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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL

OF THE

STATE

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened at TRENTON on *Tuesday*
the 28th Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord 1777.

BEING THEIR SECOND SESSION.

TRENTON:

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<i>Middlesex,</i>	The Honourable {	Jonathan Deare,	} Esquires.
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Joseph Holmes,	
<i>Essex,</i>		Stephen Crane,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		James Linn,	
<i>Bergen,</i>		Robert Morris,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		John Imlay,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		John Cooper,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Edward Keasby,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Theophilus Elmer,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Jesse Hand,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		John Stevens, <i>Vice-President,</i>	
<i>Morris,</i>		Silas Condict,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Robert Hoops,	

MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

<i>Middlesex,</i>	{	Benjamin Manning, Matthias Baker, Jacob Vandike,	} Esquires.
<i>Monmouth,</i>	{	James Mott, jun. Peter Schenck, Hendrick Smock,	} Esquires.
<i>Essex,</i>	{	Caleb Camp, Edward Fleming, Jacob Brookfield,	} Esquires.
<i>Somerset,</i>	{	William-Churchill Houston, Alexander Kirkpatrick, Reoloff Sebring,	} Esquires.
<i>Bergen,</i>	{	Joost Beam, Garret Leydecker, John Outwater,	} Esquires.
<i>Burlington,</i>	{	Peter Tallman, Samuel Rogers, Thomas Penimore,	} Esquires.
<i>Gloucester,</i>	{	Elijah Clark, John Wilkins, jun. Isaac Tomlinson,	} Esquires.
<i>Salem,</i>	{	Benjamin Holme, Whitten Cripps, Thomas Sinnickson,	} Esquires.
<i>Cumberland,</i>	{	Ephraim Harris, John Buck, Ephraim Seeley,	} Esquires.
<i>Cape-May,</i>	{	Hugh Hathorne, Henry-Young Townsend, Jeremiah Eldredge,	} Esquires.
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	{	John Hart, <i>Speaker,</i> Nehemiah Dunham, Benjamin Van Cleve,	} Esquires.
<i>Morris,</i>	{	Jacob Drake, Ellis Cook, William Woodhull,	} Esquires.
<i>Suffex,</i>	{	Caspar Shaffar, Thomas Peterson, John Mac Murtrie,	} Esquires.

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LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL

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STATE of NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, Tuesday, October 28, 1777.

A VIOLENT Storm of Rain having commenced on *Sunday* last, and yet continuing, a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business did not meet on this Day, therefore adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, October 29, 1777.

The Storm yet continuing, and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, October 30, 1777.

There not being yet a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, October 31, 1777.

P R E S E N T,

JOHN STEVENS, Esq.

JOHN COOPER, Esq.

NATHANIEL SCUDDER, Esq.

JAMES LINN, Esq.

THEOPHILUS ELMER, Esq.

ROBERT HOOPS, Esq.

SILAS CONDUCT, Esq.

JOHN IMLAY, Esq.

The Members present produced Certificates of their having been duly elected, which were severally read.

John Stevens, Nathaniel Scudder, Theophilus Elmer, Silas Conduct, James Linn and Robert Hoops, Esqrs. severally took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *John Imlay, Esq.* one of the Members returned for this House, and took their Seats in Council.

John Cooper, Esq. made and subscribed the Affirmations required by Law, before the said *John Inlay*, Esq. and took his Seat in Council.

John Inlay, Esq. took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *Nathaniel Scudder*, Esq. one of the Members of this House, and took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 1, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Edward Keasby, Esq. having produced a Certificate that he was duly elected a Member of the Council for the County of *Salem*, and having taken the Oaths required by Law, took his Seat in Council.

The Honourable *John Stevens*, Esq. was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Council, pursuant to the Constitution, and took the Chair accordingly.

Charles Pettit, Esq. was unanimously chosen Clerk of the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Scudder* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Honourable *John Stevens*, Esq. is elected Vice-President of the Council, pursuant to the Constitution of this State; and that the Council are ready to meet the House of Assembly in a Joint-Meeting, and propose that the said Meeting be held at the House of Mrs. *Stelle*, at Three o'Clock this Afternoon, if agreeable to the House of Assembly.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. INLAY,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. SCUDDER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOOPS.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fleming*, in the Words following, viz.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fleming* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the Honourable *John Hart*, Esq. is elected Speaker of the House of Assembly, pursuant to the Constitution of this State; and that the House of Assembly will meet the Council in a Joint-Meeting, at the Time and Place proposed in their Message of this Morning.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses.

After some time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

The Vice-President reported, that the Joint-Meeting had unanimously chosen His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esq. Governor of this State.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly informed the Vice-President in Council, that the House had adjourned till *Monday* next, at Two o'Clock. P. M. then to meet at *Princeton*.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next, at Two o'Clock, P. M. then to meet at *Princeton*.

PRINCETON, Monday, November 3, 1777.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. SCUDDER,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. COOPER.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 4, 1777.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. SCUDDER,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. ELMER.

The Vice-President was pleased to lay before the House, a Letter from Mr. *John Schureman*, informing the Council that in his Absence he was elected to represent the County of *Middlesex*, in the Legislative-Council of *New-Jersey*, which for certain Reasons he intirely declines;

Ordered,

That the President issue an Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, to cause an Election to be held in the said County, pursuant to Law.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 5, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 6, 1777.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. IMLAY.
Mr. LINN,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Anderson*, in the Words following, viz.

‘ T H E Committee appointed to confer with Mr. *Collins*, respecting the
 ‘ Printing a Publick News-Paper, having made Report, the same was
 ‘ read, considered and debated: Whereupon,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That this House will give Encouragement to Mr. *Collins* in publishing and
 ‘ circulating a weekly News-Paper in this State, agreeably to the Proposals made
 ‘ by him, and acceded to by this House.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Anderson* do present this Resolution to the Coun-
 ‘ cil for their Concurrence; and that therewith they lay before them a Copy of
 ‘ the said Proposals.

‘ Conditions proposed by Mr. *Collins* are the following:

1st, ‘ The Paper to be printed weekly in four folio Pages, on an elegant
 ‘ Letter, and intitled, the *New-Jersey Gazette*.

2d, ‘ The

2d, ' The Price of the said Gazette to be *Twenty-six Shillings* by the Year, one Half of which to be paid at the Time of subscribing, the other at the Expiration of the Year.

3d, ' The Legislature to secure seven hundred Subscriptions till they can be obtained in the usual Way, and should this Number be completed in six Months from the Date of the first Paper, all Demands on the Legislature in this Behalf to be foreclosed.

4th, ' A Cross Post to be established from the Printing-Office to the nearest continental Post-Office, at the Expence of the State.

5th, ' The Printer and four Workmen to be exempted from actual Service in the Militia, liable however to be taxed as other Exempts.

6th, ' The first Number of the said Gazette to be put to the Press immediately, if the Legislature so direct.'

The Council having taken the said Message and Proposals into Consideration,
Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hoops* have Leave of Absence on extraordinary Business.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses.

After some time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 7, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT.

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. KRASBY,	Mr. IMLAY.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that pursuant to the Order of the Joint-Meeting of the first Instant, he had together with Mr. *Fleming*, waited on His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esq. and acquainted him that he had been unanimously elected Governor of the State; and that His Excellency was now in Town, and ready to take on him the Administration of the Government:

Whereupon the Vice-President waited upon His Excellency and conducted him to the Council Chamber.

His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esq. having taken the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance as by Law directed, and also an Oath for the due Execution of his Office as Governor, before the Vice-President in Council, took the Chair as President of the Council.

Stephen Crane, Esq. having produced a Certificate that he was duly elected to represent the County of *Essex* in Council, and having taken the Oaths required by Law, took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. SCUDDER,	Mr. ELMER.

Ordered.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, have Leave of Absence till *Thursday* next.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 8, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. SCUDDER, Mr. ELMER,

Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. LINN,

Mr. COOPER, Mr. IMLAY.

Mr. KEASBY,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

THAT His Excellency the Governor be authorized to direct General *Winds*, that in case the Expedition against *New-York* be carried on, and there is a Probability that those of the Militia now under his Command, whose Month is nearly expired, can be relieved by the like Number out of his Brigade before the Attack upon *New-York* is made, the General do in that Case order out the said Relief.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* do present the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Scudder* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Honourable *John Stevens* Esq. took an Oath for the due Execution of the Office of Vice-President of the Council, before His Excellency the Governor in Council.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Monday, November 10, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. SCUDDER, Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. ELMER.

Mr. COOPER,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Sebring*, in the Words following, viz.

WHEREAS there is immediate Necessity of a Quantity of Blankets, Waistcoats, Breeches, Stockings and Shoes, for the Troops of this State in the Continental Army, and a Law for the Purpose of procuring such Supply as can be had in the State is now under Consideration, but cannot be expedited as soon as the Urgency of the Case requires; therefore, as a temporary Expedient till such Law is enacted and put in Force,

Resolved,

That *John Holme*, of the County of *Salem*, *Thomas Denny* of *Gloucester*, *Anthony Taylor* of *Burlington*, *Jared Sexton* of *Hunterdon*, *Robert Maxwell* of *Suffex*, *John Vanderveer* of *Monmouth*, *Hugh Gasten* of *Somerset*, *Stephen Concklin* of *Morris*, and *Samuel Pennington*, of the County of *Essex*, be respectively appointed to purchase all such of the Articles above-mentioned as they can possibly procure, and put them into the Hands of *Alexander Chambers* of *Trenton*, to be forwarded to the Army; and that they be respectively empowered to

‘ draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds* for this Service; and that His Excellency the Governor be requested to write to the respective Commissioners stimulating them to use their utmost Endeavours in this Behalf, and to give them such further and particular Instructions as he may think necessary till a Law is provided, assuring them all necessary Expence will be cheerfully defrayed by the Legislature; and that the Commissioners aforesaid, be allowed *Two Dollars and Two-thirds of a Dollar* by the Day, for every whole Day they are actually employed in the said Service.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Sebring*, do wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 11, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. SCUDDER,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. IMLAY.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 12, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. LINN,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. SCUDDER,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. CRANE.

It appearing to the House by a Letter from *Elijah Hughes*, Esq. directed to *Hugh Hathorne*, Esq. dated the 23d of *October* last, that the said Mr. *Hughes*, was elected to represent the County of *Cape-May*, in the Council of this State; and that from the State of his Business, as well as from bodily Indisposition, he cannot attend the Duties of the said Station;

Ordered,

That the President issue an Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Cape-May*, to cause an Election to be held in the said County pursuant to Law.

The Council resumed the Consideration of the Message received from the House of Assembly, on the 10th Instant, respecting the appointing Commissioners to purchase Cloathing for the Use of the continental Army; and, after some time spent therein, on the Question, Whether the House concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Scudder* wait on the House of Assembly, and, in answer to their Message of *Monday* last, acquaint them that the Council having taken into Consideration the Inefficacy of a Resolution made by the House of Assembly, and concurred in by this House, on the 15th of *September* last, respecting the purchasing of Blankets for the Use of the continental Army; and having observed by the said Message, that a Bill is now under the Consideration of the House of Assembly, for the very Purposes mentioned in the Resolutions contained in the said Message, which Bill, when passed into a Law, (which will probably be in a few

few Days) the Council conceive, will more fully answer the End proposed than the said Resolutions: The Council do not think it proper to give their Assent to the Resolutions contained in the said Message of *Monday* last.

Ordered also,

That Mr. *Scudder* acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Council have not made a House since the Receipt of the said Message before this Day, otherwise they would not so long have delayed the Consideration of it.

The House having taken into Consideration the Propriety of establishing some Order in which the Names of the Members of the Council shall be inserted and called,

Ordered,

That the Names of the Members of the Council be entered on the Minutes, and all publick Proceedings for the Future, in the Order in which their respective Counties stand as to Rank and Precedency.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 13, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the New-Jersey Regiments, on the Continental Establishment, and directing the Mode of effecting the same*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 14, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the New-Jersey Regiments, on the Continental Establishment, and directing the Mode of effecting the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Elmer* and Mr. *Linn*.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 15, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Scudder*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for recovering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Cook*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **W**HEREAS sundry well affected and Loyal Inhabitants of this State,
 ‘ have from Time to Time been captivated by the mean and unmanly
 ‘ Artifices of the Enemy and their traitorous Adherents, and dragged from their
 ‘ Habitations and Families to languish in Gaol at *New-York*, without not only
 ‘ the

‘ the Comforts, but even the common Necessaries of Life: And whereas all
 ‘ such captivated Prisoners, not having been taken in Arms, do not come with-
 ‘ in the Description of Prisoners of War, and therefore not within the Depart-
 ‘ ment of the Commissary-General of Prisoners of War; and it being the Duty
 ‘ of this State, as well as the Dictate of Humanity, to afford all Assistance to
 ‘ its Subjects under such unfortunate Circumstances, especially as their Suffer-
 ‘ ings are principally in consequence of their steady Patriotism and Zeal for the
 ‘ Honour, Liberty and Prosperity of their Country;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That *Elias Boudinot*, Esq. Commissary-General of Prisoners of War for
 ‘ the United States, or the Commissary-General of Prisoners for the Time being,
 ‘ be requested to concert with his Agent at *New-York*, the Means of procuring
 ‘ a Return of the Names and Number of the said captivated Inhabitants, to un-
 ‘ dertake the Forwarding of such Supplies as may be necessary for them, and
 ‘ to direct the Person herein appointed for that Purpose to deliver the Articles
 ‘ hereby allowed in such Quantities, and at such Places as he may judge most
 ‘ proper and, convenient; and, for procuring the said Supplies,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That *Abraham Van Neste*, Esq. of the County of *Somerset*, be appointed and
 ‘ empowered to furnish the Commissary-General aforesaid, with so much Flour
 ‘ and Fuel, as may be required from Time to Time for the Consumption and
 ‘ Maintenance of the said captivated Inhabitants, and to deliver the same at such
 ‘ Places as he may direct, taking due Receipts therefor: And that the said Gentle-
 ‘ men respectively do, as often as they think proper, lay their Accounts and
 ‘ Vouchers before the Legislature, or, during their Recess, the Governor and
 ‘ Privy Council, or Council of Safety, who are empowered to settle and adjust
 ‘ the same, and draw on the Treasury for the Sums respectively due.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Resolution to the Council
 ‘ for their Concurrence.’

The House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Monday, November 17, 1777.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. CRANE,

Mr. KEASBY, Mr. ELMER,

Mr. SCUDDER, Mr. COOPER.

Mr. LINN,

Spencer Simson is appointed Doorkeeper to the Council during the Pleasure of the House.

Mr. *Linn*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the New-Jersey Regiments on the Continental Establishment, and directing the Mode of effecting the same*; reported, that the said Committee had gone through the same, and made fundry Amendments thereto, and one Amendment to the Title thereof, which he was ready to Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Linn* read the said Amendments in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 18, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

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The Houle adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. CONNICT, Mr. CRANE,

Mr. KEASBY, Mr. ELMER,

Mr. SCUDDER, Mr. COOPER,

Mr. LINN, Mr. INLAY.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplemental Act, to an Act, intitled, An Act for recovering the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Amendments to the Act, intitled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing, &c.* were read the second Time, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 19, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the New-Jersey Regiments, on the Continental Establishment*; was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; and, on the Question, Whether the same as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Linn carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Tallman, Mr. Manning, Mr. Holme, Mr. Clark and Mr. Van Cleave, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the Fourteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to discharge the publick Debts, and contingent Charges thereof*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Seely, in the Words following, viz.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Harris, Mr. Tallman, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Kirkpatrick, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the Accounts of such of the late Members of the Legislature as have purchased Cloathing for the Continental Army, and make Report to the House; and that Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Seely do wait on the Council and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with Time and Place of Meeting.

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Linn, or any one of them, be a Committee to join with a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of such of the late Members of the Legislature as have purchased Cloathing for the Continental Army, and make Report to this House; that the said Committees meet for that Purpose, at six o'Clock this Evening, at the House of Jacob Bergen.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasby acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 20, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,

Mr. LINN,

Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. CRANE,

Mr. SCUDDER.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for Recovering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Imlay carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly for their Concurrence.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House Assembly, by Mr. Brookfield and Mr. Cook, in the Words following, *viz.*

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Tallman, Mr. Van Cleave, Mr. Drake, Mr. Camp and Mr. Sebring, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to concert the Means of establishing a Cross-Post from Mr. Collins's Printing-Office, to the nearest continental Post-Office, agreeably to a Resolution of this House of the fifth Instant, concurred in by the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. Brookfield and Mr. Cook do wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The House having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. Crane and Mr. Imlay be a Committee to join with a Committee of the House of Assembly, to concert the Means of establishing a Cross-Post from Mr. Collins's Printing-Office, to the nearest continental Post-Office, agreeably to a Resolution of the House of Assembly of the fifth Instant, concurred in by this House; and that the said Committees meet for that Purpose at the House of Jacob Bergen, at six o'Clock this Evening.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Council having resumed the Consideration of the Message received from the House of Assembly of the 5th Instant, which had been returned to them for Alteration in a private Way; and came back to this House To-day, respecting the furnishing Provisions to such of the Inhabitants of this State, as have been captivated by the Enemy, and are detained in *New-York*, and who, not having been taken in Arms, do not come within the Description of Prisoners of War.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. Elmer acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 21, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Robert Morris, Esq. having produced a Certificate that he was duly elected to represent the County of *Bergen* in this House, took the Oaths required by Law, before the Vice-President in Council, and took his Seat in Council accordingly.

The Honourable *Nathaniel Scudder, Esq.* having been chosen by the Council and Assembly, as a Delegate to represent this State in the continental Congress, whereby his Seat in this House is vacated,

Resolved, Nem. Con.

That the President issue his Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Monmouth*, for a new Election of a Member to represent the said County of *Monmouth* in this House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the Fourteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof;* was read the second Time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and set forth the Laws of this State, respecting the quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages and Horses for the Army; and for making further Provision for the same;* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Elmer reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 22, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS, *Mr. IMLAY,*

Mr. COOPER, *Mr. ELMER,*

Mr. LINN, *Mr. KEASBY.*

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee appointed on the 20th Instant, to join with the Committee of the House of Assembly, to concert the Means of establishing a Cross-Post from *Mr. Collins's* Printing-Office, to the nearest continental Post-Office, reported that the said Committees had met according to Order, and agreed upon the Mode of establishing the said Post, and the Route he shall take, viz. From the said Printing-Office to *Bordenton*, and so on by the Way of *Trenton*, *Pennington* and to *Joshua Corshon's* near *Ringo's* Tavern in *Hunterdon* County; and then return the same Way to the said Printing-Office; and that the Members of the Legislature for the County of *Burlington*, together with the said *Isaac Collins*, be authorized to employ a Post-Rider on the most reasonable Terms, and draw on the Treasurer of this State from Time to Time, for such Sums of Money as shall be found necessary for the Payment of the same, giving a Receipt to said Treasurer, which shall be a sufficient Voucher to said Treasurer for the Money paid the said *Isaac Collins* taking Receipts from the said Post-Rider for such Sums of Money to him paid, which said Receipts shall be laid before the Legislature as often as required; and that *Charles Pettit, Esq.* be authorized to

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write to Mr. *Richard Bache*, in Behalf of the State, to fix a Post-Office at the
aforesaid *Joshua Corfbon's*:

Which Report having been read and considered, was agreed to by the
House.

Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Fenimore*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to
this House, the Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made thereto by the
Council, intituled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the*
New-Jersey Regiments, on the continental Establishment.

The House adjourned till Monday next, Three o'Clock, P. M.

Monday, November 24, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. ELMER,

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. CONDUCT.

Mr. *Woodhull* and Mr. *Outwater*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for
the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defray-*
ing the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 25, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. LINN,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. ELMER.

Mr. CONDUCT,

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by this House, intituled,
An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing for the Use of the New-Jersey Regi-
ments on the continental Establishment, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Cripps*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to
this House the Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for*
recovering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Pur-
poses therein mentioned, being passed by the House of Assembly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences*
of the State of New-Jersey, was read the first Time, and ordered a second
Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 26, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,

Mr. CRANE,

Mr. ELMER,

Mr. LINN,

Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. CONDUCT.

The

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses.

