck, as Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Hendrick Vroom to Stephen Carman, for a Plantation in the County of Middlesex, as effectual as if the same had been duly executed by the three Executors named in the said Will, two of whom are without the Dominions of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in the Newf-paper printed at New-Brunswick.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors 'of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and necessary Waterworks, to 'stop the Tide out of the said Creek, and to keep the Watercourse thereof 'open and clear,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Board,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardslee.	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Baker,		Mr. Houghton,
			Mr. Cook,
			Mr. Starke,
			Mr. Kitchel,
			Mr. Longstreet.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, 'An Act to direct the 'Mode



‘ Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States,’ was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Douglass, Marth, Kitchel, Sheppard and Blair.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act further to prevent Frauds by Mortgages,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sharp.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Board,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,			

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Houghton do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Peck.

*Council-Chamber, November 14, 1786.*

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Bond given by James Mott, Esquire, as Treasurer;

‘ *Resolved,* That the same is satisfactory.’

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of two several Tracts of Meadow, lying on the North Side of Cohanfy Creek, in the County of Cumberland, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 15, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for setting free Negro Prime,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhunc,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Beardflee.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Kelly,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhunc,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson.	Mr. Kitchel,
			Mr. Beardflee,
			Mr. Longstreet.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the twelfth Day of October 1786, and to end the twelfth Day of October 1787; and to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhunc,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Ridgway,
			Mr. Davenport,
			Mr. Hankinson,
			Mr. Beardflee.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Sharp, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Stephen Kent and Phebe his Wife, of the County of Suffex, praying



praying Leave to present a Bill to enable them to sell a Tract of Land belonging to Orphan Children, for the Discharge of the Debts of the Father of the said Orphans, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, praying the Loan-Office Certificates which have been transferred may be put upon the same Footing, as far as relates to the Payment of Interest, with those which have not been transferred, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Revenue Act.

Mr. Davenport, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same;' and the Parties, agreeably to the Order of the Day, in Support of and in Opposition to the same, were heard by the House;

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Memorial from Moore Furman, Esq. Agent for Hunterdon County, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the Sale of the publick Barracks in Trenton may be deferred to a future Period in the said Memorial mentioned, being read; upon the Question, Whether the said Agent be directed to defer the Sale or not? It was carried in the Negative, as follows, viz.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Townsend,
			Mr. Anderson,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

Mr. Houghton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from Benjamin Williams, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, praying to be released from Confinement, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, having examined the Statement of the Auditor's Accounts on the Subject mentioned in said Petition, are of Opinion, that the following Resolution ought to be adopted:

Whereas it appears that the Resolution of the 23d of March last, for the Payment of Monies unto Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman was not agreeable to the Purposes thereby intended, and that the same has not been carried into Effect; therefore,

*Resolved*, That so much of the said Resolution as respects the authorizing the Treasurer to give Certificates unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman be, and the same is hereby rescinded; and that in Lieu thereof the said Treasurer do issue a Certificate unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of William Skeeles, deceased, for the Sum of £.110 3 2; and a Certificate unto the said Daniel Ellis, Attorney of William Franklin, Esq. for the

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Sum of £. 87 10 4, to be countersigned and paid in the same Manner as in the said Resolution is expressed.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua Creek, ‘ in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Motion was made by Mr. Dayton, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that Shepard Kollock be appointed to print the Votes of this House of the present Sitting; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter-Sessions of the County of Monmouth, in Favour of Zylpha Tilton, late Zylpha Sprowl, who was the Widow of James Sprowl, late an Ensign in Col. Martin’s Regiment of this State, and killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Zylpha Tilton, late Sprowl, for the Sum of Five Pounds per Month, from the 26th Day of June 1777 to the 22d Day of December 1779, it being the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-pay.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of ‘ the Amount of Sales of the Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from John Adam was read, praying Compensation for his Services as a Commissary of Prisoners of this State;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

A Petition from Benjamin Shotwell, of the County of Middlesex was read, praying that he may have Liberty, if he should Purchase any confiscated Lands, to pay for them in Notes given by Benjamin Thomson, Esquire; and that the Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick, which will shortly expire, may be continued;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday,*



*Thursday, November 16, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Butler, reported as follows :

**T**HAT it appears to your Committee from the Proofs and Vouchers exhibited by the said Butler, that, together with other Monies, the Sum of £. 5360 17 6, upon which the Depreciation complained of by him was charged, has been actually lent by the said Butler to Colonel William Shreve, at the Time, and for the Purposes mentioned in his Petition.

That although no publick Officer can be justified in applying to other Uses Monies due to the Treasury; yet, when it is considered that the Loan was made by Mr. Butler, for the express Purpose of promoting the publick Service, without the most distant View on his Part to particular Interest; your Committee are induced to recommend, that the said Butler be acquitted and discharged from every Prosecution or Demand which have been, or may be, brought or made by, or in Behalf of the State against said Butler, for the Depreciation which arose upon the above Sum.

By Order of the Committee,

JONATHAN DAYTON.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report? It was carried in the Negative.

A Petition from Captain Abraham Johnson was read, accompanied with an Account against the State of £. 19 13 6, and praying Payment.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Letter from James Mott, Esquire, read on the 13th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Bowen, Walton and Sharp, to report proper Instructions to the Treasurer and Attorney-General, agreeably to the Request therein contained.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Davenport, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, A Supplement to an Act, intituled, 'An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Starke reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 17, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of the Amount of Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo,' was read and compared,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Bill to Council for their Concurrence.

Sundry Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon were read, praying, that a Law may be passed to direct that a Courthouse and common Gaol be built near Ringo's Tavern, in the County of Hunterdon ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting for a second Reading.

A Petition from Peter Dumont, Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of Somerset, was read, praying Direction in the Execution of his Office ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Blair, Douglass and Bunn, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from John Van-Bueren, Adjutant of the Militia of the County of Bergen, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Militia of the said County of Bergen to be divided into three Regiments or Battalions ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of the Meadow on Repaupa Creek, in the County of Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, for making an Amendment to the Law for maintaining and supporting the Bank, Dam and Waterworks on Repaupa Creek, to improve the Meadows thereon ;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in each of the Townships of Greenwich and Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

A Memorial from the Legatees and Claimants in and under the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Thompson, Esquire, deceased, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Resolution may pass directing and authorizing the Treasurer to pay unto them the Legacies mentioned in the said Will ; the Real Estate of the said Benjamin Thompson, which was bound for the Payment of the Legacies in the said Will, having been confiscated and sold as the Property of Benjamin Thompson, the Grand-Son of the said Benjamin Thompson, Esquire, deceased ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from Elizabeth Horton, the Widow of Doctor Jonathan Horton, deceased, was read, accompanied with sundry Certificates, and praying that a Warrant may be issued to her in the Place of one lately disannulled by the Legislature, or that if the Legislature do not choose to grant that Request, that they will submit it to Arbitrators indifferently chosen, whether an Allowance shall be made to her or not ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition and the several Certificates accompanying the same be filed.

A Petition from Thomas Goadsby and Albion Cox was read, praying a Supplement may be made to the Act, intitled, ' An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State ;' which may enable them, independent of Walter Mould, in said Act named, to proceed to the Coinage of two Thirds of the Sum limited by the aforesaid Act ;

*Ordered*, That the said Thomas Goadsby and Albion Cox have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from Mr. Mould was read, and ordered to be read a second Time when the said Bill shall be presented to the House.



The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 18, 1786.*

The House met.

A Warrant to renew a Warrant entitling Catharine Piat, Widow of Major Daniel Piatt, deceased, to draw the Sum of Twenty-five Dollars per Month, being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, was read; on the Question, Whether the same be renewed? It was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive an Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and 'to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Dayton, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from John Outwater, of the County of Bergen, praying Leave to present a Bill for authorizing the Treasurer to issue him a Note for the one Moiety of the Sum of £. 100, and the Interest thereon, being the Amount of a Bond given by him and John Meyer to Abraham Sickelson, or for such Proportion as may be due him from the Estate of the said John Meyer, which has been confiscated, and the Proceeds thereof paid into the Treasury, he having discharged to the said Abraham Sickelson the full Amount of the said Bond;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Letter of the Treasurer of November the 13th, 1786, reported as follows:

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of said Committee, Mr. Stevens, late Treasurer, be called on by the present Treasurer immediately for all Books in his Hands belonging to the State; and in Case of Refusal or Neglect for twenty Days, the Treasurer be directed to commence an Action against said John Stevens for the same.

The Committee are further of Opinion, that a Suit be immediately instituted against Jacob Winans, as specified in a Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 27th Day of May 1786.

The Committee are also of the Opinion, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds and One-penny, which was received by the Collector of Essex, in State Money, and paid forward to the Auditor, be credited to said County as three is to one.

The Committee are further of the Opinion, on the last Paragraph in said Letter respecting the taking up of Deserters, that the Law already in Force is adequate.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That a Suit be instituted by the Attorney-General of this State against Jacob Winans, for recovering the Amount of three Surplus Certificates given by Nathaniel Farrand to the Use of the said Jacob Winans, one of which was to Nathaniel Pike for £. 627 2 2, the other two payable to John Tucker for the above said Sum of £. 627 2 2 each, for which it appears the said

Farrand received no Original; and that the Auditor deliver the Attorney-General all the Papers in his Possession necessary for the Prosecutions.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sheppard do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to satisfy certain Executions therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and, with the Papers accompanying the same, were referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, read on the 9th March last, was read,

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 18, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Testament and Last Will of Thomas Shreve, late of the County of Salem, deceased, and to establish and confirm the said Testament and Last Will," is rejected by Council.'

*Ordered*,

**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey," and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The Bill, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 20, 1786.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

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The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intitled, An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock's Bridge,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An additional Supplement to an Act, intitled, A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sheppard do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Beardlee, according to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John-Tabor Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to the State, situate in Hardwick Township, in the County of Suffex;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Nicoll, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, in the County of Bergen;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles consumed in this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Douglass, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to prevent the keeping of supernumerary Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' which Bill was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act to continue an Act, intitled, A supplemental Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the following Papers :

No. 1. 1 July, 1786. A general Account of the Expenditures of the United States from the 1st of November 1785, to the 30th June 1786.

No. 2, 1 July, 1786. Schedule of Requisitions on the several States by the United States in Congress assembled, of the 10th of September 1782, the 30th October 1781, the 27th and 28th April 1784, of the 27th of April 1785, and of the 2d of August 1786, shewing the Quotas assigned to each, the Amount paid thereon, and the Balances due the 10th of June 1786.

No. 3. 2 August, 1786. Resolution of Congress respecting the Sums necessary to be raised for the Services of the present Year, and for the Payment of the Interest and two Instalments of Principal on the Dutch and French Loans, &c.

No. 4. 13 Nov. 1786. Letter from the Board of Treasury on the Amount of the Deficiencies of the several States, &c.

Which Papers were severally read; and the Paper marked No. 1 was ordered

ed to be filed ; and the Papers marked No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4, were referred to Messrs. Dayton, Schenck, Combs, Kitchel and Douglass, who were appointed to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum of Money pursuant to former Requisitions of Congress received ; and that the said Committee examine the Laws respecting

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 100,000 State Money—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	
by the County of	& Certificates.	Specie.
Salem,		£. 166 14 10

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	
by the Counties of	& Certificates.	
Burlington,	£. 4608 17 0½	
Suffex,	578 19 7½	
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	£. 5187 16 8	

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 7500 Specie,—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid		Specie.
in by the County of		£. 473 15 3
Suffex,		

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DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State Money—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	
by the several Counties of	& Certificates.	Specie.
Effex,		£. 23 1 1
Burlington,		1049 0 2
Morris,	£. 499 19 6½	
Suffex,	1338 11 0½	1405 5 2½
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	£. 1838 10 7½	£. 2477 6 5½



respecting such Part of the Taxes as was appropriated for the Use of the United States, and report their Opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. Sheppard, from the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer of this State, reported a Statement of the same as follows:

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,				CR.
—and Certificates, and £. 7500 Specie, due September 10, 1781.				
By Deficiencies not yet paid	State Money			
in by the County of	& Certificates.	Specie.		
Salem,		£. 166	14	10
Trenton, November 1, 1786.				
By Order of the Committees,				
	M. THOMSON,			
	JOHN SHEPPARD.			

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,				CR.
—Money and Certificates, due December 1, 1781.				
By Deficiencies not yet paid	State Money			
by the Counties of	& Certificates.			
Burlington,	£. 4590	11	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Suffex,	578	19	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Balance carried to Account Current,	18	5	9	
	£. 5187	16	8	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.				
By Order of the Committees,				
	M. THOMSON,			
	JOHN SHEPPARD.			

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,				CR.
—for Support of Government, due April 1, 1782.				
By Deficiencies not yet paid in by				
the County of		Specie.		
Suffex,		£. 473	15	3
Trenton, November 1, 1786.				
By Order of the Committees,				
	M. THOMSON,			
	JOHN SHEPPARD.			

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—the State of NEW-JERSEY,				CR.
—and Certificates, and £. 25,000 Specie, due April 1, 1782.				
By Deficiencies not yet paid by	State Money			
the several Counties of	& Certificates.	Specie.		
Essex,		£. 23	1	1
Burlington,		713	14	3
Suffex,	£. 1317	17	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Balance carried to Account Current,	520	13	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	
	£. 1838	10	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
		£. 2477	6	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Trenton, November 1, 1786.				
By Order of the Committees,				
	M. THOMSON,			
	JOHN SHEPPARD.			

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State Money and—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State Money & Certificates.	Specie.
Essex,		£. 839 15 9
Monmouth,	£. 2104 6 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Burlington,	898 17 11	2433 10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Salem,		110 18 6
Cape-May,	159 1 6	
Hunterdon,	2277 9 6	158 1 2
Morris,	1832 2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Cumberland,	298 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Suffex,	1090 12 5	1948 6 7
	<u>£. 8661 2 8<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></u>	<u>£. 5490 12 6</u>

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—	
	On Account of Tax for raising £. 7500, Specie,—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of		Specie.
Essex,		£. 53 0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Suffex,		600
		<u>£. 653 0 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—	
	On Account of the Proportion of the first Payment of—	
To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State Money.	Specie.
Burlington,		£. 352 7 7
Hunterdon,	£. 412 2 5	354 2 2
Cumberland,	337 15	
Suffex,	228 5	276 13 4
	<u>£. 978 2 5</u>	<u>£. 983 3 1</u>



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—Certificates, and £. 25,000, Specie, due July 1, 1782.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid in	State Money	Specie.	
by the several Counties of	& Certificates.		
Essex,		£. 839 15 9	
Monmouth,	£. 2005 9 8 $\frac{1}{4}$		
Burlington,	304 17 7	2433 10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Salem,		38 8 6	
Cape-May,	92 1		
Hunterdon,	1208 1 2		
Morris,	1652 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Cumberland,	298 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Suffex,	1090 12 5	1948 6 7	
Balance carried to Account Current,	2009 6 10	230 11 2	
	£. 8661 2 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	£. 5490 12 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			
	By Order of the Committees,		
		M. THOMSON,	
		JOHN SHEPPARD.	

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—for Support of Government, due July 1, 1782.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid in		Specie.	
by the Counties of			
Essex,		£. 53 0 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Suffex,		600	
		£. 653 0 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			
	By Order of the Committees,		
		M. THOMSON,	
		JOHN SHEPPARD.	

