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VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,

AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-
SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER, A. D. ONE THOUSAND
EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN, AND
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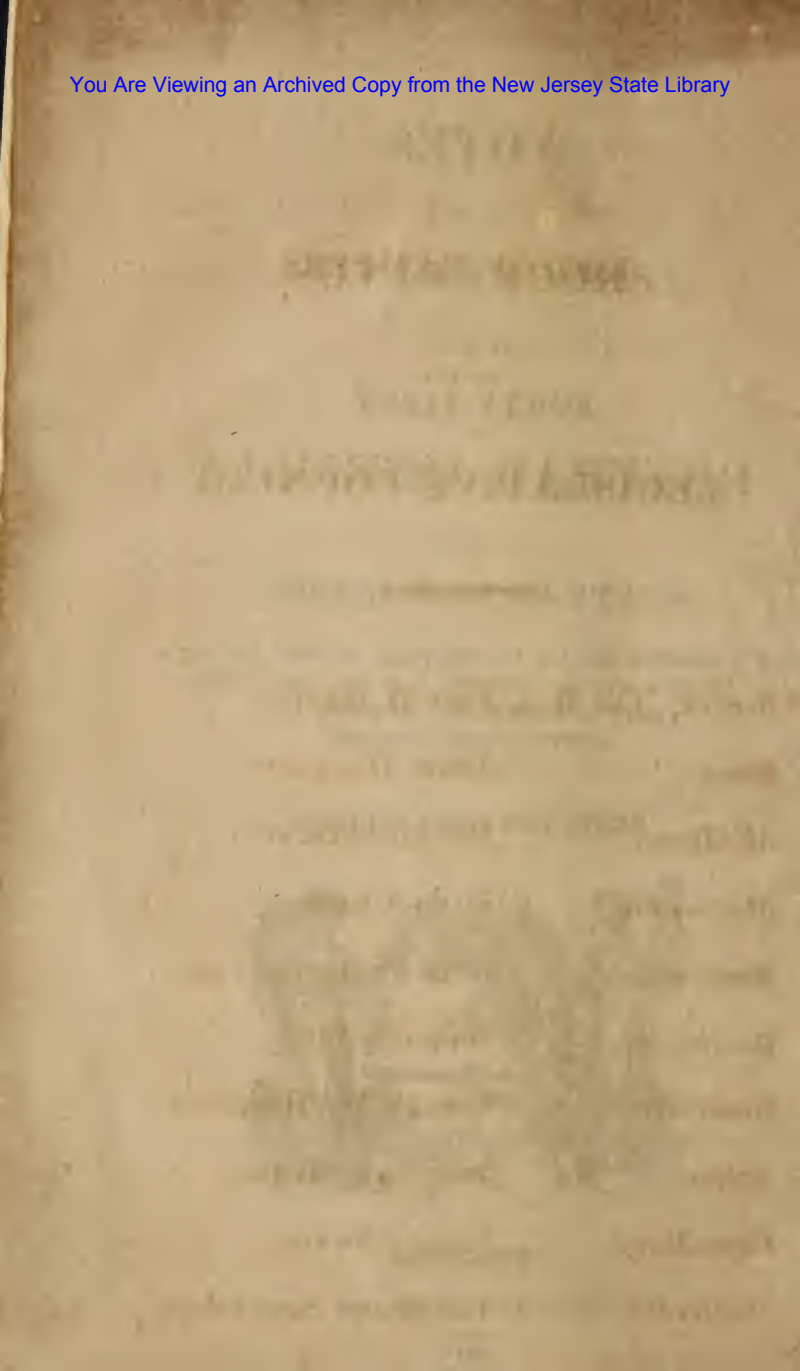
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LIST OF MEMBERS
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Bergen, The Hon. JOHN D. HARING.

Essex, - AMOS HARRISON.

Middlesex, ERCURIES BEATTY.

Monmouth, SILAS CRANE.

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Hunterdon, ELNATHAN STEVENSON.

Morris, The Hon. JESSE UPSON.

Cumberland, EBENEZER SEELEY.

Sussex, THOMAS VANKIRK.

LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BERGEN.

Jacob Banta, Cornelius Merseiles, and
Peter Sip, Esquires.

ESSEX.

Charles Clark, John Dow, Isaac H. Wil-
liamson, and Silas Condit, Esquires.

MIDDLESEX.

James Parker, Hezekiah Smith, and Alli-
son Ely, jun. Esquires.

MONMOUTH.

George Holcombe, Matthias Van Brakle,
and Reuben Shreve, Esquires.

SOMERSET.

Joseph Annin, Cornelius Van Horn, and James Stryker, Esquires.

BURLINGTON.

William Coxe, William Pearson, Samuel J. Read, and William Reeve, Esquires.

GLOUCESTER.

Edward Sharp, Isaac Pine, and Richard S. Risley, Esquires.

SALEM.

Stacy Lloyd, John Mayhew, and Joseph Kille, Esquires.

CAPE-MAY.

Nicholas Willits.

HUNTERDON.

John Farlee, William Nixon, Abraham Stout, and Thomas Prall, Esquires.

MORRIS.

David Thompson, jun. Ezekiel Kitchell, Samuel Halliday, and Benjamin Condit, Esquires.

CUMBERLAND.

**Nathan Leake, James D. Westcott, and
Daniel Parvin, Esquires.**

SUSSEX.

**Abraham Bidleman, Robert C. Thomson,
William Darrah, and Peter Decker, Es-
quires.**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

TRENTON, OCTOBER 22, 1816.

THIS being the time and place appointed by law for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons, to wit: Jacob Banta, and Cornelius Merseilles, as representatives for the county of Bergen; Charles Clark, Silas Condit, John Dow, and Isaac H. Williamson, as representatives for the county of Essex; James Parker, Allison Ely, jr. and Hezekiah Smith, as representatives of the county of Middlesex; George Holcombe, Matthias Van Brakle and Reuben Shreve, as representatives for the county of Monmouth; Joseph Annin, Cornelius Van Horn, and James Stryker, as representatives for the county of Somerset; William Coxe, William Pearson, Samuel J. Read, and William Reeve, as representatives for the county of Burlington; Edward Sharp as a representative from the county of Gloucester; Stacy Lloyd, John Mayhew and Joseph Kille, as representatives for

the county of Salem; William Nixon, John Farlee, Abraham Stout and Thomas Prall, as representatives for the county of Hunterdon; David Thompson, jun. Ezekiel Kitchell and Samuel Halliday, as representatives for the county of Morris; William Darrah, Abraham Bidleman, Robert C. Thomson and Peter Decker, as representatives for the county of Sussex; Daniel Parvin, James D. Westcott and Nathan Leake, as representatives for the county of Cumberland, appeared in the House, and produced the respective certificates of their election; which being read and approved, David Thompson, jun. esq. was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify Charles Clark, esq. who being duly sworn, took his seat, and the remaining members present being qualified by the said Charles Clark, esq. took their seats in the House.

The members proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, when CHARLES CLARK, esq. was unanimously chosen, and accordingly took the chair.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when DANIEL COLEMAN was appointed, qualified, and took his seat at the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that the House have this day met, and elected the honorable Charles Clark their Speaker, and Daniel Coleman their Clerk, and have proceeded to business.

William Gould was appointed Door-keeper.

Messrs. Parker, Westcott, and D. Thompson were appointed a committee to prepare and report rules and regulations for the government of the House.

Messrs. Pearson, Dow and Kitchell, were appointed a committee to examine and report the unfinished business of last session.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that the Council have this day met, elected the honorable Jesse Upson, Vice-President, James Linn their Secretary, and proceeded to business.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, from the committee for that purpose, reported rules and regulations for the government of the House; which were read, agreed to, and one hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee for that purpose, reported the following list of unfinished business:

No. 1. A bill concerning Steam-Boats.

No. 2. A bill to Provide for the Education of Poor Children.

No. 3. A bill relative to persons confined for Debt.

No. 4. A bill relative to the Fisheries in the River Delaware.

No. 5. A Supplement to the Act relative to Slaves.

No. 6. A bill for the Relief of Jabez Pierson.

No. 7. A bill supplementary relative to Statutes.

No. 8. A bill relative to Apprentices and Servants.

No. 9. A bill relative to Brass Ordnance.

No. 10. A bill relative to Drunkards.

No. 11. A bill relative to a Turnpike from Trenton to Sussex.

No. 12. A bill authorizing a Banking and Navigation Company at Elizabeth.

No. 13. A bill relative to a Bank in Bridgetown, East Jersey.

No. 14. A bill relative to Tippling Houses.

No. 15. A bill relative to Trenton and Philadelphia Steam-Boat Company.

No. 16. A bill relative to the relief of Daniel Smith.

No. 17. A bill Supplementary to regulating Courts of Law.

No. 18. A bill relative to Stage Drivers.

No. 19. A bill relative to a Revision of the Laws of the State.

No. 20. A Petition of the Chosen Freeholders of Burlington county.

No. 21. A bill for a Turnpike from Somerville to Stanhope.

No. 22. A bill from Piscataway and Woodbridge relative to Salt Marsh.

No. 23. A bill relative to the Bergen Fisheries.

No. 24. A bill from the people of New Brunswick relative to Steam-Boats.

No. 25. A Report of the Committee on the North Carolina resolutions relative to an Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. S. Condit presented a petition from the

"Newark Female Charitable Society," praying for an act of incorporation.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. S. Condit, Coxe and Annin, with leave to report a general bill on the subject.

Mr. S. Condit presented the following report of the commissioners, relative to a transfer of the shares of this state in the stock of the Society for establishing Useful Manufactures.

The commissioners appointed by "An act authorizing a transfer of the Shares of this State in the Stock of the Society for establishing Useful Manufactures,

Do Respectfully Report:

That they have, upon examination, unanimously adjudged seven tracts of land belonging to the said Society, situated in the township of Aquacknonk, in the county of Essex, and containing three hundred and one acres and fifty-three hundredths of an acre, to be of the value of eleven thousand dollars; that they have accepted a deed or conveyance, duly made and executed by the said Society to the State of New Jersey for the said lands, and that they have transferred all the shares of this State in the capital stock of the said Society to Roswell L. Colt, agreeably to the direction of the said Society.

The commissioners herewith present a map and field book of the survey of the aforesaid lands, the deed from the Society to the State of New Jersey, and the direction of the Society under their seal to transfer the shares of the State to Roswell L. Colt.

All which are respectfully submitted.

JOHN RUTHERFURD,
ELIAS VAN ARSDALE, } *Comm'rs.*
SILAS CONDIT,

Paterson, Oct. 19, 1816.

Which report was read and referred to Messrs. Parker, Williamson and Bidleman.

Mr. Dow presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying for legislative interference relative to the erection of mills dams in certain cases.

Which petitions were read and committed to Messrs. Parker, Halliday and Merseiles.