After some time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 27, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Manning and Mr. Outwater, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Return of the Election of a Sheriff for the County of Monmouth*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Charles Pettit, Esq. took the Oath of Office as Clerk of the Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Return of the Election of a Sheriff for the County of Monmouth*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the Fourteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and set forth the Laws of this State, respecting the quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages and Horses for the Army, and for making further Provision for the same*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Morris and Mr. Cooper.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 28, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Petition from *Jeremiah Woolsey*, and twenty-nine others, Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth their great Concern at the exorbitant Prices of the several Articles of Country Produce, and praying that stated Prices may be fixed upon them; and that a Bounty may be given on the raising Wool, Flax and Hemp, was read, and sent to the House of Assembly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Return of the Election of a Sheriff for the County of Monmouth*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasby acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Resolved,

That on every Question, for the finally passing a Bill in this House, the Names of the Members present with the Yeas and Nays, on such Question, be entered on the Journals of the House : And that the like Entry be made on every other Question, if the same shall be moved for by any Member, and the Motion be seconded.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 29, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Petition from *Ebenezer Stiles*, of the County of *Morris*, was presented and read, setting forth that the Petitioner, no longer able to endure the Misconduct, Extravagance, Drunkenness, Lewdness and Adultery of his Wife *Abigail*, and despairing of her Reformation and Repentance, for which he hoped many Years, is at Length constrained to ask the Interposition of the Legislature for his Relief—and setting forth also divers Instances of her Adultery, and other Crimes; and praying that an Act may be passed to divorce him from his said Wife *Abigail*: And the House being informed that the said *Ebenezer Stiles*, was attending with a Witness in Support of the Facts alledged in the said Petition, the said *Ebenezer Stiles* was called in and examined; and *Henry Primrose*, the Witness, attending, was called in and examined under Oath, and his Deposition taken in Writing.

Mr. *Van Cleave* and Mr. *McMurtrie*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt two Men to be employed at the Paper-Mill, belonging to William Shaffer, in the County of Middlesex*: And a Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue several Courts of Justice in this State, and to confirm the Proceedings of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Hunterdon*: Which Bills were read the first Time, and severally ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and set forth the Laws of this State respecting the quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages and Horses for the Army, and for making further Provision for the same*, reported, that the said Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, and an Amendment to the Title thereof, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Morris* read the said Amendments in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table; and the said Bill being read, with the Amendments in their Places;

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday next Nine o'Clock, A. M.

Monday, December 1, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER.
Mr. LINN,	

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt two Men to be employed at the Paper-Mill, belonging to William Shaffer, in the County of Middlesex*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, December 2, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly for their Concurrence.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt two Men to be employed at the Paper-Mill, belonging to William Shaffer, in the County of Middlesex*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, December 3, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Woodbull* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt the Printer of this State, and a Number of Workmen to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*, which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Sebring*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt the Printer of this State, and a Number of Workmen, to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for procuring to the Joint-Meeting, Returns of the Names of the Judges and Justices within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which Bill was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

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The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, December 4, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses.

After some time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, December 5, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Imlay had Leave of Absence till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt the Printer of this State, and a Number of Workmen to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*; was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried as follows, viz.

Yeas.

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Linn,

Mr. Morris.

Nays.

Mr. Condict,

Mr. Elmer.

Whereby it appears that seven Members did not assent to the Passing the said Bill; therefore the same is not enacted into a Law.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 6, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. MORRIS,

Mr. ELMER,

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. CRANE,

Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. LINN.

Mr. Condict, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt Isaac Collins and four Workmen, to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr Fleming and Mr. Van Cleave, in the Words following :

‘ HIS Excellency the Governor having signified his Willingness for the Ease and Convenience of the People, to deposit a competent Number of Commissions for Militia Officers with such Persons in the respective Counties, (to fill up and deliver the same upon producing to them the Proper Certificates) as shall be approved of by a Resolution of both Houses :

Resolved,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That His Excellency be desired to deliver such Commissions for the above Purposes, to the Clerks of the several Counties in this State.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Van Cleave* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt Isaac Collins, and four Workmen to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock *Monday Morning*.

Monday, December 8, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. COOPER.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt Isaac Collins, and four Workmen to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, for their Concurrence.

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

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. LINN.
Mr. IMLAY,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Cripps*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **H**IS Excellency’s Message of *Friday* last, being read the second Time,

Resolved,

‘ That the President and Council of Safety of this State, be authorized and empowered to appoint such and so many Persons as they shall think necessary from Time to Time to remove all Cattle along the Sound, or other Parts of this State, where the same may be in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy, (they first giving Notice to the Owners of such Cattle to remove them, and the said Owners refusing to do it) and that the Persons so to be appointed, or either of them, be empowered to call on the Commanding Officer of any Regiment

‘ Regiment or Battalion of Militia of this State, for such Number of Militia
 ‘ Men, as shall be sufficient to assist in removing any such Cattle to Places of
 ‘ greater Security, and that the Expence accruing be paid by the Owner or
 ‘ Owners of any Cattle so removed :

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Cripps*, do wait on the Council, and desire their
 Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences
 of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question,
 Whether the same do pass ? It was carried as follows, *viz.*

Yeas.

Mr. *Crane*,
 Mr. *Condict*,
 Mr. *Elmer*,
 Mr. *Linn*.

Nays.

Mr. *Cooper*,
 Mr. *Imlay*,
 Mr. *Morris*.

Whereby it appears that seven Members did not agree to pass the same, and
 therefore the said Bill is not enacted into a Law.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for
 constituting a Council of Safety*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question,
 Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Message of this Day, received
 from the House of Assembly, respecting the Removal of Cattle along the Sound,
 or other Parts of this State where the same may be in Danger of falling into the
 Hands of the Enemy, to Places of greater Security ; and to call to their Assist-
 ance, such of the Militia as may be necessary : And thereupon,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, December 9, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Van Cleave* and Mr. *Baker* from the House of Assembly presented, for
 the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to divorce Ebenezer
 Stiles, of the County of Morris, from his Wife*, which was read the first Time,
 and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Van Cleave* and Mr. *Baker*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to
 this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt Isaac Collins, and four Workmen
 to be employed in his Printing-Office, from actual Service in the Militia*, passed by
 the House of Assembly without any Amendment.

Mr. *Morris* reported, that he had obeyed the two Orders of the House of
 last Evening.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, December 10, 1777.

The House met.

Present as before.

Ordered

Ordered unanimously,

That Mr. *Crane* do wait on the Assembly and inform them, that, as the Council understand they intend soon to adjourn, and as *Princeton* is not only the General Hospital of the Sick and Wounded of the Army, but is by much too small, even when unincumbered by Troops, properly to accommodate the Members of the Legislature; and as the Want of convenient and proper Accommodations must greatly retard the publick Business, and in Proportion augment the publick Expence, they hope the Assembly will not think of adjourning to meet again in this Place. And the Council would further observe, that as adjourning from Place to Place, unless when evidently necessary, may be thought to have an Appearance of Instability not very becoming any Legislative Body; and as it must necessarily subject the Houses, as well as the Members individually, to many and great Inconveniencies, they wish the Assembly to adjourn to such Place as may be convenient to set in from Time to Time, until the Seat of Government can with Propriety be finally established.

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

Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent forestalling, regrating and engrossing*: A Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia, and the Supplemental Act thereto*: And a Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Treasurer to pay out a certain Sum of Money in his Hands for the Purpose of exchanging ragged and torn Bills, to other Purposes*; which three Bills were read the first Time, and severally ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue several Courts of Justice in this State; and to confirm the Proceedings of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Hunterdon*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent forestalling, regrating and engrossing*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia, and the Supplemental Act thereto*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Outwater* and Mr. *Drake*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for taking Charge of and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, December 11, 1777.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. COOPER.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent forestalling, regrating and*

and engrossing, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr. *Morris* appeared and took his Seat in Council.

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

Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Drake*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt a Number of Men from actual Service in the Militia, to be employed in manufacturing of Salt and Iron; within the State of New-Jersey*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Treasurer to pay out a certain Sum of Money in his Hands for the Purpose of exchanging ragged and torn Bills, to other Purposes*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt a Number of Men from actual Service in the Militia, to be employed in manufacturing of Salt and Iron within the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Cripps*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **W** H E R E A S Inconveniencies have arisen by the Delay of the printing and distributing the Laws of the State :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Printer be empowered and directed immediately on the Laws being printed, to send the Proportion of the County

of <i>Bergen</i> ,	to John Outwater,
of <i>Essex</i> ,	to Caleb Camp,
of <i>Morris</i> ,	to Silas Condict,
of <i>Suffex</i> ,	to Casper Shaffer,
of <i>Somerset</i> ,	to Reoloff Sebring,
of <i>Hunterdon</i> ,	to John Hart,
of <i>Middlesex</i> ,	to Benjamin Manning,
of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	to Kenneth Anderson,
of <i>Burlington</i> ,	to Thomas Fenimore,
of <i>Gloucester</i> ,	to Joseph Hugg,
of <i>Salem</i> ,	to Thomas Sinnickson,
of <i>Cumberland</i> ,	to Ephraim Seely,
of <i>Cape-May</i> ,	to Hugh Hathorne,

} Esquires.

‘ And that the Printer be also directed to print six hundred Copies of the Laws over and above the usual Number, to be distributed in the same Manner and to the same Persons, and by them to be sold to the Inhabitants at the same Price the Printer Charges for them; and that Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Fenimore*, be empowered to agree with the Printer for the Expence of the Printing and distributing the same :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Cripps* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in this Resolution.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained :

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

A Message bearing Date the 6th Instant, was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Cook*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **L** A R G E Sums of Money being due to the Militia of *New-Jersey*, who now are, and for some Time past have been in the continental Service, from the United States of America ;

Resolved,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Delegates of this State, in the Honourable the Congress, be desired to obtain from Congress the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars* for discharging the same, and that the said Delegates pay the Money by them to be received, in Manner following, *viz.*

‘ To *Joseph Lewis*, the Sum of 17,500 Dollars for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Suffex, Morris and Bergen*: To *Isaac Halsey*, 17,500 Dollars for paying the Militia of *Essex and Middlesex*: To *Jesse Hart*, 17,500 Dollars for paying the Militia of *Somerset and Hunterdon*: To *William Hough*, 17,500 Dollars for paying the Militia of *Monmouth and Burlington*: To *Thomas Carpenter*, 16,000 Dollars for paying the Militia of *Gloucester and Salem*: To *James Ewing*, 14,000 Dollars for paying the Militia of *Cumberland and Cape-May*: And to the Treasurer of this State the remaining 20,000 Dollars. Whose respective Receipts for the said Sums so by them respectively to be received, shall be to the said Delegates a full Discharge for the same: And in case any Deficiency shall happen in any of the Sums so allotted for the Payment of the said Militia in the Hands of either of the Persons appointed to pay the same, such Person is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this State for the Sums so deficient, provided such Draught does not exceed the said 20,000 Dollars paid into the Treasury as aforesaid, and that the Receipt of such Person be to the said Treasurer a full Discharge for the same; and that one per Cent be allowed the Persons above appointed for paying the said Militia.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr *Camp* and Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **W** H E R E A S the Honourable the Congress of the United States, did, on the 22d Day of *November* last, resolve as followeth:

‘ That it be recommended to the Legislatures, or in their Recess to the Executive Powers of the respective States of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware*, respectively to appoint Commissioners to convene at *New-Haven* in *Connecticut*, on the 15th Day of *January* next, in order to regulate the Price of Labour, Manufactures, internal Produce, and Commodities imported from foreign Parts, Military Stores excepted, and also to regulate the Charges of Innholders; and that on the Report of the Commissioners, each of the respective Legislatures enact suitable Laws for enforcing the Observance of such of the Regulations as they shall ratify.

‘ *Resolved therefore,*

‘ That the Honourable *John Cleves Symmes, Esq. Moore Furman and John Neilson, Esqrs.* or any two of them, be, and hereby are appointed and empowered to attend at *New-Haven* in *Connecticut*, on the 15th Day of *January* next, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Resolution; and that they report their Proceedings to the Legislature at their next Sitting: And in case the Persons herein appointed, or any two of them, shall decline performing the said Service, or by any Means be disabled from attending, the President and Council of Safety of this State are hereby empowered to appoint others in the Place of them so declining or disabled. And the said Commissioners shall be intitled to receive *Four Dollars and One Half of a Dollar* for every Day they shall be employed in discharging the Duties of their Appointment.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue several Courts of Justice in this State, and to confirm the Proceedings of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Hunterdon*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the three Orders of the House of this Morning.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Treasurer to pay out a certain Sum of Money in his Hands for the Purpose of exchanging ragged and torn Bills, to other Purposes*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt a Number of Men from actual Service in the Militia, to be employed in manufacturing of Salt and Iron within the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

Yeas.

Mr. Vice-President,

Mr. *Morris*,

Mr. *Condict*,

Mr. *Elmer*,

Mr. *Crane*,

Mr. *Linn*,

Mr. *Imlay*.

Nay.

Mr. *Cooper*.

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr. *Linn* reported, that he had obeyed the four foregoing Orders of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday,

Friday, December 12, 1777.

The House met.
Present as before.

Ordered,

That a Copy of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to divorce Ebenezer Stiles, of the County of Morris, from his Wife*, be delivered to *Abigail* the Wife of the said *Ebenezer Stiles*, and that she have Notice within twenty Days from this Time, that she may, if she thinks proper, appear before this House, by herself, or her Counsel, on the 16th Day of *February* next, to shew Cause, if any she hath, why the said Bill should not pass into a Law.

Ordered also,

That a Copy of the foregoing Order be delivered to the said *Ebenezer Stiles*, on or before the first Day of *January* next.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia, and the Supplemental Act thereto*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Speaker of the House of Assembly informed the Vice-President in Council, that the House of Assembly were adjourned to the second *Wednesday* in *February* next, then to meet at *Trenton*.

The House adjourned till the second *Wednesday* in *February* next, then to meet at *Trenton*.

TRENTON, February 11, 1778.

THE Weather and the Roads being too bad for travelling, a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business did not meet this Day pursuant to the Adjournment on the 12th of *December* last; Therefore
Adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, February 12, 1778.

There not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business,
Adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, February 13, 1778.

PRESENT,

Mr. KEASEY,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. IMLAY.

Adjourned till To-morrow.

Saturday, February 14, 1778.

The House met.

PRESENT,

PRESENT,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. COOPER,
Mr. KEASBY.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Monday, February 16, 1778.

The House met.
PRESENT,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. IMLAY, Mr. CRANE,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. KEASBY, Mr. CONDUCT.

Jesse Hand, Esq. having produced a Certificate that he was duly elected a Member of the Council, for the County of *Cape-May*, and having taken the Oaths required by Law, took his Seat in Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, *Ebenezer Stiles* appeared, in Support of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to divorce Ebenezer Stiles of the County of Morris from his Wife*, and *Caleb Howell*, a Witness on the Part of the said *Ebenezer*, being called in and examined on Oath, it appeared to the House that a Copy of the said Bill, together with a Copy of the Order of this House of the 12th of *December* last, had been served on *Abigail* the Wife of the said *Ebenezer Stiles* on the 29th of *December* last, and the said *Caleb Howell*, was farther examined as a Witness touching the Facts set forth in the Petition of the said *Ebenezer Stiles*.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, February 17, 1778.

The House met.
PRESENT,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. COOPER,
Mr. IMLAY, Mr. HAND,
Mr. MORRIS, Mr. KEASBY.
Mr. CRANE,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, in the Words following, viz.

‘ WHEREAS there is an immediate Necessity for impressing a Number of Waggon and Teams, for the Use of the Army, and the Act for the Purpose of impressing is not competent to procure them with the Dispatch that the present Exigency requires, and the least Delay may be attended with the most fatal Consequences: Therefore

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the President and Council of Safety be authorized for the Term of three Weeks from the Date hereof, to impress such and so many Waggon, or other Carriages, Teams and Drivers, for the publick Service, as they shall think expedient and necessary, to remain in Service for a Term not exceeding fifteen Days at any one Time; and that the Legislature will take Care that the Wages of the Carriages, Teams and Drivers, be paid with all possible Dispatch after the Services are performed.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Van Cleave* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration, and being of Opinion that the present Exigency requires an extraordinary Exertion,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Joseph Holmes, Esq. having produced a Certificate that he was duly elected a Member of the Council for the County of *Monmouth*, and having taken the Oaths required by Law, took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, February 18, 1778.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HAND.	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. KEASBY.
Mr. MORRIS,	

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to divorce Ebenezer Stiles, of the County of Morris, from his Wife*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Morris*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for constituting a Council of Safety.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, February 19, 1778.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. CRANE.
Mr. COOPER,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House withdrew to attend in a Joint-Meeting with the House of Assembly. After some time the House returned, and the Vice-President reported, that the Council and Assembly had met at the House of Mrs. *Stelle*.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, February 20, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, in the Words following, viz.

Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Sebring*. Mr. *Buck*,
‘ Mr. *Fleming*, Mr. *Holme*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fenimore*, and such other
‘ Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of

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‘ the Council, in a free Conference on those Parts of His Excellency’s Message
 ‘ of the 16th Instant, relative to the Completion of the *New-Jersey* Regiments
 ‘ in the Continental Service, to their full Establishment, and levying two State
 ‘ Regiments for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Purposes mentioned in
 ‘ the said Message; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Confer-
 ‘ ence; and that Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Van Cleve* do wait on the Council, and
 ‘ request them to appoint a Committee for this Purpose, with the Time and
 ‘ Place of Meeting.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Elmer* and Mr. *Morris*, and such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join with the Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on those Parts of His Excellency’s Message of the 16th Instant, relative to the Completion of the *New-Jersey* Regiments in the Continental Service, to their full Establishment, and the levying of two State Regiments for the Defence of the Frontiers, and other Purposes mentioned in the said Message; that the Vice-President be requested to assist in the said Conference; and that the same be held at the House of Mrs. *Stille*, at Three o’Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasby* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, February 21, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to divorce Ebenezer Stiles, of the County of Morris, from his Wife*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Imlay</i> ,	Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> .
Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> .	
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on those Parts of His Excellency’s Message of the 16th Instant, relative to the Completion of the *New-Jersey* Regiments, &c. reported, that the said Committees had met in Conference according to Order, and come to sundry Resolutions, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Crane* read the said Resolutions in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table. And the same being again read, were agreed to by the House, and are as follows, *viz.*

1. It appears to the Conferees, that, however desirable or pressing the Object may be, the Completion of the *New-Jersey* Regiments by any further or other Means than those already adopted, and now prosecuting for that Purpose, seems inadvisable in the present Crisis, till Application be first made to Congress.

2. It is the Opinion of the Conferees, that in order to guard and defend the Frontiers, the raising and embodying of two Regiments of Militia; to continue in Service for a Year, unless sooner discharged, is more eligible than the present Mode of maintaining such Guards and Defences by monthly Reliefs; but that it is not expedient at this Time.

3. The Conferees recommend, that a Representation be drawn up and presented to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, setting forth the embarrassed and exposed Condition of the State; the Reduction it has suffered both in Numbers and Wealth, by the Operations and Contingencies of the War; the great and exhausting Exertions it has made, and is still making in Support of the Freedom and Independence of the Union, and requesting that Congress will, in Consideration of the very peculiar and singular Situation in which it stands, relax their Requisition for the Completion of the *New-Jersey* Regiments in the present Conjunction.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock *Monday Morning*.

Monday, February 23, 1778.

The House met.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. INLAY,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. MORRIS.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Stilwell*, in the Words following, *viz.*

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Houfson* and Mr. *Manning* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to prepare the Draught of a Representation to be presented to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, pursuant to the Report of the Committee of both Houses, on certain Parts of His Excellency's Message of the 16th Instant, and make Report to the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Stilwell* do wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Cooper*, or either of them, be a Committee to join with a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare a Draught of a Representation, to be presented to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, pursuant to the Report of the Committee of both Houses, on certain Parts of His Excellency's Message of the 16th Instant, and make Report to the House; and that the said Committees meet for that Purpose in the Council-Chamber at Six o'Clock this Evening.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, February 24, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Vandike*, in the Words following, viz.

Resolved,

‘ **T**HAT the Cloathing provided for the *New-Jersey* Regiments in the Continental Service now in the Hands of *Alexander Chambers*, Receiver-General of the said Cloathing, be by him immediately sent to Head Quarters and delivered to Brigadier *Maxwell*, or the Commanding Officer of the *Jersey* Brigade.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Vandike* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Elmer*, Mr. *Inlay* and Mr. *Hand*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Prices of Labour, of internal Produce, Manufactures, Merchandize, &c. pursuant to the Recommendation of Congress and the Report of the Convention of Commissioners lately held at *New-Haven* in *Connecticut*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn*, Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Keasby*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the Recommendations of Congress, of the 6th of *October* last, respecting Prisoners of War; and the malicious Destruction of Magazines of Provisions, and Military and Naval Stores.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, February 25, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Rogers*, in the Words following, viz.