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,			CR.
—Tax for raising £. 90,000, due October 1, 1782.			
By Deficiencies not yet paid in			
by the several Counties of	State Money.	Specie.	
Burlington,		£. 241 14 10	
Hunterdon,	£. 412 2 5	143 17 4	
Cumberland,	337 15		
Suffex,	228 5	159 7 2	
Balance carried to Account Current,		438 3 9	
	£. 978 2 5	£. 983 3 1	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.			
	By Order of the Committees,		
		M. THOMSON,	
		JOHN SHEPPARD.	

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Proportion of the second Payment of—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by  
the several Counties of

	State Money.	Specie.
Bergen,	£. 203 8 10	
Middlesex,	154 15 5	
Hunterdon,	556 11 10	£. 298 16
Morris,	182 6 9½	505 8 2
Cumberland,	337 10	
Suffex,	568 14 9	242 9 9
	<u>£. 2103 7 7½</u>	<u>£. 1046 13 11</u>

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Proportion of the first Payment—

To Deficiencies not yet paid  
in by the Counties of

	Specie.
Middlesex,	£. 286 13 10½
Hunterdon,	32 6 4½
	<u>£. 319 0 3</u>

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Proportion of the second Payment—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the several Counties of

	Specie.
Middlesex,	£. 1186 4 4½
Burlington,	475 6 3½
Hunterdon,	2082 3 1½
Morris,	2157 19 3
Cumberland,	351 14 9½
Suffex,	1600 3 10½
	<u>£. 7853 11 8½</u>

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000, Specie,—

To Deficiencies not yet paid  
in by the County of  
Suffex,

Specie.
£. 105 5 7



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,		CR.
—Tax for raising £. 90,000, due January 1, 1783.		
By Deficiencies not yet paid in		
by the several Counties of	State Money.	Specie.
Bergen,	£. 97 5 9	
Middlefex,	100 0 0	
Hunterdon,	556 11 10	£. 298 16 0
Cumberland,	13 4 4	
Suffex,	568 14 9	
Balance carried to Account Current	767 10 11½	747 17 11
	£. 2103 7 7½	£. 1046 13 11
Trenton, November 1, 1786.		
By Order of the Committees,		M. THOMSON, JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,		CR.
—of Tax for raising £. 90,930, due October 1, 1783.		
Amount carried to Account Current,		Specie. £. 319 0 3
		£. 319 0 3
Trenton, November 1, 1786.		
By Order of the Committees,		M. THOMSON, JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,		CR.
—of Tax for raising £. 90,930, due January 1, 1784.		
By Deficiencies not yet paid in		
by the several Counties of		Specie.
Middlefex,	£. 947 15 7	
Burlington,	475 6 3½	
Hunterdon,	1122 12 3¼	
Morris,	1142 17 6	
Cumberland,	203 9 4½	
Suffex.	1600 3 10½	
Balance carried to Account Current,	2361 6 9¼	
	£. 7853 11 8½	
Trenton, November 1, 1786.		
By Order of the Committees,		M. THOMSON, JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,		CR.
—for the Support of Government, due October 1, 1784.		
Amount carried to Account Current,		Specie. £. 105 5 7
Trenton, November 1, 1786.		
By Order of the Committees,		M. THOMSON, JOHN SHEPPARD.
		DR.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—To Deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the Counties of  
Hunterdon,  
Suffex,

Revenue.

£. 935 11 6½  
1086 11 10

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£. 2022 3 4½

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000, Specie, for—To the Quota of the said Tax payable into  
the Treafury by the several Counties of

Specie.

Bergen,  
Effex,  
Middlefex,  
Monmouth,  
Somerfet,  
Burlington,  
Gloucefter,  
Salem,  
Cape-May,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,£. 671 14 10  
664 2 2  
815 9 2  
987 0 10  
868 19 8  
1095 18 8  
795 6 8  
636 0 10  
149 15 9  
1346 8 3  
743 10 9  
357 2 4  
868 10 1

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£. 10,000 0 0

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000 for—To the Quota of the said Tax payable into  
the Treafury by the several Counties of

Specie.

Bergen,  
Effex,  
Middlefex,  
Monmouth,  
Somerfet,  
Burlington,  
Gloucefter,  
Salem,  
Cape-May,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,£. 671 14 10  
664 2 2  
815 9 2  
987 0 10  
868 19 8  
1095 18 8  
795 6 8  
636 0 10  
149 15 9  
1346 8 3  
743 10 9  
357 2 4  
868 10 1

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£. 10,000 0 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—£. 31,259 5 0 in Bills of Credit, due October 1, 1784.

Revenue.

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 2022 3 4½  
Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—sinking £. 30,000 in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the several Counties of

	Specie.
Effex,	£. 96 7 4
Middlesex,	201 7 5
Monmouth,	909 10 10
Somerfet,	589 15 2
Salem,	13 0 9
Cape-May,	80 4 9
Hunterdon,	1049 5 9
Morris,	563 9 3
Cumberland,	119 4 3
Suffex,	689 16 4
Balance carried to Account Current,	5687 18 2

£. 10,000 0 0

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Support of Government, due December 1, 1785.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by  
the several Counties of

	Specie.
Effex,	£. 108 6 0
Monmouth,	348 6 8
Somerfet,	309 9 11
Morris,	266 15 0
Suffex,	627 4 4
Balance carried to Account Current,	8339 18 1

£. 10,000 0 0

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

DR.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of—

To the Quota of the said Tax payable into  
the Treasury by the several Counties of

	Specie.
Bergen,	£. 2099 16 4
Effex,	2075 18 10
Middlesex,	2549 1 6
Monmouth,	3087 17 2
Somerfet,	2716 7 0
Burlington,	3425 16 4
Gloucester,	2486 2 11
Salem,	1988 4 5
Cape-May,	468 4 6
Hunterdon,	4208 15 6
Morris,	2321 16 5
Cumberland,	1116 6 6
Suffex,	2714 17 7
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	£. 31,259 5 0

## AMOUNT of DEFICIENCIES due from the several COUNTIES.

	Arrears of Taxes.		Sinking Tax,		Support Tax,		Revenue Tax,	
	State Money.		due Dec. 1, 1785.		due Dec. 1, 1785.		due Dec. 1, 1785.	
		Specie.		Specie.		Specie.		Specie.
Bergen,	£. 97 5 9	£ 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0	£. 0 0 0
Effex,	0 0 0	915 17 7½	96 7 4	108 6 0	56 14 9			
Middlesex,	100 0 0	947 15 7	201 7 5	0 0 0	432 2 11			
Monmouth,	2005 9 8½	0 0 0	909 10 10	348 6 8	1358 18 2			
Somerfet,	0 0 0	0 0 0	589 15 2	309 9 11	625 14 4			
Burlington,	4895 8 10½	3864 5 11½	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0			
Gloucester,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0			
Salem,	0 0 0	205 3 4	13 0 9	0 0 0	88 4 5			
Cape-May,	92 1 0	0 0 0	80 4 9	0 0 0	0 0 0			
Hunterdon,	2176 15 5	1565 5 7½	1049 5 9	0 0 0	1151 5 7			
Morris,	1652 1 10½	1142 17 6	563 9 3	266 15 0	813 18 11			
Cumberland,	649 11 5½	203 9 4½	119 4 3	0 0 0	0 0 0			
Suffex,	3784 9 1½	6186 18 0½	689 16 4	627 4 4	1442 19 4			
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	£. 15,453 3 2½	15,031 13 0½	4312 1 10	1660 1 11	5969 18 5			

November 1, 1786.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.
1785. On Account of Cash received of sundry Persons.		
Nov. 17.	Received of Thomas Fenimore, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates for Burlington County,	£. 52 2 11
Dec. 28.	Eli Elmer, Esquire, Sheriff of Cumberland County, on Account of Fines,	21 1 7
Jan. 2.	John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, on Account of the Balance due from him to the State,	734 0 0
Feb. 24.	Thomas Denny, Esquire, late Sheriff of Gloucester County, on Account of Fines,	57 19 7
27.	John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, on Account of the Balance due from him to the State,	530 7 9
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	Amount carried forward,	£. 1395 11 10



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

—£. 31,259 5 0 in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in  
by the several Counties of

Essex,

Middlesex,

Monmouth,

Somerfet,

Salem,

Hunterdon,

Morris,

Suffex,

Balance carried to Account Current,

	Specie.		
£.	56	14	9
	432	2	11
	1358	18	2
	625	14	4
	88	4	5
	1151	5	7
	813	18	11
	1442	19	4
	25289	6	7

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

£. 31,259 5 0

1786.	Amount brought forward,	£. 1395 11 10
Mar. 9.	John Peck, jun. late Agent to the 2d Jersey Regiment, being the Sum he received for Interest on Final Settlement Certificates belonging to fundry Soldiers of the said Regiment,	32 14 8
11.	Joseph Mullen, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of Fines,	3 0 0
16.	Edward Siddons, Esquire, Coroner of Salem County, on Account of Fines,	9 10 0
April 3.	John Stevens, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, on Account of the Balance due from him to the State,	68 8 9
May 9.	John Black, Collector of Burlington County, on Account of Fines,	3 0 0
Oct. 13.	Moore Furman, Esquire, being the Balance due from him, James Ewing, Esquire, and Conrad Kotts,	0 8 9
Oct. 19.	Received of Joshua Corshon, Esquire, being the Sum overpaid him for Interest on a Collector's Certificate, October 26, 1785,	22 1 2

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 1534 15 2

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

		Dr.			
JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,					
1785.	On Account of State Money received of fundry Perfons.				
Nov. 3.	Received of William Kelfay, Efquire, late Sheriff of Cumberland County, on Account of Fines,	£.	17	2	6
Dec. 14.	John Black, Collector of Burlington County, on Account				
1786.	of Arrears of Continental Taxes,		43	2	6
May 13.	John Stevens, jun. Efquire, late Treafurer, on Account of a Balance of £. 3267 18 7, Specie, due from him to the State, as fettled by the Committee the 11th of March laft, received agreeably to a Refolution paffed 13th March 1786,		9803	15	9

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 9864 0 9

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

		Dr.			
JAMES MOTT, Treafurer, to the State of NEW-JERSEY,					
	On Account of Continental Money received on Arrears of Taxes, levied in Continental Currency.				
1785.	Received of Edward Dunlop, late Collector of Suffex				
Nov. 14.	County, on Arrears of Continental Taxes,	£.	176	5	0
Dec. 2.	Kenneth Hankinfon, Collector of Monmouth County, on Ditto,		755	6	3
14.	John Black, Collector of Burlington County, on Ditto,		236	6	3
1786.	Kenneth Hankinfon, Collector of Monmouth County, on				
Mar. 24.	Ditto,		136	1	3
Oct. 27.	Jonathan Stiles, Efquire, former Collector of Morris County, on Ditto,		1242	12	6

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 2546 11 3

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

		Dr.			
JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,					
1786.	On Account of Continental Money received of Ralph				
Mar. 8.	Post, being a Debt due from his Father Francis Post, to the Loan-Office in the County of Effex, agreeably to a Refolution of the Legislature, paffed June 14, 1783,	£.	116	5	0

Amount carried to Account Current,

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.



JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.	
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of fundry Persons			
1785.	for Debts due to the State.		
Nov. 12.	Received of William Leddel, Esquire, Sheriff of Morris County, on Account of Fines,	£. 40	7 7
1786.	Joseph Mullen, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of Ditto,	71	7 7
April 4.	Ditto, Ditto,	20	6 7
5.	John Conway, Esquire, former Sheriff of Middlesex County, on Account of Ditto,	66	3 5
May 9.	Nathaniel Hunt, Esquire, Commissioner of the Loan-Office for the County of Hunterdon,	365	15 7
13.	Mark Thomson, Esquire, late Sheriff of Suffex County, on Account of Fines,	30	0 0
Sept. 5.	Joseph Mullen, Esquire, late Sheriff of Burlington County, on Account of Ditto,	55	1 5

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 649 2 2  
Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,		DR.	
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of the several			
1785.	Agents of forfeited Estates.		
Nov. 10.	Received of Abraham Kitchell, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates for Morris County,	£. 262	5 0
12.	Cornelius Haring, Ditto, Bergen County,	4421	17 10
	John Stillwell, Ditto, Monmouth,	1290	13 3
	Ditto, Ditto, Ditto,	35	19 0
14.	Thomas Fenimore, Esquire, Ditto, Burlington,	121	11 8
16.	David Olden, Esquire, Ditto, Middlesex,	1056	5 6
1786.			
Mar. 10.	Samuel Hayes, Esquire, Ditto, Essex,	591	2 4
15.	John Stillwell, Ditto, Monmouth,	34	9 0
16.	John Sparks, Esquire, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates for Gloucester County, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature passed November 11, 1785,	164	15 8
April 14.	Ditto, Ditto, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature passed March 21, 1786,	43	4 10
June 27.	Cornelius Haring, Agent of forfeited Estates for Bergen County,	552	16 9

Amount carried to Account Current, £. 8575 0 10  
Trenton, November 1, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

M. THOMSON,  
JOHN SHEPPARD.

DR.

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Balance due the State in Continental Money, on Settlement November 1, 1785,	£. 35,515 11 7½
To Amount received on Arrears of Continental Taxes,	2546 11 3
To Amount received of Ralph Post, agreeably to a Resolution passed June 14, 1783,	116 5 0
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	£. 38,178 7 10½

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Amount received of fundry Persons,	£. 649 2 2
To Ditto, received of the several Agents of forfeited Estates,	8575 0 10
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	£. 9224 3 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —Continental Money.  
 Balance due the State,

CR.

£. 38,178 7 10½

£. 38,178 7 10½

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

**W**E, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treafurer's Accounts, having examined the above, do find a Balance of Thirty-eight Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Ten-pence Three Farthings, in Continental Money, remaining in the Hands of the Treafurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. THOMSON,  
 ASHER HOLMES,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD,  
 ELLIS COOK,  
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
 JONA. DAYTON,  
 EDMUND WETHERBY.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
 —Notes and Certificates.

CR.

By Amount of fundry Notes and Certificates examined and  
 allowed,

£. 9224 3 0

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

**W**E, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treafurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find the same justly stated.

M. THOMSON,  
 ASHER HOLMES,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD,  
 ELLIS COOK,  
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
 JONA. DAYTON,  
 EDMUND WETHERBY.

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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Balance on Tax in State Money and Certificates, due December 1, 1781,	£. 18 5 9
To Ditto, on Ditto, due April 1, 1782,	520 13 3½
To Ditto, on Ditto, due July 1, 1782,	2009 6 10
To Ditto, on Tax in State Money, due January 1, 1783,	767 10 11½
To Amount received on the Sinking Fund Tax £. 5687 18 2,	
Specie, which, at one for three, is equal in State Money to,	17,063 14 6
To Amount received of fundry Persons,	9864 0 9
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	£. 30,243 12 1½

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—  
Account Current in—

To Balance due the State in Specie on Settlement in November 1, 1785,	£. 23 0 5
To Ditto, in Revenue Money on Ditto,	217 10 11½
To Balance on Account of Tax in Specie, due April 1, 1782,	335 5 11
To Ditto, on Ditto, due July 1,	230 11 2
To Ditto, on Ditto, due October 1,	438 3 9
To Ditto, on Ditto, due January 1, 1783,	747 17 11
To Ditto, on Ditto, due October 1,	319 0 3
To Ditto, on Ditto, due January 1, 1784,	2361 6 9½
To Ditto, on Ditto, for Support of Government, due October 1, 1784,	105 5 7
To Ditto, on Account of the Revenue Tax, due October 1, 1784,	2022 3 4½
To Ditto, on Account of Tax for Support of Government, due December 1, 1785,	8339 18 1
To Ditto, on Account of the Revenue Tax, due December 1, 1785,	25,289 6 7
To Amount received of fundry Persons,	1534 15 2

Amount carried over, £. 41,964 5 11½



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—State Money.