On motion—*Ordered*, That Messrs. Sharp, Smith and Stout, be a committee to bring in a bill for the support of the government of this State for the ensuing year.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dow, Holcombe and Nixon, be a committee to bring in an incidental bill.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from John Mason, of the township of Bloomfield, in the county of Essex, an alien, praying for a law to confirm his title to certain real estate in said county.

Which petition was read and referred to Mess. D. Thompson, Van Brakle and Stryker.

Ordered, That Messrs. Halliday, Read, Banta, Westcott and Lloyd, be a committee to settle the accounts of the Treasurer.

Ordered, That Messrs. Silas Condit, D. Thompson, Shreve, Ely and Pearson, be a committee to settle the accounts of the State Prison.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the appointment of said committees, and that they be requested to appoint correspondent ones on their part.

Mr. Westcott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any infraction of the sovereignty and jurisdiction of this State, or of the rights of its inhabitants, have been committed by the ces-

sion of a certain island in the river or bay of Delaware, called the Pea-Patch, by the State of Delaware to the United States, and that they have leave to report by bill.

Which resolution was read and committed to Messrs. Westcott, Coxe, Prall, Sharp and Mayhew.

Mr. Linn, the Secretary of Council, presented to the House the following Message from his excellency Governor Dickerson:

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

In consequence of the prevalence of frost and drought, during the last spring and summer. and the early part of the present autumn, our crops of grass and grain fall greatly short of the usual supply. There is reason to hope, however, that with proper prudence there will be found in the State a sufficiency for our necessities.

The enhanced price of grain, although a partial evil, will have the salutary tendency to prevent extravagance and waste; and it is to be hoped will restrain our distillers from converting into poison the gifts intended by the bounty of Heaven to man for his nourishment.

While we place a humble reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, it behoves us to adopt a rigid system of economy, by which a greater portion of the comforts of life will be left with the poor and needy.

It is to be deplored, that upon the restoration of peace, the imprudence of the merchants in the great commercial cities of the Union, has plunged our country into new distress, by a ruinous importation of European goods, greatly exceeding our means of payment; calculated to embarrass our domestic manufacturing establishments, and to

introduce among our citizens a degree of luxury and extravagance, illy suited to our conditions, or the genius of our government.

We are gradually recovering from most of the effects of this unfortunate state of things; but some of its pernicious consequences will be of permanent duration.

The want of specie as a medium of exchange, has retarded the prosperity of our country; and the evil necessarily resulting from this cause, has been greatly aggravated in this State, by the depreciated value of the paper of several of our banking institutions. This has become a subject of loud and just complaint. That there should be a difference of eight or ten per cent. in the rate of exchange, between the notes of neighboring banks, which are equally solvent, is an evil of intolerable magnitude, and which requires legislative interference.

Most of our citizens who have adventured their capital in domestic manufactures, have received from the Congress of the United States, a protection, which although it does not give immediate relief to their embarrassments, affords a well founded confidence in the final success of their establishments. This, however, is not the case with all. The manufacture of bar-iron, in which this state is deeply interested, has not received an adequate protection. The manufacturers of this article of prime necessity, are left to struggle with difficulties, which have already involved many of them in ruin; and all those of moderate capital, will be obliged to abandon their forges and furnaces, unless some change soon takes place in their favour. The consequence of this will be a great and lasting injury to our country; for establishments as expensive as those for the manufacture of iron necessarily are, when once abandoned

for want of encouragement, are slowly and cautiously resumed, even under the most favorable change of circumstances.

Since the last session of the Legislature, I have received from the Governor of Pennsylvania, a letter inclosing certain resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of that State, in which they solemnly protest against the passage and operation of the act of the Legislature of New-Jersey, passed on the 4th day of February, 1815, entitled, "An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, junr. and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a Wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's Island with the main land at Bloomsbury;" and of the supplement thereto, passed on the 10th of February 1816. In which resolutions they also propose to submit the matters in controversy arising out of this case, to the determination of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States. Which letter and resolutions, together with a copy of my letter acknowledging the receipt of the same, are herewith laid before you. This State has undoubtedly the right to authorize the construction of such wing-dams in the Delaware and within its own territory, as in no wise impede the navigation of that river, unless restrained by some agreement entered into with the State of Pennsylvania—And no agreement with that state, could, I presume, under our federal compact, warrant us in obstructing the navigation of that river; and any attempt to obstruct such navigation, would be deemed an infringement of the rights, not only of Pennsylvania, but of all the states of the Union.

It will be important to enquire how far we are restrained in these particulars, by any convention or agreement with the state of Pennsylvania; and

how far we are restrained by the general principles of the laws of nations, when adapted to the peculiar circumstances of our state sovereignties, modified and limited by the charter which bind us together as one confederated republic.

As this state is deeply interested in promoting the free navigation of the Delaware, it was not to be presumed, that her Legislature would assent to any measure, which could, in the slightest degree, impede such navigation—And it is very certain, that the Legislature, in passing the laws in question, acted under a full conviction, that they were not, in any degree, infringing the rights of Pennsylvania; more especially as the citizens of that state have been in the constant practice of extending wing-dams in the same river, if not by legislative permission, certainly without legislative control. Notwithstanding which, I trust you will cheerfully enter into any reasonable arrangements, with the constituted authorities of that state, to give them satisfaction upon these points, involving, as they believe, those rights and privileges, which it is their duty to watch and protect.

The Commissioners appointed by the act of Assembly of the 13th February last, for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and the probable expense of, a canal, to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan, have made considerable progress in discharging the duties assigned them, but are not yet prepared to report. From what they have already done, no doubt remains that the result of their labors will be highly satisfactory to those who feel an interest in seeing this great national object of internal navigation carried into effect.

Permit me, gentlemen, to call your attention to the importance of procuring an accurate map of the state. We have in our public offices a great

portion of the materials necessary for this purpose; what is deficient may be procured at a small expense. The want of such a map is not only a serious inconvenience, but a reproach to us.

It is a subject of sincere congratulation, that a general spirit to promote the education of youth, and to strengthen the cause of religion and morality, pervades this, as well as the neighboring states. You will, undoubtedly, be disposed to give such aid to this happy impulse of the public mind, as the occasion may require, and our means will permit.

MAHLON DICKERSON.

Trenton, 22d October, 1817.

Which Message was read and ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

On the question, shall there be an adjourned sitting?—the yeas and nays being required, it was determined in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Banta,

Bidleman,

S. Condit,

Coxe,

Darrah,

Decker,

Dow,

Ely,

Holcombe,

Kille,

Kitchell,

Lloyd,

Mayhew,

Merseiles,

Messrs. Nixon,

Parker,

Parvin,

Pearson,

Read,

Reeve,

Sharp,

Shreve,

Smith,

Stryker,

R. Thomson,

Van Brakle,

Van Horn,

Westcott,

Williamson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Clark, Sp.
Farlee,
Halliday,
Leake,

Messrs. Prall,
Stout,
D. Thompson.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Mason, an alien,

Reported, That the case of the petitioner is fully comprised under existing laws, and therefore that legislative aid is not necessary for his relief.

Which report was agreed to, and the petitioner had leave to withdraw his papers.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have appointed Messrs. Crane and Irick, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the Treasurer; and Messrs. Frelinghuysen and Stevenson, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the state prison.

Isaac Pine, and Richard S. Risley, as representatives for the county of Gloucester, appeared, produced the respective certificates of their election, were qualified, and took their seats in the House.

Nicholas Willits as a representative from the county of Cape May, appeared, produced the certificate of his election, was qualified and took his seat.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Benjamin Condit, as a representative for the county of Morris, appeared, produced the certificate of his election, was qualified and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled "an act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this state."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from John Rutherford, Elias Van Arsdale, and Silas Condit, esqrs. commissioners, appointed to carry into effect the act entitled "an act, authorizing a transfer of the shares of this state, in the stock of the Society for establishing Useful Manufactures," made the following report:

That they have examined the papers which accompany the said communication, viz.

1. A deed dated the 19th October, 1816, executed by the Governor of the Society for establishing useful manufactures, and duly authenticated under the corporate seal, conveying to the state seven tracts of land in or near the town of Paterson, containing altogether three hundred and one acres and fifty three hundredths of an acre, accepted by the said commissioners as being of the value of eleven thousand dollars.

2. An order of the said Society duly authenticated under their corporate seal, dated the 19th October, 1816, directing the transfer of the shares of stock belonging to this state to be made to Roswell L. Colt.

3. A field book and map of the lands conveyed to the state made by Stephen Hayes, junr.

The Committee have every reason to believe that the selection of the lands conveyed to this state has been judiciously made, and the trust confided to the commissioners faithfully executed.

They recommend the following resolution;

Resolved, That the deed executed by the Society for establishing useful manufactures, to the State of New-Jersey, together with the order of the Society directing a transfer of the shares of stock of this state to be made to Roswell L. Colt, be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State and in the Clerk's office of the county of Essex, and that the map of the said tracts be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, and with the deed, order and field book, preserved therein.

Which report was read, agreed to, and the resolution ordered to be sent to Council for their concurrence.

The Speaker presented to the House the following letter from the Treasurer.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey.

GENTLEMEN,

Your Treasurer begs leave to inform you that he has received possession of the Jersey Banking House and Lots. They were delivered up, and possession given freely and without hesitation by Mr. Van Dolsem, agent of Mr. Dunham. Mr. Van Dolsem informed me that sundry applications had

been made to him for renting, and some for purchasing. But my not having any orders for renting or selling, the house remains unoccupied. The yard fence had blown down; and the yard receiving damage by filling up with sand, I have had the fence repaired and put in order.

The debt due the Mount Holly Bank has been discharged and paid off, but at a loss to the state of two hundred dollars, owing to the letter from the Treasurer of the United States, containing the draft, laying some time in the Post-Office at Morristown.

The columns you have observed are removed, and the carpenter thinks no damage can possibly accrue. I felt sorry, the supports had to pass the Council Chamber; where they are, however I cannot conceive any inconvenience arising, only in appearance. The expense is much less than expected, which you will observe by the inclosed account, viz. 73 dollars 16 cents.

Agreeably to an act passed last session, I have purchased fifteen thousand dollars of the United States six per cent. stock; 10,000 dollars of which at $97\frac{3}{4}$, including commissions of transfer, &c. and 5000 dollars at $98\frac{1}{4}$, with interest due from the 1st of July last. This stock now stands on the books at Philadelphia, where the interest must be drawn, and would advise having them transferred to the Loan-Office in this place, which can easily be effected by sending to Washington.

I would beg leave to call the attention of the Legislature to an account delivered to the incidental committee of last session. The account was for making the double doors in the Assembly room, two tables and cellar doors. The amount was 70 dollars 18 cents. The materials purchased amounted to 37 dollars 70 cents, work to 32 dollars and 48 cents, making as above, 70 dollars, 18 cents.