‘ **W**H E R E A S the Resolution of the 15th of *November* last, concurred in by Council, respecting the Supply of such Inhabitants of this State, not taken in Arms, as are now Prisoners with the Enemy, has not been found fully adequate to the Purposes intended by it :

Resolved,

‘ That *Elias Boudinot*, Esq. Commissary-General of Prisoners of War for the United States, or the Commissary-General of Prisoners for the Time being, be requested to concert with his Agents the Means of procuring Returns of the Names and Numbers of the captivated Inhabitants of this State, not taken in Arms, which now are or hereafter may be Prisoners with the Enemy :
‘ That he be authorized and empowered to provide for such captivated Inhabitants in the same Manner in which he provides for the Prisoners of War taken in Arms ; and that he lay the Accounts and Vouchers of the Expence incurred by such Provision before the Legislature, from Time to Time, for Payment.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Rogers* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

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The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

On Motion made,

Ordered,

That the Secretary be desired to write to the Delegates of this State in Congress, requesting them, or any of them, to transmit to him, for the Use of the Council, all such Resolutions and Recommendations of Congress from Time to Time, as shall in any Manner respect the State of *New-Jersey*.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, February 26, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Leydecker*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **T**HE Committees appointed by the late Assembly, to join Committees of the Council, to settle the Accounts of the Expenditure of the first and second Draughts from Congress, of *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* each, for Payment of the Militia of this State, not having made Report,

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Sebenck*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the said Accounts, and also the Accounts of Money drawn by the Pay-Masters of the Militia from the Treasury, for paying the Bounties and other Purposes, and make Report to the House.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Leydecker* wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for the Purposes aforesaid.’

The Council having taken the said Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* and Mr. *Condict*, or either of them, be a Committee to join with the Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the Expenditure of the first and second Draughts from Congress of *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* each, for Payment of the Militia of this State; and also the Accounts of Money drawn by the Pay-Masters of the Militia from the Treasury for paying the Bounties and other Purposes, and make Report to the House; and that the said Committees meet for the Purposes aforesaid, at the Council-Chamber at Three o'Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, February 27, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Account of *Dr. John Witherspoon*, one of the Delegates of this State in Congress, having been approved and allowed by the House of Assembly, was laid before this House for Allowance, and is as follows :

To Attendance due before <i>October</i> 1st, 1777, ———	£. 21 0 0
To Ditto <i>October</i> 1st to <i>November</i> 4th, 1777, Thirty-five } Days ; Fourteen Days at 20s. and Twenty-one Days at 35s. }	50 15 0
To Ditto <i>December</i> 11th, 1777, to <i>February</i> 24th, 1778, } Seventy-six Days, }	133 0 0
	£. 204 15 0

Which Account having been examined and approved of, is allowed by the House.

Ordered,

That the President endorse the said Allowance on the said Account.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, February 28, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. MORRIS.

On Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* have Leave to bring in a Bill for confirming the Charter of the Borough of *Elizabeth* :

Whereupon Mr. *Crane* brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing and confirming the Charter of Incorporation of the free Borough and Town of Elizabeth*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from *Trevor Newland*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented and read, setting forth, that on or about the first Day of *February* Instant, a certain Captain *Combs*, with a Party of about 24 Continental Troops, came to the House of the Memorialist, and informed him, he had Orders from Mr. *David Forman* (whom the Memorialist is informed is not an Officer either Civil or Military) to quarter the said Troops on the Memorialist for the present, and to build Barracks on his Plantation for their Accommodation ; that the Troops were accordingly quartered in the House and in the Neighbourhood of the Memorialist, where they yet continue, to the great Grievance and Disturbance of the Memorialist and his Family, and are collecting Materials for building Barracks on his Plantation, destroying his Fences and Forage, breaking his Enclosures, destroying his Corn-Fields, and committing many other Trespasses and Enormities to the great Damage of the Memorialist ; and suggesting that a Body of Troops being put under the Command of a private Person, not holding any Office Civil or Military, especially when applied to the carrying into Execution the private Purposes of such Person, becomes unduly terrible to the Inhabitants of the Country, and may be attended with Consequences very injurious to the Publick,

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and oppressive to Individuals, and is a Grievance which the Memorialist is advised cannot be fully remedied by the Courts of Law.

The Memorialist therefore prays the Interposition of this Honourable Board ; and that a Day may be assigned him to produce Evidence of the Facts therein alledged in such Manner as shall be thought meet.

The Council having taken the said Memorial into Consideration,

Ordered,

That the Parties be heard on the Subject of the said Memorial, by themselves or their Council, on *Wednesday* the 11th of *March* next, at Ten o'Clock, *A. M.* in the Council-Chamber, and have Leave to produce Witnesses and such other Evidence as may be pertinent to the Business ; and that the Memorialist deliver a Copy of this Order to the said Captain *Combs*, on or before the fifth Day of *March* next, in order that he or any Person concerned, may appear and exhibit such Proof as aforesaid, if to him or them it shall seem expedient.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* have Leave of Absence till *Wednesday* next.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* have Leave of Absence till *Tuesday* next.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Monday, March 2, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. COOPER.
Mr. LINN,	

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, March 3, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, March 4, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. IMLAY.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, March 5, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HOOPS,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. MORRIS.
Mr. LINN,	

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed on the 24th of *February* last, to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Prices of Labour, &c. according to Order brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Fenimore*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Stikwill*, in the Words following, viz.

‘ UPON Application of *John Tonkin*, one of the Commissioners in the County of *Burlington*, appointed for purchasing Cloathing, for the *New-Jersey* Regiments, in the Continental Service;

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the Treasurer pay to the said *John Tonkin*, the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, to be applied for the purchasing of Cloathing, and that his Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer for Payment of the same.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Stikwill* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, March 6, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HOOPS,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. MORRIS.
Mr. LINN,	

The Council took into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, contained in their Message of Yesterday, respecting the Payment of *Eight Hundred Pounds* to Mr. *John Tonkin*, one of the Commissioners in the County of *Burlington*, for purchasing Cloathing for the *New-Jersey* Regiments in the Continental Service;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the said Resolution.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* have Leave of Absence till *Tuesday* next.

Mr.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed on the 18th Day of *February* last, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for constituting a Council of Safety, according to Order brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, March 7, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Morris* had Leave of Absence to attend a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, in *Cumberland County*.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next.

Monday, March 9, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOOPS.
Mr. IMLAY,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, March 10, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the second Time; and, after some Amendments made therein, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, March 11, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, on the Memorial of *Trevor Newland*, complaining, amongst other Things, that Capt. *Combs*, with a Party of Continental Troops, had been quartered in the House and in the Neighbourhood of the Memorialist, by Order of Mr. *David Forman*, (whom he suggests to be not in any Office Civil or Military) to the great Grievance of the Memorialist, and his Family, &c. the Memorialist, and the said Captain *Combs*, and Mr. *David Forman* were called in:

Ordered,

That, on the Hearing of this Complaint, the Parties confine their Evidence

and Arguments merely to the Introduction, and the Use that has been made of the said Troops in this State, without any Regard whatever to the Title or Possession of Lands;

The Council having heard the Proofs and Allegations of the Parties;

Resolved,

That it does not appear to the Council, but that the Troops were stationed at the House and in the Neighbourhood of *Trevor Newland*, in the County of *Monmouth*, by proper Authority.

That it does not appear to the Council, that the Troops so stationed have been of any Use to the Publick; but that they have been employed in collecting Materials, and erecting Buildings to promote the private Interest of Individuals.

That the keeping a Body of Troops in any Part of the Country, for aiding the Purposes of private Interest, is an unnecessary Expence to the Publick, and oppressive to the Inhabitants in the Neighbourhood of the Place where they are stationed.

That it does not appear to the Council, that any Salt has yet been made at the Works now erecting by *David Forman* and Company, near the House of the said *Trevor Newland*; nor is it probable from present Appearances, that they will, at least for some Months to come, furnish a Quantity equal to the Production of divers other Works in this State, which are therefore better entitled to the Protection of the Publick.

That as there is a Dispute subsisting between *David Forman* and Company, Proprietors of the Salt-Works now erecting, and the aforesaid *Trevor Newland*, respecting the Land occupied for the Use of the said Works, there seems to be the greater Impropriety in putting a Body of Troops under the Direction of the said *David Forman*, at the said Works.

Ordered,

That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions, to His Excellency General *Washington*; and that the Parties may have Copies of the same on Application.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, March 12, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. CONDUCT.

A Petition was presented from *Isaac Collins*, setting forth, that Paper for the important Purposes of Schools, for printing the Laws and Votes, the *New-Jersey Gazette*, and other publick Business, is become very scarce, dear and difficult to be had; and that there is Reason to fear, without some publick Encouragement is given for manufacturing it, in a short Time a sufficient Quantity cannot be procured at any Rate—That the Paper-Maker at *Spotswood* has not supplied the Petitioner agreeable to his Expectation, and for what little he is capable of furnishing, he charges extravagant Prices—That *Stacy Potts* is desirous, and has absolutely agreed to complete his Paper-Mill with all possible Expedition, and to use his utmost Endeavours for carrying on the Business of Paper-making, as extensively as may be, provided the Legislature will pass an Act to exempt him and a Number of Hands, not exceeding Five, from actual Service in the Militia, agreeable to his Memorial, preferred at the last Sitting of General Assembly; and praying that a Law may be passed in Behalf of the said *Stacy Potts*, for the valuable Purposes aforesaid.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday,

Friday, March 13, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of Congress, of the 15th of *January* last, and the Letter from the Board of War, accompanying the said Resolution, recommending it to the Government of this State, to cause the *Andover* Iron-Works, in the County of *Suffex*, to be put in Blast, for the Purpose of procuring Iron to be made into Steel, it being represented that the Iron made at the said Works is the most proper of any in *America* for that Purpose: And having also taken into Consideration the Application of Colonel *Benjamin Flower*, Commissary-General of Military Stores, agreeably to the said Resolution, who, at the same Time, recommended Col. *John Patten*, as a proper Person to carry on the said Works; and considering that it is not yet ascertained that the Estate in the said *Andover* Iron-Works is confiscatable to the Use of the Publick, or whether the Owners thereof have committed any Act of Forfeiture; and at the same Time, being desirous that the publick Service may be promoted by the Use of the said Works:

Resolved,

That it be recommended to Col. *Patten*, to agree with the present Owners of the said Works to take the same, to wit, the Furnace and Forges, on Lease; hereby assuring him, that in case the said Estate shall be legally adjudged to be forfeited, or otherwise become under the particular Direction of this Government, such Agreement shall be confirmed to the said Col. *Patten*, or to such Person or Persons as the Legislature shall approve, for any Term not exceeding three Years, from the Date hereof: But if the said Owners shall refuse to let the said Works for the Use of the Publick, the Legislature will then take the necessary Steps, for putting them in Possession of a proper Person, in order to have them carried on for the Purpose above-mentioned.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hoops* wait on the House of Assembly with the foregoing Resolution, and desire their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Stikwill*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘THE House of Assembly having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of this Day, respecting the *Andover* Iron-Works in the County of *Suffex*:

‘*Resolved,*

‘That this House do concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.

‘*Ordered,*

‘That Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Stikwill* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, March 14, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock, *Monday* Morning.

Monday, March 16, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of this State from going into the Enemy's Lines without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Buck and Mr. Manning, in the Words following, viz.

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Fenimore, Mr. Cook and Mr. Brookfield, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Minutes of the Council of Safety, so far as relates to the Expenditure of the Money drawn from the Treasury, and make Report to the House.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Buck and Mr. Manning do wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Buck and Mr. Manning, in the Words following, viz.

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Moti, Mr. Camp and Mr. Tallman, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to collect and state all such Accounts of Money, Provisions and other Necessaries, which have been supplied in this State, to Prisoners taken by the United States, since the Commencement of the War, as have not been already transmitted to Congress.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Buck and Mr. Manning do wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, March 17, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict and Mr. Imlay, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to collect and state all such Accounts of Money, Provisions and other Necessaries, which have been supplied in this State, to Prisoners taken by the United States, since the Commencement of the War, as have not been already transmitted to Congress, and make Report to the House; and that the said Committees meet at the House of Samuel Tucker, Esq. at Eleven o'Clock this Morning.

Ordered,

That Mr. Linn acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand and Mr. Holmes, or either of them, be a Committee to join with the Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Minutes of the Council of Safety, so far as relates to the Expenditure of the Money drawn from the Treasury, and make Report to the House; and that the said Committees meet at the House of Rensselaer Williams, Esq. at One o'Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. Elmer acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Charles Pettit, Esq. Clerk of the Council, having, with Leave of the House, resigned

resigned the said Office, *Bowes Reed*, Esq. was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council, in the Room of the said *Charles Pettit*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hoops* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass?

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoops</i> ,
Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Linn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,
Mr. <i>Elmer</i> .	Mr. <i>Imlay</i> .

By which it appears, that there were not Seven of the Members present, assenting to the said Bill, and therefore the same did not pass into a Law.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of this State from going into the Enemy's Lines without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading:

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, March 18, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment:

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. <i>CRANE</i> ,	Mr. <i>COOPER</i> ,
Mr. <i>CONDICT</i> ,	Mr. <i>HOOPS</i> ,
Mr. <i>KEASBY</i> ,	Mr. <i>HOLMES</i> ,
Mr. <i>LINN</i> ,	Mr. <i>HAND</i> ,
Mr. <i>ELMER</i> ,	Mr. <i>IMLAY</i> .

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for taking Charge of, and Leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates, of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, being brought up the last Sitting, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Linn*.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of this State from going into the Enemy's Lines without Permissions or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

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Ordered,

Ordered,
That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Camp*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **W**HEREAS it appears by the Petition of some of the Officers of the Second Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, that at a Time when the Whole of the Militia of that County were ordered into Service, many of the Privates having neglected to turn out, a Number of supernumerary Officers appeared at the Rendezvous, and were ordered by the Colonel of the Regiment to march; that they applied to General *Newcomb* for a Dismission, which was refused; that on Application made by them to the Pay-Master, he refused them Pay; and it appearing to the House that the said Officers have served the State faithfully, and that it is reasonable that Pay should be allowed them;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That it be recommended to the Pay-Masters, to pay the said Officers, and any others who have heretofore served in the Militia, under the like Circumstances, and that the same be allowed in the Pay-Masters Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Camp* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, was read the third Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, March 19, 1778.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Council having taken the Message brought up Yesterday, by Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Camp*, relative to the Pay of the Militia Officers of the Second Battalion of *Cumberland* County, into Consideration; after some Time spent therein, on the Question, Whether the House concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message? It passed in the Negative.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Woodhull* and Mr. *Vandike*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **I**T being of the most pressing Necessity, that a Bill, for levying a Tax, be speedily passed; and this House having some Time since sent a Bill for that Purpose to the Council for their Concurrence;

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Woodhull* and Mr. *Vandike* do wait on the Council, and desire to know, whether the said Bill be rejected, or is likely to be passed by the Council?’

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them in Answer to the foregoing Message, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to levy a Tax for defraying the necessary Expences of this State*, is rejected by this House.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday,

Friday, March 20, 1778.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, having been compared, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

Yeas	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> .
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoops</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Keafby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Linn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Inlay</i> .	
Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Outwater*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army*, with several Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The Amendments being severally read, were agreed to, and the Bill, with the Amendments, ordered to be re-engrossed.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Wescott*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘THE Navy-Board of the State of *Pennsylvania*, having applied to His Excellency the Governor, to give Orders for procuring a Number of Carriages and Teams, to be used in removing the Guns and Stores belonging to some of the Gallies, under the Care of the said Board, to a Place of Safety; which Application His Excellency has been pleased to lay before the House; and also to request that they will interpose and direct such Measures to be taken, as the Exigency of the Case may require;

‘*Resolved,*

‘That the President and Council of Safety, be empowered for the Space of twenty Days, to give Orders for impressing such and so many Carriages, Teams and Drivers, as may be necessary for the Purpose, to be continued in Service for a Term not exceeding six Days at any one Time; provided that the said Navy-Board engage to pay the Owners of the Carriages and Teams so impressed, like Wages as they are allowed when in the Service of the Continent.

‘*Ordered,*

‘That Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Wescott* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, March 21, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House having taken the Message brought up Yesterday, by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Wescott*, into Consideration;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keafby* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Council

Council concur in the Resolution contained in their Message of Yesterday, by Mr. Schenck and Mr. Westcott, relative to the impressing of Carriages and Teams, for removing the Guns and Stores belonging to some of the Gallies, to a Place of Safety.

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

Mr. Cook and Mr. McMurtrie, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise a Fund by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Linn, from the Committee appointed on the 24th of February last, to prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Recommendation of Congress, of the 6th of October last, respecting Prisoners of War, and the malicious Destruction of Magazines of Provisions, and Military and Naval-Stores, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for detaining the Subjects of the King of Great-Britain, taken at Sea as Prisoners of War, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise a Fund by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, March 23, 1778.

The House met according to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. HAND.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, March 24, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. IMLAY.
Mr. MORRIS,	

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for detaining the Subjects of the King of Great-Britain, taken at Sea as Prisoners of War, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army*, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, having been read and compared,

compared, on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, March 25, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Hathorn*, from the House of Assembly, brought up to this House, the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and Furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army*, passed by the House of Assembly.

A Message from the House of Assembly was received by Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Brookfield*, in the Words following, *viz.*

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Tallman*, Mr. *Housson*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, and such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, on the Subject-matter of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, between the several States, and that the Speaker be requested to assist in the said Conference.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Rogers* and Mr. *Brookfield* do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Outwater*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ UPON Application of *David Olden*, *Joseph Potts* and *Jared Sexton*, Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing for the *New-Jersey* Regiments, in the Continental Service;

Resolved,

‘ That the Treasurer pay to the said *David Olden*, the Sum of *Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds*: To the said *Joseph Potts*, the Sum of *Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds*: And, to the said *Jared Sexton*, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*; to be applied for the Purchase of Cloathing, and that their Receipts respectively, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer for Payment of the same.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Outwater* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Condict*, and such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Subject-matter of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, between the several States, and that the Vice-President be requested to assist in the said Conference; and that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Stelle*, To-morrow Morning, at Ten o'Clock.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

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That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Council concur in the Resolution contained in their Message by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Outwater*, relative to the Payment of several Sums of Money to the Commissioners, for purchasing Cloathing for the *New-Jersey* Regiments.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise a Fund by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Linn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> .
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Imlay</i> .	
Mr. <i>Hoops</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, March 26, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise a Fund by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by the Council.

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

Mr. *Linn* has Leave of Absence until next Monday.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, March 27, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. <i>CRANE</i> ,	Mr. <i>KEASBY</i> ,
Mr. <i>MORRIS</i> ,	Mr. <i>ELMER</i> ,
Mr. <i>CONDUCT</i> ,	Mr. <i>IMLAY</i> ,
Mr. <i>HOOPS</i> ,	Mr. <i>COOPER</i> ,
Mr. <i>HAND</i> ,	Mr. <i>HOLMES</i> .

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Stilwell*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the second and third Sections of an Act, intituled, An Act for compleating the four Battalions of this State, in the Continental Service, &c.* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for erecting Salt-Works, and manufacturing Salt within the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt four Men to be employed at the Powder-Mill, belonging*

belonging to Jonas Philips and Joseph Linnley, in the County of Morris, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Sebring and Mr. Outwater, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ THE Honourable John Cleves Symms, Esq. one of the Commissioners appointed by this State, to attend at *New-Haven*, to join the Commissioners from several other States, to settle the Prices of sundry Articles of Produce, &c. having laid before the House his Account for Thirty-one Days Wages, Fifty Pounds Six Shillings and Three-pence; and also an Account of Six Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven-pence, for Copies of the Report and Proceedings, &c. amounting in the Whole to Fifty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Two-pence;

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the Treasurer pay the same, and that the Receipt of the said John Cleves Symms, Esq. be a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer for such Payment.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Sebring and Mr. Outwater do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

Ordered,

That Mr. Hoops wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Council concur in the Resolutions contained in their Message of this Day, by Mr. Sebring and Mr. Outwater, relative to the Payment of Money to the Honourable John Cleves Symms, Esq. one of the Commissioners of this State, for attending at *New-Haven*, in order to settle the Prices of sundry Articles of Produce, &c.