By Balance due James Mott on Settlement, November 1, 1785,	£. 0 17 3½
By Amount of Certificates paid in the Tax due July 1, 1782,	1275 0 8
By Amount of Ditto, paid on the Sinking Fund Tax by Thomas Sinnickson, Esquire, Collector of Salem County, agreeably to an Act passed November 29, 1785,	46 15 10
By Amount of one Voucher, No. 1, for Cash paid in Old State Money to John Black, late Agent for the recruiting Service in Burlington County,	18 5 9
Balance due the State,	28,902 12 7
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	£. 30,243 12 1½

Trenton, November 1, 1786.

**W**E, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find a Balance of Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Two Pounds Twelve Shillings and Seven-pence, old State Money, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. THOMSON,  
 ASHER HOLMES,  
 JOHN SHEPPARD,  
 ELLIS COOK,  
 FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
 JONA. DAYTON,  
 EDMUND WETHERBY.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Specie and Revenue Money.

By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to 83, inclusive, for Cash paid in Specie, for one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	£. 1583 15 4
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 152, Ditto, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	312 4 8
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 415, Ditto, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for the second Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	3340 0 1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 403, Ditto, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for the third Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	4212 13 5
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 800, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for one Year's Interest on Certificates signed by Benjamin Thomson, Esquire, Commissioner,	5575 1 4
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 601, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for the second Year's Interest on Certificates signed by Benjamin Thomson, Esquire, Commissioner,	6632 8 8
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 147, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for one Year's Interest on Final Settlement Certificates, signed by John Pierce, Esquire, Commissioner,	756 6 10
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 257, Ditto, for Cash paid in Ditto, for the second Year's Interest on Ditto,	3691 15 0
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Amount carried over,	£. 26,104 5 4

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JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—  
Account Current in—  
Amount brought over, £. 41,964 5 11½

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£. 41,964 5 11½



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,  
—Specie and Revenue Money.

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Amount brought over,	£. 26,104	5	4
By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for Cash paid in Revenue Money, for Interest on Certificates signed by John Pierce, Esquire, Commissioner, which was received by John Peck, jun. late Agent to the 2d Jersey Regiment, and deposited in the Treasury by him, to be paid to the Proprietors of the said Certificates,		1	11 0
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 15, Ditto, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Contractors Certificates,	71	6	6
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 16, Ditto, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Collectors Certificates,	96	2	8
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 11, Ditto, for Cash paid for Interest on Notes of Depreciation,	160	7	1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 37, Ditto, for Cash paid for Principal and Interest on $\frac{1}{4}$ Notes of Depreciation,	1105	2	5
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 296, Ditto, for Cash paid for Support of Government,	9617	12	0
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 72, Ditto, for Cash paid on Warrants of Half-pay,	2359	15	1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 75, Ditto, for Cash paid to Invalids on their Discharges,	526	10	7
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 21, Ditto, for Cash paid to Invalids on their Certificates from Isaac Smith, Esq. Inspector,	229	17	9
By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 42, Ditto, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on old State Money,	518	2	1
By Amount of 1 Ditto, No. 1, for Cash paid in Remittance of a Militia Fine,	8	4	4
By Amount of 2 Ditto, No. 1 and No. 2, for Cash paid to Isaac Halfey, Esquire, Paymaster to the Militia of Essex County,	600	0	0
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for Cash paid John Black, late Agent for the Recruiting Service in Burlington County,	177	7	0
By Amount of 1 Ditto, No. 1, for Cash paid for the Time of a Servant enlisted in the Continental Army,	12	0	0
By Amount of fundry Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, for Cash paid to John Applegate, for impressing Teams for the Continental Service,	1	6	0
Balance due the State,	374	16	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

£. 41,964 5 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Trenton, November 1, 1786,

WE, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 83, inclusive, from No. 1 to No. 152, Do. from No. 1 to No. 415, Do. from No. 1 to No. 403, Do. from No. 1 to No. 800, Do. from No. 1 to No. 601, Do. from No. 1 to No. 147, Do. from No. 1 to No. 257, Do. from No. 1 to No. 3, Do. from No. 1 to No. 15, Do. from No. 1 to No. 16, Do. from No. 1 to No. 11, Do. from No. 1 to No. 37, Do. from No. 1 to No. 296, Do. from No. 1 to No. 72, Do. from No. 1 to No. 75, Do. from No. 1 to No. 21, Do. from No. 1 to No. 42, Do. No. 1, No. 1, and No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 5, inclusive, No. 1. from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, do find a Balance of Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One-penny One Farthing, due from the said Treasurer, James Mott, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. THOMSON,  
ASHER HOLMES,  
JOHN SHEPPARD,  
ELLIS COOK,  
FRANKLIN DAVENPORT,  
JONA. DAYTON,  
EDMUND WETHERBY.

Which Settlement being read and examined,

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the same as settled by the Committee.

Mr. Sheppard reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A third Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783;' which Bill was read, and ordered to be referred to the next Sitting.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive certain Parts of an Act, intituled, 'An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,		

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to continue an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for amending and establishing the Charter of the College of New-Jersey,' was read a third Time,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Harris do carry the first mentioned Bill to Council for Concurrence; and that he carry the last mentioned Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Harris reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to Messrs. Dayton and Marsh, and that they report the same at the next Sitting.

The Message from his Excellency the Governor of the 9th Instant, with the Papers accompanying the same, were read a second Time, and ordered to be referred to the Joint-Meeting.



A Petition from James M'Comb, Esquire, late Clothier of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, praying that some Measures may be taken whereby he may have a final Settlement of his Accounts;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of New-Barbados Precinct, in the County of Bergen,' was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Kitchel.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

*' Council-Chamber, November 20, 1786.*

*' Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Resolution of the House of Assembly of November 15, 1786, respecting the Payment of Monies unto Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of William Skeeles, deceased, and to Daniel Ellis, Attorney for William Franklin, Esq. is concurred in by Council; and also that the Bill, intitled, "An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on Newton Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam, and necessary Waterworks, to stop out the Tide," &c. is passed by Council without Amendment.'

A Petition from Uriah Paul, Administrator cum Testamento annexo of David Paul, deceased, was read, setting forth that the said deceased, in April 1779, purchased the confiscated Estate of Gabriel De-Weber, and received a Deed of Conveyance for the same; since which the said Lands being claimed in Virtue of a Mortgage by Michael Woolf, a Suit in Ejectment was brought by the said Michael Woolf, in which Suit the Verdict of the Jury was in his Favour, and the said David Paul was turned out of Possession; and praying that a Law may pass to direct the Treasurer to pay to the said Uriah Paul, as Administrator aforesaid, the Sum of £.108 12 1, with its Interest.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition, with the Vouchers accompanying the same, be read a second Time at the next Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 21, 1786.*

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John Tabor-Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, which have been confiscated to this State, situate in Hardwick Township, in the County of Suffex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to raise the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Use of the United States;' which was read, whereupon,

A Motion was made that the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Longstreet.		

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Marsh, Clark and Sharp, be a Committee to examine what Money is due to the Treasury from each Loan-Office in the several Counties of this State, on Account of the Loan-Office Money issued in 1776.

Mr. Blair, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from Jeremiah Clark, of the County of Essex, praying a Sum of Money may be refunded to the late Sheriff of the County of Essex, being a Fine imposed upon the Memorialist to the Amount of £. 900, for a Misdemeanor, and by the Sheriff paid into the Treasury, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, November 20, 1786.*  
'**T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to build a Bridge across Mantua-Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same," is passed by Council without Amendment.'

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles consumed in this State,' was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to Messrs. Sheppard, Douglass, Marsh and Sharp.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, desiring the Direction of the House how to Credit the County of Essex with a Sum of publick Money taken by Robbers from John Gould, late Collector of the Township of Acquackanunk, in said County; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That as the Quota of Taxes levied in the said County of Essex was in State Money, the Treasurer do credit the said County for the Amount of the said Money as three is to one.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John Tabor Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to the State, situate in Hardwick Township, in the County of Sussex,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Dayton, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act  
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‘ for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bonney, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from John Ogden, jun. of the County of Essex, setting forth, that he has been prosecuted by the Treasurer of the State, for publick Money, and praying that a Committee of the House may be appointed to examine into and report the true State of his Accounts with the State ;

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Davenport and Walton be a Committee for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Warrant entitling Zylpha Tilton, late Zylpha Sprowl, to draw the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-pay, was read and approved,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hankinson do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bowen reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Kitchel, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April 1783, and for appropriating the same ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hankinson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,’ was read a second Time ;

A Motion was made to amend the 6th Section, by striking out ‘ Wehawkin’ from among the Ferries to be included in the Bill ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Whilden,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Ridgway,			

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

‘ *Ordered*, \* *Council-Chamber November 21, 1786.*  
**T**HAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for setting free Negro Prime,” is passed by Council without Amendment.’

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Clark.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 21, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Clark do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State," with the Amendments made thereto by the House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

*Ordered,*

*Council-Chamber, November 21, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of the Amount of Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo;" and the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year," &c. are passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April 1783, and for appropriating the same,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of Barbadoes Precinct, in the County of Bergen,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 22, 1786.*

The House met.

Several Petitions from the County of Middlesex were read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislative-Council and General Assembly to be convened, and the Supreme Courts to be alternately held, at Burlington and New-Brunswick. Several Petitions were read, from Somerset, praying, that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislature to sit, and Supreme Court to be held, at New-Brunswick; whereupon,

The several Petitions heretofore at several Times presented on the same Subjects were read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for imposing an Excise on sundry Articles consumed in this State;'

A Motion was made, that, for every Gallon of Geneva, Brandy or Rum, One Shilling Excise be paid; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried for Six-pence a Gallon, as follows:

For 6d.	For 6d.	For 6d.	For 1s.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden;	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Bowen,
			Mr. Hankinson.

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The House having made some further Progress in the said Bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be re-committed to the Committee who reported the same, and that Messrs. Dayton and Kitchel be added to the Committee.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of Barbadoes Precinct, in the County of Bergen,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Townsend,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April 1783, and for appropriating the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardflee do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee to whom were referred the Memorial and other Papers of John Ogden, jun. late Collector of the County of Essex, reported as follows:

**T**HAT it appears to your Committee, a Suit was instituted in the Supreme Court of this State against the said John Ogden by the Treasurer, returnable to September Term 1785: That a Judgment was entered by Default, and Execution issued against him to the Term of April 1786 for £. 85 12 11 Debt, with £. 8 1 5 Costs: That previous to the Entry of said Judgment, to wit, on the 11th Day of August 1785 the said John Ogden was credited to the said State, by the Auditor's Books, for £. 50 2 2, and afterwards, and also, before the said Judgment, viz. the 12th Day of August 1785, he paid into the Treasury the further Sum of £. 40 10 9.

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With Respect to the latter Part of the said John Ogden's Memorial, it further appears to your Committee, that another Suit is now instituted in the same Court against him for other Sums of publick Monies which have come to his Hands, but that no Judgment is as yet entered upon that Action; and that the said Ogden has made several Payments which he may and will receive Credit for upon the Trial of the said Suit, or upon an Assessment to be made by the Court in which the same Action is brought.

FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed and ordered to credit the said John Ogden, jun. late Collector of Essex County, for the Sum of £. 90 12 11, in Part of a Judgment entered against him in the Term of November 1785, at the Suit of the said Treasurer, on Behalf of the State; and that, upon the said John Ogden's paying the Balance of the Debt, Interest and Costs upon the said Suit, he be discharged from any further Prosecution on the said first Action.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the forty-first Section of the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' was read a second Time;

A Motion was made by Mr. Combs, seconded by Mr. Bonney, that the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Wetherby	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson.		

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, 'An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal the forty-first Section of the 'Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Davenport,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Schenck,			Mr. Sharp,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Longstreet do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Peck.

*'Council-Chamber, November 22, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer in crediting John Gould, late Collector of the Township of Acquackanunck, in the County of Essex, with a Sum of Money taken by Robbers, &c.

*'Resolved,* That the House do concur therein,'

On Motion,

*Resolved,* That the Legislature meet again on the 16th Day of May next, at the City of Burlington, in the County of Burlington, for the Dispatch of publick Business.

The Auditor of Accounts appeared in the House; whereupon the Memorial of James M'Comb, late Clothier for this State, was read the second Time, and the Auditor reported a Statement of his Accounts, by which there appears to be a Balance due to the said James M'Comb of £. 184 19 2, lawful Money.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer do pay to the said James M'Comb the aforefaid Sum of £. 184 19 2, being the Balance of his Account as State-Clothier.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Longstreet reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Inhabitants of this State to maintain their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,' which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Nicoll, Starke and Hankinso, have Leave of Absence during the Remainder of this Sitting.

A Representation and Memorial from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, was read, setting forth that he had purchased of the Commissioner of forfeited Estates of the County of Middlesex a Lot of Land in Amboy, supposed to be the forfeited Property of Michael Kearney: That an Action of Ejectment is now brought against him by Isabella Kearney, and praying that the Attorney-General may be directed to assist in defending the Title he holds under the State;

*Ordered,* That the said Memorial be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 23, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Peter Dumont, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Somerset, reported as follows:

**T**HAT your Committee are of Opinion, that the said Peter Dumont, Agent of the County of Somerset, be directed to proceed immediately to the Sales of all the Right, Title and Interest, which this State hath in and to any forfeited Estates, either Real or Personal, which is, or lie within the said County, for the highest Price or Prices that can be had, notwithstanding the former Sales made in Part by Wilson and Bergen.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT BLAIR.

To which Report the House agreed.

Whereas there are several Suits of Importance now depending in the Supreme Court, in which the State of New-Jersey is immediately interested; and in which some of the ablest Counsel are employed against it; and whereas it is necessary that other Counsel should be employed to assist the Attorney-General in the Prosecution and Defence of such Suits; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, during the present Session of the Legislature, to employ able Counsel for the Purpose of assisting the Attorney-General, when necessary, in Causes of Importance wherein the State is concerned, and to pay the necessary and reasonable Fees; and that the Receipt of such Counsel, so employed, for any Sum not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer on the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Four Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland were read, praying, they may have Leave to present a Bill to establish a publick Ferry on Maurice River, near Joshua Brick's, on said River; and that a Road may be opened to pass from Bridgton to the said Ferry, and from thence to Jonas Hoffman's Gristmill;

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in each

of



of the Townships of Fairfield, Downs and Maurice River, and also the like Time in Bridgton, in the County of Cumberland.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Douglass do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges ;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Cripps.

*‘ Council-Chamber, November 22, 1786.*

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to employ Counsel to assist the Attorney-General, &c.