The materials were all purchased by my orders, and the vouchers handed to me and compared and found correct; nor did the carpenter purchase a single article, (except sprigs or nails) without my orders. The incidental committee, however, from some cause or another allowed but 35 dollars, when the materials cost 37 dollars, 70 cents. The workmen I know were steady and industrious, for I was with them daily. In short I was surprized when I saw the sum allowed. I therefore pray a reconsideration of the account, for I cannot in justice make a demand of the carpenter, knowing his account just. I inclose the said original account for your inspection. The account of cost and expenses attending the suit of the Jersey Bank, inclosed, amounts to 1442 dollars 55 cents. Some of the vouchers I find lost, occasioned by the papers being so often in court. The above amount I shall now charge in my account of disbursements.

You have also the account of expense for removing the columns, and my expenses attending the purchase of the United States stock, and paying the debt due Mount Holly Bank, all which is now charged in my account of disbursements.

I am, gentlemen,

Your humble servant,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

October 23, 1816.

Which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon, Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the account of Alexander Witherup, for repairs to the assembly room, &c. be referred to the incidental committee; and,

That the accounts of the Treasurer for expenses

attending the suit brought for recovery of the Banking-house and Lot at Jersey, and for sundry other incidental expenses incurred by him, be referred to the committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasury.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the House.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into a joint-meeting for the purpose of choosing a Governor, and other civil and military officers deemed requisite at this time.

Mr. Williamson presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying for a law authorizing the Justices of the Supreme Court to become members of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, and making it the duty of one of the said Justices to preside in the said County Courts.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Williamson, Darrah and Leake.

Mr. Westcott offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the depreciation in value of the paper of some of the Banks of this state, be referred to a committee.

Resolved, That so much of said Message as relates to the protest of the state of Pennsylvania against an act of the Legislature of this state, authorizing Daniel W. Coxe, and others, to erect a wing-dam on the river Delaware, together with the accompanying documents, be referred to a committee.

Resolved, That so much of said Message as relates to procuring a Map of this State, be referred to a committee.

Which resolutions were read and agreed to by the House.

Whereupon, Messrs. Williamson, Stryker and R. Thomson, were appointed on the first;

Messrs. William D. Thompson and Risley on the second—and

Messrs. Coxe, Mayhew, Westcott, Parker and Dow, on the last.

Mr. Williamson presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Hope and Hacketstown Turnpike Company, praying for reasons therein set forth, legislative authority to raise a sum of money by Lottery to pay a balance due from said company—and to extend their turnpike from Hope to the Delaware river, at or near the Columbia Glass-works.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Kitchell, Pine and Lloyd.

Mr. S. Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled “An act to incorporate the Newark Female Charitable Society.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting on Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly room, for the purpose of choosing a Governor, and other civil and military officers, deemed requisite at this time.

Mr. Shreve presented petitions from Jarratt Stillwell and capt. Thomas White, praying reimbursement of monies expended, and for articles furnished the militia while in actual service during the late war.

Which petitions were read and committed to Messrs. Shreve, Ely and Stryker.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire, and report at the next sitting of the legislature, what measures are necessary for the preservation or disposal of the house and lot at Jersey, the government house and lot at Trenton, and also of the lands at Paterson, belonging to this state, and the value of the same respectively.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Parker, D. Thompson and Reeve, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Williamson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what alterations or amendments are necessary in the Laws of this State, directing the descent of real estates.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Williamson, Halliday and Nixon, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled "An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this state."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Reeve presented a petition from the township committee of the township of Evesham, in the county of Burlington, praying for a specified

alteration in the law, entitled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships," &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Reeve, Risley and Willits.

Mr. Read presented a petition from Asa Eayre, of the county of Burlington, praying for a law to authorize him to erect a dam across the main south branch of Rancocus creek, in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Read, Sharp and Van Brakle.

Mr. Smith presented a petition from Joel French and Ann French his wife, mutually praying for a divorce.

Which petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House the following letter from the Treasurer:

To the Honorable the Legislature of New Jersey.

GENTLEMEN,

In my communication of yesterday I omitted one item, which was, that the Cumberland Bank had gotten into operation, and I have received a certificate of forty full shares of stock for the state, agreeably to the charter granted.

I am, gentlemen,

Your humble servant,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

October 25, 1816.

Mr. Prall presented a petition from Catharine Dally, confined in Hunterdon jail for debt, praying legislative interference in her behalf.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from G. B. Graves, confined in Middlesex jail—And Mr. Holcombe a petition from William Sanford, confined in Monmouth jail, praying to the same purport.

Which petitions were respectively read, and committed to Messrs. Banta, Ely and Shreve.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from Simeon Crane, of the county of Essex, praying compensation for military implements furnished the state during the administration of the late Governor Ogden.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Westcott and Bidleman.

No. 22, of unfinished business, being the petition of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Piscataway and Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, praying amendments and alterations in the act entitled “An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows to make and open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned,” passed 12th June, 1799, being read, whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition on the second Wednesday of the next sitting; they first giving notice of the purport of said bill by advertisements, put up in five of the most public places of said townships, at least three weeks previous to the said day.

The bill entitled “An act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this state,” was read a second time, considered by section, and agreed to, except the fourth, which was postponed.

Mr. Kitchell, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the President and Directors of the Hope and Hacketstown Turnpike Company, praying the aid of the legislature to enable them to collect the arrears due from the stockholders in said turnpike, and also a law authorizing a lottery, for the purpose of extending said turnpike to the Delaware river, near the Columbia Glass-works, and other purposes,

Reported, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill during the present sitting, embracing all the objects of their petition.

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this state," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House the Adjutant General's return of the militia of New Jersey, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Which return was ordered to be placed up in the Assembly room for the inspection of the members.

Mr. D. Thompson presented a petition from Capt. Stephen Dod, of Paterson, in the county of Essex, praying for compensation for repairing of arms during the administration of the late Governor Ogden.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. D. Thompson, S. Condit and Parvin.

Mr. Pearson presented a petition from William West and others, owners of meadows in the township of Nottingham, in the county of Burlington, praying for a repeal in part of a certain law relative to said meadows.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Pearson, Risley and Mayhew.

Mr. Westcott presented a petition from Doctor Ezra Baker, of the county of Burlington, praying compensation for services rendered the State during the late war.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Westcott, Farlee and B. Condit.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled "An act to compensate Simeon Crane for certain military implements furnished for the use of the State."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the committee on the resolution relative to the Pea-Patch, reported, in part, a bill entitled, "An act concerning the boundaries and jurisdiction of this State."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and mean time to be printed.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Capt. Stephen Dod."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report whether any revision or altera-

DR. PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account with the

1815.		
Oct. 18,	To Cash received for dividend of Turnpike Stock, - - - - -	\$312 50
20,	do. received of James Ewing, for interest on funded stock, - - - - -	811 51
23,	do. received of Wm. Armstrong, Commissioner, for confiscated property sold, - - - - -	540 37
24,	do. received of David Mills, late Sheriff of Morris county, - - - - -	140 00
	do. received of Samuel Halliday, present Sheriff of Morris county, - - - - -	28 75
26,	do. received of Charles Parker, Sheriff of Monmouth county, - - - - -	9 26
27,	do. received of Aaron Leaning, Sheriff of Cape May county, - - - - -	33 49
Nov. 1,	do. received of Isaac Pierson, late Sheriff of Essex county, - - - - -	30 00
14,	do. received of Martin Schenck, Sheriff of Somerset county, - - - - -	21 48
1816.		
Jan. 10,	do. received for dividend on Turnpike stock, - - - - -	312 50
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23,	do. received of James Ewing, on funded stock, - - - - -	1,792 11
25,	do. received of Isaac Pierson, late Sheriff of Essex county, - - - - -	8 90
Feb. 17,	do. received of the several Banks for tax, - - - - -	10,759 67
	do. received, being the quota of tax from the several counties, - - - - -	30,000 00
March 6,	do. received of Alexander Chambers, for an error in his freight account, - - - - -	3 00
April 10,	do. received of Samuel Halliday, Sheriff of Morris county, - - - - -	23 78
May 1,	do. received for dividend on Turnpike Stock, - - - - -	312 50
18,	do. received of United States, for interest on the Loan, - - - - -	2,558 33
June 10,	do. received of United States for the money loaned, - - - - -	50,000 00
July 6,	do. received of James Ewing, for two quarters interest, - - - - -	1,623 02
16,	do. received of Silas Condit, Sheriff of Essex county, - - - - -	77 31
17,	do. received of Samuel Halliday, Sheriff of Morris county, - - - - -	32 60
Sept. 26,	do. received of Silas Condit, Sheriff of Essex county, - - - - -	204 35
Oct. 7,	do. received of Samuel Halliday, Sheriff of Morris county, - - - - -	16 64

Carried forward, \$99,676 18

State of New-Jersey, from Oct. 15, 1815, to Oct. 15, 1816, C^a.

	VOUCHERS.		
1815.			
Oct. 23,	1	By cash paid Mrs. Barber for 3 months pension, due August 11th, - - -	\$112 50
	2	do. paid Lydia Whitlock for 1 year's do.	240 00
	3	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Morris county, - - -	28 78
	4	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Monmouth county, - - -	13 90
26,	5	do. paid Thomas Skillman for 3 months pension, - - -	10 00
	6	do. paid Governor Pennington for expenditures of maritime frontier, - - -	1490 06
	7	do. paid Governor Pennington for six months salary, - - -	900 00
	8	do. paid for one inquisition in Salem county, - - -	17 64
31,	9	do. paid Mary Payne for 15 months pension, - - -	40 00
Nov. 1,	10—64	do. paid Members of the Legislature, - - -	2,327 05
	65	do. paid Daniel Coleman, Clerk of Assembly, - - -	38 50
	66	do. paid do. for engrossing, - - -	3 65
	67	do. paid William Gould, Doorkeeper, - - -	16 50
	68	do. paid do. per incidental bill, - - -	20 43
	69	do. paid John Bellerjeau, doorkeeper for Council, - - -	16 50
	70	do. paid do. per incidental bill, - - -	2 25
	71	do. paid for one inquisition in Essex county, - - -	10 10
	72	do. paid Lydia Wood for 1 year's pension, - - -	40 00
	73	do. paid Rebecca Dennis for 6 months pension, - - -	120 00
	74	do. paid Archibald M'Kean for a book, per incidental bill, - - -	14 00
7,	75	do. paid George Miller for wood, per incidental bill, - - -	135 00
	76	do. paid for one inquisition in Middlesex county, - - -	16 54
	77	do. paid James Linn, Secretary of Council, - - -	38 50
	78	do. paid James Linn, for 6 months salary as Auditor, - - -	25 00
	79	do. paid James Linn for sundries, per incidental bill, - - -	185 36
8,	80	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Bergen county, - - -	35 25