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

A Message from the House of Assembly was received by Mr. Houston and Mr. Hathorn, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ Resolved,

‘ THAT His Excellency the Governor be requested to call into Service, as a Guard for the Security of his Person, six of the Horse and six of the Foot Militia of this State, at such Times and such Places as he may think necessary.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Houston and Mr. Hathorn do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

Mr. Crane has Leave of Absence till *Wednesday* next.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses: After some Time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, March 28, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. HOOPS,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. KEASBY,	

On the Question, Whether His Excellency the Governor be furnished with a Guard for the Security of his Person? It passed as follows:

Yeas.

Nays.

Mr. Conduct,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hoops,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Keasby,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Elmer,	Mr. Holmes.
Mr. Imlay.	

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Council concur in the Resolution contained in their Message of Yesterday, by Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Hathorn*, relative to the furnishing His Excellency the Governor with a Guard for the Security of his Person.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the second and third Sections of an Act, intituled, An Act for compleating the four Battalions of this State, in the Continental Service, as far as they relate to the hiring of Substitutes*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for erecting Salt-Works, and manufacturing Salt, within the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the second and third Sections of an Act, intituled, An Act for compleating the four Battalions of this State, in the Continental Service, as far as they relate to the hiring of Substitutes*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for erecting Salt-Works, and manufacturing Salt within the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* do wait on the House of Assembly and inform them, that the above two Bills have passed the Council.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading; on the Question, Whether the third Section in the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, be amended? It passed as follows:

Who were for the following Amend-	Yeas.	Nays.
ment: That all Male Inhabitants residing	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,
in this State, above the Age of sixteen	Mr. <i>Hoops</i> ,	Mr. <i>Imlay</i> ,
Years, should be liable to be born in	Mr. <i>Hand</i> .	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
the Classes.		Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Elmer</i> .

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following, viz.

‘ **W**HEREAS it is necessary to purchase, with all convenient Dispatch, a Number of Horses, Saddles and Bridles, for the Purpose of mounting the Cavalry, in the Service of the United States, and a Committee of the Honourable the Congress, properly authorized for that Effect, have applied by Letter of the 28th of February last, to have fit able Persons appointed in this State, to assist in making such Purchase;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Persons herein named for the respective Counties, be appointed to purchase the Number of Horses assigned to each, with a like Number of Saddles and Bridles, under the Conditions and Regulations mentioned in the said Letter; and that they respectively apply, on or at any Time after the first Day

‘ of

‘ of May next, to the President and Council of Safety, for Money or Loan-
 ‘ Office Certificates, at their Option, in order to Discharge the said Purchases ;

‘ For the County of Middlesex, John Mercereau, ✓	20
‘ Monmouth, Theunis Vandervoeer, ✓	25
‘ Essex, Ezekiel Ball, ✓	20
‘ Bergen, Ryer John Ryerson, ✓	10
‘ Somerset, Major Richard M ^r Donald, ✓	30
‘ Morris, John Blanchard, ✓	25
‘ Sussex, Col. Aaron Hankinson, ✓	30
‘ Hunterdon, John Hunt, (Son of Wilson,) ✓	45
‘ Burlington, Capt. Benjamin Fenimore, ✓	40
‘ Gloucester, John Inskeep, ✓	20
‘ Salem, William Garrison, ✓	20
‘ Cumberland, Ephraim Mills, Esq. ✓	10
‘ Cape-May, Henry-Young Townsend, Esq. ✓	5

‘ And it is further Resolved,

‘ That if any of the Persons above-named shall refuse to undertake the Ser-
 ‘ vice to which they are appointed, the President and Council of Safety shall
 ‘ supply the Place of any one or more so refusing, by a new Appointment or
 ‘ Appointments, as the Case may require.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Fenimore and Mr. Dunham do wait on the Council, and desire their
 ‘ Concurrence in this Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, March 30, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HAND.
Mr. CONDUCT,	

There not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business,
 the House adjourned till Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. HAND.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt four Men to be employed at the Powder-
 Mill, belonging to Jonas Philips and Joseph Lindley, in the County of Morris,* was
 read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Schenck and
 Mr. Beam, in the following Words :

‘ Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Schenck and Mr. Beam do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for*
 ‘ *regulating and limiting the Prices of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Pro-*
 ‘ *duce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and En-*
 ‘ *grossing,* with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the Council, and desire
 ‘ their Concurrence in the said Amendments.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Camp and Mr.
 Clark, in the following Words, viz.

‘ **I**T being near the Close of the Sitting, Ordered, That Mr. Camp and Mr.
 ‘ Clark do wait on the Council, and desire they will please to inform the
 ‘ House, Whether the Bill, intituled, *An Act further to extend the Powers of the*
 ‘ *Commissioners*

‘ Commissioners appointed to take and dispose of by Sale, a Part of the Estates of certain Traitors and Fugitives of the State of New-Jersey, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, sent up to the Council the tenth Day of December last, is passed, or likely to be passed by the Council ?’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, March 31, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. HOOPS.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the House of Assembly to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Fore-stalling, Regrating and Engrossing* ; and, after some Time spent therein,

Resolved,

That this House agree to the second and third Amendments made to the said Bill, and disagree to all the Rest of the said Amendments ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Council having taken the Message brought up to this House on *Saturday* last, by Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Dunham*, (relative to the purchasing a Number of Horses, &c.) into Consideration ;

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolutions contained in the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

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

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Stilwell*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings of the Courts of Common-Pleas and General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Bergen, and to alter the Place of holding the same*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt four Men to be employed at the Powder-Mill, belonging to Jonas Philips and Joseph Lindley, in the County of Morris*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly and inform them, that the said Bill is passed by this House.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Dunham* do carry to the Council, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Fore-stalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, and inform them, that this House do recede from such of the Amendments made thereto by the House, as were disagreed to by the Council.’

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. INLAY,	Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. CONDUCT,	

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments, agreed upon by the Council and Assembly, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Fore-stalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Camp and Mr. Buck, in the Words following :

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Camp and Mr. Buck do carry to the Council, the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Fore-stalling, Regrating and Engrossing*; and inform them, that the same is passed by this House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings of the Court of Common-Pleas and General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Bergen, and to alter the Place of holding the same*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses; after some Time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, April 1, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. INLAY,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. MORRIS.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings of the Courts of Common-Pleas and General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Bergen, and to alter the Place of holding of the same*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Conduct wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday,

Thursday, April 2, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER, Mr. ELMER,

Mr. KEASBY, Mr. HAND,

Mr. IMLAY, Mr. HOOPS,

Mr. HOLMES, Mr. MORRIS.

Mr. CONDUCT,

A Motion having been made by Mr. *Morris*, to the following Purport :

That His Excellency the Governor be requested to write to Congress, remonstrating to them against the Propriety of their Resolution of the 27th Day of *February* last, directing the Trial and Punishment of certain Offences, by Martial Authority, as far as such Resolution effects the Subjects of this State within the same ; and desiring that they will restrict it accordingly ; and at the same Time, to inform Congress, that it is not intended to restrict the Army or any Part of them from the Exercise of Martial Authority, in the usual necessary and proper Line : On the Question, Whether the said Motion be agreed to ? It passed in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hoops</i> ,	Mr. <i>Imlay</i> .
Mr. <i>Elmer</i> .	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER, Mr. ELMER,

Mr. KEASBY, Mr. HAND,

Mr. IMLAY, Mr. HOOPS,

Mr. HOLMES, Mr. MORRIS.

Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. *Morris* had Leave of Absence to attend the Supreme Court.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, April 3, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. KEASBY, Mr. HOLMES,

Mr. HAND, Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. ELMER, Mr. COOPER,

Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. HOOPS.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> .
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoops</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,	
The Vice-President.	

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by the Council.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Hathorn*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, with fundry Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The Amendments being severally read, were agreed to by this House, and the Bill, with the Amendments, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed on the 23d of *February* last, to join with a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare a Draught of a Representation to be presented to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, pursuant to the Report of the Committee of both Houses, on certain Parts of His Excellency's Message of the 16th of the same Month, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and that he was ready to report the said Draught when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Cooper* read the said Draught in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table ;

And the said Draught being again read, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED ;

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of NEW-JERSEY :

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT at the Time the Establishment of the Army was formed, this State had the fairest Prospect of recruiting the four Regiments assigned, as the Proportion thereof to their full Complement, before the Opening of the then next Campaign.

That this Prospect was in a very great Degree disappointed, by the Irruption of the Enemy in the Month of *November* 1776, who possessed themselves of a very large Extent of the most populous and best cultivated Parts of the State, which they held for a considerable Time, and from which they were not intirely expelled till the *June* following,

That, during such their Incursion, they greatly desolated and destroyed all the Country in their Power, captivated many of the active well-affected Inhabitants, Numbers of whom died in Confinement, under the Rigour of their sufferings, recruited many of their standing Regiments from our *British, Irish* and other foreign Settlers, and raised six new Corps from the Natives, besides carrying off occasionally before and also at the Time of evacuating the State, many Drivers and Attendants ; the unpromising Aspect of our Affairs in the Fall and Winter of the Year 1776, giving them too much Advantage in effecting their Purposes.

That the Whole, or at least a very considerable Part, of the Army of the United States having continued long in this State, and particularly during the recruiting Season, many of the Inhabitants enlisted into the established Regiments of other States, and a still greater Number into what are commonly called the *Sixteen Additional*, two of which, especially, were almost intirely levied as Substitutes or otherwise in *New-Jersey*, and others, to a considerable Amount, engaged in the Service of the Continent as Deputies or Assistants in several of the public Departments, or as Artificers, Drivers and Attendants.

That throughout a large Proportion of the State, the Quartering of the Army,

my, the holding of numerous Posts, and the marching the Troops during the Course of the last Year, have greatly endamaged the Inclosures and Habitations of the Husbandmen and others, a Disaster inseparable from the Scene of War; which Circumstances, as may easily be conceived to be the Case in a State subsisting principally by Agriculture, created a Call for an extraordinary Number of Hands.

That even where the Enemy have not penetrated, nor the Army of the United States quartered, an unusual Proportion of Labour is requisite; large Supplies for the Troops having been drawn from hence, and still larger, as we are informed, expected.

That this State, from its Situation, is reluctantly obliged to exempt no small Number of musterable Militia, for the purpose of carrying on Manufactures of various Kinds, essentially necessary to the Army and the State, as well as to some of the neighbouring States, and which cannot at present be provided by any other Means.

That the Militia are constantly obliged to keep the Field, in very considerable Numbers, to the great Neglect of their domestic Business, which has introduced the Practice of giving such high Premiums to Substitutes, that recruiting is become almost impracticable in the State, and must so continue as long as the Enemy maintain their present Posts, and our Militia constitute our Defence.

That having been called upon from Time to Time by the Honourable the Congress, to compleat our Regiments to their full Establishment, we have adopted and practised every Mode by them recommended for that End, but from the Causes above-mentioned without the desired, though not without some Success.

That the Resolution of Congress of the 26th of *February* last, to recruit the Regiments up to the compleat Numbers by Detachments from the Militia, has reduced us to extreme Difficulty, being ever desirous to pay the strictest Regard to the Recommendations pointed to us, and yet, pressed on every Side, we are unable to provide even for our own Preservation.

That the Situation of this State, exposed as it is to the Enemy, is particularly distressing, on either Hand a formidable hostile Force, three-fourths of our Boundary a Frontier, daily open to Invasions, and frequently invaded, no Regular Troops stationed for the Defence of any Part of it, and the Militia greatly diminished by long and severe Service, and by the several Means above noted, at present inadequate to the Purpose.

That under such Circumstances, we think it our Duty to represent our Case to Congress, and to assure them, that nothing is further from our Inclination than to withdraw in the least Tittle, from a Share of the publick Exertions proportioned to our Strength; but at the same Time, we are unwilling that Expectations should be formed of us, which we are not able, in the present Condition of the State, to answer.

We therefore pray,

That Congress, in Consideration of the Premises, will accept of such Reinforcement to our Regiments as can at present be made, consistent with the Safety and Protection of the Frontiers.

That they will direct such Defence to be thrown into our Aid, as will avail in some Measure to the Relief of the Militia, when we shall have an Opportunity of prosecuting the Completion of our Regiments with some Advantage for Success, as well as be allowed some Respite for Application to Agriculture, without which the State itself must be reduced to Extremity, and the Army, as far as it has any Dependence on it for Supplies, be left to suffer.

That should a Reduction of the Sixteen additional Regiments take Place, Congress will incorporate those raised in this State, into the established Regiments thereof, or in such other Way place them to the Credit of our Quota, as they in their Wisdom shall think meet.

The following Messages were received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Stikwill*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ **W**HEREAS by a Resolution of the House of the sixth Day of *December* last, concurred in by the Council, the Delegates of this State in the Honourable the Congress of the United States were desired to obtain from
 ‘ Congress,

‘ Congress, the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars*, for Payment of the Militia, to be by him paid out as follows, *to wit*, To *Joseph Lewis*, the Sum of *Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Suffex, Morris and Bergen*: To *Isaac Halsey*, *Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars*, for paying the Militia of *Essex and Middlesex*: To *Jesse Hart*, *Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars*, for paying the Militia of *Somerset and Hunterdon*: To *William Hough*, *Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars*, for paying the Militia of *Monmouth and Burlington*: To *Thomas Carpenter*, *Sixteen Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of *Gloucester and Salem*: To *James Ewing*, *Fourteen Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of *Cumberland and Cape-May*: And to the Treasurer of this State, the remaining *Twenty Thousand Dollars*, to be applied for Payment of the Militia, in case any Deficiency should happen in any of the Sums so allotted.

‘ And whereas no more than *Fifty Thousand Dollars* have been received in Consequence of the said Resolution,

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the Delegates of this State in the Honourable the Congress of the United States be desired to obtain from Congress the remaining *Seventy Thousand Dollars*, and that they pay the same when received to *James Ewing*, one of the Pay-Masters mentioned in the said Resolution, who is hereby empowered to receive it, and give a Receipt therefor; and that the said *James Ewing* pay the Sum by him received, into the Treasury, except the *Fourteen Thousand Dollars* he is entitled to retain by the above Resolution.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Stikwill* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.

‘ Whereas, by a Resolution of this House of the 5th of *November* last, concurred in by the Council, a Cross-Post was established from the Printing-Office of Mr. *Isaac Collins*, Printer to the State, to the nearest Continental Post-Office, at the publick Expence, in order thereby to assist Mr. *Collins* in publishing a Weekly News-Paper: And whereas the said Mr. *Collins* has represented that the Cross-Post aforesaid is attended with a considerable Charge, and that he can now carry on the Publication of the News-Paper without it;

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the said Cross-Post be henceforward discontinued, and that Mr. *Collins* do lay the Account of Expences in establishing and maintaining it before the Legislature, that the same may be settled and discharged.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Stikwill* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Messages into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, April 4, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. HOOPS,

Mr. HAND,

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. HOLMES,

Mr. ELMER,

Mr. COOPER,

The

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, intituled; *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill, with the Amendments, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Holmes.
Mr. Keasby,	
Mr. Hand,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Hoops,	
Mr. Imlay,	
Mr. Elmer.	

Ordered,
That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,
That Mr. Hoops do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by the Council, with their Amendments.

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

Mr. Keasby has Leave of Absence for the Remainder of this Sitting.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Manning and Mr. Peterson, in the Words following, *viz.*

Ordered,
' **T**HAT Mr. Manning and Mr. Peterson do carry the Bill, re-engrossed, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House.'

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning Ten o'Clock*, to meet at *Princeton*:

P R I N C E T O N, Monday, April 6, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. HAND, Mr. LINN,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. HOOPS.
Mr. CRANE,

The House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning:

Tuesday, April 7, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, April 8, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HAND, Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. LINN,
Mr. CRANE, Mr. HOOPS.

Mr. Conduct, from the Committee appointed on the 17th Day of *March* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to collect and state all Accounts of Money, Provisions and other Necessaries, supplied in this State, to Prisoners taken

taken by the United States, since the Commencement of the War, not before transmitted to Congress, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and collected and stated the respective Accounts, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same :

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Accounts in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table ;

And the said Accounts being again read, were approved of by the House :

Ordered,

That a Summary of the said Accounts be entered on the Journals of this House, as follows, *viz.*

To	As per Account and Vouchers enclosed, for	at	1s.	No.	£.	s.	d.
To <i>Azariah Dunham</i> , Esq.	as per Account and Vouchers enclosed, for 3163 Rations,	at	1s.	No. 1	158	3	0
<i>Somersét</i> Committee,	for Boarding 21 Prisoners as per Account in Letter,			2	96	19	7
<i>Tobias Van Norden</i> , Esq.	for Boarding Col. <i>McDonalld</i> and Servant, 2 Months, as per Account,			3	18	0	0
<i>Peter Cochran</i> ,	15 Prisoners, one Meal,			4	0	12	6
<i>Runyan and Evans</i> ,	removing Ditto from Trenton to Easton, by Order of S. H. Sullivan, D. Q. M. G.			5	12	0	0
<i>Cape-May</i> Committee,	Ditto from Cape-May to Philadelphia, by Order of the War-Office,			6	63	11	1
<i>Herman Vanderipe</i> ,	Expence of wounded Ditto,			7	3	3	4
<i>Thomas Stockton</i> ,	as per Account and Vouchers,			8	193	3	11
<i>James Willet</i> ,	Expence of removing 8 Prisoners from Cape-May to Philadelphia, and Guard for Ditto,			9	25	3	8
<i>Voorhies and Smock</i> ,	as per Receipt,			10	1	4	0
<i>Israel Rue</i> ,	Ditto,			11	0	15	0
Extract from Col. <i>John Neilson's</i> Account,				12	15	7	6
<i>William Bunton</i> ,	removing Capt. <i>Kescott</i> , per Receipt,			13	3	10	0
Col. <i>Bowes Reed</i> ,	removing Prisoners from Burlington to York-Town, as per Receipt,			14	201	0	0
<i>William Young</i> ,	removing Prisoners to Morris-Town,			15	1	16	0
<i>Timothy Shaler</i> ,	Support of Prisoners, as allowed by Assembly, as per Incidental Bill,			-	14	11	7
<i>Samuel French</i> for Coffins,	as per Ditto,			-	1	10	0
Capt. <i>Jacob Arnold</i> and Guard of 10 Horse,	removing 12 Prisoners from Morris-Town to Philadelphia, by Order of General <i>Washington</i> ,			18	40	9	0

Resolved,

That the Committee of the Council on the above Accounts, in Conjunction with the Committee of the House of Assembly on the same, transmit a Copy of the said Accounts with the Vouchers, to the Commissioners of Claims, at the Board of Treasury by Express ; and at the same Time acquaint them, that they are apprehensive this Account is but a partial one from the short Notice given to the Inhabitants of this State.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, April 9, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. HOLMES,

Mr. HAND,

Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. CRANE,

Mr. LINN.

Mr. ELMER,

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Elmer* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for giving a Bounty on Wool, Hemp and Flax.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Hand*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for constituting an Auditor-General, to settle the publick Accounts of this State.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, April 10, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOOPS.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. CONDUCT.

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for exempting five Men to be employed at the Paper-Mill belonging to Stacy Potts at Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting a Bounty on Wool, Hemp and Flax, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon Wool, Flax and Hemp, raised and sold in the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, April 11, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. COOPER.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Manning*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Manning*, in the following Words, *viz.*

‘ **H**IS Excellency *William Livingston*, Esq. laid before the House an Account of his Expences in attending as President of the Council of Safety, from the 9th of *June*, 1777, to the 3d Day of *February*, 1778, inclusive, amounting to One Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Nine-pence ;

‘ *Resolved,*

Resolved,

‘ That the Treasurer pay the same, and that the Receipt of the said *William Livingston*, Esq. be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for such Payment ;

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Manning* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hoops* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt five Men to be employed at the Paper-Mill belonging to Stacy Potts at Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon Wool, Flax and Hemp, raised and sold in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOOPS,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. LINN.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock *Monday Morning*.