*‘ Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to credit John Ogden, late Collector of Essex County, the Sum of £. 90 12 11, &c.

*‘ Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.’

*‘ Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Cripps do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts ;’ the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to vest in Charles Coxe, of the County of Hunterdon, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title late of John-Tabor Kempé and Grace his Wife, to Three Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land which have been confiscated to the State ;” &c. the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to revive certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt ;” and the Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, “ An Act to support and maintain the Draw erected in the Bridge over Alloway’s Creek, in the County of Salem, known by the Name of Hancock’s Bridge ;” are passed by this House without Amendment : And that the House concur in the Resolution directing the Attorney-General to prosecute Jacob Winans ; and in the Warrant entitling Zylpha Tilton, late Zylpha Sprowl, to draw her late Husband’s Half-pay ; and also that the Bill, intituled, “ An additional Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the County of Gloucester ;” is rejected by this House.’

Mr. Douglass reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for defraying Incidental Charges,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Whereas it appears by a Letter from his Excellency the Governor, that he has Reason to believe that Congress would, upon Application for that Purpose, consent to lend this State five Brass Field Pieces, three or four Pounders, upon the State’s engaging to return them when demanded, or to pay the full Value of those of them that may happen to be destroyed or lost ; and that it would be expedient for this State to add such Field Pieces to its present Artillery ; and that he will

will accordingly make such Application, in case his Proposals shall meet with the Approbation of the Legislature, and he be indemnified by the State against all Expences that may accrue on their being brought into it, and transported to the several Places of their Destination, also against all Demands that may accrue by Reason of their not being returned when demanded by Congress, as well as by the Loss or Destruction of all or any of them.

*Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be desired to make such Application; and that if the said Field Pieces shall be obtained, the State will be at the Expence of bringing them into New-Jersey, and of transporting them to the several Counties of this State to which the Commander in Chief shall order them to be conveyed; and will also indemnify him against all Damages that may accrue by Reason of their not being returned when demanded by Congress, as well as by Reason of the Loss or Destruction of all or any of them.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Davenport do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, setting forth, that the Surveyors of the Highways for that County had, in Contradiction to, and Contempt of, a late Law of the Legislature, ordered that a Road on Bergen Point should be opened, and praying the Interference of the Legislature;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time at the next Sitting of the Legislature.

A Memorial from Jasper Smith, and Company, of the County of Morris, praying Liberty to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of a Coinage of Coppers in this State, on their paying one Tenth Part of what they Coin into the Treasury, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from David Olden was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Davenport reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying Incidental Charges,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mt. Sharp,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Townsend,		Mr. Baker,
			Mr. Cook.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ridgway do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

*Council-Chamber, November 23, 1786.*

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to requesting his Excellency the Governor to make Application to Congress for some Brass Field Pieces, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

'THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to James M'Comb £. 184 19 2,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

*Ordered*,



*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years," &c. and the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of John Outwater, of Barbadoes Precinct, in the County of Bergen," are passed by this House without Amendment; and that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive the Orphan's Court in the County of Somerset," is rejected by this House.

A Petition from Thomas Kinney, late Sheriff of the County of Morris, setting forth, that, in the Year 1775, two Executions were put in his Hands in Favour of Sheffield Howard, for the Sum of £. 450, by Virtue of which he collected the Sum of £. 367; and the War coming on before he could pay it forward to the said Howard, he remaining within the Lines of the Enemy, it continued in the Hands of said Kinney until the 24th of March 1781, at which Time he was called on by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of Morris for said Money, they alledging that the Property of the said Sheffield Howard was forfeited to the State of New-Jersey; and he, the said Petitioner, believing the same to be true, paid the Money to one of said Commissioners, who lodged it in the Treasury, since which it hath appeared, that final Judgment was never entered against the said Howard, and that the said Kinney is now called on for said Money; therefore,

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer be directed to give a Certificate to the said Thomas Kinney for the Sum of £. 153, being the Value of said Money at the Time it was paid into the Treasury.

*Ordered,* That Mr. J. Killé do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Ridgway reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, November 24, 1786.*

The House met.

Mr. J. Killé reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, which was read, and ordered a second Reading at the next Sitting.

The Memorial from Isaac Cowgill, Israel Shreve and George Anderson, Esquires, Justices of Burlington, in Favour of John Butler, being read a second Time;

*Resolved,* That the Attorney-General be directed to stay any further Proceedings on the Action against John Butler, at the Suit of the State, until the next Sitting of the Legislature.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Starke do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Starke reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

*Resolved,* That the Honourable David Brearley, William C. Houston, William Paterfon and John Neilson, Esquires, Commissioners appointed on the Part of this State, or any three of them, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to meet such Commissioners as have been or may be appointed by the other States in the Union at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the second Monday in May next, for the Purpose

of taking into Consideration the State of the Union as to Trade and other important Objects, and of devising such further Provisions as shall appear necessary to render the Constitution of the federal Government adequate to the Exigencies thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Anderson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to any three of the Commissioners of this State, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States in the Union upon Commercial and other Matters, the Sum of Four Dollars per Day, for every Day they or either of them shall be employed in this Service, upon Account by them to be exhibited upon Oath, certifying the Time they have been so employed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Loyd do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Loyd reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee appointed to report Instructions to the Delegates of this State in the Congress of the United States, brought in the following Report:

To the Honourable LAMBERT CADWALADER, ABRAHAM CLARK and JAMES SCHUURMAN, Esquires, Delegates representing the State of New-Jersey in Congress,

GENTLEMEN,

**W**E, the Representatives of the State of New-Jersey in Council and Assembly met, although fully convinced of your Abilities and Zeal to promote the Interest of this State and of the Union, cannot refrain from communicating to you our Sentiments and Instructions upon certain Subjects of the first political Importance.

For the Sake of avoiding unnecessary Repetitions, we think it proper and sufficient in the first Place, to refer you to the Instructions given the former Representatives by the last Legislature, dated the first of March 1786, which one of you is officially possessed of, and the others may find recorded in the Minutes of the House of Assembly of the same Date.

The Disadvantages under which we then laboured, the Impositions that were at that Time practised upon us by the nearest States, and the Injustice that we conceived was done us by others still exist, and even operate with additional Force. These Instructions you will consider as the Rule and Direction of your Conduct while in Congress, and invariably adhere to them in every Matter to which they bear Relation.

As it may be necessary for you to be made acquainted with our Determination and Opinion upon the various Requisitions of Congress, we refer you for full Information on this Head to the Report of the Committee appointed for that Purpose, which has received the Approbation of that Branch of the Legislature from which they were appointed. We have directed that a Copy of this Report be enclosed to you, and you will regard it as expressive of our Wishes and Resolutions on this Subject. You will discover upon Reading it, that it is expected you will spare no Exertions in endeavouring to paint, to that Honourable Body with whom you have a Seat, the Unhappiness of our Situation, in its most striking and true Colours. While you assure them of our Inclination to satisfy their federal and just Demands, so long as that Justice which we have long and loudly called for is denied us, and those unfeeling Oppressions against which we have hitherto unavailingly complained and remonstrated, are continued and increased.

The Welfare of the Union is the first Object of our Wishes and nearest to our



our Hearts. It is your Duty to promote it in every Situation, and under every Circumstance. Should any Misfortune, which Heaven avert, hereafter happen to it, those States, and those alone, must be responsible, whose illiberal and selfish Policy will have occasioned it, and on them must fall the whole Weight of the Evils which cannot fail to accompany such an Event. Be it then your Care, while you are asserting the Rights of the State you represent, to guard with a watchful Eye the Interests of the Whole. Let your Conduct be such, as will furnish no Room for the Reproach that New-Jersey has been among the last, or in the least Degree remiss in supporting the Confederation.

The Cession for a Term of Years of the entire Navigation of the River Mississippi to the Spanish Court, has, we are informed, been proposed and agitated in Congress. We cannot avoid expressing our Disapprobation of the Measure; and it is our Wish that you should give it your Opposition whenever it is again brought forward for Discussion or Decision. Were it evident, that the Execution of this Business would be attended with no ill Consequences or Inconveniences, yet, in our Opinion, the Consideration offered for it is Nothing to this State, and little or trifling to the Union. But we View it in a far different Light. We believe that the Value of the western Country, on the Sales of which we rely for the Discharge of our numerous Debts, is in some Degree dependant upon the free Navigation of this important River. The Cession of a disputed Right, when once made, is not easily reclaimed. And whether the Court of Madrid asks or intends it for the Benefit of its own Subjects, or to barter with Britain, the Step will be equally imprudent, and the Inconvenience equally great.

Which Instructions being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wetherby do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, November 24, 1786.*

**T**HAT Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns;" the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the forty-first Section of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges;" the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick;" and the Bill, intituled, "An Act for defraying Incidental Charges," are passed by this House without Amendment.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to give a Certificate to Thomas Kinney for £. 153, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

Mr. Wetherby reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

*Council-Chamber, November 24, 1786.*

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, empowering the Commissioners to meet at Philadelphia in May next, on Commercial and other Matters, &c. and also the Instructions to the Delegates in Congress.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Attorney-General to stay Proceedings against John Butler, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

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‘**T**H E Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to any three of the Commissioners of this State, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States, Four Dollars per Day, &c.  
 ‘*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The House adjourned to meet at the City of Burlington, on Wednesday the sixteenth Day of May next.

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**B**Y Virtue of an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of New-Jersey, I do hereby appoint Isaac Collins, of Trenton, to print these Votes.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.

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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 24th Day of  
*October*, 1786, and continued by Adjournments.

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*Burlington, Wednesday, May 16, 1787.*

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The Speaker,

Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Killé,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Sharp,	

*Resolved,* That John Hodgkinson be Doorkeeper of this House during the present Sitting.

*Ordered,* That Mr Garritse do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Assembly have met, and proceeded to Business.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

*Ordered,* Council-Chamber, May 16, 1787.  
**T**HAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have met, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Thursday, May 17, 1787.*

The House met.

John Bispham, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, of the Counties of Salem and Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill for the Purpose of authorizing them to erect a Bridge with a draw, of about twenty-four feet, across Oldman's Creek, on the Division Line between the said Counties, &c. was read,

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in at least three of the most publick Places in the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, and also in the Township of Upper Penn's-Neck, in the County of Salem, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Garritse reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadow, lying between Salem Creek and Fin's Point, in the County of Salem, praying that a new Law may be enacted for the more equitable Assessment of Taxes for the Support of the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, was read,

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Lower Penn's-Neck, in the said County, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Sheppard, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Tide Marsh, lying on the Western Branch of Stow Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Waterworks, across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to keep the former Watercourse of said Creek open and clear, and to make the said Dam sufficient to keep out the Tide;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wetherby, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to oblige the Parties concerned to contribute their equal Proportion towards upholding and maintaining the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, heretofore erected, beginning at Joshua Thompson's Point of fast Land, and extending to the fast Land of Windham, so as effectually to prevent the Tide from overflowing the said Meadows, and to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Isaac Smart was read, praying that the said Bill may not be enacted into a Law, and ordered to be read a second Time with the said Bill.

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Mr. Wetherby, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Tenants in Possession, of the Meadow Ground lying on the lower Side of Alloys Creek, in the County of Salem, between the fast Land of William Hancock and Joseph Stretch, both deceased, and extending back from the said Creek to a Bank called Moore's Bank, running from a Point of Land of said Hancock to a Point of Mary Moore's Land, to rebuild, repair and maintain, the Banks, Sluices and other Works thereof, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to repeal two certain Acts herein mentioned ;' which was read, also a Petition against the passing the same, was read, whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill and Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Sarah Hill and William Robertson, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Moses Hill, late of the County of Salem, deceased, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from Joseph Dennis and Silvanus Adams, of the County of Suffolk, praying Compensation, for Reasons therein contained, from the State for the net Proceeds of the Estate of Samuel Crowel, late of said County, whose Estate has been confiscated and sold, and the Monies arising thereon paid into the Treasury, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Messrs. Terhune, Nicoll and Marsh, attended and took their Seats.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for fixing and rendering permanent the Salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Court during the Term of their Commissions ;' was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, was read, and ordered to be filed.

His Excellency's Message of the 14th November last, with the Papers accompanying the same, marked Number 3, 4 and 5, were read a second Time, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, praying that the Supreme Court may be alternately held, and the Legislature alternately meet at Burlington and New-Brunswick, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, was presented and read, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit,

- No. 1. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of December 1786.
- No. 2. Expenditures by the United States under the General Head of Contingencies from the 1st January, to 31st December, 1786.
- No. 3. 2 February, 1787. Circular Letter from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.
- No. 4. January, 1787. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of January 1787.
- No. 5. 6 January, 1787. An Act of the Legislature of North-Carolina, for appointing Deputies to a Convention, proposed to be held in the City of Philadelphia, for the Purpose of reviving the Federal Constitution.
- No. 6. Letter from the Governor of North Carolina, enclosing the same.

- No. 7. Resolution of the General Assembly of New-Hampshire, appointing Delegates to meet the Convention to be held in Philadelphia.
- No. 8. February 1787. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of February 1787.
- No. 9. February 25, 1787. Resolution of Congress, recommending a Convention for revising the Articles of Confederation.
- No. 10. March 1787. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of March 1787.
- No. 11. 21 March, 1787. Resolutions of Congress, on the Report of the Secretary of the United States for the Department of Foreign Affairs, respecting the Acts of any of the Legislatures repugnant to the Treaty of Peace.
- No. 12. 23 March, 1787. Resolution of Congress for the Reduction of the Civil List Department.
- No. 13. 28 March, 1787. Resolution of Congress relative to the Field Pieces applied for by the State of New-Jersey.
- No. 14. 29 March, 1787. Letter from Mr. Cadwalader, respecting the same.
- No. 15. Letter from the President of Congress respecting the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Great-Britain.
- No. 16. 21 April, 1787. Resolution of Congress authorizing the Board of Treasury to contract for Three Hundred Ton of Copper Coin.
- No. 17. 21 April, 1787. Resolution of Congress respecting the selling, for publick Securities, the Townships surveyed in the Western Territories.
- No. 18. 23 April, 1787. Resolution of Congress, for sending and receiving Letters free of Postage, to and from the Members of the Convention to meet at Philadelphia.
- No. 19. 25 April, 1787. Circular Letter from the Secretary of Congress, accompanying the several Resolutions therein mentioned.
- No. 20. Index to the 9th Volume of the Journals of Congress.
- No. 21. Index to the 10th Volume of the Journals.
- No. 22. Journals of the United States in Congress assembled, from the 3d November 1785, to the 3d November 1786.

The several Papers in the foregoing List from No. 1, to No. 8, inclusive, were read, and ordered to be severally filed.

The Paper marked No. 9, was read, and ordered to be laid before the Joint-Meeting by the Speaker.

The Paper marked No. 10, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Papers marked No. 11, and No. 15, were read, and ordered to be committed to Messrs. Cook and Douglass, to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Resolutions of Congress therein contained.

The Papers marked No. 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and No. 22, were severally read, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from the Grand-Jury of the County of Burlington, a Petition from the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the said County, and a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the same, were read, praying that a Tax may be laid on Dogs ; whereupon, The



The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to prevent the keeping of supernumerary Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, and committed with the said Petitions to Messrs. Biddle and Douglass.