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PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account

To amount brought forward, - \$99,676 18

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	VOUCHERS.		
1815.		By Amount brought forward, -	\$5897 51
Nov. 10,	81	By cash paid Samuel Brearly, per incidental bill, - - - - -	1 90
	82	do. paid Elizabeth Rue, for 3 months pension, - - - - -	10 00
	83	do. paid Daniel Coleman for copying Minutes, - - - - -	36 50
14,	84	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Hunterdon county, - - - - -	9 75
15,	85	do. paid Samuel Bayard, member of As- bly, - - - - -	30 00
	86	do. paid Judge Kirkpatrick for 6 months salary, - - - - -	500 00
	87	do. paid Judge Kirkpatrick for attend- ing Courts, - - - - -	210 00
	88	do. paid Treasurer for 6 months salary, - - - - -	500 00
	89	do. paid Mrs. Barber for 3 months pen- sion, - - - - -	112 50
23,	90	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper, - - - - -	5 00
25,	91	do. paid for binding Laws and Votes for Treasury Office, - - - - -	2 50
Dec. 13,	92	do. paid Houston & Davison for paper, per incidental bill, - - - - -	5 00
	93	do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Sussex, - - - - -	39 90
20,	94	do. paid Charles Rice, per incidental bill, - - - - -	1 34
1816.			
Jan. 8,	95	do. paid Mary M'Myer for three months pension, - - - - -	60 00
12,	96	do. paid for five inquisitions, in Bergen county, - - - - -	71 26
	97	do. paid for four inquisitions in Salem county, - - - - -	45 86
	98	do. paid for four inquisitions in Somer- set county, - - - - -	57 78
	99	do. paid for five inquisitions in Mon- mouth county, - - - - -	77 96
	100	do. paid bills of costs in Morris county, - - - - -	60 72
	101	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Morris county, - - - - -	24 08
	102	do. paid Sarah Wood for six months pension, - - - - -	20 00
17,	103	do. paid for four inquisitions in Sussex county, - - - - -	83 54
19,	104	do. paid for two inquisitions in Essex county, - - - - -	25 98
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	VOUCHERS.		
1816.		By amount brought forward, -	\$7,889 08
Jan. 19,	105	By cash paid John Van Arsdale, agent for Paterson property, - - -	100 00
25,	106	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Essex county, - - -	30 52
	107	do. paid John Tuttle & Co. for printing votes, - - -	118 75
30,	108	do. paid William Stockton, per incidental bill, - - -	1 12½
Feb. 5,	109	do. paid Thomas Skillman for 3 months pension, - - -	10 00
	110	do. paid for twenty inquisitions in Gloucester county, - - -	220 02
13,	111	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper, - - -	5 00
	112	do. paid for three inquisitions in Essex county, - - -	41 50
	113	do. paid for three bills of costs in Essex county, - - -	76 88
	114	do. paid for one inquisition in Monmouth county, - - -	19 78
	115	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Hunterdon, - - -	9 50
	116	do. paid Ebenezer Seeley, Clerk of Cumberland county, per incidental bill, - - -	26 00
	117	do. paid James Linn, per incidental bill, - - -	17 00
16,	118 } 173 }	do. paid Members of the Legislature, - - -	7,103 88
	174	do. paid William Gould, Doorkeeper, - - -	60 00
	175	do. paid William Gould, per incidental bill, - - -	17 58
	176	do. paid Elijah Green, for wood, per incidental bill, - - -	27 00
	177	do. paid John Bellerjeau, per incidental bill, - - -	3 18
	178	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper, - - -	60 00
	179	do. paid Lewis Evans & Son, per incidental bill of Feb. 1815, - - -	1 21
	180	do. paid Daniel Fenton, per incidental bills of Nov. 1815 and Feb. 1816, - - -	51 44
19,	181	do. paid Daniel Coleman for engrossing, - - -	132 26
	182	do. paid William Cain, per incidental bill, - - -	7 48
	183	do. paid Daniel Coleman, Clerk of Assembly, - - -	140 00
	184	do. paid James J. Wilson for printing, per incidental bill, - - -	177 95
Carried forward, -			\$16,347 13½

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PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account

To Amount brought forward,	-	\$99,676 18
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	VOUCHERS.		
1816.		By Amount brought forward, -	\$16,347 13½
	185	By cash paid George Sherman for printing, per incidental bills of Feb. 1815 and 1816, - - - -	24 00
Feb. 20,	186	do. paid Charles Gordon, per incidental bill, - - - -	7 79
27,	187	do. paid Elizabeth Dugan for 1 year's pension, - - - -	40 00
	188	do. paid William Hancock, per incidental bill, - - - -	3 50
	189	do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Sussex county, - - - -	39 02
29,	190	do. paid Archibald M'Kean for a book, per incidental bill, - - - -	10 00
March 1,	191	do. paid for one inquisition in Hunterdon county, - - - -	16 32
	192	do. paid James Linn, Secretary of Council, - - - -	140 00
6,	193	do. paid Abigail Thompson for pension, - - - -	50 00
	194	do. paid Mrs. Barber for pension, - - - -	112 50
	195	do. paid Garret D. Wall for repairs of Office, per incidental bill, - - - -	33 50
	196	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper, - - - -	8 00
	197	do. paid Daniel Coleman, Clerk of Assembly, - - - -	130 10
	198	do. paid James Linn, Secretary of State, - - - -	125 75
April 3,	199	do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Bergen county, - - - -	31 50
	200	do. paid Eunice Platt for pension, - - - -	20 00
10,	201	do. paid for one inquisition in Hunterdon county, - - - -	10 91
	202	do. paid for seven inquisitions in Morris county, - - - -	85 74
	203	do. paid Ellet Howell, per incidental bills of Nov. 1815 and Feb. 1816, - - - -	6 75
	204	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Morris county, - - - -	23 78
15,	205	do. paid Rebecca Dennis for pension, - - - -	120 00
19,	206	do. paid John Russell for one year's pension, - - - -	36 00
22,	207	do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Somerset county, - - - -	17 94
	208	do. paid Mary M'Myer for pension, - - - -	60 00
30,	209	do. paid John Tuttle & Co. for printing votes, - - - -	312 50
		Carried forward, -	\$17,812 73½

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PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account

To Amount brought forward, - \$99,676 18

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	VOUCHERS.		
1816.		By Amount brought forward, -	\$17,812 73½
April 30,	210	By cash paid Thomas Skillman for 3 months pension, - - - - -	10 00
	211	do. paid for one inquisition in Middlesex county, - - - - -	16 71
	212	do. paid John Tuttle & Co. per incidental bill, - - - - -	2 50
May 1,	213	do. paid Elizabeth Rice for 6 months pension, - - - - -	20 00
	214	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Monmouth, - - - - -	12 41
	215	do. paid James Linn, esq. as Auditor, for one half year's salary, -	25 00
14,	216	do. paid for two inquisitions in Sussex county, - - - - -	32 91
	217	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Huarterdon county, - - - - -	11 50
18,	218	do. paid Mrs. Barber for 3 months pension, - - - - -	112 50
	219	do. paid for one inquisition in Essex county, - - - - -	17 35
21,	220	do. paid James Linn, esq. Clerk of the Court of Chancery, - - - - -	7 00
	221	do. paid Treasurer for 6 months salary,	500 00
	222	do. paid Charles Gordon, late Adjutant General, for salary, - - - - -	45 00
	223	do. paid Judge Kirkpatrick for 6 months salary, - - - - -	600 00
	224	do. paid Judge Kirkpatrick for attending Courts, - - - - -	120 00
22,	225	do. paid costs of prosecution in Bergen county, - - - - -	86 12
	226	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper,	6 00
	227 }	do. paid the Members of Council forming Court of Errors, - - -	243 20
	238 }		
	239	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper,	6 00
	240	do. paid Lydia Whitlock for pension,	160 00
31,	241	do. paid Sheppard Kollock for printing Minutes of Council, - - - - -	300 00
	242	do. paid James Linn, esq. for stationary,	81
	243	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Burlington, - - - - -	4 64
	244	do. paid Reuben D. Tucker for transporting military stores, per law of Feb. last, - - - - -	35 50
Carried forward, -			\$20,187 98½

Dr.

PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account

To Amount brought forward, - \$99,676 18

Carried forward.

with the State of New-Jersey, Continued.

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	VOUCHERS.		
1816.		By Amount brought forward, -	\$20,187 98½
May 31,	245	By cash paid for one inquisition in Monmouth county, - - -	17 43
	246	do. paid for two inquisitions in Hunterdon county, - - -	31 01
June 4,	247	do. paid for one inquisition in Hunterdon county, - - -	17 46
10,	248	do. paid for one inquisition in Hunterdon county, - - -	16 55
11,	249	do. paid Mount Holly Bank for money borrowed, - - -	52,775 00
12,	250	do. paid for one inquisition in Middlesex county, - - -	17 48
18,	251	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Salem county, - - -	28 47½
20,	252	do. paid for conveying two prisoners from Sussex county, - - -	39 90
July 4,	253	do. paid for one inquisition in Monmouth county, - - -	13 88
	254	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Middlesex county, - - -	7 00
	255	do. paid James Linn, esq. Secretary, for issuing commissions, - - -	194 70
13,	256	do. paid Mary M'Myer for pension - - -	60 00
16,	257	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Essex county, - - -	65 31
17,	258	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Morris county, - - -	32 60
	259	do. paid A. D. Woodruff, Attorney General, for 6 months salary, - - -	40 00
22,	260	do. paid John Noble for carrying Laws and Votes, - - -	25 00
	261	do. paid Ralph Hart for carrying Laws and Votes, - - -	75 00
	262	do. paid Thomas Skillman for 3 months pension, - - -	10 00
	263	do. paid for one inquisition in Hunterdon county, - - -	11 92
	264	do. paid for conveying two prisoners from Salem county, - - -	40 80
Aug. 6,	265	do. paid for two inquisitions in Sussex county, - - -	16 19
10,	266	do. paid Alexander Witherup, per incidental bill, - - -	6 00
	267	do. paid P. Gordon, per incidental bill, - - -	22 59
Carried forward, -			\$73,753 18

Dr. *PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account*

To Amount brought forward, - \$99,676 18

Carried forward.

with the State of New-Jersey, Continued.