Monday, April 13, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HOOPS,	Mr. COOPER.
Mr. LINN,	

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for constituting an Auditor-General, to settle the publick Accounts of this State, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act to constitute an Auditor to adjust the publick Accounts of this State*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to exempt five Men to be employed at the Paper-Mill, belonging to Stacy Potts, of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon Wool, Flax and Hemp, raised and sold in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* carry the two foregoing Bills to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, in the following Words, *viz.*

‘ **W**HEREAS by a Resolution of both Houses, of the 20th of *September* last, *Elijah Clark* and *Richard Wescott*, Esquires, were impowered and directed to take Charge of a Number of Cannon belonging to this State, near the Port of *Little-Egg-Harbour*, for the Use of the State; and the said Cannon not being in Use, *Resolved*, That the said *Elijah Clark* and *Richard Wescott* be impowered to sell and dispose of the same, and pay the Amount of Sales into the Treasury, and that the Receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient Discharge to the said *Elijah Clark* and *Richard Wescott* therefor:

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Van Cleve* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Eight o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, April 14, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Council having taken the Message brought up to this House Yesterday by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, into Consideration, relative to Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Wescott*’s disposing of a Number of Cannon belonging to the State;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to constitute an Auditor, to adjust the publick Accounts of this State*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HOOPS,	Mr. HOLMES.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Cook*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Tallman*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the Accounts of *Alexander Chambers*, *William Tucker*, *Abraham Hunt* and *Joseph Ellis* with the State, and make Report to the House:

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Cook* do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Hoops*, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *Alexander Chambers*, *William Tucker*, *Abraham Hunt* and *Joseph Ellis* with the State; and that the said Committees meet at the House of Mr. *Bergen*, at Four o’Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Mr.

Mr. Cripps and Mr. Seely, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower and direct the Commissioners of the Loan-Offices in the respective Counties in the State of New-Jersey, to pay certain Monies by them received, into the Treasury, and also for applying certain Monies now therein*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Cripps and Mr. Seely, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Cripps and Mr. Seely do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting a Bounty upon Wool, Flax and Hemp, raised and sold in the State of New-Jersey*, to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, *An Act for taking Charge of, and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made fundry Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. Cooper read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table ;

And, the said Amendments being again read, were agreed to by the House.

Mr. Cripps and Mr. Seely, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to render the Payment of Money into the Treasury, a legal Discharge of Debts in certain Cases*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, April 15, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELMER,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. HOOPS.

Mr. Dunham and Mr. Van Cleve, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Cornelius Johnston, surviving Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Cornelius Johnston, late of Kingwood, in the County of Hunterdon, deceased, together with Joseph Johnston, Brother of the said first-named Cornelius, to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of the said Cornelius Johnston, deceased, for the Payment of Legacies*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable Cornelius Johnston, surviving Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Cornelius Johnston, late of Kingwood, in the County of Hunterdon, deceased, together with Joseph Johnston, Brother of the said first-named Cornelius, to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of the said Cornelius Johnston, deceased, for the Payment of Legacies*, was read the second Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same be ordered a third Reading? It was carried in the Negative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, April 16, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for taking Charge of, and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

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

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to render the Payment of Money into the Treasury, a legal Discharge of Debts in certain Cases*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Linn*.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Friday, April 17, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Linn*, to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, *An Act to render the Payment of Money into the Treasury, a legal Discharge of Debts in certain Cases*, reported, that he had gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Linn* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table: On the Question, Whether the said Bill with the Amendments be read the third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.

Mr. *Linn*,

Mr. *Elmer*.

Nays.

Mr. *Crane*,

Mr. *Hand*,

Mr. *Hoops*,

Nays.

Mr. *Holmes*,

Mr. *Cooper*.

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Holmes*, from the Committee appointed on the 14th of April Instant, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *Alexander Chambers*, *William Tucker*, *Abraham Hunt* and *Joseph Ellis*, with the State, reported,

reported, that the said Committee had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same ;
Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Holmes* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table ; and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and ordered to be entered on the Journals of the House as follows :

THE Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of *William Tucker, Alexander Chambers, Abraham Hunt* and *Joseph Ellis*, Commissioners appointed by the Provincial Congress, for purchasing Arms, Warlike Stores, &c, beg Leave to report, That *Messieurs Tucker and Chambers* laid before them their Accounts of Purchases and Disbursements; but as they produced few Vouchers, and said that many were taken by the Enemy, some of which they could replace by applying to the Persons who received Money and Stores from them,

Your Committee are of Opinion, that to refer the Settlement of the said Accounts to some future Time, will not only be an Advantage to the said Commissioners, but also to the State.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to constitute an Auditor to adjust the public Accounts of this State*, was read and compared ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower and direct the Commissioners of the Loan-Offices, in the respective Counties in the State of New-Jersey, to pay certain Monies by them received into the Treasury, and also for applying certain Monies now therein*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to acquaint this House, that he had received a Letter from Mr. *John Lloyd*, wherein he declines taking his Seat in the Legislative-Council of this State, as a Member for *Middlesex* County, pursuant to his Election :

Ordered,

That the President issue an Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, to cause an Election to be held in the said County, pursuant to Law.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower and direct the Commissioners of the Loan-Offices, in the respective Counties in the State of New-Jersey, to pay certain Monies by them received into the Treasury, and also for applying certain Monies now therein*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee appointed on the 26th Day of February last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the Expenditure of the first and second Draughts from Congress of *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* each, for Payment of the Militia of this State ; and also the Accounts of Money drawn by the Pay-Masters of the Militia from the Treasury for paying the Bounties, and other Purposes, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and collected and stated the respective Accounts, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same ;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Accounts in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table ;

And

DR. CALEB CAMP, Esquire, in Account for Payment—				
	Dollars.	£.	s.	d.
To Cash from Congress by the Hands of <i>Abiah Clark</i> , Esquire,	30,000	11,250	0	0
To Ditto from Congress by the Hands of <i>Jacob Drake</i> , Esquire,	25,000	9375	0	0
To Ditto from the Treasurer,	5333 ⁴⁹ / ₁₀₀	2000	0	0
	60,333 ⁴⁹ / ₁₀₀	22,625	0	0
Balance due to Mr. <i>Camp</i> ,		4993	18	10
		£. 27,618	18	10

DR. JACOB DRAKE, Esquire, in Account for Payment—				
	Dollars,	£.	s.	d.
To Cash received from Congress by the Hands of <i>Abraham Clark</i> , Esq.	10,000	3750	0	0
To Ditto received from Ditto by the Hands of the Treasurer of this State,	12,600	4725	0	0
To Ditto Ditto	3268	1225	0	0
To Ditto Ditto	25,000	9375	0	0
		50,868	£. 19,075	0 0

DR. ANDREW SINNICKSON, Esquire, in Account for the—				
	Dollars,	£.	s.	d.
To Cash received from Congress by the Hands of <i>Abraham Clark</i> , Esq.	18,000	6750	0	0
To Ditto from <i>Joseph Borden</i> , Esquire,	6000	2250	0	0
		24,000	£. 9000	0 0

Resolved,

That *Joseph Borden*, Esq. pay to *Isaac Halfey*, Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, to pay the Militia of *Essex* and *Middlesex* Counties : And also to the said *Isaac Halfey*, Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, for *Joseph Lewis*, to pay the Militia of *Morris*, *Sussex* and *Bergen* Counties ; and Twenty Thousand Dollars for the Treasurer.

Also Resolved,

That he pay to *James Ewing*, Nine Thousand Dollars, to pay the Militia of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May* Counties : And to the said *James Ewing*, Six Thousand Dollars, for *Thomas Carpenter*, to pay the Militia of *Gloucester* and *Salem* Counties, making in the Whole Seventy Thousand Dollars, being the Remainder of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars, ordered to be drawn from the Continental Treasury, by a Resolution of both Houses.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* carry the above Resolution to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

And the said Accounts being again read, were approved by the House.

Ordered,

That a Summary of the said Accounts be entered on the Journals of this House, as follows, *viz.*

of the Militia of the State of *NEW-JERSEY.*

CR.

	Dollars.	£.	s.	d.
By Cash paid sundry Times as per Payroll and Vouchers,	71,349	26,755	17	6
By Commissions at <i>One per Cent</i> ,	713 ⁴ / ₁₀₀	267	11	2
	72,062 ⁴ / ₁₀₀	27,023	8	8
By Cash paid sundry Persons as per Bountyrolls and Vouchers,	£. 589 12 4			
Commissions at <i>One per Cent</i> ,	5 17 10			
		595	10	2
		£. 27,618	18	10

of the Militia of the State of *NEW-JERSEY.*

CR.

	Dollars.	£.	s.	d.
By Cash paid sundry Persons as per Payrolls and Vouchers,	49,114 ¹ / ₁₀₀	18,417	17	10
By Commissions at <i>One per Cent</i> ,	491 ¹ / ₁₀₀	184	7	6
	49,606 ¹ / ₁₀₀	18,602	5	4
By Cash paid sundry Persons as per Bountyrolls and Vouchers,	£. 250 19 8			
Commissions at <i>One per Cent</i> ,	2 10 0			
		253	9	8
By Balance due to the Publick,		219	5	0
		£. 19,075	0	0

Payment of the Militia of the State of *NEW-JERSEY.*

CR.

	Dollars.	£.	s.	d.
By Cash paid sundry Persons as per Payrolls and Vouchers,	12,882 ⁶ / ₁₀₀	4830	17	2 ¹ / ₂
By Commissions at <i>One per Cent</i> ,	128 ⁴ / ₁₀₀	48	6	2
	13,011 ¹⁰ / ₁₀₀	4879	3	4
By Cash paid several Persons as per Bountyrolls and Vouchers,	£. 1671 7 5			
Commissions at <i>One per Cent</i> ,	16 14 3			
		1688	1	8
Balance due to the Publick,		2432	15	0
		£. 9000	0	0

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Manning and Mr. Drake in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ COLONEL John Neilson, one of the Commissioners appointed by this State, to attend at *New-Haven*, to join the Commissioners from several other States, to settle the Prices of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, &c. laid before the House his Accounts for Wages, amounting to *Fifty-two Pounds Six Shillings and Three-pence* :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Treasurer pay the same, and that the Receipt of the said John Neilson be a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer for such Payment.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. Manning and Mr. Drake do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Brookfield*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council, by Mr. *Hand*, of this Afternoon, containing a Resolution that *Joseph Borden*, Esq. pay *Seventy Thousand Dollars* to certain Persons in the Proportion therein mentioned, for Payment of the Militia, &c.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That this House do concur in the said Resolution.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Brookfield* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, April 18, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Fenimore*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills: A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Recovery of Debts due to the United States of America*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading—A Bill, intituled, *An Act further to provide for the Cloathing of the New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The following Messages were received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Fenimore*, as follow, *viz.*

‘ THE Bill, intituled, *An Act to constitute an Auditor to adjust the publick Accounts of this State*, was read the third Time and debated; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Fenimore* wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Tallman*, Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Manning*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in order to confer upon, and devise the best Means of collecting and settling the publick Accounts; and that they make Report to this House.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Fenimore* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Hand* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in order to confer upon, and devise the best Means of collecting and settling the publick Accounts; and that the said Committees meet at the House of Mr. *Bergen*, at Twelve o’Clock this Day.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to provide for the Cloathing of the New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Recovery of Debts due to the United States of America*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee appointed this Morning, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in order to confer upon, and devise the best Means of collecting and settling the publick Accounts, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same ;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table ; and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House, as follows :

YOUR Committee appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to confer upon, and concert the best Ways and Means of settling the publick Accounts of this State, having met and considered the same, beg Leave to report, that we conceive the best Method of adjusting the publick Accounts at this Time, will be a Committee of both Houses, appointed and authorized to sit during the Recess of the Legislature, and to convene before them such Persons as they may judge necessary to obtain any of the said Accounts or Information concerning the same, or to prove and ascertain any Matter or Thing that respect the Settlement of the said Accounts, and to employ a Clerk, if necessary.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses ; after some Time the House returned, and the Vice-President resumed the Chair.

Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Manning*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to provide for the Cloathing of the New-Jersey Regiments, in the Service of the United States*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without any Amendment.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Condict*, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to meet and sit during the Recess of the Legislature, in order to settle the publick Accounts of this State.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

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

Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *McMurtrie*, from the House of Assembly, brought back from the House of Assembly, the Bill, re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by this House, and passed by the House of Assembly, intituled, *An Act for taking Charge of, and leasing the Real Estates, and for forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared ;

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the third Time ;

Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without any Amendment.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Seely* and Mr. *Drake*, in the following Words, *viz.*

Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Schenck*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to meet and sit during the Recess of the Legislature, in order to settle the publick Accounts of this State.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Seely* and Mr. *Drake* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

The Speaker of the House of Assembly informed the Vice-President in Council, that the House of Assembly were adjourned to the 27th Day of *May* next, then to meet at *Princeton*.

The House adjourned till the 27th Day of *May* next, then to meet at *Princeton*.

P R I N C E T O N, May 27, 1778.

THE House met pursuant to the Adjournment on the 18th of *April* last.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. KEASBY.
Mr. COOPER,

Adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, May 28, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. CONDUCT.
Mr. KEASBY,

The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, May 29, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. CONDUCT.
Mr. KEASBY,

Jonathan Deare, Esq. having produced a Certificate that he was duly elected a Member of the Council, for the County of *Middlesex*, and having taken the Oaths required by Law, took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

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P R E S E N T,
 The VICE-PRESIDENT,
 Mr. ELMER, Mr. IMLAY,
 Mr. COOPER; Mr. CONDUCT,
 Mr. KEASBY, Mr. DEARE.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Cook*, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE Militia of this State being in Want of Ammunition, and an Invasion being daily expected; *Resolved*, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to apply to His Excellency General *Washington*, to order such Numbers of ready made Cartridges for the Use of the State, as may be requisite in the present Exigency, until a full Supply can be procured.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Fleming* and Mr. *Cook* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House:

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning:

Saturday, May 30, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
 The VICE-PRESIDENT,
 Mr. COOPER, Mr. CONDUCT;
 Mr. ELMER, Mr. CRANE,
 Mr. KEASBY, Mr. DEARE.
 Mr. IMLAY,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Imlay* and Mr. *Deare*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for prohibiting the Exportation of all Kinds of Merchandize, Manufactures and Provisions from this State, into any of the States that have not passed a Regulating Law, pursuant to the Regulation of the Convention lately held at *New-Haven*.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock *Monday* Morning:

Monday, June 1, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
 His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
 Mr. CRANE, Mr. HAND,
 Mr. COOPER; Mr. DEARE,
 Mr. ELMER, Mr. CONDUCT;
 Mr. KEASBY, Mr. LINN.
 Mr. IMLAY,

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning:

Tuesday, June 2, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

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Wednesday,

Wednesday, June 3, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT;
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. LINN.
Mr. IMLAY,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Manning and Mr. Peterson, in the Words following, viz.

‘ HIS Excellency’s Message of Yesterday, recommending to the Legislature to interpose for the Purpose of procuring the *Andover Iron-Works*, to be used in the publick Service, under the Care of Col. *Thomas Maybury*, being read the second Time, together with the Papers accompanying the same,

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Dunham*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Drake*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in Conference on the Subject of the said Message, and that they make Report to the House as soon as possible.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Peterson* do wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting, and that they also lay before the Council the said Message and Papers.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Linn* and Mr. *Deare*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in Conference on the Subject of the said Message, and that the said Committee meet at the House of Mr. *Bergen*, at Two o’Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

A Petition from *William Smith*, of *Woodbridge*, praying to be restored to the Favour and Confidence of his Countrymen, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 4, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed to meet with a Committee of the House of Assembly, in a Conference on the Subject of His Excellency’s Message to the Legislature of the first of *June*, Instant, relative to the obtaining Possession of the *Andover Iron-Works*, for the Use of the Publick, reported, that the said Committees had met in a Conference according to Order, and that he was ready to report the Proceedings of the said Committee, when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Crane* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table;

And,

And, the said Report being again read, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

WHE the Committee appointed by the Council and Assembly, to confer on the Ways and Means of procuring the *Andover Iron-Works*, to be used in the publick Service, beg Leave to report—That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that it is necessary for the publick Service, that the *Andover Iron-Works*, in the County of *Suffex*, with the Appurtenances, be put into the Possession of Col. *Thomas Maybury*, or some other proper Person or Persons, to be improved and carried on for the manufacturing of Iron ; and that, as the Iron which can be made at the said Works is said to be the best Iron in the United States to be converted into Steel, an Article much wanted for the Army, it is further the Opinion of the Committee, that it will be necessary to pass an Act of the Legislature for obtaining the Possession of the said Works, for the Purpose aforesaid, as the same cannot be obtained by the Consent of the Owners.

S. CRANE;

E. HARRIS:

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that they are indebted in large Sums of Money bearing Interest, to sundry Persons within the Enemy's Lines, from which Circumstance they are deprived of an Opportunity of discharging their said Debts, and praying Relief, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning:

Friday, June 5, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. MORRIS.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to meet the Committees of both Houses in a Conference on the Articles of Confederation between the United States.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Petition from *William Smith*, of *Woodbridge*, praying to be restored to the Favour and Confidence of his Countrymen, was read the second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Hunterdon*, setting forth, that they are indebted in large Sums of Money bearing Interest, to sundry Persons within the Enemy's Lines, from which Circumstance they are deprived of an Opportunity of discharging their said Debts, and praying Relief, was read the second Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the said Petition be granted ? It passed in the Negative.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to meet the Committees of both Houses, in a Conference on the Articles of Confederation between the United States.

Saturday, June 6, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

A Message

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Manning and Mr. Smock, in the Words following, viz.

‘ Resolved,

‘ THAT the Treasurer pay to Capt. William Remson, the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence, for Expences of himself and Company of Light-Horse, when out of Quarters.

Resolved,

‘ That the Treasurer pay to Capt. Jacob Arnold, the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Four-pence, for Expences for himself and Company of Light-Horse, when out of Quarters.

Resolved,

‘ That the Treasurer pay to Mr. David Olden, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing, the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Manning and Mr. Smock wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with these Resolutions.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, June 8, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,

Mr. DEARE,

Mr. ELMER,

Mr. MORRIS,

Mr. KEASBY,

Mr. LINN,

Mr. HAND,

Mr. IMLAY.

Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. Harris and Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure Lead for the Use of the Militia*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Seely and Mr. Outwater, in the Words following :

‘ Resolved,

‘ THAT the Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Clark, the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Seven Shillings and Four-pence, being a Balance due to him for Monies advanced to the Company of Artillery, lately commanded by Capt. Neil.

Ordered,

That Mr. Seely and Mr. Outwater wait upon the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

Ordered,

That Mr. Morris, Mr. Linn and Mr. Deare, be a Committee to examine the Accounts of Capt. Jacob Arnold, and Capt. Thomas Clark, and that they make Report to this House, as soon as possible.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council request a Conference with their House, on the Act passed last Sitting, *For regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*; and that the said Conference be had at the House of Mr. Bergen, To-morrow Morning at Ten o’Clock.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure Lead for the Use of the Militia*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Hand* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for obtaining Possession of *Andover Iron-Works*, in the County of *Suffex*.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Sinnickson* and Mr. *Manning*, in the Words following, *viz.*

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Sinnickson* and Mr. *Manning* wait upon the Council, and inform them, that this House agree to a Conference upon the Subject-Matter of their Message of this Afternoon, at the Time and Place therein mentioned.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 9, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment:

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. DEAKE,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. IMLAY.

A Petition from the Trustees of *Queen's-College*, praying, that the Pupils belonging to the Seminaries in this State may be by Law exempted from Military Duty, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to attend the Conference with the House of Assembly.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to attend the Conference with the House of Assembly:

Wednesday, June 10, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Capt. *Jacob Arnold* and Capt. *Thomas Clark*, reported, that the said Committee was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately!

Whereupon Mr. *Morris* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table; and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and ordered to be entered on the Journals of the House as follows:

YOUR Committee, to whom was referred the Examination of the Accounts of Capt. *Jacob Arnold* and Capt. *Thomas Clark*, beg Leave to report—That they have taken into Consideration the Matters to them referred; and, on considering the same, are of Opinion that the said Accounts do not appear to be regularly drawn or supported by Vouchers, that will enable this State to Charge the Amount of them to the United States; and that the said Accounts ought, before Allowance, to be referred for Examination and Adjustment to the Joint-Committees appointed for adjusting the publick Accounts of this State,

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT MORRIS.