The Memorial of Jasper Smith and Company, of the County of Morris, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators or Referees, and describing the Mode of Appeals from Awards, or Reports by them made;’ was read, and committed to Messrs. Marsh, Kitchel, Walton, Combs and Blair.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, May 18, 1787.*

The House met.

A Petition was presented from Euphemia Barber, Widow of Edward Barber, late of the County of Monmouth, setting forth, that her late Husband sold a Tract of Land to Kenneth Hankinson, and received a Part of the Purchase Money; that he did not in his Life-Time give a Deed of Conveyance for the same; and praying that some Person may be appointed to make a Deed of Conveyance to the said Kenneth Hankinson, and to receive the Remainder of the Purchase Money for the Benefit of the Estate of the said Edward Barber, and that a Law may be passed for that Purpose; whereupon,

The Petition of Sarah Hill and William Robertson was read;

*Ordered,* That the said Petitions be committed to Messrs. Davenport, Marsh and Walton.

Mr. Anderson attended and took his Seat in the House.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Walpack, in the County of Sussex, setting forth, that, by an Inundation of Water in the Delaware River, their Fences and Fields were laid Waste, and praying, for that Reason, they may be exempted from paying Taxes, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

A Petition from Jacob West, of the County of Sussex, accompanied with Accounts against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and referred to the Committee on publick Accounts.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows and Tide Marsh, lying on the Western Branch of Stow Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Waterworks, across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to keep the former Watercourse of said Creek open and clear, and to make the said Dam sufficient to keep out the Tide,’ was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to repeal such Acts, or Parts of Acts, as may be in Force in this State that are repugnant to the Treaty of Peace between the United States and his Britannick Majesty,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from William Evans, late a Soldier in the nine Months Service, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from John Butler, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Burlington, was presented and read, setting forth, that Judgment had

had been obtained against him in the Supreme Court, on Behalf of the State, for the Depreciation which arose on a Sum of Money employed by him in public Service, and praying that Measures may be taken for his Relief. A Letter was also laid before the House by the Speaker, from the Justices of the Supreme Court, in Favour of said Butler; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Butler have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, May 19, 1787.*

The House met.

Mr. Dayton and Mr. Whilden attended and took their Seats in the House.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency William Livingston, and the Hon. Abraham Clark, Esquires, in Conjunction with the Honourable David Brearley, William Ch. Houston and William Paterson, Esquires, Commissioners on the Part of this State, or any three of them, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to meet such Commissioners as have been appointed by the other States in the Union, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the second Monday in this present Month, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the State of the Union as to Trade and other important Objects, and of devising such further Provisions as shall appear necessary to render the Constitution of the Federal Government adequate to the Exigencies thereof.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to His Excellency William Livingston and the Honourable Abraham Clark, Esquires, the same pay as is allowed to the other Commissioners, upon producing their Accounts in the same Manner as is directed by a Resolution of the Council and General Assembly, passed the 24th of November 1786.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marsh do carry the said Resolutions to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying that the annual Town-Meeting, in the Township of Amwell, may be altered, was presented; which being read, was ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of Hunterdon County, praying an Alteration in the Election Law, was read and committed to Messrs. Biddle, Sheppard, Marsh and Anderson, to present a Bill for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Combs and Bunn be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

A Petition from Philip Commons, of the County of Suffex, was read and referred to the Committee on the incidental Bill.

Mr. Biddle, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill to discharge Joseph Borden, jun. and John Butler of certain Monies therein mentioned; which being read, was ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marsh reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Bowen, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Limitation of Suits respecting the Titles of Land;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, May 21, 1787.*

The House met.

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The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Tide Marsh, lying on the western Branch of Stow Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water-works, across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to keep the former Watercourse of said Creek open and clear, and to make the said Dam sufficient to keep out the Tide,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Clark.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Peck.

‘ Council-Chamber, May 19, 1787.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolutions from the House of Assembly relative to authorizing and empowering his Excellency William Livingston and the Honourable Abraham Clark, Esq. in Conjunction with the Honourable David Brearley, William Ch. Houston, and William Paterson, Esqrs. to meet such Commissioners as have been appointed by the other States in the Union, at the City of Philadelphia, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the State of the Union, &c. and also directing the Treasurer to pay his Excellency and Mr. Clark the same Pay as is allowed the other Commissioners.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Memorial from John Litle and Joseph Bloomfield, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed to lay a Duty on Nails; and that the Workmen, in their Nail Manufactory in the City of Burlington, may be exempted from Military Service for seven Years, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from James Ewing, Esq. Continental Loan-Officer of this State, accompanied with a Statement of the Deficiencies of the several Counties in the Payment of Taxes to the Continental Loan-Office; which was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Davenport, Kitchel, Bispham and Douglass, to prepare and present a Bill to enforce the Collection of the Arrearages of Taxes.

Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, was read, praying that the Legislature would take Measures more effectually to establish the publick Credit of the State, by a speedy and early Compliance with the Requisitions of Congress; and that Measures may also be taken to compel the Collection of the Arrearages of Taxes in the several Counties.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from Samuel Cooper, Daniel-William Cooper and Joshua Cooper, Owners of Coopers’ Ferries, opposite to the City of Philadelphia, praying a Repeal of so much of the Act, intitled, ‘ An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,’ as respects the said Ferries.

A Motion was made by Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. Kitchel, that the said

Petition be referred to the next Sitting ; on the Question, Whether the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,		

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal such Acts, or Parts of Acts, as may be in Force in this State, that are repugnant to the Treaty between the United States and his Britannick Majesty,’ was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Cook, Davenport, Douglass and Biddle.

A Motion was made by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Bowen, that Leave be given to the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh, in the County of Salem, to present a Bill to enable said Owners and Possessors to make and maintain a Bank, Dam and Waterworks, in order to drain and prevent the Tide from overflowing the same ; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said Owners and Possessors have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, previously advertising, for at least three Weeks, the Purport of the Bill, and a Copy of this Order, in at least three of the most publick Places in the Township of Manington, in the said County of Salem.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to discharge Joseph Borden, jun. and John Butler from the Payment of certain Monies therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to discharge Joseph Borden, jun. and John Butler from the Payment of certain Monies therein mentioned,’ was read and compared ;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Combs do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Douglass, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to prevent the keeping of supernumerary Dogs,’ reported the same, with fundry Amendments, and with the following Title : ‘ An Act to discourage the Keeping of Dogs, by imposing a Tax on the Owners or Keepers thereof ;’ which being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Suffex, in Favour of Lydia Westbrook, Widow of Captain Peter Westbrook, who was killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved ;

*Ordered,* That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Lydia Westbrook for the Sum of Twenty Dollars per Month, from the 19th Day of April 1780, for and during her Widowhood.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.



A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Monmouth, in Favour of Ann Pangborn, Widow of Lines Pangborn, late a Soldier in Captain Joseph Randolph's Company of Militia of this State, who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved ;

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Ann Pangborn, for the Sum of Twenty-five Shillings per Month, from the 30th Day of December 1780, for and during her Widowhood.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Monmouth, in Favour of Rebecca Dennis, Widow of Captain John Dennis, late of Colonel Daniel Hendrickson's Regiment of this State, in the Service of the United States, and who died of the Wounds he received while in the said Service, was read and approved ;

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Rebecca Dennis for the Sum of Twenty Dollars per Month, from the 15th Day of January 1778, for and during her Widowhood.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower the Inhabitants of this State to maintain their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,' was read and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from John Wither Spoon and John Beatty, Esqrs. in Behalf of the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, was read, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the Interest due to that Institution on publick Securities ; and that the Real Property of the same may be exempted from Taxation.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from Thomas L. Vickers, of the City of New-Brunswick, was presented and read, praying that he may by Law be authorized to receive from the Treasurer the Interest of Notes given by Edward Fox, Commissioner, and John Pierce, Commissioner, to the Physicians and Surgeons of the Continental Hospital, where they were Natives of this State.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time with the Supplement to the Revenue Law now before the House.

Mr. Combs reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to discourage the Keeping of Dogs, ' by imposing a Tax on the Owners or Keepers thereof,' was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Douglass,	
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Harris,		
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson.		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bonney do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday,*

*Tuesday, May 22, 1787.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate Waggons in the State of New-Jersey,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bispham,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Stillwell,			

*Ordered,* That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

Mr. Bonney reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Walton, that a Committee be appointed to report their Opinion on Ways and Means for funding the Continental Debt, and for paying the Interest on both the present State Debt and the Continental Debt when funded. To which Motion the House agreed; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Nicoll, Marsh, Douglass, Walton, Blair, Biddle, Davenport, Sharp, Whilden, Houghton, Cook, Sheppard and Hankinson, be a Committee for the above Purpose.

The several Petitions for removing the Court-House of Hunterdon County were read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Joseph Lewis, Esquire, late Paymaster of the Militia of Suffex and Bergen, was read, and committed to Mr. Combs, Kitchel, Bowen, Longstreet and Stillwell, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from Benjamin Morgan, Executor, &c. of Margaret Burt, deceased, who was Executrix, &c. of Axford Burt, deceased, praying that Bonds in the Treasury Office of this State, for Monies due the said deceased from Persons whose Estates have been confiscated to the Use of this State, may be marked on the Back with the Sums paid thereon by the State, and returned to him, that he may take other Measures for the Recovery of the Remainder, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, May 23, 1787.*

The House met.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Lewis, the Paymaster of the Militia of the Counties of Morris, Bergen and Suffex, reported as follows:

**T**HAT it appears to your Committee, in the Settlement of his Accounts before the Legislature, that an Abstract of Pay due to Colonel John Rosecrant's Regiment was disallowed for Want of the Payrolls being produced with said Abstract, to the Amount of £. 480 7 0, dated May 28, 1778, and also one of Samuel Westbrook for the Sum of £. 134 11 0, dated the 20th of October 1778, which, in the Opinion of your Committee, ought to be allowed from the 20th of October



October 1778, as proper Vouchers are now brought forward for the same.

The Abstract of Major Samuel Meeker, for the Sum of £. 145 7 6, your Committee think proper to refer to the Consideration of the House.

By Order of the Committee,

AARON KITCHEL.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Auditor of this State receive of Joseph Lewis, late Paymaster of the Militia for the Counties of Morris, Bergen and Suffex, the Abstracts and Payrolls of Colonel John Roscrant's Regiment of Suffex Militia, amounting to £. 480 7 0, and also one of Major Westbrook to the Amount of £. 134 11 0, and charge the same against the United States, and credit the said Joseph Lewis with the Sum of £. 119 8 9, being the Specie Value of said Payrolls the 20th of October 1778.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Douglass do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Douglass, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower Henry Van-Neste to complete a Sawmill and Gristmill on Lawrence's Brook, in the County of Middlesex;' which was read, and a Petition for and against the Passing of the same from several Inhabitants of the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex were also read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Euphemia Barber, Widow of Edward Barber, late of Monmouth County, deceased, and of Sarah Hill, Executrix of William Robinson, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Moses Hill, late of Salem County, deceased, reported as follows:

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Petitioners cannot obtain that Redress they seek for without legislative Interference; but whilst your Committee do thus advise this Mode of Relief, they cannot forbear mentioning to the House the Propriety of a full, clear and attentive Investigation not only of this, but indeed of every other Case of a similar Nature, before the Legislature do, by their Act, legalize any Contract whatever.

By Order of the Committee,

FRANKLIN DAVENPORT.

Whereupon,

Mr. Davenport presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to confirm to Kenneth Hankinson, his Heirs and Assigns, several Tracts or Lots of Land, situate in the Township of Shrewsbury, and County of Monmouth;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners, Sarah Hill and William Robinson, have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Lower Penn's Neck, in the County of Salem, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadows and Swamp on both Sides of Oldman's Creek, which divides the Counties of Salem and Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill to oblige the Owners and Possessors of said Meadow, or Persons concerned, to contribute their equal Proportion according to the Quantity of Meadow they hold on said Creek, toward clearing and keeping the same open.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least six Days in two of the

most publick Places in the two adjacent Townships, and also giving Notice of this Application to each Owner or Possessor of the Premises who have not signed said Petition.

A Petition from John Allen, Collector of the Township of Evesham, in the County of Burlington, was read, setting forth, that in the Year 1782, he had been robbed of a considerable Sum of Money, which he had collected for Taxes in the said Township; and praying that he may have an Opportunity to make the same appear to the Legislature; and that he may be released from the Payment of the said Money;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitioner be heard before the House with his Evidences to support the Facts set forth in his Petition, on Friday next, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States,' reported the same; which being read, was ordered to be postponed for further Consideration to-morrow Morning.

Mr. Nicoll, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate Waggon and other Wheel Carriages within the State of New-Jersey;' which was ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Schenck attended and took his Seat.

A Petition from several Contractors in the State, appointed in the Year 1779, to purchase for the Army, praying Compensation for the Depreciation of their Pay, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition was presented from Cornelius M'Auley, of the County of Burlington, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to divorce him from Mary his Wife, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; which was read, and, after some Time spent thereon, was re-committed to Messrs. Marsh, Sharp and Douglass.

A Petition was presented from David Anderson, praying Compensation for the Depreciation of Money by him received for his Pay while commanding a Company of State Troops in 1780; which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, May 24, 1787.*

The House met.

*Resolved*, That the Doors of this House be considered as open during this Session, unless when particular Circumstances may, in the Opinion of the House, render it improper.

The Petition from Uriah Paul, of the County of Gloucester, referred to this Sitting, and the Petitions of John Black and Joshua Winans, were presented and read, stating Demands against forfeited Estates;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to Messrs. Marsh, Biddle and Board, to report thereon to the House.

A Petition from Joshua M. Wallace and Frederick Kiffelman, was read, and ordered a second Reading with the Imposit Bill.

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A Representation and Petition from John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, setting forth, that he had purchased of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of the County of Middlesex, a Lot of Land in Amboy, supposed to be the forfeited Estate of Michael Kearney; that an Action of Ejectment has been brought against him by Isabella Kearney; that Judgment of the Supreme Court had been entered against him, and the Possession thereof taken from him by Writ of Possession; and praying that he may be heard on the Subject of his Petition; and that the Legislature would allow him such Relief for his Loss and Damage as they may conceive equitable and right;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time this Afternoon, and that Mr. Halstead have Leave to appear before the House and be heard.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, which was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That in stating the Accounts of the Arrears of Taxes, levied in Continental Money and Certificates, the Treasurer be directed to credit the Counties with all the Certificates which they have respectively paid in at their nominal Value, likewise to credit each County with the Money paid in by the first of March 1782 at its nominal Value.

*Resolved also*, That he be authorized to receive from Peter Wilson, Esquire, the Certificates mentioned in his Letter to said Treasurer of the 14th, amounting to the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds and Eight Shillings.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Douglass do carry the said Resolutions to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Dayton, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth-Town, a Right to sell and dispose of a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Order of the Day being called for, the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State from any of the neighbouring States,' was read; whereupon,

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That as it is the Expectation and Wish of this House, that the Convention now holding in Philadelphia may, by the Establishment of an equal and general Commercial System, render the Passing of this Bill altogether unnecessary, the further Consideration of it be postponed to the next Sitting.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on fundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State,' reported the same with fundry Amendments; whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. Davenport, seconded by Mr. Douglass, that the further Consideration of said Bill be postponed, in order to take up and consider a Bill ready to be presented, intituled, 'An Act to lay a Duty of Excise on strong Liquors in this State, and to appropriate the Money arising therefrom;' on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Board,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Douglass,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderfon,		Mr. Bispham,
			Mr. Clark,
			Mr. Davenport,
			Mr. Wetherby,
			Mr. Sheppard.