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	VOUCHERS.		
1816.		By Amount brought forward, -	\$73,753 58
Aug. 19,	268	By cash paid John N. Simpson, Commis- sioner, for surveying the ground for Canal, - - - -	500 00
	269	do. paid Mrs. Barber for pension,	112 50
	270	do. paid for one inquisition in Middlesex county, - - - -	18 81
Sept. 6,	271	do. paid Judge Southard for 6 months salary, - - - -	550 00
	272	do. paid Judge Southard for attending Courts, - - - -	150 00
	273	do. paid Judge Rossell for salary to October, 1815, - - - -	450 00
	274	do. paid Judge Rossell for salary to April, 1816, - - - -	550 00
	275	do. paid Judge Rossell for attending Courts, - - - -	340 00
	276	do. paid J. J. Wilson for printing Laws,	368 75
	277	do. paid A. D. Woodruff, Attorney Ge- neral, for 6 months salary, -	40 00
14,	278	do. paid John Bellerjeau, Doorkeeper,	7 00
17,	279	do. paid for \$15,000 of United States six per cent. stock, - - - -	14,686 62
	280	do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Middlesex, - - - -	17 26
26,	281	do. paid Phebe Little for 3 year's pen- sion, - - - -	120 00
	282	do. paid for one inquisition in Bergen county, - - - -	14 34
	283	do. paid for conveying prisoners from Essex county, - - - -	64 94
	284	do. paid for conveying one prisoner from Burlington county, - -	1 44
	285	do. paid Elizabeth Kinsley for 3 year's pension, - - - -	120 00
Oct. 5,	286	do. paid Eunice Platt for 6 months pension, - - - -	20 00
	287	do. paid John Rutherford, Commissioner of Canal, - - - -	250 00
7,	288	do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Somerset county, - - - -	12 20
	289	do. paid for conveyiug a prisoner from Morris county, - - - -	16 64
	290	do. paid Judge Dickerson for salary,	492 50
	291	do. paid Gov. Dickerson for 6 months salary, - - - -	900 00

Carried forward, - \$93,448 18

Dr. **MILITIA** Account, for Receipts and Disbursements

	VOUCHERS.		
1815.			
Oct. 18,	1	To 9 clearances allowed Hunterdon county, a \$6, - - - - -	\$54 00
23,	2	To cash paid Major Warne, Inspector of Sussex county, for present year's salary, - - - - -	30 00
	3	do. paid Major Ward, Inspector of Bergen county, for two years salary, - - - - -	60 00
24,	4	do. paid Major Scott, Inspector of Morris county, for present year's salary, - - - - -	30 00
30,	5	do. paid Major Clement, Inspector of Gloucester county, for present year's salary, - - - - -	30 00
	6	do. paid Major Kean, Inspector of Essex county, for present year's salary, - - - - -	30 00
	7	do. paid Major Shute, Inspector of Cumberland county, for present year's salary, - - - - -	30 00
Nov. 7,	8	To 2 clearances allowed Middlesex county, - - - - -	12 00
13,	9	9 do. allowed Hunterdon county, - - - - -	54 00
15,	10	To cash paid Major M'Kissack, Inspector of Somerset, for salary, - - - - -	30 00
Dec. 29,	11	do. paid Captain More's company of militia for balance due them, - - - - -	65 80
1816.			
Jan. 2,	12	do. paid Major Andrews, Inspector of Monmouth, for salary, - - - - -	30 00
	13	do. allowed Monmouth county for clearances, fees, &c. - - - - -	115 22
	14	To 2 clearances allowed Cape May county, for 1814, - - - - -	12 00
	15	3 clearances allowed Cape May county, for 1815, - - - - -	18 00
12,	16	9 clearances allowed Morris county, - - - - -	57 00
	17	To cash paid Major James, Inspector of Salem county, for salary, - - - - -	30 00
17,	18	To 15 clearances, fees, &c. allowed Sussex county, - - - - -	126 02
Feb. 5,	19	102 clearances, fees, &c. allowed Gloucester county, - - - - -	648 60
13,	20	35 clearances, fees, &c. allowed Essex county, - - - - -	276 10
16,	21	To cash paid Captain Robert Smith and Company of Militia, for services in the late war, per law of 7th inst. - - - - -	312 15
		Carried forward, - - - - -	\$2,050 89

from October 15, 1815, to October 16, 1816.

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1815.		
Oct. 30,	By cash received of Major Clement, being surplus after paying militia, -	\$102 70
	By amount of exempt fines uncollected and unaccounted for in last account, rendered Oct. 1815, - -	3,063 00
	By 407 exempts in Gloucester county, for 1814, not included in last settlement, having no returns, -	2,442 00
	By 3 exempts in Essex county, omitted in return, - - - -	18 00

Returns of Exempts from the following Counties, viz:

Somerset, - - -	26
Burlington, - - -	330
Middlesex, - - -	30
Bergen, - - -	54
Morris, - - -	23
Cumberland, - - -	35
Gloucester, - - -	286
Monmouth, - - -	39
Hunterdon, - - -	64
Essex, - - -	120
Sussex, [no returns] -	-
Cape May, - - -	12
Salem, - - -	68 $\frac{1}{3}$

1087 $\frac{1}{3}$ a \$6, \$6,524 00

Deduct Uncollected and Due from the following Counties, viz:

Middlesex, - - -	\$180
Burlington, - - -	2960
Gloucester, - - -	1216
Cumberland, - - -	210
Cape May, - - -	54
Hunterdon, - - -	560 64
Morris, - - -	138
Sussex, [none received] -	\$5,818 64

1205 26

Carried forward, . \$6,831 06

Dr. *STATE PRISON, for Receipts and Disbursements for*

1010			
Jan. 1,	1	To cash paid Francis S. Labau, Keeper, for three months salary, - - -	\$225 00
	2	do. John T. French, Clerk, for do. -	143 75
	3	do. William Costner, Assistant, for do. -	112 50
	4	do. John Dye, do. for do. -	106 25
	5	do. Thomas Neal, do. for do. -	106 25
	6	do. Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do. -	87 50
	7	do. Doctor Clark, for do. -	25 00
	8	do. David Wright, Inspector, for services, -	17 00
	9	do. Joseph Broadhurst, do. for do. -	17 00
	10	do. Gershom Mott, Acting do. for do. -	56 00
	11	do. Israel Taylor, do. for do. -	17 00
	12	do. Joshua Norton, do. for do. -	11 00
	13	do. Thomas Potts, do. for do. -	11 00
	14	do. John Potts, do. for do. -	11 00
	15	do. R. H. Smith, do. for do. -	8 00
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			\$954 25
April 6,	16	To cash paid Francis S. Labau, Keeper, for three months salary, - - -	\$225 00
	17	do. John T. French, Clerk, for do. -	143 75
	18	do. William Costner, Assistant, for do. -	112 50
	19	do. Thomas Neal, do. for do. -	106 25
	20	do. Joseph Dye, do. for do. -	106 25
	21	do. Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do. -	87 50
	22	do. Doctor Howell, for do. -	18 75
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			800 00
July 3,	23	To cash paid Francis S. Labau, Keeper, for three months salary, - - -	\$225 00
	24	do. John T. French, Clerk, for do. -	143 75
	25	do. William Costner, Assistant, for do. -	112 50
	26	do. Thomas Neal, do. for do. -	106 25
	27	do. Joseph Dye, do. for do. -	106 25
	28	do. Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do. -	87 50
	29	do. Doctor Howell, for do. -	18 75
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			800 00
Oct. 7,	30	To cash paid Francis S. Labau, Keeper, for three months salary, - - -	\$225 00
	31	do. John T. French, Clerk, for do. -	143 75
	32	do. William Costner, Assistant, for do. -	112 50
	33	do. Thomas Neal, do. for do. -	106 25
	34	do. Joseph Dye, do. for do. -	106 25
	35	do. Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do. -	87 50
	36	do. Doctor Howell, for do. -	18 75
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			800 00
	37	To cash paid the Keeper for the use of the Institution, - - -	3000 00
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		Carried to State Prison Account Current, and also to Treasurer's Account Current, -	\$6354 25
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		Errors Excepted, PETER GORDON, Treasurer.	

said Institution, from Oct. 15, 1815, to Oct. 15, 1816. C.R.

October 25th, 1816.

WE, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, having examined the foregoing accounts, and the vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1, to No. 37 inclusive, find the same correctly stated.

WILLIAM IRICK,
SILAS CRANE.

SAMUEL HALLIDAY,
SAMUEL J. READ,
STACY LLOYD,
JAMES D. WESTCOTT.

Dr. PETER GORDON, Treasurer, in account current

1815.		
Oct. 15,	To balance remaining in Treasury, per statement rendered this day, - - - -	\$25,353 94
1816.	To balance of Receipts and Disbursements for past year, per account this day rendered,	4,606 29
Oct. 15,	To balance of Receipts and Disbursements of Militia Account, per statement, - -	2,820 91
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		\$32,781 14
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	To balance remaining in Treasury, per above statement, - - - -	\$26,426 89
	ERRORS EXCEPTED,	
	PETER GORDON, Treasurer.	

Dr. MILITIA ACCOUNT Current.

1815.		
Oct. 15,	To balance due from this account, per statement this day rendered, - - - -	\$45,344 96

1816.		
Oct. 15.	To balance due from this account, per above,	\$42,523 05

ERRORS EXCEPTED,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

Dr. *The STATE PRISON in Account Current.*

1816.	To amount of disbursements on account of this Institution, for 12 years, viz. from November 1, 1803, to October 15, 1815, per account rendered,	\$13,314 04
Oct. 15,	To amount of disbursements for past year, per account this day rendered,	6,354 25
	Total disbursements for 13 years,	<u>\$19,668 29</u>
	ERRORS EXCEPTED.	
	PETER GORDON, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

October 25th, 1816.

WE, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the above State Prison account current, and find the same justly stated.

WILLIAM IRICK,
SILAS CRANE.

SAMUEL HALLIDAY,
SAMUEL J. READ,
STACY LLOYD,
JAMES D. WESTCOTT.

Which was ordered to lie on the table for the inspection of the members.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message, which relates to the subject of an accurate Map of this State, made the following Report:

That while the importance of the subject connected with the convenience of the people, and the promotion of many useful and necessary plans of public improvement recommends it to the serious attention of the Legislature, the ample means already in our possession, and the easy and cheap attainment of the materials, and information necessary to the correct execution of the undertaking, authorize a belief that it may be accomplished in such a manner, as to inspire full confidence in the accuracy of its execution. Although the early rising of the Legislature precludes a possibility of presenting to the House at this time, a satisfactory view of the subject, it is probable that the information and materials necessary to form the basis of a correct exhibition of the subject, may be procured by the adjourned sitting of the Legislature. The committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That

be a committee to advertise in the several newspapers in this State for proposals by persons disposed to undertake the formation of a Map of each and every county of this State; which Map shall be on a scale of two and a half miles to an inch, and shall exhibit the boundary lines of the county and of each township, either from authentic surveys already made, or which shall hereafter be made; the courses of the shores on the ocean, and the several bays, rivers, and principal streams, which bound or intersect the said county; the position of the mountains; the lakes and mineral and salt springs; the cities, towns, villages and remarkable buildings; the roads, particularly those run by commissioners appointed by any act of the Legislature, or by turnpike companies; the distances in miles between the principal towns and remarkable places; toll and other principal bridges; routes of canals which may have been actually surveyed, and other matter necessary to a correct view of the country. Which proposals shall be made in writing, addressed to any one or more of the said committee, who shall, at the next sitting of the Legislature, report the nature and extent of the information obtained by them on the subject of a Map of this State, and the proposals which they may receive from individuals desirous of undertaking the whole or any part thereof; in order that this House may take such measures as will ensure the completion of the said Map.