The House having taken into Consideration the Message brought up last Saturday, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Smock*:

Resolved,

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That

That the House concur in two of the Resolutions therein contained, *to wit*, One for the Payment of the Sum of *One Hundred Thirty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence*, to Capt. *William Remsen*; and the other for the Payment of *Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds* to *David Olden*, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing; and that the other two Resolutions, relative to the Payment of Money to Capt. *Jacob Arnold* and Capt. *Thomas Clark*, with their Accounts, are referred to the Committee for settling the publick Accounts of the State.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Linn* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure Lead for the Use of the Militia*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Negative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Condict*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising two State Regiments, for the Protection of this State.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 11, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Resolved,

That *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. Commissioner for purchasing Cloathing, be directed to purchase Thirty Hundred Weight of Lead for the Use of the Militia, and to store the same; one Half under the Care of Lieut. Col. *Hathaway*, of *Morris-Town*; and the other Half under the Care of *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esq. at *Princeton*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* wait on the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in this Resolution.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Vandike* and Mr. *Stilwill*, in the following Words, *viz.*

Ordered,

‘**T**HAT Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Woodhull*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the Accounts of the Pay-Masters appointed to pay the Bounty of Money; and also for the Cloathing furnished to the Troops enlisted for Nine Months, pursuant to a Law passed the third of *April* last.

Ordered,

‘That Mr. *Vandike* and Mr. *Stilwill* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* and Mr. *Kearby*, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts mentioned in the said Message; and that Mr. *Morris* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

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

The Petition from the Trustees of *Queen's-College*, praying that the Pupils belonging to the Seminaries in this State may be by Law exempted from Military Duty, being read the second Time;

Resolved,

That the House will, at the next Sitting, take into Consideration the Prayer of the said Petition.

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Sinnickson*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Sinnickson* wait upon the Council and inform them, that this House concur in their Resolution of this Morning, with Respect to directing *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. Commissioner for purchasing Cloathing, to purchase Thirty Hundred Weight of Lead, and to dispose of it as therein is mentioned.’

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, June 12, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* and Mr. *Deare* join the Committee appointed on *Monday* last, to prepare and bring in a Bill for obtaining Possession of *Andover Iron-Works*, in the County of *Suffex*.

Mr. *Condiott* has Leave of Absence.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 13, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER;	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. INLAY.
Mr. LINN,	

Mr. *Hand*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for obtaining Possession of *Andover Iron-Works*, in the County of *Suffex*, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act to empower certain Commissioners therein named, to take Possession of, and lease out the Andover Iron-Works, in the County of Suffex*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Buck*, in the following Words :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT the Treasurer pay to *Caleb Camp*, Esq. the Sum of *Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten-pence*, being a Balance due to him for Monies advanced by him as Pay-Master to the Militia.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Buck* wait upon the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Order.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock *Monday* Morning.

Monday, June 15, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. KEASBY.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* and Mr. *Linn* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety.*

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message brought up on *Saturday* last, by Mr. *Van Cleve* and Mr. *Buck*, relative to the Payment of a Sum of Money to Mr. *Camp*;

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Crane* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed on the 25th Day of *March* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in free Conference on the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the United States of *America*, and to make Report to the Council, reported, that the Joint-Committees had come to sundry Resolutions upon the said Confederation, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Crane* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table; and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Leydecker* in the Words following:

Ordered,

‘**T**HAT Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Sinnickson* and Mr. *Harris*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in order to draw up a Representation to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, upon the Subject of the Report of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider the Articles of Confederation.

Ordered,

‘That Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Leydecker* wait upon the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Cooper* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to draw up a Representation to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, upon the Subject of the Report of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider the Articles of Confederation, and that the said Committees meet at the House of Mr. *Bergen* immediately.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Crane* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Leydecker*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘**W**HEREAS it is probable that sundry Matters of the highest Concern, will shortly engage the Attention of the Congress of the United States, and the Attendance of the whole Representation of each State may therefore be expedient;

Resolved,

‘That all the Delegates of this State be instructed to repair immediately to Congress, and to attend their Duty therein until the Legislature shall give further Direction therein.

Ordered,

‘That Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Leydecker* wait upon the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Message,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

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

Mr. *Morris*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to draw up a Representation to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, upon the Subject of the Report of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider the Articles of Confederation, reported, that the Joint-Committees had essayed a Representation, which he was ready to report, when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Morris* read the said Essay, and delivered it in at the Table; and, the said Essay being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

*The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and
GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of NEW-JERSEY,*

Sheweth,

THAT the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, between the States of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia*, proposed by the Honourable the Congress, to the said States severally, for their Confirmation, have been by us fully and attentively considered, upon which we beg Leave to make the following Remarks:

1st. In the fifth Article, where, among other Things, the Qualifications of the Delegates from the several States are described, there is no Mention of any Oath, Test, or Declaration to be taken or made by them, previous to their Admission to Seats in Congress.—It is indeed to be presumed, the respective States will be careful that the Delegates they send to assist in managing the general Interest of the Union, take the Oaths to the Government from which they derive their Authority; but as the United States collectively considered, have Interests as well as each particular State, we are of Opinion, that some Test or Obligation binding each Delegate while he continues in the Trust, to consult and pursue the former as well as the latter, and particularly to assent to no Vote or Proceeding which may violate the general Confederation, is necessary. The Laws and Usages of all civilized Nations evince the Propriety of an Oath on such Occasions; and the more solemn and important the Deposit, the more strong and explicit ought the Obligation to be.

2d. By the sixth and ninth Articles, the Regulation of Trade seems to be committed to the several States within their separate Jurisdictions, in such a Degree as may involve many Difficulties and Embarrassments, and be attended with Injustice to some States in the Union:—We are of Opinion, that the sole and exclusive Power of regulating the Trade of the United States with foreign Nations, ought to be clearly vested in the Congress, and that the Revenue arising from all Duties and Customs imposed thereon, ought to be appropriated to the building, equipping and manning of a Navy, for the Protection of the Trade, and Defence of the Coasts, and to such other publick and general Purposes, as to the Congress shall seem proper, and for the common Benefit of the States. This Principle appears to us to be just, and it may be added, that great Security will by this Means be derived to the Union from the Establishment of a common and mutual Interest.

3d. It is wisely provided in the sixth Article, that no Body of Forces shall be kept up by any State in Time of Peace, except such Number only as, in the Judgment of the United States in Congress assembled, shall be deemed requisite to garrison the Forts necessary for the Defence of such State: We think it ought also to be provided, and clearly expressed, that no Body of Troops be kept up

by the United States, in Time of Peace, except such Number only as shall be allowed by the Assent of nine States. A standing Army, a Military Establishment and every Appendage thereof in Time of Peace, is totally abhorrent from the Ideas and Principles of this State.—In the memorable Act of Congress, declaring the United Colonies free and independent States, it is emphatically mentioned, as one of the Causes of Separation from *Great-Britain*, that the Sovereign thereof had kept up among us in Time of Peace, standing Armies without the Consent of the Legislatures—It is to be wished the Liberties and Happiness of the People may, by the Confederation, be carefully and explicitly guarded in this Respect.

4th. On the eighth Article we observe, that as frequent Settlements of the Quotas for Supplies and Aids to be furnished by the several States, in Support of the general Treasury, will be requisite, so they ought to be secured. It cannot be thought improper or unnecessary to have them struck once at least in every five Years, and oftener if Circumstances will allow; the Quantity or Value of Real Property in some States may increase much more rapidly than in others, and therefore the Quota which is at one Time just, will at another be disproportionate.

5th. The Boundaries and Limits of each State ought to be fully and finally fixed and made known; this we apprehend would be attended with very salutary Effects, by preventing Jealousies as well as Controversies, and promoting Harmony and Confidence among the States: If the Circumstances of the Times would not admit of this, previous to the Proposal of the Confederation to the several States, the Establishment of the Principles upon which, and the Rule and Mode by which the Determination may be conducted, at a Time more convenient and favourable, and a Provision for dispatching the same at an early Period, not exceeding five Years from the final Ratification of the Confederation, would be satisfactory.

6th. The ninth Article provides, that no State shall be deprived of Territory for the Benefit of the United States:—Whether we are to understand that by Territory, is intended any Lands, the Property of which was heretofore vested in the Crown of *Great-Britain*; or that no Mention of such Lands is made in the Confederation; we are constrained to observe, that the present War, as we always apprehended, was undertaken for the general Defence and Interest of the confederating Colonies, now the United States. It was ever the confident Expectation of this State, that the Benefits derived from a successful Contest were to be general and proportionate, and that the Property of the common Enemy, falling in Consequence of a prosperous Issue of the War, would belong to the United States, and be appropriated to their Use: We are therefore greatly disappointed in finding no Provision made in the Confederation for empowering the Congress to dispose of such Property, but especially the vacant and unpatented Lands, commonly called the Crown Lands, for defraying the Expences of the War, and for other such publick and general Purposes.—The Jurisdiction ought in every Instance to belong to the respective States within the Charter or determined Limits of which such Lands may be seated; but Reason and Justice must decide, that the Property which existed in the Crown of *Great-Britain*, previous to the present Revolution, ought now to belong to the Congress, in Trust for the Use and Benefit of the United States: They have fought and bled for it in Proportion to their respective Abilities, and therefore the Reward ought not to be predilectionally distributed. Shall such States as are shut out by Situation from availing themselves of the least Advantage from this Quarter, be left to sink under an enormous Debt, whilst others are enabled in a short Period to replace all their Expenditures from the hard Earnings of the whole Confederacy?

7th. The ninth Article also provides, that the Requisitions for Land-Forces to be furnished by the several States, shall be proportioned to the Number of *white* Inhabitants in each.—In the Act of Independence we find the following Declaration: ‘ We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among which are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness;’ of this Doctrine it is not a very remote Consequence that all the Inhabitants of every Society, be the Colour of their Complexion what it may, are bound to promote
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the Interest thereof, according to their respective Abilities : They ought therefore to be brought into the Account on this Occasion. But admitting Necessity or Expediency to justify the Refusal of Liberty in certain Circumstances, to Persons of a particular Colour ; we think it unequal to reckon Nothing upon such in this Case.—If the whole Number of Inhabitants in a State, whose Inhabitants are all Whites, both those who are called into the Field, and those who remain to till the Ground, and labour in Mechanick Arts and otherwise, are reckoned in the Estimate for striking the Proportion of Forces to be furnished by that State, ought even a Part of the latter Description to be left out in another ? Should it be improper for special local Reasons to admit them in Arms, for the Defence of the Nation, yet we conceive that the Proportion of Forces to be embodied, ought to be fixed according to the whole Number of Inhabitants in the State, from whatever Class they may be raised. As it is of indispensable Necessity in every War, that a Part of the Inhabitants be employed for the Uses of Husbandry and otherwise at Home, while others are called into the Field, there must be the same Propriety that Persons of a different Colour who are employed for this Purpose in one State, while Whites are employed for the same Purpose in another, be reckoned in the Amount of the Inhabitants in the present Instance.

8th. In order that the Quota of Troops to be furnished in each State on Occasion of a War, may be equitably ascertained, we are of Opinion that the Inhabitants of the several States ought to be numbered as frequently as the Nature of the Case will admit, and once at least every five Years, the disproportionate Increase in the Population of different States may render such Provision absolutely necessary.

9th. It is provided in the ninth Article, that the Assent of nine States out of thirteen shall be necessary to determine in sundry Cases of the highest Concern. If this Proportion be proper and just, it ought to be kept up, should the States increase in Number, and a Declaration thereof made for the Satisfaction of the Union.

We think it our indispensable Duty to solicit the Attention of Congress to these Considerations and Remarks, and to request the Purport and Meaning of them may be adopted as Part of the general Confederation, by which Means we apprehend the mutual Interest of all the States will be better secured and promoted, and the Legislature of this State will then be justified in ratifying the same.

Ordered,

That the President do sign a Copy of the foregoing Representation, and transmit the same to the Delegates of this State, to be presented to Congress.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, June 16, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. Deare, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, brought in a Bill for that Purpose, according to Order, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower certain Commissioners therein named, to take Possession of and lease out the Andover Iron-Works, in the County of Suffolk*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Drake and Mr. Outwater, in the Words following :

Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT the Treasurer pay to *Manassah Reeve*, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing, in *Morris County*, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, for that Purpose.

Ordered,

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Outwater* wait upon the Council, and desire their
‘ Concurrence with this Order.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower certain Commissioners therein named, to take Possession of and lease out the Andover Iron-Works, in the County of Suffex*, being read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Imlay</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Linn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> .	
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for constituting a Council of Safety*, being read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Elmer* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, June 17, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

A Petition from *Cornelius Johnston*, surviving Executor of *Cornelius Johnston*, deceased, and others, praying that a Law may be passed to enable the said surviving Executors with some other Person to be appointed, to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of the said *Cornelius Johnston*, deceased, for the Payment of Legacies, one Year after the Death of his Widow, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Recovery of Debts due to the United States of America*, brought up to this House last Sitting, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by the Council without Amendment.

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

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Woodbull* and Mr. *Rogers*, in the following Words, viz.

‘ **W**HEREAS there is an immediate Necessity for a Quantity of Lead to be run up into Ball, for the Use of the Militia, and there being no Means of Procuring a sufficient Supply by Purchase;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That General *Dickinson* be requested to send one or more discreet Officer or Officers with sufficient Detachments of the Militia, to impress any Lead that may be found within the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Burlington* and *Gloucester*, and to make Payment for the Lead so taken; that General *Dickinson* make Return to His Excellency the Governor of the Quantity procured by him in Virtue of this Resolution: And that Brigadier *Herd* be requested to send one or more discreet Officer or Officers with sufficient Detachments of the Militia to impress any Lead that may be found within the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, and to make Payment for the Lead so taken; and that Brigadier *Herd* make Return to His Excellency the Governor of the Quantity of Lead by him procured in Virtue of this Resolution: And that Brigadier *Winds* be requested to send one or more discreet Officers with sufficient Detachments of the Militia to impress any Lead that may be found within the Counties of *Effex*, *Morris* and *Bergen*, and to make Payment for the Lead so taken; and that Brigadier *Winds* make Return to His Excellency the Governor of the Quantity of Lead procured by him in Virtue of this Resolution.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That General *Dickinson* be empowered to draw on the Treasurer for *One Hundred Pounds*; and that Brigadier *Herd* be empowered to draw on the Treasurer for *One Hundred Pounds*; and that Brigadier *Winds* be empowered to draw on the Treasuraer for *One Hundred Pounds*, in order to pay for the Lead so impressed, for which they are respectively empowered to allow *Three Shillings* and *Nine-pence* by the Pound; and that such Draughts be Vouchers to the Treasurer for so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts; and that Generals *Dickinson*, *Herd* and *Winds*, be accountable to the Legislature for the Disposition of the said Sums respectively, and that they keep regular Receipts for the Money they pay out under this Resolution.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Power of Impressment hereby given, cease and determine at the Expiration of thirty Days from the Date hereof.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Woodbull* and Mr. *Rogers* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasby* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Keasby* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, June 18, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Inlay* and Mr. *Deare*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing the Exportation of Provisions from this State, in Consequence of a Recommendation from Congress.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Linn and Mr. Hand be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for suspending the Regulating Law passed last Sitting.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Linn, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for suspending the Regulating Law passed last Sitting, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act to suspend an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing the Exportation of Provisions from this State, in Consequence of a Recommendation from Congress, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Friday, June 19, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Holme, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower certain Commissioners therein named, to take Possession of and lease out the Andover Iron-Works, in the County of Suffex*, with several Amendments made thereto, and desired the Concurrence of this House in the said Amendments.

The Amendments being severally read were agreed to, and the Bill, with the Amendments, ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bill for raising two State Regiments, for the Protection of this State, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act for embodying two Regiments of State Militia, for the Defence of the Frontiers*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to suspend an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to suspend an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Inlay,	Mr. Cranc.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Elmer,	Mr. Deare,	
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Keasby.	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Linn carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

A Message

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Baker, in the following Words :

‘ **W**HEREAS the Sums of Money heretofore drawn from the Honourable the Congress of the United States, for the Payment of the Militia of this State, from Time to Time called into the Continental Service, have been greatly inadequate to that Purpose,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Delegates, representing this State in Congress, be desired to apply to them for the further Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Dollars*, in order to discharge the Arrears of Pay due to the Militia.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Delegates representing this State in Congress, be directed to pay out the Money drawn by Virtue of the above Resolution, to the following Persons, or their Orders, *viz.* To *Joseph Lewis*, of the County of *Morris*, the Sum of *Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Suffex, Morris and Bergen*: To *Isaac Halscy*, of the County of *Effex*, the Sum of *Thirty-three Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Effex and Middlesex*: To *Jesse Hart*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Somerset and Hunterdon*: To *William Hough*, of the County of *Burlington*, the Sum of *Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Monmouth and Burlington*: To *Thomas Carpenter*, of the County of *Salem*, the Sum of *Twenty-three Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Gloucester and Salem*: To *James Ewing*, of the County of *Cumberland*, the Sum of *Eighteen Thousand Dollars*, for paying the Militia of *Cumberland and Cape-May*: And, to the Treasurer of this State, the remaining Sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars*; whose respective Receipts or Orders endorsed, shall be to the said Delegates, or any of them, a full Discharge for the several Sums so to be paid out as above directed.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That should any of the Sums directed to be paid to the several Persons in the above Resolutions named, as Pay-Masters, be found insufficient, they are hereby respectively empowered to draw on the Treasurer of this State, for the Sums deficient, provided such Draughts do not exceed in the Amount of the Whole, the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars*, to be paid to the said Treasurer as aforesaid; and that the Receipts of the said Pay-Masters severally be to the Treasurer a full Discharge for the Sums so paid.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That one per Cent. be allowed to each of the Persons above appointed for paying the Militia, upon the Sums by them respectively disbursed, as a Compensation for their Services.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Baker do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with these Resolutions.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Baker, in the following Words, *viz.*

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT the Treasurer deliver to such of the Members of the Legislature, as were appointed on the 5th of *October*, 1776, to purchase Cloathing for the Army, their Receipts for the Monies by them received, on producing a Certificate of their Accounts having been duly settled, and the Balance paid.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Baker wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday,

Saturday, June 20, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower certain Commissioners therein named, to take Possession of and lease out the Andover Iron-Works, in the County of Suffex*, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, having been read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Elmer,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Linn,	
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Crane,	
Mr. Inlay,	Mr. Keasby.	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by the Council with their Amendments.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Elmer,	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Hand.
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Crane,	
Mr. Inlay,	Mr. Keasby,	
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Cooper.	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

Mr. Harris and Mr. Dunham, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for collecting, adjusting and settling the publick Accounts*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging the Manufacture of Paper, in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for collecting, adjusting and settling the publick Accounts*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging the Manufacture of Paper, in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging the Manufacture of Paper in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Inlay do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, without Amendment.

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

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A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Manning and Mr. Van Cleve, in the following Words, viz.

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Manning and Mr. Van Cleve do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for constituting a Council of Safety,* to the Council and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House.’

Mr. Sebring and Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Stryker, Collector of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money by Fire,* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Messages brought up Yesterday, by Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Baker, one relative to the borrowing a Sum of Money from Congress; and the other relative to the Treasurer’s delivering up certain Receipts;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition from Cornelius Johnston, surviving Executor of Cornelius Johnston, deceased, and others, praying that a Law may be passed, to enable the said surviving Executor with some other Person to be appointed, to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of the said Cornelius Johnston, deceased, for the Payment of Legacies, one Year after the Death of the Widow, was read the second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Camp and Mr. Stilwell, in the Words following, viz.

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Camp and Mr. Stilwell do wait upon the Council and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey,* has passed the House of Assembly without any Amendment.’

Mr. Imlay hath Leave of Absence.

Mr. Woodhull and Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges,* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Stilwell and Mr. Seely, in the Words following, viz.

‘ Resolved,

‘ THAT His Excellency the Governor and the Privy-Council be hereby empowered to consent to or negotiate an Exchange of William Franklin, Esq. late his Britannick Majesty’s Governor of the Province, now a Prisoner of the State of New-Jersey, for William Thompson, Esq. Brigadier in the Service of the United States, and now a Prisoner on Parole to the Enemy.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Stilwell and Mr. Seely wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence herein.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges,* was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges* was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the same do pass?

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Elmer,	Mr. Linn,
Mr. Cranc,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Deare.	Mr. Keasby.

By which it appears that there were not seven of the Members present assenting to the said Bill, and therefore the same did not pass into a Law.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Woodhull*, in the following Words, *viz.*

‘ **W**HEREAS there is an immediate Necessity of making large Purchases of Cloathing for the Use of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, and the Sum advanced by Act of the Legislature, of the eighteenth Day of *April* last to *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. for the Purpose of purchasing Cloathing, being found inadequate to the necessary Supply;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *Enos Kelsey* be empowered to draw from the Treasury, a further Sum not exceeding *Six Thousand Pounds*, to be disbursed for the like Uses and under the same Restrictions as are expressed in the said Act, and that the Receipt of the said *Enos Kelsey* discharge the Treasurer to the Amount of the Sum or Sums drawn by Virtue of this Resolution, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Baker* and Mr. *Woodhull* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock *Monday Morning*.