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Order of the Afternoon being called for on the Representation and Petition of John Halstead, of the County of Middlesex, the same was read, and the said John Halstead appeared, and was heard before the House ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to Messrs. Dayton, Combs and Marsh.

A Petition from the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and of other Inhabitants of Amboy, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable them to raise a Sum of Money by Lottery, to enable them the better to repair their Church and Parsonage House, which has been much injured by the Devastation of the Army, was read ; whereupon,

A Motion was made that the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the Negative.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. Sheppard, from the Committee appointed to report their Opinion on Ways and Means for funding the Debt due from this State to the United States, and for paying the Interest both on the present State Debt and on the Continental Debt when funded, reported as follows :

1. **T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Continental Certificates in this State ought to be funded.

2. That the Sum of £. 18,740 15 0, be raised annually by a Tax on the Inhabitants of this State, in Addition to the Sum ordered to be raised in Virtue of an Act, intituled, ' An Act for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5 0 per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same ;' which said Sums of £. 18,740 15 0 and £. 31,259 5 0, making in the Whole the Sum of £. 50,000, ought to be applied to the Payment as well of the Interest of the present State Debt, as of so much of the Continental Debt which may be funded.

3. That the Treasurer of this State cause to be printed or struck off a sufficient Number of Certificates to fund the Amount of £. 537,567 0 0, to be signed and filled up by the Treasurer, countersigned by the Auditor, and delivered unto such Persons, Inhabitants of this State, as choose to fund their Continental Securities under the Restrictions hereafter mentioned.

4. That the Securities to be funded be the Loan-Office Certificates, Certificates signed by Benjamin Thompson, Commissioner, Notes signed by John Pierce, Commissioner, and delivered to the Officers and Soldiers of the Army for



for the Arrears of their Pay, Certificates signed by Jonathan Burrell, Joseph Nourse and Edward Fox, or either of them, as Commissioners (Commutation Notes excepted) and given to any Person or Persons, Inhabitant or Inhabitants of this State: To be done under such Regulations, Conditions and Restrictions as to the Legislature may seem proper.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN SHEPPARD, Chairman.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be postponed for further Consideration To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to empower Henry Van-Neste to complete a Saw-mill and Gristmill on Lawrence’s Brook, in the County of Middlefex,’ was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

*Ordered,*

<sup>6</sup> Council-Chamber, May 24, 1787.

‘**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows and Tide Marsh, lying on the western Branch of Stow Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Waterworks across the said Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to keep the former Watercourses of said Creek open and clear, and to make the said Dam sufficient to keep out the Tide ;” and the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to discourage the keeping of Dogs, by imposing a Tax on the Owners and Keepers thereof ;” are passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the State, praying a Revival of the late Law for transferring Property for the Payment of Debts, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within the State,’ and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, May 25, 1787.*

The House met.

Mr. Douglass reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester was read, praying that the Legislature would take Measures the more effectually to establish the publick Credit of the State ; and that Measures may also be taken to compel the Collection of the Arrearages of Taxes in the several Counties ;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from Amwell and Reading, in the County of Hunterdon, praying that every Obstruction in the River Raritan may be removed, so that Shad may be permitted to pass to the Head of the River, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Hunterdon County, praying an Alteration to the Election Law, was read, and committed to the Committee appointed to alter the Election Law.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Northampton, in the County of Burlington, praying an Act to repair their Highways by Hire, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from David Turatt, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from fundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Burlington, exclusive of the Corporation, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from fundry Owners and Possessors of a Quantity of Meadow and Marsh, on the Northeast Side of Oldman's Creek, known by the Name of Tellinghole Meadows, in the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable them to maintain and support a Bank, with the Sluices and other necessary Waterworks, from the said Land near Israel Tompkin's Hay Landing, up Oldman's Creek, along the various Courses thereof to the said Land of William Shute; and that each Owner may be compelled to make a sufficient Bank fronting his Meadow, in Proportion to the Quantity and Quality of the Meadow by them held;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in at least three of the most publick Places in the Township of Woolwich, in the said County of Gloucester, for at least three Weeks.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth-Town, a Right to sell and dispose of a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

'*Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, May 25, 1787.

**T**HAT Mr. Holmes do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to discharge Joseph Borden, jun. and John Butler, from the Payment of certain Monies therein mentioned," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill with the Amendments was read, considered, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to credit the several Counties with all the Certificates which they have respectively paid in at their nominal Value, and to credit each County with the Continental Money paid in before the 1st March, 1782 at its Nominal Value; also the Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to receive from Peter Wilson, Esquire, certain Certificates; and also the Resolution authorizing the Auditor to receive of Joseph Lewis, certain Abstracts and Payrolls.

'*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

The Auditor of Accounts attended the House, and reported the State of the Accounts of Enos Kelsey, Esquire, as Clothier of this State, by which it appears that there is a Balance due to the said Enos Kelsey of the Sum of Twenty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Three-pence One Farthing; also the Account of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, for Supplies furnished the Troops on the Lines agreeably to Law, passed December 29, 1781, by which there appears to be a Balance due to the said Azariah Dunham, Esquire, of the Sum of One Thousand and Twenty-six Pounds One Shilling and Nine-pence Half-penny.

*Resolved*, That the House do allow the said Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry the said Accounts and Resolution to the Council for their Allowance and Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth-Town, a Right to sell and dispose of a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned,' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Walton do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to discharge Joseph Borden, jun. and John Butler, from the Payment of certain Monies therein mentioned,' was read and compared,

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Walton do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The Warrants entitling Lydia Westbrook, Ann Pangborn and Rebecca Dennis, severally to draw the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-pay, was read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Walton do carry the said Warrants to Council for their Concurrence.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Ways and Means for funding the Debt due from this State to the United States, and for paying the Interest both on the present State Debt, and on the Continental Debt when funded :

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the first Paragraph of the said Report ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Speaker.	Mr. Wetherby,	

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Beardlee.		

Mr. Walton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

On Motion of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Walton,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Marsh, Cook and Blair, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to raise the Sum of £. 17,745 3 3½, by a Tax to be applied toward the Payment of the Principal and Interest of the Debts due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof.

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed and ordered to give a Draught or Order in Favour of Robert Hoops, Esquire, upon any one or more of the Collectors of the County of Suffex, for so much of the Arrears of Taxes due in said County previously to the Year 1786, as will Amount to £. 2199 16 9½, with Interest from the third Day of April 1787 to this Day, upon his presenting and lodging with the said Treasurer the Receipt of John Stevens, jun. late Treasurer, dated August 12, 1780, for a Warrant of Congress in Favour of Colonel Ephraim Blaine, for 1,077,333⅓ Dollars, with the Receipts thereon endorsed; and also upon the said Robert Hoops, Esquire, his giving a Receipt to the said Treasurer in full of all his Demands upon the State on Account of the above-mentioned Order or Draught.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Agreably to the Order of the Day, John Allen attended with his Witneses to support the Robbery as set forth in his Petition; and the House having gone through the Examination,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Saturday, May 26, 1787.*

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Douglass, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to revive and amend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and 'for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;' on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Anderson,		
Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Sheppard,		
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Harris,		
Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Bowen.		

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate fundry Persons as Trustees of the Society instituted in Morris County for the Promotion of Learning and Religion;' and, after having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Azariah Dunham, Esq. late Superintendant of Purchases of this State, or his Order, the Sum of Seventy-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings, and charge the same to the Account of the said Azariah Dunham, and his Receipt, or his Order, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for the Expenditure of so much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That Mr. Schenck do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Land,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Davenport, Marsh, Kitchel, Biddle and Harris.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may be passed to banish from this State those Persons therein who were with the British Army during the late War, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate Waggon and other Wheel-Carriages within the State of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

'Council-Chamber, May 26, 1787.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to give an Order on any one or more of the Collectors of the County of Sussex, in Favour of Robert Hoops, Esquire, for the Sum of £. 2199 16 9½,  
'*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Stillwell, Kitchel, Ridgway, Dayton and Wetherby, be appointed to revise the Laws directing the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same, and bring in a Bill for said Purpose.

A Petition from Jonathan Stiles, of the County of Morris, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to enforce the Collection of the Arrearages of Taxes.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay unto Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, any Sum not exceeding Ninety Pounds, for the Purpose of paying Clerks in the Business in his Office, and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Blair do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

'Council-Chamber, May 26, 1787.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Azariah Dunham, Esquire, late Superintendant of Purchases £. 79 16 0,  
'*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Warrants entitling Rebecca Dennis, Lydia Westbrook and Ann Pangborn, severally to draw the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-pay,  
'*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

The Petition from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Burlington, exclusive of the Corporation, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to separate them from the City and free Port of Burlington; and that they may in all Respects become a separate Township, with all the Powers and Privileges granted to other Townships in the State; and that they may enjoy a reasonable Proportion of the Profits arising from the Rents and Issues of Burlington Island;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least six Days previous thereto, in at least three of the most publick Places in the City of Burlington.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Davenport, Marsh and Schenck, be a Committee to bring in a Supplement to the Act, intitled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from 'certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns;' and to fix and ascertain the Rates to be demanded by the several Ferries assessed in said Act.

Mr. Schenck reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, May 28, 1787.*

The House met.

Mr. Wetherby, according to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of 'the Marshes and Meadows lying on Oldman's Creek, known by the Name of 'Beaver Creek Meadows, in the Township of Upper Penn's Neck, in the County of Salem, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Water-works enclosing the same;' which was read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Petition from Elizabeth Horton, praying a Renewal of her Certificate for the Half-pay of her late Husband, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Gilbert Smith, of the County of Monmouth, praying an Allowance of an Account against the State which accompanies the same, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. Blair reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying the House again to resume the Consideration of a Bill before them, intitled, 'An Act for erecting the upper Part of the County of Hunterdon, and the 'lower Part of the County of Suffex, into a separate County, to be called the 'County of Independence; and for building a Courthouse and Gaol in said 'County; and also for annexing the Township of Nottingham to the County 'of Hunterdon:' Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the several Petitions respecting that Business, be referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying some Alterations to the Election Law, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to alter the Election Law.

Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland was read, praying that the Legislature would take Measures the more effectually to establish the publick Credit of the State; and that Measures may also be taken to compel the Collection of the Arrearages of Taxes in the several Counties;

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May, praying that a Law may be passed to establish and open a publick Road from the Shore at Great-Egg-Harbour, near the House of Nicholas Stillwell, and from thence by the main Road and a Road lately laid out the directest Way to and over the old Toll-Bridge, at the Cedar Swamp Creek, and from thence to Tuckahoe, near the House of James Willets, jun. and that the said Road may be supported by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from Joseph Dennis and Sylvanus Adams, Executors, &c. of Samuel Crowell, deceased, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Blair and Starke.

A Petition from Joseph King, of the County of Morris, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act to regulate Waggon's and other Wheel-Carriages within the State of New-Jersey,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Beardfleec.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Clark,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson.		

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act to incorporate sundry Persons as Trustees of the Society instituted in Morris County for the Promotion of Learning and Religion,' was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Bunn do carry the said Bills to Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark:

*Ordered,* Council-Chamber, May 20, 1787.  
**T**HAT Mr. Clark do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, " An Act for the Relief of Samuel Shober, with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person," and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Bunn reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of Cumberland County, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Election in the said County, hereafter to be by Ballot instead of viva voce; was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in an Election Law.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of Bergen County, praying a Law to compel the Inhabitants of this State to fence against Hogs, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Schenck, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Account of Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Cripps:

Council-Chamber, May 28, 1787.

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Accounts of Enos Kelsey and Azariah Dunham, as stated by the Auditor, sent to this House from the House of Assembly, on the 25th Instant, with the Resolution accompanying the same,

*Resolved,* That the House approve of the said Accounts as stated, and concur in the said Resolution.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marshes and Meadows, lying on Oldman's Creek, known by the Name of Beaver

‘ Beaver Creek Meadows, in the Township of Upper Penn’s-Neck, in the County of Salem, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from fundry Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and low Lands on the Passaick River and its Branches, between the Little Falls and Chatham, praying Leave to present a Bill to compel each and every Owner of Lands on the said River, to remove the Obstructions in the same, immediately opposite to their Lands, and to contribute their Proportion towards digging a Ditch from Pine Brook, through the Long Meadow to the Mouth of the Deep of all;

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in each of the three nearest adjacent Townships.

The House adjourned until nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Tuesday, May 29, 1787.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marshes and Meadows, lying on Oldman’s Creek, known by the Name of the Beaver Creek Meadows, in the Township of Upper Penn’s-Neck, in the County of Salem, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass:

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kelly do carry the said Bill to Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Douglass, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to render a Deed given by John Duyckinck, as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Hendrick Vroom, deceased, to Stephen Carman, for Land in the County of Middlesex, effectual for conveying the same; and also to empower the said John Duyckinck, alone to execute the Trust and Authority given by Hendrick Vroom, for disposing of his Real Estate, in and by his said Last Testament and Will;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Isabella Kearney was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Jesse Hart, of the County of Hunterdon, accompanied with his Accounts as Paymaster of the Militia of the said County; and praying that the Action commenced against him may be discontinued or suspended; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed and authorized to suspend and delay the Suit and Proceedings upon the Judgment obtained in Favour of the State against Jesse Hart, one of the late Paymasters of the Militia of the County of Hunterdon, until the further Order of the Legislature also.

*Resolved*, That the late and present Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon shall not be considered as amenable or answerable to the State for the Enlargement of the said Jesse Hart, in Virtue of the above Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said Resolutions to Council for their Concurrence.

Mr.



Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Land,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was read, further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Loyd, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners of certain Marsh, Meadow and Swamp, situate on Salem, alias Hollybourn Creek, Keasby's and Mill Creek, in the County of Salem, and State of New-Jersey, to keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams, Sluices and other Waterworks necessary to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, with Privilege to divide the said Bank when so done, if the said Owners and Possessors find it necessary;' which Bill was read, and referred to the next Sitting, to be read the second Time on the second Thursday of the said Sitting; and that the Parties for and against the said Bill be heard on that Day respecting the Propriety or Impropriety of Passing the same.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bowen, Clark, Killé, Sharp, Nicoll, and Garritse, be a Committee to prepare and present a general Bill for the better Improvement of low Lands and Meadows in this State:

Mr. Kelly reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State;' on the Question, Whether the fifth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beardlee.		
Mr. Ridgway,			

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Loyd, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Practice of the Law in the State of New-Jersey, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;' which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State;' and, after having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Petition from Samuel Atkinson, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to divorce him from Miriam his Wife, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Trustees of Queen's College at New-Brunswick, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Treasurer to pay the Interest on Loan-

Office Certificates due to the said Institution, was read; and a Petition from John Witherspoon and John Beatty, Esquires, in Behalf of the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, read on the 21st Instant, was read a second Time; *Ordered*, That the said Petitions be filed.