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. S. Condit from the joint committee, ap-

pointed to examine the accounts relative to the State Prison, made the following Report:

That they have carefully examined the said accounts, and from the books and vouchers to them produced, agreeable to the statements herewith shown, it appears,

That the stock on hand, to begin	}	\$26,508 52
with the 1st of October, 1815,		
amounted to - - - - -		

The amount of money drawn from	}	\$3,643 89
Treasury, during the year end-		
ing 1st of October, 1816, -		

\$30,152 41

The amount of stock the 1st of	}	\$28,605 63
October, 1816, - - - - -		

Loss during the last year, - - -	\$1,546 78
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The Loss consists of the following items, viz:

Prison repairs, - - - - -	\$323 49 $\frac{1}{2}$
Prisoners, fines and costs, - - -	1,943 91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cordwainer's account, - - - - -	156 26
Incidentals, - - - - -	420 54 $\frac{1}{2}$
Salaries, - - - - -	3,384 25
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	\$6,228 46 $\frac{1}{2}$

*From the aggregate amount of Losses, deduct the
nett proceeds of*

Screw Factory, -	829	60
Interest account, -	105	10
Nail Factory, -	3,315	88 $\frac{1}{2}$
Clothing account, -	99	12
Weaving account, -	88	56
Provision account, -	789	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coopering account,	254	12
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		\$4,681 69
Loss during the year, - - -		<hr/>
		\$1,546 78
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Dated October 26, 1816.

JOHN FRELINGHUYSEN, } Committee of
ELNATHAN STEVENSON, } Council.

SILAS CONDIT,
REUBEN SHREVE,
DAVID THOMPSON, Jun. } Committee of
WILLIAM PEARSON, } Assembly.
ALLISON ELY, Jun. }

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, entitled “An act to compensate Simeon Crane for certain military implements furnished for the use of this State,” was read a third time, compared, and postponed.

The engrossed bill, entitled “An act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this State,” was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this State," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Stephen Dod, of the county of Essex," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Parker,

Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stryker,
D. Thompson.
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Kille,
Leake,
Lloyd,
Mayhew,

Messrs. Nixon,
Stout,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have concurred in the Resolution of this House of the 24th inst. respecting the recording and preserving of certain instruments of writing.

Mr. Linn also delivered to the House the following Message from his excellency the Governor:

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Since the last session of the Legislature, I have received from the Governor of Massachusetts, a copy of a Resolution of the Legislature of that State, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as to the choosing Representatives in the Congress of the United States; and as to the appointment of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States; which copy of said resolution I beg leave herewith to lay before you.

I have also received a communication from the Ordnance Department of the United States, upon the subject of adjusting and settling the quota of arms and equipments, which may be due to the

several States, under the law of the United States, "for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia;"—which communication is herewith laid before you.

MAHLON DICKERSON.

October 23, 1816.

Which Message was read, the document from Massachusetts relative to a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States, committed to Messrs. Williamson, Parker and D. Thompson;—and the communication from the Ordnance Department of the United States, referred to the Military committee.

No. 25, of unfinished business. being a report on the North Carolina resolutions, was taken up, and referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion, Messrs. Coxe and Leake were added to said committee.

Mr. Banta, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts contracted prior to the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ten."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The report of the committee on the petition from the President and Directors of the Hope and Hacketstown Turnpike Company, was called up, and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Middlesex, praying for legislative provision in certain cases, relative to the overflowing of lands by mill-dams,

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled "An act concerning the boundaries and jurisdiction of this State," was read a second time, and postponed.

Mr. Decker presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying for a division of said county.

Which petitions were read—Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, on the first Thursday of the next sitting, and that notice thereof be given by advertisement in the newspaper published at Newton, and in the True American published at Trenton, for four weeks previous to that time.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled "An act to compensate Simeon Crane for certain military implements furnished for the use of this State," was again taken up, and,

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to

Council, inform them that it has been passed by the House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Holcombe presented a petition from John H. Bruere, of the township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law to dissolve the marriage contract between himself and his wife Lydia Bruere.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Holcombe, Van Horn and Kille.

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts contracted prior to the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ten," was read a second time, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The report of the joint committee relative to the State Prison, was taken up, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The Report of the joint committee on the Treasurer's accounts was taken up, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council.

Council came into the Assembly room, and the two Houses went into joint meeting; and after going through their business, the joint meeting rose, when the Speaker took the chair, and

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House the

which bond was read, approved of, and sent to Council for their approbation.

The report of the committee on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Middlesex, relative to mill-dams, was taken up and agreed to by the House.

The report of the committee relative to procuring a Map of this State, was taken up and postponed.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have agreed to all the sections of the bill from this House, entitled, An act for the payment of the several officers, &c. except the fourth section, to which they have disagreed.

Whereupon, Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the honorable Council have, by their Message, informed the House that Council had agreed to the bill from the House of Assembly, entitled, "An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State," except the fourth section, to which they have disagreed.

Resolved, That this House do consider the alteration or amendment of the said bill by the Council, (being a money bill,) as contrary to the

sixth article of the Constitution of this State, and not within the power of the Council.

Which resolution was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said resolution to Council, and therewith return said bill.

Mr. Williamson asked, and obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the sitting.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pine presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Gloucester and Salem, praying for a law to enable persons who have ignorantly purchased entailed lands to recover the value of improvements they may have made thereon.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Pine, Lloyd and Parvin.

Mr. Prall presented petitions from the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the city of Trenton, and from a number of the inhabitants thereof, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law to authorize the establishment of a Court of General and Quarter Sessions in said city.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Prall, Pearson and Van Horn.

Mr. Annin, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Catharine Dally."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker presented an abstract of monies received for toll, and expended for the support of New Brunswick, &c. &c.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Catharine Dally was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the following bills from this House without amendment:

A bill entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Stephen Dod, of the county of Essex."

A bill entitled "An act to compensate Simeon Crane for certain military implements furnished for the use of the State."

And a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled "An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this State."

And that Council have disagreed to the bill from the House, entitled "An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State."

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of John H. Bruere, praying for a dissolution of the marriage contract between him and his wife Lydia,

Reported, That leave be given the petitioner to present a bill, embracing the object of his petition, on the second Tuesday of next sitting; provided notice be previously given to all the parties interested in such bill by said petitioner.

Which report was agreed to by the House.

The report of the committee relative to the formation of a Map of this State, was taken up,

agreed to, and the blank filled with the names of William Coxe, James Parker, John Dow, David Thompson, jun. Robert C. Thomson, James D. Westcott, George Holcombe and Nicholas Willets.

Mr. Holcombe, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of William Sanford."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act for the support of the Government of this State."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled "An act for the relief of William Sanford," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled "An act for the support of the Government of this State," was read a second time, considered by sections, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled "An act to defray sundry incidental charges."

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Half past Eight o'clock, the House met.

The abstract from the New Brunswick Bridge Company was taken up, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Stryker and Reeve.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Catharine Dally," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Sanford," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Nixon,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,

YEAS.

Messrs. Lloyd,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. S. Condit,
Darrah,

Parker,
Prall.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to defray sundry incidental charges," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the support of the Government of this State," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Inspectors of the State Prison be requested to make an estimate of the probable expense of preparing from fifty to seventy-five cells in the present buildings of the State Prison.—Also any alteration they may deem necessary in the present laws for the punishment of crimes, as far as they relate to the confinement of

prisoners in the State Prison, and that they make report during the first week of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all committees appointed at the first sitting shall continue during every subsequent sitting of the same Legislature, or until they have reported on the business committed to them, or have been discharged.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment:

A bill entitled "An act for the support of the Government of this State."

A bill entitled "An act to defray sundry incidental charges."

A bill entitled "An act for the relief of Catharine Dally."

And a bill entitled "An act for the relief of William Sanford."

The Speaker adjourned the House to the second Wednesday of January, Anno Domini 1817.

VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,
AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-
SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER, A. D. ONE THOUSAND
EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN, AND
CONTINUED BY ADJOURN-
MENTS.
BEING THE SECOND SITTING.



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

TRENTON, Wednesday, JANUARY 8, 1817.

Ten o'clock, Forenoon.

THIS being the time and place to which the House stood adjourned, the Speaker took the chair; and there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum, adjourned the House to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

When all the members appeared, except Mess. Silas Condit, Parker, Van Brakle and Farlee.

Peter Sip, as a representative for the county of Bergen, appeared, produced the certificate of his

election, was qualified, and took his seat in the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that the House have this day met, and proceeded to business.

The Speaker presented to the House the following Report from the Board of Inspectors of the State Prison, pursuant to a Resolution of the Legislature at their last sitting.

The Board of Inspectors of the New Jersey State Prison, being by the Legislature required to report relative to the expense attending the erection of from fifty to seventy-five cells within the present buildings of said prison,

Report, That it would be impossible to erect that number of cells therein, sufficiently ventilated to answer the health of the persons confined, nor would there be sufficient room in the remaining rooms to secure the prisoners while the work was progressing—there being at this time nearly one hundred prisoners confined in the prison.

The Inspectors would therefore humbly suggest the propriety of erecting a separate building for the purpose contemplated by the resolution. The cost attending the erection they calculate will not exceed the sum of seven thousand dollars, exclusive of the services which could be rendered by the prisoners; which sum, they are of opinion, will be sufficient to erect a building seventy feet long, by thirty-four feet in width, containing sixty cells, each floor containing twenty, with a partition wall extending the whole length of the building, and separating them in a complete manner from each other.

The Board would further respectfully suggest the propriety of an alteration of the law relative to sending prisoners to the State Prison for the term of six months and a day, which frequently occur; that time being so short, that when a prisoner is sent to the prison from the extreme parts of the State, the costs of transportation, &c. amount to a considerable sum; in many instances to fifty or sixty dollars; and frequently, when the term of imprisonment of the prisoner has expired, whether they have earned over and above their provisions and clothing, or not, the Board of Inspectors are required to discharge such prisoners forthwith, provided such prisoner has laboured industriously while in confinement. Thus this institution is in many cases greatly the sufferer.

The Inspectors would therefore respectfully recommend, that no prisoner be sentenced to the State Prison for a less term than one year.