Monday, June 22, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. <i>ELMER</i> ,	Mr. <i>CRANE</i> ,
Mr. <i>HAND</i> ,	Mr. <i>MORRIS</i> ,
Mr. <i>LINN</i> ,	Mr. <i>DEARE</i> ,
Mr. <i>COOPER</i> ,	Mr. <i>KEASBY</i> .

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Drake*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ **T**HAT such Officers and Privates of the Militia of this State, as have already been, or hereafter may be captivated while in actual Service, by the Enemy, in the Course of the present War, be entitled to full Pay for the whole Time they continue in Captivity with the Enemy, upon ascertaining by satisfactory Pay-Rolls authenticated by the Officers, under whom they served when taken, or by any of them, whose proper Duty it may be, and also by other necessary Vouchers, the Time of such their Captivity.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Executors, Administrators and Assigns, or other legal Representatives of such Officers or Privates of the Militia, as may die in Captivity, be entitled to receive the Pay and Arrears of Pay due to the said Officers and Privates respectively, upon producing authentick Pay-Rolls and Vouchers as aforesaid, ascertaining the several Facts and Dates of such Captivity and Decease.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the several Pay-Masters of the Militia be directed to make Payment in such Cases accordingly.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Drake* wait upon the Council and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

Mr. *Camp* and Mr. *Woodhull*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to suspend, for a limited Time, the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce; Manufacture and Trade, and to pre-*

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vent *Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Brookfield*, in the following Words :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ **T**HAT *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. Commissioner for purchasing Cloathing, in the Eastern States, for the *New-Jersey* Regiments, and *David Olden*, one of the Commissioners for purchasing Cloathing in this State, for the same Purpose, be empowered to contract with *James Finley*, of *Princeton*, Weaver, to furnish any Quantity of Linen they can agree for, on such Terms as shall by them be deemed reasonable, and approved by the Honourable *Jonathan Deare* and *John Hart*, *Benjamin Van Cleve*, *William-Churchill Houston*, and *Jacob Vandike*, Esquires, or any three of them, and that they lay a Copy of the Contract by them made, if any be, before the Legislature at their next Sitting for their Inspection.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Brookfield* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to suspend, for a limited Time, the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to suspend, for a limited Time, the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the third Time ; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> .
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Linn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> .	
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for collecting, adjusting and settling the publick Accounts*, was read the third Time ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, relative to the Exchange of the late Governor *Franklin* ; also the Message relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey* to draw from the Treasury *Six Thousand Pounds* ; also the Message relative to the Allowance of Pay to the Officers and Privates in Captivity with the Enemy, and to the Executors, &c. of those who die in Captivity ; also the Message relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey* and *David Olden* to enter into certain Contracts for Linen ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Linn* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Linn* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly informed the Vice-President in Council, that the House of Assembly were adjourned to the second *Wednesday* in *September* next, then to meet at *Princeton*.

The House adjourned till the second *Wednesday* in *September* next, then to meet at *Princeton*.

PRINCETON, Wednesday, September 9, 1778.

PURSUANT to Adjournment of the 22d of *June* last,

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. COOPER,
Mr. HAND, Mr. CONDUCT.

There not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business, the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, September 10, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. ELMER, Mr. IMLAY,
Mr. HAND, Mr. DEARE,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. LINN.
Mr. MORRIS,

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Friday, September 11, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Tallman*, in the Words following, *viz.*

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Tallman* wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the General Assembly have met, and this Morning proceeded to Business.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* and Mr. *Deare* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving and continuing the Process and Proceedings of the Supreme Court of this State.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

THAT Brigadier General *Winds* be empowered to draw from the Treasury the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, in Addition to the *One Hundred Pounds*

‘ *Pounds* he is already empowered to draw by a Resolution of the Legislature of the 17th Day of *June* last, that he may be thereby enabled to make Payment for the Lead by him procured in Virtue of the said Resolution; and that Brigadier General *Winds* account with the Legislature for the same.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Smock* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Saturday, September 12, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* wait on the House of Assembly and inform them, that from the present Circumstances of the Town, several Members of the Legislature cannot procure proper Accommodations, whereby they apprehend the publick Business will be much retarded, and the Expence of Government unnecessarily increased: The Council therefore recommend to the House of Assembly, to adjourn to *Burlington*, or some other Place, where the Legislature may be conveniently accommodated.

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

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Mott*, in the following Words: viz.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ THAT Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, or any three of them, be a Committee for the Remainder of the Sessions, to join a Committee of the Council, to adjust, settle, and report to this House, from Time to Time, such publick Accounts as may be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legislature.

‘ *Ordered*;

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Mott* wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Imlay* and Mr. *Linn*, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purposes mentioned in the said Message, and that Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o’Clock.

Monday, September 14, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. HOLMES.

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for recovering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Wilkins*, junior, Collector of the County of Gloucester, setting forth, that two of the Township Collectors of the said County, were taken Prisoners before they had collected the Provincial Tax and Militia Fines of last Year, and that several others of the Collectors and the Constables have omitted their Duty through Fear of the Enemy, whereby the said Tax and Fines were not collected in the Time the Law directed, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand be a Committee to inspect the Minutes of this House during the present Session, and that he make Report of what Business remains unfinished.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 15, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Mott and Mr. Van Cleve, in the Words following :

‘THE Remonstrance of *Mordecai Marsh* and others, the Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, according to Order of the twelfth Instant, being read the second Time,

‘*Ordered,*

‘That the said Remonstrance be referred to Mr. Manning, Mr. Sebring and Mr. Camp, and that they, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to enquire into the Circumstances of the Complaint set forth in said Remonstrance, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House, and that they have Power to send for Persons and Papers.

‘*Ordered,*

‘That Mr. Mott and Mr. Van Cleve wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith, and desire they will appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the above Purpose.’

Mr. Morris, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving and continuing the Process and Proceedings of the Supreme Court, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Robert Erskine*, setting forth, that he possesses three Furnaces and nineteen Forge Fires in this State, at which three Hundred and Fifty Men are constantly employed, to the great Emolument of the Country, and praying that a Law may be passed to exempt a Number of Hands according to the Extent of the said Works, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act intituled, An Act for recovering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On Motion of Mr. *Morris*,

Resolved unanimously,

That the Council of Safety be requested to lay the Minutes of their Proceedings before the House for their Examination, and that the Clerk serve a Copy of this Resolution on the President of the Council of Safety.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 16, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. DEARE,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. ELMER.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for recovering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, being read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Security of the Government of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, relative to the Remonstrance of *Mordecai Marsh* and others;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Holmes*, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purposes mentioned in the said Message, and that they make Report of their Proceedings to this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *N. C. D.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, September 17, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. DEARE,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. ELMER,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. CRANE.
Mr. HAND,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Condict*, and such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Act for suspending the Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of fundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, &c. and that the Vice-President be requested to assist in the said Conference.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and desire them to appoint a Committee for this Purpose, to meet at the House of *Jacob Bergen*, at Three o'Clock this Afternoon.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Beam*, in the Words following:

‘ THE House having taking into Consideration the Message from Council of this Forenoon, by Mr. *Deare*, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Camp*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Shaffer*, Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Smock*, and such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, for the Purpose mentioned in said Message, at the Time and Place therein mentioned, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist in said Conference.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Beam* wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to attend a Committee of Conference with the House of Assembly.

Friday, September 18, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to attend a Committee of Conference with the House of Assembly.

Saturday, September 19, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, September 21, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HAND,	Mr. LINN.

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Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for apprehending and delivering up to Justice, all Persons residing or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Van Cleve and Mr. Buck, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Tallman, Mr. Harris, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Leaming, Mr. Drake, Mr. Vandike, Mr. Leydecker and Mr. Kirkpatrick, and such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in free Conference on the Expediency of instructing the Delegates representing this State in Congress, to sign and ratify the Articles of Confederation, on the Part of this State ; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist in the said Conference ; and that Mr. Van Cleve and Mr. Buck wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. Crane, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Deare, Mr. Keasby, and such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message ; that the Vice-President be requested to assist in the said Conference ; and that the said Committees meet at the House of Jacob Bergen, at Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon, and that Mr. Hand wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 22, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. ELMER,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. LINN,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. IMLAY.
Mr. HAND,	

A Petition from *William Hercules*, setting forth, that he has undertaken the Manufacture of Silk in this State, and praying the Encouragement of the Legislature by giving a Bounty, or in such other Way as they may think proper, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, setting forth, that Quantities of Forage and other Articles have been taken from them for the Use of the Continental Army, for which they have not received Satisfaction, and praying that the Legislature will represent the Matter to Congress, or take such other Steps for their Relief as to them shall seem meet, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *William Gifford*, setting forth, that he was married in *April, 1774*, to a certain *Elizabeth Smith* ; that the said *Elizabeth* proved to be pregnant, and was delivered in six Months after the said Marriage ; and well knowing he could not be the Father of the said Child, left her, and has not been with her since ; and that he is informed the said *Elizabeth* was also delivered in *April, 1777*, of another Child, and has ever since led a lewd and infamous Life, and

praying the Legislature to pass an Act to divorce him from the said *Elizabeth*, was read, and *Thomas Ireland*, a Witness on the Part of the said *William Gifford*, being called and examined on Oath, it appeared to the House that a Copy of the Petition, together with a Copy of the Order of the House of Assembly of the 15th Instant, had been served on *Elizabeth* the Wife of the said *William Gifford*, on *Friday* last, summoning her to attend on this Day, when Capt. *John Ross*, *Peter Shiras*, *Samuel Clark* and *Thomas Ireland*, were examined as Witnesses touching the Facts set forth in the Petition of the said *William Gifford*.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock, in order to attend a Committee of Conference with the House of Assembly.

Wednesday, September 23, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Motion having been made by Mr. *Cooper* to the following Purport, viz.
Resolved,

That as the Governor is, by the Constitution, the constant President of this House, he be requested to attend the same as such, whenever his other publick Business will admit thereof; and also, that he lay all publick Papers that shall come to him for the Legislature, or relating to the legislative Department, before this House; in the first Instance, and at their first Meeting after he receives the same; on the Question, Whether the said Motion be agreed to? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Imlay</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	Mr. <i>Linn</i> .
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Deare</i> .		

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Crane*, from the Committee appointed on *Thursday* last, to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly, on the Act for suspending the Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of fundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, &c. reported, that the said Committee had met in Conference with the Committee from the House of Assembly, and that the said Committees had jointly agreed on a Report to be made to the respective Houses, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Crane* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table.

The House having taken the said Report into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House approve thereof, and that the same be entered on the Minutes as follows, viz.

YOUR Committee appointed on the 17th Instant to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Act suspending the Act for regulating and limiting the Prices of fundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, &c. beg Leave to report—

1st. It is the Opinion of the Conferees, that a Representation ought to be made to Congress, setting forth the Hardships under which this State in common with the United States labours, from the encreasing Depreciation of the Value of the general Currency, arising among other Causes, from the Incomes and unusual Sums issued for supplying the Quarter-Masters and Commissary of Provisions Department, since the Mode of purchasing on Commissions hath been last adopted; and that it will be proper in the said Representation, to suggest the Mode of purchasing on Contracts, under such Regulations as may render the same certain and safe.

2d. That

2d. That the Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing, ought to be further suspended, till the End of the next Sitting of the General Assembly, unless in the mean Time the adjacent States pass; and carry into Execution, Acts for regulating and limiting Prices, agreeably to the Report of the late Convention at *New-Haven*.

3d. That an Act ought to be passed to prohibit the carrying of Sheep, the Product of this State, out of the same, for a limited Time.

4th. That an Act ought to be passed to prevent Forestalling, Engrossing and Withholding.

Mr. *Hand*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, September 24, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, *P. M.* to attend a Conference with the House of Assembly.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock, to attend a Conference with the House of Assembly.

Friday, September 25, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Vice-President, being Chairman of the Committee appointed on *Monday* last to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly, on the Expediency of instructing the Delegates representing this State in Congress to sign and ratify the Articles of Confederation on the Part of this State, reported, that the said Committee had met in Conference with the Committee of the House of Assembly; and that the said Committees had jointly agreed on a Report to be made to the respective Houses, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately;

Whereupon the Vice-President read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table.

The House having taken the said Report into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House approve thereof, and that the same be entered on the Minutes, as follows:

IT is the Opinion of the Conferees, that it is not expedient, in the present Circumstances, to instruct the Delegates representing this State in Congress, to subscribe the Articles of Confederation.

September 24th, 1778.

By Order of the Conferees,

JOHN STEVENS, CHAIRMAN.

Mr. *Woodhull* and Mr. *Hathorn*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Ease and Relief of such Persons as are scrupulous of taking an Oath, with the Ceremony of touching and kissing the Book of the Gospels, by allowing that of holding up the*
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Hand in Lieu thereof, to the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Sheep, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Security of the Government of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark and Mr. Cripps, in the Words following, viz.

‘ THE Account of John Holmes, Esq. one of the Commissioners appointed in the Act, intituled, *An Act to procure certain Articles of Cloathing, for the Use of the New-Jersey Regiments, on the Continental Establishment*, being produced to the House;

‘ Ordered,

‘ That they be referred to the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law.

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the said Committee be directed to accept, in the Settlement thereof, the Receipts given by Colonel Israel Shreve, of the second New-Jersey Regiment, for a Quantity of Cloth delivered by Mr. Holme.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Clark wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark and Mr. Cripps, in the Words following, viz.

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Clark and Mr. Cripps do wait on the Council, and request they will inform this House, Whether they have passed or rejected the Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, sent from this House during the last Sitting.’

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict wait on the House of Assembly and inform them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, brought up to this House last Sitting, was rejected.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Schenck and Mr. Leaming, in the following Words :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Schenck and Mr. Leaming wait on the Council and inform them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in, the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, is passed by this House without Amendment, *Nemine Contradicente*.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, September 26, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for*

for the Security of the Government of New-Jersey, being read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Elmer.
Mr. Keasby,	Mr. Linn,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Holmes.	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

Mr. Condict, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal four several Acts relative to the Exempts at the Iron and Salt-Works in this State*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for apprehending and delivering up to Justice, all Persons residing or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, being read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Holmes,	
Mr. Keasby,	Mr. Hand,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Elmer.	
Mr. Condict,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

Mr. Morris hath Leave of Absence for the Remainder of this Sitting.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, September 28, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY,	Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. COOPER,	
Mr. ELMER,	

The Commissioners of Col. Phillips's Battalion, in Hunterdon County, appointed by the Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting of the four *New-Jersey* Regiments, made a Return of their Proceedings to this House, which was read and sent to the House of Assembly.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for apprehending and delivering up to Justice, all Persons residing or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*,

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was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> .
Mr. <i>Elmer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> .	
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,		

Ordered,
That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Ease and Relief of such Persons as are scrupulous of taking an Oath with the Ceremony of touching and kissing the Book of the Gospels, by allowing that of holding up the Hand in Lieu thereof*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Elmer* has Leave of Absence for the Remainder of this Session, on Account of his bad State of Health.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HAND,
Mr. DEARE, Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. KEASBY, Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. COOPER,

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, September 29, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LINN,
Mr. KEASBY, Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. CRANE,
Mr. HAND, Mr. DEARE,
Mr. HOLMES,

Mr. *Hand*, from the Committee appointed on the 14th Instant to inspect the Minutes of the House during this Session, and to make report of what Business remained unfinished, reported, that he had gone through the said Minutes, and was ready to make report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,
That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Hand* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table.

The House having taken the said Report into Consideration,

Resolved,
That the House approve thereof, and that the same be entered on the Minutes, as follows:

YOUR Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Council, and report to this House such Matters as have been referred over, beg Leave to report—

December 3, 1777. The Bill for procuring to the Joint-Meeting Returns of the

the Names of the Judges and Justices within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

February 28, 1778. The Bill for establishing and confirming the Charter of Incorporation of the free Borough and Town of *Elizabeth*, read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

March 21, 1778. The Bill for detaining the Subjects of the King of *Great-Britain*, taken at Sea as Prisoners of War, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

June 10, 1778. Capt. *Arnold* and Capt. *Clark*'s Accounts were referred to the Committee of Accounts.

June 11, 1778. The Petition from the Trustees of *Queen's-College*, read the second Time, and referred over to the next Sitting.

June 19, 1778. The Bill for embodying two Regiments of State Militia, for the Defence of the Frontiers, read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

June 20, 1778. The Bill for the Relief of *John Stryker*, Collector of the Township of *Hillsborough*, in the County of *Somerset*, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money by Fire, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

JESSE HAND.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Stryker, Collector of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money by Fire*, referred over from the last Sitting, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Schenck*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Van Cleave*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham* do wait upon the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.’

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand*, Mr. *Keasby* and Mr. *Dearc*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Treasurer's Accounts; and that Mr. *Crane* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for embodying two Regiments of State Militia for the Defence of the Frontiers*, was read the second Time; and, on the Question, Whether the Bill be engrossed? It passed in the Negative, *Nem. Con.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing and confirming the Charter of Incorporation of the free Borough and Town of Elizabeth*, was read the second Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed? It passed in the Negative, *Nem. Con.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal four several Acts relative to Exempts at the Iron and Salt-Works in this State*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, September 30, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. COOPER, Mr. HAND,
Mr. CRANE, Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. IMLAY, Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. LINN, Mr. DEARE.
Mr. KEASBY,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Leaming*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Smock*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, pursuant to the Report of the Committees of both Houses in Conference on the 23d Instant :

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That, in the said Representation, a Request be made to Congress, to direct some Mode in which Damages and Losses sustained by the Inhabitants of this State, or generally of any of the United States in the Course of the present War, and from the Operation thereof, may be properly ascertained and made Matter of publick Record, in such Way as they may think adequate, in order that when Compensation shall hereafter be made, if the same shall be made in Whole or in Part, the Sum due to the respective Sufferers may be clearly and certainly known ; also, that Congress will direct some Mode for relieving the Grievance the Militia labour under by having no Allowance or Compensation for the Loss of their Property, as Arms, Accoutrements, Horses and the like, while in the Continental Service ; also, that some Person or Persons may be appointed in this State, to settle and discharge the numerous Arrearages of the Continental Department, particularly the Quarter-Master-General due to the Inhabitants, for Articles supplied before the second Day of *March* last.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence in this Resolution, and that they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in draughting the said Representation.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Leaming*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

‘ **T**HAT His Excellency the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation or Proclamations, as the Case may require, offering such Reward or Rewards as to His Excellency in Privy Council shall seem proper, for the Apprehension of *Jacob Fagan* and *Stephen Emmons*, alias *Burk*, and certain others, disorderly and disaffected Persons in the County of *Monmouth*, who have for some Time past committed, and still continue to commit, divers Violences and Depredations on the Persons and Property of the Inhabitants thereof.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Leaming*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ **T**HAT the Honourable *Edward Keasby*, Esq. and Lieutenant-Colonel *Cripps*, be, and they hereby are, appointed and empowered on the Behalf of the State, to sell the Materials of the temporary Barracks built for Capt. *Samuel Hugg*’s Company of Artillery, at *Elfinborough*, in the County of *Salem*, in the Year 1776 ; and that they render an Account of the Sales to the next Sitting of General Assembly after they are completed, and be accountable for the Amount thereof.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Kirkpatrick* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait upon the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Ease and Relief of such Persons as are scrupulous of taking an Oath with the Ceremony of touching and kissing the Book of the Gospels, by allowing that of holding up the Hand in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Inlay,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Crane.
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Deare.	
Mr. Keasby,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasby do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal four several Acts relative to Exempts at the Iron and Salt-Works in this State*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Keasby do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the particular Grievance to be set forth in the Representation to Congress;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Condict, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, pursuant to the Report of the Committee of both Houses in Conference on the 23d of this Instant; and that Mr. Holmes wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration a Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the requesting His Excellency the Governor to issue Proclamations offering a Reward for the apprehending certain Criminals in the County of Monmouth.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message of this Day, from the House of Assembly, relative to the empowering Edward Keasby, Esq. and Lieutenant-Colonel Cripps, to dispose of the Barracks at *Elfinborough*, in the County of Salem:

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

A Petition from *Joseph Hugg* and others, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying that some Method may be taken for the Payment of a Company of Cavalry raised in the said County last Winter, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for procuring to the Joint-Meeting, Returns of the Names of the Judges and Justices within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, October 1, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. LINN,	
Mr. KEASEY,	

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Sheep, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Smock and Mr. Rogers, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to alter the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common-Pleas and General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Middlesex*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Smock and Mr. Rogers, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by this House, intituled, *An Act for the Ease and Relief of such Persons as are scrupulous of taking an Oath with the Ceremony of touching and kissing the Book of the Gospels, by allowing that of holding up the Hand in Lieu thereof*, agreed to and passed by the House of Assembly, which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for procuring to the Joint-Meeting Returns of the Names of the Judges and Justices within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That that *Linn* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Buck*, in the Words following:

Resolved,

‘ **T**HAT the Treasurer pay to *Fared Sexton*, Esq. one of the Commissioners of Cloathing, for the County of *Hanterdon*, Eight Hundred Pounds; and to Mr. *Joseph Potts*, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing for the County of *Middlesex*, Three Hundred Pounds, in order to enable them respectively to proceed in the Discharge of the Duties of their Appointment.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Manning and Mr. Buck wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Mott and Mr. Van Cleve, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Mott and Mr. Van Cleve wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for re-covering the Arrearages of the Ten Thousand Pounds Tax, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, has passed the House of Assembly without Amendment.’