A Petition from George Budd, of Mount-Holly, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to bar an Estate in Tail, and to enable him to sell and convey the Premises therein referred to, in Fee-simple, and to fulfil certain Trusts referred to in a Deed from John Sydenham to the Petitioner, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr. Biddle reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House an Account of Monies cancelled and destroyed by Samuel Tucker and James Ewing, Esquires, in the Words and Figures following :

Numbers and Denominations of Bills issued in Virtue of an Act passed January 9, 1781, for emitting £. 30,000 in Bills of 7s. 6d. and under, which were counted and burned at the Treasury of New-Jersey, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 8th November, 1786.

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WE certify that the above Bills were by us counted and burned, agreeably to the above Resolution.

SAMUEL TUCKER,  
JAMES EWING.

February 17, 1787.

## Numbers



Numbers and Denominations of Bills issued in Virtue of an Act of Assembly passed June 9, 1780, which have been burned at the Treasury agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature passed November 8, 1786.

		Denominations.								Interest.		Amount.		Amount.		
Bun.	20 D.	8 D.	7 D.	5 D.	4 D.	3 D.	2 D.	1 D.	D. 90ths	D. 90ths	D. 90ths	£.	s.	d.		
No.	1	130	166	155	178	156	169	193	252		7672	2877	0	0		
	2	78	94	70	99	109	63	85	44	904	67	1890	5	7		
	3	74	66	51	65	77	65	69	72	914	50	1619	1	8		
	4	24	28	29	35	34	30	23	45		1399	524	12	6		
	5	11	6	5	8	3	2	7			375	140	12	6		
	6	30	15	6	7	3	4	3	5		832	312	0	0		
	7	92	65	342	191	212	177	148	180	1654	56	3456	19	8		
	8	91	79	44	37	48	39	49	40	911	54	1613	17	0		
	9			4		2				9	54	17	2	0		
	10	454	481	165	453	305	439	422	437	5976	86	9803	12	2		
	11	4	5	14	9	6	5	14	7		337	126	7	6		
	12	20	13	10	12	21	6	13	12	169	28	353	14	10		
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WE certify that the above Bills were by us counted and burned agreeably to the above Resolution.

SAMUEL TUCKER,  
JAMES EWING.

February 17, 1787.

A Petition from Ephraim Martin, Esq. was read, praying that the Treasurer be directed to pay him the Sum of £. 83 6 6, on Account of a Tax laid agreeably to Law upon Lands late the Property of Oliver Delancey, confiscated to and sold by the State;

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from David D. Baird, jun. praying that the Treasurer may be directed to repay him the Amount of Monies by him paid for a confiscated Estate, of which he has since been dispossessed by an Action of Ejectment in the Supreme Court of this State, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Davenport, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill; intitled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marsh adjoining Repaupo Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to support, repair and maintain, a Bank, Dam and Waterworks, sufficient to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was re-committed the Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the more easy and effectual Mode of adjusting Controversies by Arbitration,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; which was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Wednesday, May 30, 1787.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Board,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longſtreet,	Mr. Davenport,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardſlee.		
Mr. Kelly,			

The engroſſed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Limitation of Suits reſpecting ‘ Titles to Lands,’ was read and compared; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Garritſe,	Mr. J. Killé,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Townſend,	Mr. Marth,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Douglaſs,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Anderſon,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Biſpham,	Mr. Beardſlee.
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Davenport,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hankinſon,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Longſtreet.		
Mr. Whilden,			

The engroſſed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to oblige all the Owners and Parties ‘ concerned to contribute their equal Proportion towards upholding and ‘ maintaining the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, heretofore erected, be- ‘ ginning at Joſhua Thompſon’s Point of ſalt Land, and extending to the ſalt ‘ Land of Windham, in the Townſhip of Elſinborough, and County of Sa- ‘ lem, ſo as effectually to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſaid Meadows, ‘ and to keep the Watercourſes thereof open and clear, and to repeal a cer- ‘ tain Act therein mentioned,’ was read and compared,

*Reſolved unaniouſly,* That the ſame do paſs.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Ridgway do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council for Con- currence.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to render a Decd given by John Duyckinck, as ‘ Executor of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of Hendrick Vroom, deceased, to ‘ Stephen Carman, for Lands in the County of Middleſex, effectual for con- ‘ veying the ſame; and alſo to empower the ſaid John Duyckinck, alone to ex- ‘ ecute the Truſt and Authority given by Hendrick Vroom, for diſpoſing of ‘ his Real Eſtate, in and by his ſaid Laſt Teſtament and Will,’ was read a ſe- cond Time; and the Parties for and againſt the ſaid Bill attending, were heard;

*Ordered,* That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to aſcertain the Time and Mode of levying ‘ Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof, was read a ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Conſideration thereof be poſtponed.



A Message from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

*Ordered,* Council-Chamber, May 30, 1787.  
**T**HAT Mr. Eldredge do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled,  
 “ An Act to regulate Waggon and other Wheel-Carriages within the  
 “ State of New-Jersey,” with the Amendment made thereto by this House,  
 “ and request their Concurrence in the said Amendment; and also acquaint  
 “ them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate sundry Persons as Trus-  
 “ tees of the Society instituted in Morris County for the Promotion of Learn-  
 “ ing and Religion,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Which first-mentioned Bill with the Amendment was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Marsh adjoining Repaupo Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to support, repair and maintain, a Bank, Dam and Waterworks, sufficient to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Samuel Shober, with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Ridgway reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to regulate Waggon and other wheeled Carriages within the State of New-Jersey,’ with the Amendment made thereto by Council, was read a second Time with the said Amendment; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Bispham do carry back the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that this House do adhere to their Bill.

Mr. Bispham reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

*Ordered,* Council-Chamber, May 30, 1787.  
**T**HAT Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to vest in the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth-Town, a Right to sell and dispose of a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned,” is passed by this House without Amendment; and also acquaint them that this House have receded from their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate Waggon and other wheeled Carriages within the State of New-Jersey.”

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolutions from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to suspend and delay the Suits brought by the State against Jesse Hart; and also indemnifying the late and present Sheriff of Hunterdon for the Enlargement of the said Jesse Hart,

*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, May 31, 1787.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Samuel Shober, with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person,’ was read a third Time;

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*Resolved,*

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr Clark do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Petition from the County of Monmouth, praying an Alteration to the Election Law, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Election Law.

A Petition from Samuel Munday was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to confirm what has been already done by John Duyckinck, one of the Executors of Hendrick Vroom, deceased, in the Settlement of the Estate of the said deceased, and that David Olden, Esquire, may be appointed in Conjunction with the said John Duyckinck, further to execute the Purposes of the Will of the said deceased; also a Petition from Peter Dumont, praying that two Persons may be appointed to execute the said Will, and those named therein vacated, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading,

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marsh adjoining Repaupo Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to support, repair and maintain, a Bank, Dam and Waterworks, sufficient to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act to direct the Mode of settling the Accounts of the Amount of the Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Davenport do carry the said Bills to Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition from David D. Baird, jun. and the Petition from Benjamin Morgan, were read, and referred to the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Uriah Paul and others, on the 24th Instant.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

*Friday, June 1, 1787.*

The House met.

Mr. Davenport reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor was laid before the House, accompanied with an Ordinance of Congress of the 7th of May, for the speedy and effectual Settlement of the Accounts depending between individual States and the United States; and also a Letter from the Board of Treasury, of the 25th of May, accompanying the same, which were read, and ordered to be filed.

The Petition from the Honourable Ephraim Martin was read a second Time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Ephraim Martin, Esquire, or his Order, the Sum of Eighty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Six-pence, being the just Proportion of a Tax laid agreeably to Law upon Lands late Oliver Delancey's, confiscated to, and since sold by the State, and  
which



which by the same Law the said Ephraim Martin, Esquire, was empowered to collect and to appropriate as is therein mentioned.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Loyd do carry the said Resolution to Council for their Concurrence.

Two Petitions from the County of Middlesex, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Legislature to meet, and the Supreme Court to be alternately held, at Perth-Amboy and Burlington, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Representation and Petition of John Halstead, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the particular Case of Mr. Halstead requires, and from every Consideration deserves, the Attention of the Legislature. Were the Claim of the Petitioner not so well founded as it appears to be, there are Circumstances in the Case of this Gentleman which would strongly urge your Committee to attempt his Relief.

The great Sacrifices made by him in a very early Part of the late War, the decided Part he had taken in Favour of our Army, marching against Quebeck at a Time, and in a Place, where it was most of all dangerous to be found so ; the Exertions which he made upon his own Interest and Credit to subsist our almost starving Troops, for which he has received but little Compensation ; and the Necessity which this brought him under of joining in the Retreat with a large Family, and of leaving his Interest and Property a Prey to an exasperated Enemy ; are Considerations sufficient to influence every candid and unprejudiced Mind in his Favour : But these Motives are not necessary to determine your Committee in their Report. Upon considering the Nature and Merits of the Ground upon which the Claim referred to your Committee is stated, they feel a Confidence in recommending that the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

JONATHAN DAYTON,  
JOHN COMBS,  
DANIEL MARSH.

To which Report the House agreed.

A Petition from Henry Denny, of the County of Bergen, praying a Law may be passed to discharge him from the Payment of Damages accrued by the second Sale of a Plantation by him purchased from the Agent of confiscated Estates of said County, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof,' was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Stillwell,			

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wetherby do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

## A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

*Ordered,* ' Council-Chamber, May 31, 1787.  
**T**HAT Mr. Haring do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled,  
 ' " An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh,  
 " lying on the South Branch of Dennis's Creek, commonly called Mill Creek,  
 " in the County of Cape-May, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam, Sluice  
 " and other necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, for  
 " the Purpose of draining said Marsh," and request their Concurrence there-  
 ' in; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, " An Act to enable the  
 " Owners and Possessors of the Marshes and Meadows, lying on Oldman's  
 " Creek, known by the Name of Beaver Creek Meadows, in the Township of  
 " Upper Penn's-Neck, in the County of Salem, to repair, keep up and main-  
 " tain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same," is passed by  
 ' this House without Amendment.'

Which first-mentioned Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sharp, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the low Lands, Meadows  
 ' and Swamps, on both Sides of Oldman's Creek, from the Head of the Tide on  
 ' said Creek to the upper Line of the Ten Thousand Acre Tract of Piles-Grove  
 ' Land, to remove all the Obstructions to the free Course of the Waters of the  
 ' same;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act  
 ' for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns, and to fix  
 ' and ascertain the Rate to be taken by the different Ferries made taxable there-  
 ' in;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' A third Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for  
 ' raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine  
 ' Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for  
 ' the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the  
 ' United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of  
 ' April, 1783,' was read, and committed to Messrs. Marsh, Dayton and Bowen.

The Petitions from Samuel Munday and Peter Dumont, read Yesterday, was read a second Time;

*Ordered,* That the said Samuel Munday have Leave to present a Bill.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Uriah Paul, Joshua Winans, John Black, Benjamin Morgan and David D. Baird, and the Papers belonging to John Stevens, Esquire, reported as follows:

**T**HAT your Committee having taken into Consideration the Facts set forth in the several Petitions and Papers above-mentioned, and the Proofs produced in Support of the same, are of Opinion, that so much of the Money that was received into the Treasury from the Sales of the Estates of Gabriel De-Vebber, if so much remains in the Hands of the Treasurer as will reimburse the Estate of David Paul, deceased, ought to be returned to the said Uriah Paul.

That so much of the Money arising from the Sales of the Estate of David Oliver, if so much remains in the Hands of the Treasurer, ought to be paid unto the said Joshua Winans, as will be sufficient to discharge the Bond mentioned in his Petition.

That although it doth not appear that the Parties concerned in the Business set forth in the Petition of John Black, did strictly comply with the Laws made  
 and



and provided for that Purpose ; yet Justice seems to be on the Side of the Petitioner : Your Committee would therefore recommend him to the House for such Relief as is just and reasonable.

That the Prayer of Benjamin Morgan ought to be granted, and extended to all others in like Circumstances.

That David D. Baird ought to have the Money he paid refunded, and so much of the Costs as shall appear to be reasonable.

That John Stevens, Esquire, was in equal if not superior Circumstances of having his Claim against forfeited Estates adjusted and settled with any Person within this State, and, if he has suffered on that Account, it must have happened through his own Neglect, therefore recommend that his Papers be handed back by the Person that introduced them to the House.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

DANIEL MARSH.

Agreeably to Leave given, Mr. Ridgway, in Behalf of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Burlington, presented their Bill to separate them from the City and free Port of Burlington ; which Bill was read :

A Petition from the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common Council, &c. of the City and free Port of Burlington, against said Bill, was also read, and the Parties heard before the House ; and, having gone through the same ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill shall have a second Reading ? It was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill to enable the Owners and Possessors of Marsh, Meadows and Swamps, to make the necessary Banks, Dams, Waterworks and Drains, so as effectually to keep the Tide from overflowing the same ; which Bill being read, was ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Robbery as set forth in the Petition of John Allen ; and, after having gone through the same ; on the Question, Whether the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition ? It was carried in the Negative.

The Supplement to the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for raising a Revenue from ‘ certain Stages and Taverns, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time ; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Peck.

‘ Council-Chamber, June 1, 1787.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the ‘ House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Ephraim ‘ Martin, Esquire, £. 83 6 6, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Peck do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, ‘ “ An Act to oblige all the Owners and Parties concerned to contribute “ their equal Proportion towards upholding and maintaining the Banks, Dams “ and other Waterworks, heretofore erected, beginning at Joshua Thompson’s “ Point of fast Land, and extending to the fast Land of Windham, so as ef- “ fectually to prevent the Tide from overflowing the said Meadows, and to keep “ the Watercourses thereof open and clear, and to repeal a certain Act therein “ mentioned,” with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request “ their Concurrence in the said Amendments ; and also carry the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to prevent the Circulation of bad and light Coppers in this State,” “ and request their Concurrence therein.”

Which first mentioned Bill was read, and the Amendments being read in their proper Places, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the said Amendments.

The last mentioned Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from David Olden, Agent of the forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex, praying that the Interest due on a Balance of £. 684 6 6 in State Securities may be paid him, which was read, and ordered a second Reading at the next Session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Wetherby reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Loyd reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Saturday, June 2, 1787.*

The House met.

Two Petitions from the County of Hunterdon, praying an Alteration to the Election Law, were read, and referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Election Law.

A Petition was presented from a Number of Weavers, in the County of Hunterdon, praying that some Regulations may take Place in their Branch of Business, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Samuel Stout, praying Payment of the Interest on a Certificate given by John Pierce to Caleb Stout, late a Prisoner in Canada, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, setting forth the unsettled Situation of their Titles to Property purchased of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and praying the Legislature to interfere, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Zachariah Price, of the County of Suffex, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Several Petitions from the County of Suffex, praying that Certificates may be made receivable in all Debts prosecuted for in this State, were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the more easy and effectual Mode of adjusting Controversies by Arbitrators;' which was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Circulation of bad and light 'Coppers in this State,' was read a third Time, debated, and the further Consideration postponed.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal all Acts, or Parts of Acts, repugnant to the Treaty of Peace,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; which, being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Gilbert Smith was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, to repeal such Acts, or Parts of Acts, as may be repugnant to the Treaty of Peace in this State, was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sharp do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The Petition from the Township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, praying



praying that the Time for holding their annual Town-Meetings may be altered, was read ;

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Anderson and Houghton be a Committee to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent the Circulation of bad and light Coppers in the State,' was read a third Time with the Amendments ;

*Resolved*, That the same as amended do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sharp do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with the Amendments.