The Board would also respectfully recommend a repeal of the law making it obligatory on the Board of Inspectors to discharge a prisoner, provided he or she may have laboured industriously while in confinement, when that prisoner, at the time of admission, is labouring under diseases brought upon himself by his intemperance and disorderly conduct, and is under the care of the physician during the whole or greater part of his sentence. During the whole of which period he is a burthen to the State. Notwithstanding this and many other cases, if he has been industrious the remainder of the time, by the present law he claims it as his right to be discharged forthwith. They would respectfully propose such alteration as that the Board of Inspectors, when met, should

have discretionary powers therein, as justice to the State and the prisoner may require.

ELLETT TUCKER,
President of the Board of Inspectors.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that a sufficient number of the Members of Council to form a quorum have this day met and proceeded to business.

Mr. Pearson presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Bordentown and South Amboy Turnpike Company, praying for a law to authorize them to erect a bridge over Crosswick's Creek, at a specified place.

Which petition was read—whereupon,

Mr. Holcombe presented a petition from John Longstreth, Samuel Spencer and others, praying, that if the prayer of said petition be granted, that the bridge be erected under certain specified restrictions.

Which petition was also read, and with the other committed to Messrs. Ely, Parvin and Stryker.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1817.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Van Brakle appeared.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from a number of the freeholders of the county of Bergen, praying for a law authorizing payment to be made for lands taken up for public roads, &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Merseiles, Annin and Reeve.

Mr. Willits presented a petition from the Cape May Cedar-Swam-Creek Company, praying for an additional law relative to their concern.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Willits, Risley and B. Condit.

Mr. Benjamin Condit offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the present insolvent law of this State, and every supplement or clause relating thereto, or any part thereof; or to amend the same.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. B. Condit, Lloyd and Leake, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Pearson, pursuant to an order of last sitting, presented a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, "An act to constitute and make Crosswick's Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's Ferry, down to the mouth of the same."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Silas Condit appeared.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled "An act directing the descent of real estates."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled "An act to constitute and make Crosswick's Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's Ferry, down to the mouth of the same," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Pursuant to leave given last sitting, Mr. Bidleman presented a bill entitled "An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Sip presented a petition from Jonathan Holmes and others, of the county of Bergen, praying for a law to authorize the sale of certain real estate in said county.

Which petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Willits presented a petition from John H. Brinton, of Philadelphia, and others, owners of certain salt marsh on the Delaware Bay, in the county of Cumberland, praying for an act to authorize the embankiug of the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Willits, Mayhew and Van Brakle.

Mr. Prall, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Shreve presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Shrewsbury and Middleton, in the county of Monmouth, praying for the repeal of a law entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam Boat Company."

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Annin and D. Thompson.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine into the situation of the State-House, and to report any measures, which, in their opinion, may be proper to ensure its safety from fire—And that they be authorized to obtain the assistance of a skilful architect in the said examination.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Coxe, S. Condit and Kitchell, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Merseiles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bergen, praying a law to authorize payments to be made for all lands taken up for public roads,

Reported, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thompson, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act to repeal the several insolvent laws of this State."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Mill Hill and Bloomsbury, in the township of Nottingham, and county of

Burlington, praying to be incorporated with the city of Trenton—Also a petition from a number of the citizens of Trenton, consonant thereto.

Which petitions were read—Whereupon,

Mr. Read presented a remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of Mill Hill, &c. &c. against the prayer of said petitions.

Which remonstrance was also read, and with the aforesaid petitions, committed to Messrs. Nixon, Stryker and Risley.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Sip presented a petition from Samuel Lamb, of the county of Bergen, an alien, praying for a law to enable him to hold and convey real estate.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Sip, Dow and Holcombe.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to furnish this House with an account of the money now in the Treasury; the sum which will probably be received previous to the first of January, 1818, and from what sources; together with the amount of United States and other stock owned by this State, and the amount of tax annually due from each Bank; also an estimate of the incidental and other expenses of government from the first of this instant to the first of January next; and fur-

ther, that the Treasurer be requested to exhibit an accurate return of the monies received from each county of this State for military fines and for exempt money for the six years last past. and the arrearages due from each county of such fines and exempt money during the said period.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Parvin presented a memorial and remonstrance from Jeremiah Matlack and others, claimants of entailed lands, deprecating the passage of an act to authorize payment for any improvements made on such lands.

Which memorial was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Reeve, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," passed 21st February, A. D. 1798.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pine presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, owners in part of certain marsh or meadow, situate on

Repaupa Creek, in the townships of Woolwich and Greenwich, in said county, praying for an alteration in a certain specified law.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Sharp, Mayhew and Banta—Whereupon,

Mr. Kille presented a counter-petition from a number of the inhabitants of the same county, owners in part of the aforesaid marsh or meadow, deprecating the granting the prayer of said petition.

Which counter-petition was read, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from Nathaniel Budd and others, of the county of Bergen, owners of certain lands in the township of New Barbadoes, in said county, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Merseiles, S. Condit and R. Thomson.

Mr. Kitchell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the manufacture of bar iron, be referred to a select committee.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Kitchell, R. Thomson and Sharp, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Shreve presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, owners of certain meadow or marsh, situate on North Shrewsbury River, praying for a law to authorize the erection of a dam across the main branch of said river.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Shreve, Willits and Lloyd.

Mr. Silas Condit offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alterations or amendments are necessary in the Laws of the State, authorizing confessions of judgments upon bonds with warrants of attorney, or otherwise.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. S. Condit, Halliday and Smith, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bergen, owners of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Hackensack, in said county, praying for the modification of a certain law authorizing the inclosure of the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Sip, Nixon and Van Brakle.

Mr. Pine, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Gloucester and Salem, praying for a law to enable persons, who, having ignorantly purchased lands which prove to be entailed, to recover the value of their improvements put upon such lands;—and also, the memorial of Jeremiah Matlack and others, against the same—

Reported, That although great loss and injury may be sustained by persons erecting buildings and improvements on such lands: so, on the other hand, it would be extremely hard to oblige a devisee intail to pay for improvements such devisee never ordered to be made; and which, perhaps, would be of very little value to the devisee intail. It is, therefore, the unanimous opinion of the com-

mittee, that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The resolution offered by Mr. Pearson on Saturday, relative to the Treasurer, was taken up, and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Westcott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making more effectual Legislative provisions to prevent the introduction of people of Colour into this State, and to compel those who have removed, or been brought into this State, and have evaded a compliance with existing laws, to give adequate security for their future good conduct, and that they shall not become chargeable to the county in which they reside.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Westcott, Van Horn and B. Condit, accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled, "An act to repeal the several insolvent laws of this State," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, "An act to constitute and make

Crosswick's Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's Ferry, down to the mouth of the same," was taken up, and,

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Dow offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what alterations and amendments are necessary in the law of this State, on the subject of foreclosing mortgages.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Dow, Annin and Decker, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Willits, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the maintaining and repairing the banks, sluices, and other works of certain meadows and swamps, on Maurice river, in the county of Cumberland."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Sip, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Lamb."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1817.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Messrs. Farlee and Parker appeared.

Mr. Ely, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, "An act to incorporate a company to erect a Turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to repeal the several insolvent laws of this State," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kitchell,

Merseiles.
Nixon,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Holcombe,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Parvin,

Shreve,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Bidleman presented a petition from the President and Managers of the Columbia Delaware Bridge Company, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Bidleman, Stout and Read.

Mr. Kitchell offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That from and after the 20th day of February next, the Treasurer of this State shall not receive, as Treasurer, from any public officer, or other person or persons, any payment of monies due the State, unless such payment be made in specie, or Treasury Notes of the United States, or in bills of the Bank of the United States, or in the bills of such Banks as pay their bills in specie on demand.

Resolved, That from and after the 20th day of February next, all payments made by the Treasurer of this State, as Treasurer, to any person or persons, body politic or corporate, to whom the same may be due, shall be made in specie or in Treasury Notes of the United States, or in bills of the Bank of the United States, or in bills of

such Banks as pay their bills in specie on demand.

Which resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Read presented a petition from William M. Eldridge of the township of Northampton, in the county of Burlington, remonstrating against the passing of any law authorizing the erection of a dam across the Main South Branch of Rancocus Creek, in a specified place, in said township and county.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee appointed on that subject.

The bill entitled, An act further supplementary to an act entitled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Willits, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, "An act authorizing the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape May," passed the 18th day of January, A. D. 1815.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchell, from the committee to whom was committed that part of the Governor's Message relative to the manufacture of bar iron in this State, made the following

REPORT:

That from information derived from the most satisfactory authority, they find this important branch of our manufactories in a very depressed situation, and are unanimously of opinion that some relief is necessary. But as the General Government is the only medium through which any adequate or permanent relief can be given, they therefore submit, for the consideration of the House, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Assembly of the State of New Jersey, having taken into consideration the manufacture of bar iron in this State, and being convinced that it is reduced to a very depressed situation, in consequence of the great importation of the article of bar iron into the United States, unanimously concur in an opinion, that the permanent interests of this State, and of the United States, demand that some protection should be given to this important branch of our manufactories, and that they recommend the subject to the consideration of the Congress of the United States, in full confidence that they will, by imposing duties on foreign iron, or otherwise, grant such protection as in their wisdom they shall deem consistent with the general welfare.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion—*Ordered*, That the committee to whom committed the resolution relative to the in-

solvent laws of this State, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The report of the Inspectors of the State Prison was taken up, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Coxe, D. Thompson, S. Condit and Leake.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1817.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, pursuant to leave given last sitting, reported a bill entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan great meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates, for the uses therein mentioned," passed at Trenton 12th June, 1799.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Morris and Bergen, praying for the repeal of a law entitled "An act authorizing the owners of the Bog and Fly meadow, to ditch and drain the same."

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Merseiles, Kitchell and R. Thomson.

The report made by Mr. Kitchell yesterday,

relative to the manufacture of bar iron, was taken up, and postponed.

Mr. Pearson, with leave, presented a bill entitled, "An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the North Main Branch of Rancocas Creek, between the town of Mount Holly and the South Main Branch of said Creek, in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill entitled, An act to repeal the act, entitled "An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened on or through lands belonging to this State."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee appointed to enquire into the situation of the State-House, and the means of protecting the building from fire, made the following

REPORT:

That in the original construction of the building, no foundation was built under any of the chimnies of the lower floor. A fire, which caught the floor of the Assembly room many years ago, produced a partial remedy for the evil by the construction of foundations of solid masoury under the four chimnies of that apartment. A similar accident which recently happened in the Supreme Court room, proves the necessity of a similar provision under the chimnies of that room. The committee therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, By the Council and General Assembly of this State, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ suitable persons, at the expense of the State, to provide materials and to construct foundations under the four chimnies of the Supreme Court room, sufficient to protect the building from fire. And the Treasurer is further required to have the chimnies in the upper apartment examined, to ascertain the necessity of adopting similar means of protection from fire, and to have such alterations made in them as shall be found necessary, to ensure the safety of the building.