Mr. Manning and Mr. Hathorn, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, with sundry Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The said Amendments being severally read, were agreed to by this House, and the Bill, with the Amendments, ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Manning and Mr. Buck, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House the following Impeachments :

Articles of Impeachment against *William Cleayton*, Esq. one of the Judges and Justices of the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Quarter-Sessions of the County of *Hunterdon*, for Misbehaviour in his Office, as a Magistrate :

1st. That he has commonly and uniformly manifested a Disposition to favour Persons disaffected to the present Government.

2d. That at the last *February* Term of the Court of Quarter-Sessions, for the County of *Hunterdon*, he did, knowingly, direct and order the Clerk of the said Court, to make a false and erroneous Entry of a Judgment in the Cause of a certain *William Frazer*, fined for refusing to take the Oaths to Government.

3d. That he voluntarily solicited a Protection from the Enemy in the Month of *December*, 1776, and persuaded the Person, to whose House he had retired from *Trenton*, to do the same, before the Enemy were in actual Possession of the Part of the Country to which he had so retired.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Manning*, or any two of them, be a Committee to present the said Articles to the Council, and to support the same, on the Part of this House, when the Council shall order a Hearing thereon.

Ordered,

That a Hearing on the foregoing Impeachments be had on *Tuesday* next, at Two o’Clock in the Afternoon, and that a Copy of the above Impeachments, together with this Order, be served on the said *William Cleayton*, Esq. forthwith.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, October 2, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Sheep, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, relative to the Treasurer’s paying two several Sums of Money to *Jared Sexton*, Esq. and *Joseph Potts*, two of the Commissioners of Cloathing.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to alter the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common-Pleas and General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Middlesex*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HAND,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. LINN,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. KEASBY,	

Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Peterfon*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Farming out of publick Offices, or transferring, by Deputation, the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Peterfon*, in the Words following:

Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Peterfon* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for apprehending and delivering up to Justice, all Persons residing in or taking Refuge in this State, charged with Crimes committed in any other of the United States, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, has passed the House of Assembly without Amendment.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to alter the Place of holding the Inferior Courts of Common-Pleas and General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Middlesex*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasby* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill, with the Amendments, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Linn</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hand</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Imlay</i> ,	Mr. <i>Keasby</i> .	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Keasby* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by the Council, with their Amendments.

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

Mr.

Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend the Law respecting the Effect of a Pardon in all Cases of Treason, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, October 3, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Stryker, Collector of the Township of Hillborough, in the County of Somerset, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money by Fire*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Farming out of publick Offices, or transferring, by Deputation, the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend the Law respecting the Effect of a Pardon in all Cases of Treason, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed? It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Linn hath Leave of Absence till Wednesday next.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, October 5, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CRANE,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. IMLAY,	Mr. DEARE.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Stryker, Collector of the Township of Hillborough, in the County of Somerset, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money by Fire*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

Mr. Cooper, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for authorizing Persons elected Sheriffs and Coroners to act in their Offices before they are commissioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CRANE,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. HAND,	Mr. KEASBY,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. IMLAY,	

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, October 6, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

William Cleayton, Esq. having appeared before this House, the Impeachment was read, and the Evidences examined in Support of the Charges therein contained; and also the Defence of the said *William Cleayton* heard:

Ordered,

That the Determination of Council be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, October 7, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Condict, from the Committee appointed on the 16th Day of *September* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to enquire into the Circumstances of the Complaint set forth in the Remonstrance of *Mordecai Marsh* and others, Inhabitants of *Woodbridge*, reported, that the said Committee had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report of their Proceedings when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon *Mr. Condict* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows, *to wit,*

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Assembly, to enquire into the Circumstances of a Complaint set forth in the Remonstrance of *Mordecai Marsh* and others, Inhabitants of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, beg Leave to report—That we have examined into the Matters referred to us, and it appearing that the Fines imposed on the Petitioners, though within the Limits prescribed by Law, yet, considering their Circumstances, some of them at least appeared to us to be disproportionate, and consequently grievous, owing, as we believe, to their Neglect in not giving seasonable Information of their Circumstances to the Commissioners of the said County who levied the same; whereupon your Committee recommend to the said Commissioners to reconsider the Matter, and give the Complainants a further Opportunity to ascertain the Inequality of the Fines to their several Circumstances and Estates; agreeably whereto the said Commissioners have re-considered, abated and so apportioned, the several Fines imposed on the said Petitioners as, in our Opinion, leave no just ground of Complaint.

Mr. Leaming and *Mr. Camp*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Court of Admiralty and Custom-Houses within the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having resumed the Consideration of the Evidence in Support of the Impeachment against *William Cleayton*, Esq. and his Defence; on the Question, Whether the first Charge was sufficiently supported or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condict,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Stevens.	Mr. Inlay.

The Votes being equal, the Governor gave the casting Voice.

On the Question, Whether the second Charge was sufficiently supported or not? It passed in the Negative, as follows :

Yea.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Condict.	Mr. Crane,	Mr. Holmes,
	Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,
	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Inlay.
	Mr. Hand,	

On the Question, Whether the third Charge was sufficiently supported or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

On the Question, Whether the Charges proved against him, are sufficient Cause for a Dismission from Office or not? It passed in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Condict,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Inlay.
Mr. Deare.	Mr. Holmes,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for authorizing Persons elected Sheriffs and Coroners, to act in their respective Offices before they are commissioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Condict, from the Committee appointed on the 26th Day of February last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the Expenditure of the first and second Draught from Congress of *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* each, for Payment of the Militia of this State; and also the Accounts of Money drawn by the Pay-Masters of the Militia from the Treasury for paying the Bounties and other Purposes, reported, that the said Committees had met and stated the Accounts of *John Hart*, Esq. which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. Condict read the said Accounts in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table; and the said Accounts being again read, were approved by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Accounts be entered on the Journals of this House, as follows :

Dr. JOHN HART, Esq. Pay-Master of the Militia to the State of NEW-JERSEY,										Cr.					
Dollars. £. s. d.					£. s. d.										
To Cash received from Congress,	-	-	-	65,000	24,375	0	0	By Cash paid fundries per Vouchers and Pay-Rolls,	-	-	26,357	11	11½		
To Ditto received from the Treasurer of New-Jersey,	9,200	-	-	3,450	0	0	By Cash paid fundries as per Bounty-Rolls,	-	-	1,238	8	2			
To Balance due to John Hart,	-	-	-	46	19	4	By Commissions at one per Cent.	-	-	275	19	2½			
					£. 27,871	19	4						£. 27,871	19	4

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for authorizing Persons elected Sheriffs and Coroners to act in their respective Offices before they are commissioned*, was read and compared; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein. Mr.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Court of Admiralty and Custom-Houses within the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Hand*, from the Committee appointed on the 29th of *September* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, reported, that the said Committees had met and stated the Accounts of the Treasurer, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Hand* exhibited the Accounts of the said Treasurer as settled by the said Committees, with a Certificate there under-written, in the Words following :

YOUR Committee appointed by the Houses of the Council and Assembly, to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, beg Leave to report—That they having carefully examined the Accounts and Vouchers, find a Balance of *Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven-pence*, due to the State as above.

October 6th, 1778.

JESSE HAND,

JONATHAN DEARE,

ROELOFF SEBRING,

P. SCHENCK,

HEND. SMOCK.

Which Accounts and Certificates having been examined,

Resolved,

That the House approve the said Report.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, October 8, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,

Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. CRANE,

Mr. KEASEY,

Mr. HAND,

Mr. DEARE,

Mr. HOLMES,

Mr. LINN.

Mr. IMLAY,

Mr. COOPER,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

THAT the Treasurer deliver to *Silas Condict*, Esq. the Bond given by *Jacob Ford*, junior, and Sureties, to the Treasurer of the late Provincial Congress, dated the 24th Day of *May*, 1776, for the Use of the Executors of the said *Jacob Ford*, junior.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

THAT the Treasurer pay to *David Olden*, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing for the County of *Middlesex*, *Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds*,
in

‘ in order to enable him to discharge the Contracts made by him for sundry
‘ Articles of Cloathing.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham* do wait on the Council, and desire their
‘ Concurrence with this Resolution.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following :

‘ Resolved,

‘ THAT the Treasurer pay to *John Hart*, Esq. the Sum of *Forty-six Pounds*
‘ *Nineteen Shillings* and *Four-pence*, being a Balance due for Monies ad-
‘ vanced by him as Pay-Master to the Militia.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham* wait on the Council, and desire their Con-
‘ currence with this Resolution.’

Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Dunham*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to establish a Court of Admiralty and Custom-Houses within the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines without Permission or Passports*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, pursuant to the Report of both Houses in Conference on the 23d of *September* last, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and had essayed a Representation, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Cooper* read the said Essay and delivered it in at the Table, and the said Essay being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows :

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and
GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of NEW-JERSEY,

Sheweth,

THAT the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, between the
States of *New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island and Providence*
D d Plantations,

Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, proposed by Congress, to the said States severally, for their Confirmation, have been by us fully and attentively considered, upon which we beg Leave to make the following Remarks :

1st. In the fifth Article, where, among other Things, the Qualifications of the Delegates from the several States are described, there is no Mention of any Oath, Test, or Declaration to be taken or made by them, previous to their Admission to Seats in Congress.—It is indeed to be presumed, the respective States will be careful that the Delegates they send to assist in managing the general Interests of the Union, take the Oaths to the Government from which they derive their Authority ; but as the United States collectively considered, have Interests as well as each particular State, we are of Opinion, that some Test or Obligation binding each Delegate while he continues in the Trust, to consult and pursue the former as well as the latter, and particularly to assent to no Vote or Proceeding which may violate the general Confederation, is necessary. The Laws and Usages of all civilized Nations evince the Propriety of an Oath on such Occasions ; and the more solemn and important the Deposit, the more strong and explicit ought the Obligation to be.

2d. By the sixth and ninth Articles, the Regulation of Trade seems to be committed to the several States within their separate Jurisdictions, in such a Degree as may involve many Difficulties and Embarrassments, and be attended with Injustice to some States in the Union:—We are of Opinion, that the sole and exclusive Power of regulating the Trade of the United States with foreign Nations, ought to be clearly vested in the Congress, and the Revenue arising from all Duties and Customs imposed thereon, ought to be appropriated to the building, equipping and manning a Navy, for the Protection of the Trade, and Defence of the Coasts, and to such other suitable and general Purposes, as to the Congress shall seem proper, and for the common Benefit of the States. This Principle appears to us to be just, and it may be added, that a great Security will by this Means be derived to the Union from the Establishment of a common and mutual Interest.

3d. It is wisely provided in the sixth Article, that no Body of Forces shall be kept up by any State in Time of Peace, except such Number only as, in the Judgment of the United States in Congress assembled, shall be deemed requisite to garrison the Forts necessary for the Defence of such State : We think it ought also to be provided, and clearly expressed, that no Body of Troops be kept up by the United States, in Time of Peace, except such Number only as shall be allowed by the Assent of nine States. A standing Army, a Military Establishment and every Appendage thereof in Time of Peace, is totally abhorrent from the Ideas and Principles of this State.—In the memorable Act of Congress, declaring the United Colonies free and independent States, it is emphatically mentioned, as one of the Causes of Separation from *Great-Britain*, that the Sovereign thereof had kept up among us in Time of Peace, standing Armies without the Consent of the Legislatures—It is to be wished the Liberties and Happiness of the People may, by the Confederation, be carefully and explicitly guarded in this Respect.

4th. On the eighth Article we observe, that as frequent Settlements of the Quotas for Supplies and Aids to be furnished by the several States, in Support of the general Treasury, will be requisite, so they ought to be secured. It cannot be thought improper or unnecessary to have them struck once at least in every five Years, and oftener if Circumstances will allow ; the Quantity or Value of Real Property in some States may increase much more rapidly than in others, and therefore the Quota which is at one Time just, will at another be disproportionate.

5th. The Boundaries and Limits of each State ought to be fully and finally fixed and made known ; this we apprehend would be attended with very salutary Effects, by preventing Jealousies as well as Controversies, and promoting Harmony and Confidence among the States : If the Circumstances of the Times would not admit of this, previous to the Proposal of the Confederation to the several States, the Establishment of the Principles upon which, and the Rule and Mode

Mode by which the Determination may be conducted, at a Time more convenient and favourable, and a Provision for dispatching the same at an early Period, not exceeding five Years from the final Ratification of the Confederation, would be satisfactory.

6th. The ninth Article provides, that no State shall be deprived of Territory for the Benefit of the United States :—Whether we are to understand that by Territory, is intended any Lands, the Property of which was heretofore vested in the Crown of *Great-Britain* ; or that no Mention of such Lands is made in the Confederation ; we are constrained to observe, that the present War, as we always apprehended, was undertaken for the general Defence and Interest of the confederating Colonies, now the United States. It was ever the confident Expectation of this State, that the Benefits derived from a successful Contest were to be general and proportionate, and that the Property of the common Enemy, falling in Consequence of a prosperous Issue of the War, would belong to the United States, and be appropriated to their Use : We are therefore greatly disappointed in finding no Provision made in the Confederation for empowering the Congress to dispose of such Property, but especially the vacant and unpatented Lands, commonly called the Crown Lands, for defraying the Expences of the War, and for other such publick and general Purposes.—The Jurisdiction ought in every Instance to belong to the respective States within the Charter or determined Limits of which such Lands may be seated ; but Reason and Justice must decide, that the Property which existed in the Crown of *Great-Britain*, previous to the present Revolution, ought now to belong to the Congress, in Trust for the Use and Benefit of the United States : They have fought and bled for it in Proportion to their respective Abilities, and therefore the Reward ought not to be predilectionally distributed. Shall such States as are shut out by Situation from availing themselves of the least Advantage from this Quarter, be left to sink under an enormous Debt, whilst others are enabled in a short Period to replace all their Expenditures from the hard Earnings of the whole Confederacy ?

7th. The ninth Article also provides, that the Requisitions for Land-Forces to be furnished by the several States, shall be proportioned to the Number of *white* Inhabitants in each.—In the Act of Independence we find the following Declaration : ‘ We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal ; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ‘ among which are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness ;’ of this Doctrine it is not a very remote Consequence that all the Inhabitants of every Society, be the Colour of their Complexion what it may, are bound to promote the Interest thereof, according to their respective Abilities : They ought therefore to be brought into the Account on this Occasion. But admitting the Necessity or Expediency to justify the Refusal of Liberty in certain Circumstances, to Persons of a particular Colour ; we think it unequal to reckon Nothing upon such in this Case.—If the whole Number of Inhabitants in a State, whose Inhabitants are all Whites, both those who are called into the Field, and those who remain to till the Ground, and labour in Mechanick Arts and otherwise, are reckoned in the Estimate for striking the Proportion of Forces to be furnished by that State, ought even a Part of the latter Description to be left out in another ?

Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the Treasurer’s delivering to *Silas Condict*, Esq. a Bond given by *Jacob Ford*, junior ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Crane* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, relative to the Treasurer’s paying to *David Olden*, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing, *Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds* ;

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Crane* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to the Treasurer's paying to *John Hart* the Balance due him of *Forty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence*;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Crane* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Woodhull* and Mr. *Shaffer*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Woodhull* and Mr. *Shaffer* do wait on the Council, and inform them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for procuring to the Joint-Meeting Returns of the Names of the Judges and Justices within this State, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is negatived by this House.’

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Farming out of publick Offices, or transferring, by Deputation, the Powers annexed and incident to them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fenimore*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

‘ THAT the Treasurer pay to *Enos Kelsey*, Esq. the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds*, in order to enable him to proceed in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States : And whereas

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‘ the Wages allowed to the said *Enos Kelsey* are inadequate to the Expences incurred by the Discharge of his Appointment :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That an Addition to the present Wages allowed to the said *Enos Kelsey*, the Legislature will provide for and defray such Proportion of his Expences as shall appear reasonable, in Consideration of the present advanced Price of the Necessaries of Life.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *Enos Kelsey* be empowered to appoint a suitable Person or Persons, in whom he can confide, to distribute the Cloathing sent by him from Time to Time to the *New-Jersey* Brigade, with Directions to keep exact Accounts, and take Receipts of all Cloathing distributed, carefully attending that in such Distribution each Person entitled have his due Share and Proportion, and that the Legislature will provide for the Payment of such Persons at their next Sitting.’

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Fenimore* wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with these Resolutions.’

The Council taking the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith. Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Imlay*, from the Committee appointed on the 12th of *September* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to adjust, settle and report, from Time to Time, such publick Accounts as might be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and stated the respective Accounts referred to them, which several Accounts are included in the Message from the House of Assembly immediately following.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Van Cleve*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ THAT the Treasurer pay to the several Persons herein named, the Sum annexed to their respective Names, being Demands for Payment of Services done pursuant to Law ; and also of Accounts for which, when adjusted and allowed by the Legislature, Provision is already made :

‘ To *Peter Allen*, for one Gun lost in the Service of the United States, the Sum of *Four Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To *John Cruger*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esquire, for Expences attending the Council of Safety, the Sum of *Thirty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine-pence*.

‘ To *Jeromus Rapalje*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To *Robert Lanning*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds Two Shillings and Six-pence*.

‘ To *Rocloff Sebring*, Esq. in Behalf of *John Bush*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence*.

‘ To *William Tucker*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Ten Shillings*.

‘ To *John M'Dowell*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To *Peter Pumyea*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

‘ To *Kenneth Anderson*, junior, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

‘ To *John Buck*, Esq. in Behalf of the Executors or Administrators of Capt.

‘ Jonathan Beesley, deceased, for marching a Party of Nine Months Recruits from the County of Cumberland to Head-Quarters, the Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

‘ To John Buck, Esq. in Behalf of the Executors or Administrators of Capt. Jonathan Beesley, deceased, for Cash paid to the above-said Nine Months Men, as Allowance of Mileage, the Sum of *Forty-four Pounds*.

‘ To William Woodbull, Esq. in Behalf of Major Samuel Sayres, for marching the Nine Months Recruits from the Western Battalion of Morris to Head-Quarters, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*.

‘ To Roeloff Sebring, Esq. in Behalf of Lieutenant Joseph Casterlin, for marching the Nine Months Recruits from the first Battalion of Somerset, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight-pence*.

‘ To Cornelius Van Lure, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

‘ To Andrew Dine, for Damages done to a Gun in the Service, the Sum of *One Pound Thirteen Shillings*.

‘ To Capt. Adam Hope, for marching the Nine-Months Men raised in the third Battalion of Hunterdon County to Head-Quarters, the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds*.

‘ To Capt. Richard Stilwell, for marching the Nine Months Men raised in the fourth Battalion of Hunterdon County, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Drake and Mr. Van Cleve do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hand wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Leaming and Mr. Peterfon, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Leaming and Mr. Peterfon do wait on the Council, and inform them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Sheep, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is negatived by the House of Assembly.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Leaming and Mr. Peterfon, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Leaming and Mr. Peterfon wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal four several Acts relative to Exempts at the Iron and Salt-Works in this State*, is negatived by the House of Assembly :

‘ And that the Bill, intituled, *A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Security of the Government of New-Jersey*, is negatived by the House of Assembly :

‘ And also that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for authorizing Persons elected Sheriffs and Coroners to act in their respective Offices before they are commissioned*, is passed without Amendment.’