A Petition from Henry Denny, of the County of Bergen, was read ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the low Lands, Meadows and Swamps, on both Sides of Oldman's Creek, from the Head of the Tide on said Creek to the upper Line of the Ten Thousand Acre Tract of Piles-Grove Land, to remove all the Obstructions to the free Course of the Waters of the same,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, June 4, 1787.*

The House met.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester was read, praying a Law may pass to repeal the Act, intituled, ' An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in Courts of Law,' &c. which was read ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. Clark, Dayton, Loyd, Sheppard and Combs, to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of said Petition.

Mr. Nicoll, according to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to release Henry Denny, of the County of Bergen, from the Payment of the Sale of the forfeited Plantation of Michael Van Tuyle ;' which was ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Delegates representing this State in the Convention now Sitting at Philadelphia, desiring a Sum of Money may be paid them for the Discharge of the Proportion of the Expence of Stationary and other contingent Expences of the Convention ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Honourable David Brearley, William Paterfon and William-Churchill Houston, Esquires, or either of them, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to draw on the Treasurer for any Sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds, to defray this State's Quota of the general Expences which may accrue in the Course of the Convention ; and such Draught, accepted and paid by the Treasurer, shall be deemed a sufficient Voucher for so much of the publick Monies in his Hands.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whilden do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Sharp reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Douglass, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower David Olden and Abraham Schuyler, Esquires, in Conjunction with John Duyckinck, to ful-

‘ fil the Intention of the Testament and Laſt Will of Hendrick Vroom, deceaſed,’ which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Davenport, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intitled, An Act to prevent Rams from running at Large at certain Seaſons of the Year ;’ which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ A third Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for raiſing a Revenue of Thirty-one Thouſand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum,’ &c. which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Marſh, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to raiſe the Sum of Seventeen Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-five Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpoſe of paying the Principal and Intereſt of Debts due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof ;’ which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and General Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jerſey, and of Delegates to repreſent the ſaid State in the Congreſs of the United States ;’ which was read ; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the Title of the ſaid Bill ? It was carried in the Negative ; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. Thomſon.

*\* Ordered,*

‘ Council-Chamber, June 4, 1787.

**T**HAT Mr. Thomſon do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadow and Tide Marſh adjoining Repaupo Creek, in the County of Glouceſter, to ſupport and maintain a Bank, Dam and Water-works, ſufficient to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame,” is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment ; and alſo that he carry the re-engroſſed Bill, intitled, “ An Act to prevent the Circulation of bad and light Coppers in this State,” and acquaint them that the ſame is paſſed by this Houſe with their Amendments.’

Which laſt mentioned Bill was read and compared,

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

*\* Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Thomſon do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to amend and explain an Act, intitled, An Act to direct the Mode of ſettling the Accounts of the Amount of the Sales of the Prize Sloop Polly and Ann, and her Cargo,” is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.’

The Houſe adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the low Lands, Meadows and Swamp, on both Sides of Oldman’s Creek, from the Head of the Tide on ſaid Creek to the upper Line of the Ten Thouſand Acre Tract of Piles-Grove Land, to remove all the Obſtructions to the free Courſe of the Waters of the ſame,’ was read and compared ;

*Reſolved unanimoſly,* That the ſame do paſs.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

*\* Ordered,*



*Ordered*, That Mr. Whilden do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, 'intituled, An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for ascertaining and establishing the Fees to be taken by the Officers of this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Whilden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

'*Ordered*, Council-Chamber, June 4, 1787.  
'THAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection thereof," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for laying an Excise on fundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State," is passed by this House.'

Which first mentioned Bill was read, with the Amendments made thereto in their Places, and the Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent Rams from running at Large at certain Seasons of the Year,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Tuesday, June 5, 1787.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent Rams running at Large at certain Seasons of the Year,' was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to oblige all the Owners and Parties concerned, to contribute their equal Proportion towards upholding and maintaining the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, heretofore erected, beginning at Joshua Thompson's Point of fast Land, and extending to the fast Land of Windham, in the Township of Elfinborough, and County of Salem, so as effectually to prevent the Tide from overflowing the said Meadows, and to keep the Watercourses thereof open and clear, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned,' was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to ascertain the Time and Mode of levying Taxes, and the better to enforce the Collection of the same,' was read and compared;

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Baker do carry the said first mentioned Bill to Council for their Concurrence, and that he do carry the two last mentioned Bills to Council, and acquaint them that the same are passed by this House with their Amendments.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to release Henry Denny, of the County of Bergen, from the Payment of the Sale of the forfeited Plantation of Michael Van Tuyle,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower David Olden and Abraham Schuyler,

‘ler, Esquires, in Conjunction with John Duyckinck, to fulfil the Intention of ‘the Testament and Last Will of Hendrick Vroom, deceased,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition and Representation of Benjamin Manning and Melancthon Freeman, in Behalf of the Township of Piscataway, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of the first of June Instant, upon the Petition of Uriah Paul and others; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay unto Uriah Paul, as Administrator, &c. of David Paul, late of Gloucester County, deceased, or to the Order of the said Uriah Paul, the Sum of Eighty-one Pounds Three Shillings and One-penny, with Interest thereon, from the 10th Day of September, 1783, if so much Money from the Sales of the confiscated Estate of Gabriel De-Veber, late of Gloucester County, remains in his said Office; but if so much remains not, then as much of the said Estate as shall be in the said Treasury.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Townsend do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Baker reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the more easy and effectual Mode ‘of adjusting Controversies by Arbitrators,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Board,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Bispham,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Davenport,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,		Mr. Whilden,
			Mr. Anderson,
			Mr. Starke,
			Mr. Sheppard,
			Mr. Harris,
			Mr. Bowen.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to empower David Olden and Abraham Schuyler, Esquires, in Conjunction with John Duyckinck, to fulfil the ‘Intention of the Testament and Last Will of Hendrick Vroom, deceased,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson.	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sharp,		

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The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to release Henry Denny, of the County of Bergen, from the Payment of the Sale of the forfeited Plantation of ‘ Michael Van Tuyle,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Clark.	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,		
Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Harris.		

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Townsend do carry the said several Bills to Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating ‘ and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for ascertaining ‘ and establishing the Fees to be taken by the Officers of this State,’ was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

*Ordered,*

Council-Chamber, June 5, 1787.

**T**HAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to repeal such Acts, or Parts of Acts, as may be in Force in this State, that are repugnant to the Treaty of Peace between the United States and his Britannick Majesty ;” the Bill, intitled, “ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the low Lands, Meadows and Swamps, on both Sides of Oldman’s Creek, from the Head of the Tide on said Creek to the upper Line of the Ten Thousand Acre Tract of Piles-Grove Land, to remove all the Obstructions to the free Course of the Waters ;” and the Bill, intitled, “ An Act for the Limitation of Suits respecting Titles to Land,” are passed by this House without Amendment.’

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Honourable David Brearley, William Paterson and William-Churchill Houston, Esquires, or either of them, to draw on the Treasurer for any Sum not exceeding £. 30, &c.

*Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.’

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting ; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Wednesday, June 6, 1787.*

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable Euphemia Barber, Widow of Edward Barber, deceased, and Samuel Reynolds, to make a proper Conveyance for the one Half of a Sawmill, and for several Tracts of Land hereafter described,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred

‘dred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debts due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Dennis and Sylvanus Adams, Executors of Samuel Crowell, deceased, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they find an Adjudication of two of the Judges of the Court of Common-Pleas, of the County of Suffex, in Favour of Samuel Crowell against Joseph Crowell, whose Estate became forfeited to and vested in this State, for the Sum of Ninety-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten-pence ; and also the Sum of Twenty Pounds per Annum, during the natural Life of the said Samuel Crowell and Mary his Wife ; also an Adjudication of said Judges in Favour of Samuel Crowell, jun. for the Sum of Eighty Pounds ; which Adjudications were both made in November 1780 : And it doth not appear to your Committee by the said Petition and Papers accompanying the same, but that Certificates have or might have been heretofore issued thereon, in the same Manner as to other Creditors having Demands against forfeited Estates : That your Committee are of Opinion, it would be improper for the Legislature to make any Provision for the Petitioners at this Time.

By Order of the Committee,  
AARON KITCHEL.

To which the House agreed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Bunn,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to enable Euphemia Barber, Widow of Edward Barber, deceased, and Samuel Reynolds, to make and execute a proper Deed of Conveyance for the one Half of a Sawmill, and for several Tracts of Land hereafter described,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Clark.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Ridgway,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Bispham,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wetherby,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardlee.	

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debts due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Board,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ridgway,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davenport,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Bispham,
Mr. Douglass,	Mr. J. Killé,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wetherby,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Townsend.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said several Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Houghton do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Harris, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for laying out a publick Highway from Cohansey Bridge, in the County of Cumberland, to Jonas Hoffman’s Mill, and for establishing a Ferry over Maurice River;’ which Bill, together with the several Petitions for and against it, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Memorial of Anthony Broderick was read a second Time; whereupon

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby directed to give a Draught upon any of the Collectors of the County of Sussex, for the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, out of the Arrears of Taxes now due, in Favour of the Honourable Mark Thomson, Esquire, upon his depositing with the Treasurer as a Security for such Draught or Loan, Certificates or Notes signed by Benjamin Thompson, Commissioner, upon which Interest is payable at the Treasury, amounting to Six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-six Dollars and Two-thirds; which Sum is to be appropriated to the Use and Relief of Anthony Broderick; and that the Certificates so deposited, be held in the Treasury until the Interest paid thereon annually shall Amount to the said Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, then to be given up and returned to the Person in whose Name the same may be deposited.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Martin.

‘ Council-Chamber, June 6, 1787.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, any Sum not exceeding £. 90, &c.  
‘ *Resolved,* That the House do concur therein.’

‘**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay unto Uriah Paul, as Administrator, &c. of David Paul, £. 81 3 1, &c. out of the Sales of the confiscated Estates of Gabriel De-Weber,  
 ‘*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘*Ordered*,

‘**T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to empower David Olden and Abraham Schuyler, Esquires, in Conjunction with John Duyckinck, to fulfil the Intention of the Testament and Last Will of Hendrick Vroom, deceased;” the Bill, intituled, “An Act to release Henry Denny, of the County of Bergen, from the Payment of the Sale of the forfeited Plantation of Michael Van Tuyle,” are passed by this House without Amendment: That the Bill, intituled, “An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent Rams running at Large at certain Seasons of the Year;” and the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the more easy and effectual Mode of adjusting Controversies by Arbitration,” are rejected by this House.’

A Petition from Daniel Kemper, late an Inhabitant of this State, praying that the Legislature would direct some Measures whereby Contractors Certificates of this State in his Possession may be liquidated, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Houghton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Thursday, June 7, 1787.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cook do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Anderson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the Township of Knolton, in the County of Suffex, was read, setting forth, that Benjamin Fordenir was chosen Constable of said Township, and not being a Freeholder, George Rippil and Peter Wolf were his Security; that while he was Constable he collected Taxes from said Township; that on Settlement with the Collector was very considerably in Arrears, which he refused to pay, and the Securities having refused to answer their Engagement, they were prosecuted by the Collector for the said Arrearages, obtained a Trial at the Court of Common-Pleas, of the County of Suffex, in May last; that the Court would not admit the Town-Clerk, the Freeholders of the said Township, or any other Inhabitant of the said Township as Witnesses for the Plaintiff, alledging that they were interested, and were Party with the Plaintiff; and praying that a Law may be passed in such Cases to authorize Plaintiffs to bring Evidence from such Township where the Offence is committed.

The above Petition having exhibited Charges against the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Suffex, a Question arose, Whether the Charges therein contained are sufficient if supported to justify an Impeachment against them, and being put, it was carried unanimously in the Affirmative; whereupon,

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That this House, fully determined to discountenance and check, in the most effectual Manner, Proceedings fraught with Consequences so alarming in their Nature, and so utterly destructive of all good Order and Government, do hereby order that Frederick Limeback be, and he is hereby appointed Sergeant at Arms, for the express Purpose of citing the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas of the said County, to appear before the House of Assembly on the second Tuesday in their next Sitting, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, to make answer to such Things as may then be objected against them upon the said Charges exhibited in the said Petition, and to shew Cause why an Impeachment should not be presented to Council against them, and they displaced from their several and respective Offices. Also,

*Ordered*, That the said Sergeant at Arms do cite the Plaintiff in the above-mentioned Action, and such other Persons as the said Plaintiff shall direct him under his Hand to cite as the most material Witnesses to support the above Charge, not to exceed the Number of six Witnesses.

*Resolved*, That the said Sergeant at Arms shall be allowed a reasonable Sum for his Attention to this Business, on an Account to be produced.

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed to examine what Monies is due to the Treasury from each Loan-Office in the several Counties of this State, on Account of the Loan-Office Money issued in the Year 1776, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have enquired of the present as well as the former Treasurer and Auditor, and cannot find any regular Account stated against the several Counties, nor Credit for the Monies which have been paid forward by the several Loan-Officers.

SAMUEL SHARP.

Mr. Anderson, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon ;' which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

*Resolved*, That the Honourable Jonathan Dayton be appointed a Commissioner on the Part of this State, in Conjunction with his Excellency William Livingston, the Honourable David Brearley, William-Churchill Houston, William Paterfon and Abraham Clark, Esquires, to meet such Commissioners as have been appointed by the other States in the Union, for the Purposes mentioned in a Resolution of the Legislature of the 19th May last ; and that the Treasurer be directed and authorized to pay to the said Jonathan Dayton, Esquire, the same pay as is allowed to the other Commissioners appointed on the Part of this State, upon producing his Account in the same Manner as is directed by a Resolution of the Legislature of the 26th November, 1786.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Whereas there are certain Monies now in the Treasury of this State, that have been paid forward in Consequence of an Act, intituled, ' An Act for raising ' a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns ;' which Monies are not appropriated in and by said Act ;

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer shall pay out the Money aforesaid, in the same Manner as the Money directed to be raised in and by the Act, intituled, ' An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government ' of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th October, 1786, and to ' end the 12th October, 1787 ; and to raise the Sum of £. 4000 for the above ' Purpose, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government ;' and also that the said Treasurer be authorized to pay forward all and every Kind of the Copper Coin now in the Treasury, agreeably to the above recited Act.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Starke reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Four Messages from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

*Ordered*,

*Council-Chamber, June 7, 1787.*

**T**HAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns;" the Bill, intituled, "An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debt due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof;" and the Bill, intituled, "An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges," are passed by this House.'

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to give a Draught upon any of the Collectors of Suffex, for £. 400, in Favour of Mark Thomson, Esquire, to be appropriated to the Use and Relief of Anthony Broderick, &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay out certain Monies now in the Treasury of this State, in the same Manner as is directed by an Act, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government,' &c.

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to appointing the Honourable Jonathan Dayton, Esquire, Commissioner, and directing the Treasurer to pay him the same as allowed to the other Commissioners,

*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein."

The House rose without Day.

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**B**Y Virtue of an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of New-Jersey, I do hereby appoint Isaac Collins, of Trenton, to print these Votes.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.

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