Resolved, That the Quarter-Master-General be authorized and required to have the powder deposited in the upper rooms of the State-House, so disposed of, that it may be sold to the best advantage for the interest of the State; the monies thence arising to be deposited in the Treasury.

Which Report was read, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to apportion the quotas of the several counties for the payment of the State Tax.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," was read a third time, compared, and postponed.

The bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled, "An act authorizing the banking and improving certain Meadows and Swamps in the county of Cape May," passed the 18th day of January, A. D. 1815, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Lamb," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Prall presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying for a more efficient law relative to the Fisheries in the river Delaware.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Prall, Bidleman and Pine.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the abstract of tolls received at the New.

Brunswick Bridge, and laid before the Legislature, in pursuance of the act passed the 17th day of November, 1796—

Reported, That it appears from a statement exhibited in the year 1806, that the bridge was originally erected at an expense of \$86,695 41

Since which there has been ex-	}	\$11,710 74
pended in rebuilding the bridge		
in 1811, the sum of - - -		

Making the total expenditure, \$98,406 15

That the greatest receipt of toll in any one year, since the year 1806, (as appears from the abstract exhibited) was at the rate of \$6 83 per cent. on the above capital in the year 1814; and the lowest receipt at the rate of \$3 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. in the year 1815.—That the amount of toll received during the last ten years, and stated to average \$4 60 $\frac{3}{10}$ per cent. on the capital invested.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kille presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, owners of certain meadows in the township of Lower Penns-Neck, in said county, praying for the repeal of a specified law relative to said meadows.

Which petition was read,—whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd presented a counter petition from certain owners of said meadows, inhabitants of the aforesaid county, deprecating the prayer of said petition.

Which counter petition was read, and, with the

petition, committed to Messrs. Mayhew, Leake and Risley.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Lamb," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled A supplement to an act entitled, "An act authorizing the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape May," passed the 18th day of January, A. D. 1815, was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have concurred in the Resolutions of this House relative to the preservation of the State-House from fire;—and that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to repeal the several Insolvent Laws of this State."

The Report relative to the manufacture of bar iron, postponed yesterday, was again taken up, and the following resolutions adopted in lieu thereof:

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United

States, be requested to use their endeavours in the promotion of such measures, as will tend to encourage and protect the manufactory of iron in the United States, by imposing an additional duty on imported iron, or otherwise, as may be judged consistent with the general welfare.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor, be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress.

Ordered, That the above resolutions be sent to Council for their concurrence.

W^r. Williamson from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act respecting Banks."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee to whom were referred the Resolutions of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, respecting the passage and operation of an act of the Legislature of New-Jersey, passed the 4th day of February 1815, to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, and of the Supplement thereto, passed the 10th day of February 1816, made the following

REPORT:

That by an agreement made and concluded between commissioners duly appointed on the part of the State of Pennsylvania, and on the part of the State of New-Jersey, for the purpose of settling the jurisdiction of the river Delaware, and

islands within the same; and which agreement was ratified and confirmed by an act of the Legislature of this State, passed the 27th of May 1783, it is, among other things, declared, "That the river Delaware, from the Station Point or North-West corner of New-Jersey, northerly, to the place upon the said river where the circular boundary of the State of Delaware toucheth upon the same, in the whole breadth thereof, is, and shall continue to be and remain, a common highway, equally free and open for the use, benefit and advantage of the said contracting parties."

That the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, on the 8th day of February 1804, enacted a law, entitled "An act to regulate the Fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes," a copy of which was presented to the Legislature of this State for mutual agreement, and by which law it is enacted, that any person who sets up a wing-dam or other obstruction, *except mill-dams theretofore erected* by the permission of the Legislature, shall be subject to a fine.

That it appears to the committee, that the last mentioned act did not receive the concurrence of the Legislature of New-Jersey, and that the latter, on the 25th of November 1808, passed an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes;" by the sixth section of which law it is enacted, that if any person or persons shall erect, build, set up, repair or maintain any wing-dam, or any other obstruction injurious to the navigation of said river, *except such mill-dams as have been, or thereafter may be put up in pursuance of any special act of the Legislature*, and being thereof legally convicted, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars.

That the provisions of the last mentioned act were adopted by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, by an act passed the 23d of February 1809, and thereby became a mutual agreement between the two States.

From a fair and candid exposition of those several acts of the respective Legislatures of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the State of New-Jersey, your committee are of the opinion, that although by the agreement of 1783, the river Delaware is declared to be, and shall remain, a common highway, equally free and open for the use, benefit, and advantage of the contracting parties, if any doubt can be entertained thereon, as to the right of the citizens of the respective States to erect mills and mill-dams upon, and adjoining their own lands, which do not obstruct or impair the free navigation of the river, yet the said subsequent laws which are to be considered an explanation, or further agreement, between the contracting parties upon the same subject, explicitly and distinctly recognize the right of the Legislature of either State, by a special act for the purpose, to grant permission to erect and maintain mill-dams in the said river; and it is worthy of remark, that the Legislature of Pennsylvania, by their act of February 1804, only except from the operation of that law, mill-dams theretofore erected by the permission of the Legislature; but the act of New-Jersey of 1808, (which was afterwards adopted by the Legislature of Pennsylvania,) not only excepts such mill-dams as had been, but also those that should be thereafter erected, in pursuance of any special act of the Legislature; thereby clearly manifesting an intention to extend the exception further than was contained in the said act of 1804, and to reserve a right to grant leave by a special

act for the purpose, for the erection of such dams in said river.

That the committee can entertain no doubt, that the Legislature of New-Jersey, who passed the act of 1815, and the supplement thereto, acted under a full conviction that each State possesses a right to authorize by law the erection of mills and wing-dams on its own shores, and within its own jurisdiction, without the concurrence of the other; and that the wing-dam in question could not injure or obstruct the free navigation of the river Delaware, or in any degree violate the rights of the citizens of Pennsylvania, and that the acts complained of convey no authority for the erecting or placing in the river, any works which are not necessary to secure the use and advantage of a mill.

That your committee consider it a matter of serious regret, that the acts in question should have given alarm to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, or should in any degree threaten to interrupt the harmony and good understanding which have heretofore happily subsisted between the two States—and they are decidedly of the opinion, that the spirit of accommodation and amicable adjustment, which have been so laudably manifested on the part of Pennsylvania, ought to be met with a corresponding disposition on the part of this Legislature.

That as to the proposed plan of causing a case to be stated and submitted in argument to the determination of the Supreme Court of the United States, so as to enable the Judges of the said Court to determine whether the acts complained of by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, contravene any agreement between the two States, or in any degree violate the rights and privileges of

their citizens; your committee have the most perfect confidence, if that course of accommodation is adopted, and that enlightened tribunal will take upon themselves to decide the matter submitted, the question of strict right between the two States will be correctly decided.

But as your committee entertain a hope, that the grounds of complaint of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, may be removed in a less expensive and more satisfactory way, than by a submission to a legal tribunal to settle the abstract question of strict right, arising under the laws complained of, and as individuals have erected wing-dams on, or adjoining the Pennsylvania shore, which have been suffered to remain without legal means being resorted to, to remove them, and which are still continued and remain up, and may be considered as injurious to the rights of New-Jersey, as the dam in question can be to the rights of Pennsylvania, which renders it desirable and expedient to adopt a plan of reciprocal accommodation; and as doubts may continue to exist how far the Legislatures of the said respective States may authorize the erection of dams and other works on the shores and within the waters of the river Delaware, for objects of public utility and benefit, your committee are impressed with a belief that it is expedient, and advisable, (if the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania will concur therein,) to attempt, by the appointment of Commissioners, an adjustment of all the matters of complaint, or which can be made the cause of complaint, between the two States, respecting the said acts of the State of New-Jersey, and wing-dams erected in the said river, and to have defined with more precision and certainty, the rights of the respective States to the use of the shores and waters thereof.

Your committee, therefore, take leave to submit to the consideration of the House, the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Commissioners be appointed with full power and authority, in behalf of the State of New-Jersey, to meet Commissioners in behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, to be appointed with like full power and authority, to settle and determine all questions in difference between the two states, respecting the passage and operation of the act of the Legislature of New-Jersey, passed on the 4th day of February 1815, entitled "An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's Island with the main land at Bloomsbury," and of the Supplement thereto, passed on the 10th of February 1816, and in respect to all wing-dams which have been erected in the river Delaware, within the limits mentioned in the said act of May 1783, either with or without Legislative permission and sanction.

2. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners, so to be appointed, be authorized and empowered to settle and determine, with more precision and certainty, than has heretofore been done by any agreement between the two States, the right of the Legislature of the said States respectively, or the citizens thereof, to use the shores and waters of the river Delaware, for the erection of mills, dams, banks, and other works of public utility and benefit, and which shall not materially injure or impede the navigation of the said river.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for the appointment of Commis-

sioners on the part of this State, to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Which report was read, ordered to lie on the table, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act respecting the act, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-Boat Company."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the maintaining and repairing the banks, sluices and other works of certain meadows and swamps on Maurice River, in the county of Cumberland," was read a second time, and postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill, entitled "An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the North Main Branch of Rancocus Creek, between Mount Holly and the Main South Branch of said creek, in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes," was read a second time, considered by section, and postponed.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of South Amboy, in the county

of Middlesex, praying for a law for the protection of oysters.

Which petition was read,—whereupon it was

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, on Monday, the 3d day of February next; they first giving notice of their intention, by advertisement in three of the most public places in the neighbourhood, for ten days previous to said day.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled “An act authorizing the Courts of Common Pleas to award a *tales de circumstantibus*.”

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe, with leave, presented a bill, entitled “An act to carry into effect the last will and testament of William Cook, deceased.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Prall, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes."

Which bill was read, postponed to the 29th instant, and meantime ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report upon the expediency of authorizing aliens to purchase and hold real estate within this State.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Parker, Coxe and Williamson, accordingly appointed.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the descent of real estates," was read a second time, considered by section, and postponed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize Ann Guild, administratrix, and John Guild, administrator, to the estate of Benjamin Guild, deceased, to carry into effect a contract made between the said Benjamin Guild and Jacob Bloom."

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Read and Farlee.

Mr. Van Horn presented a bill from Gilbert B. Taylor, an insolvent debtor, confined in Somerset jail, praying Legislative interference in his behalf.

Which petition was read, and, with No. 3, of

unfinished business, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," committed to Messrs. Parker, Dow and Stryker.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to constitute and make Crosswick's Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's Ferry, down to the mouth of the same," with an amendment; to which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, and, with the bill, postponed.

Mr. Merseiles, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the inclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," passed February 11, 1813.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Somerset, praying for some alteration in the insolvent laws of this State.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers, and regulating their meetings," passed the 21st February, A. D. 1798, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the North Main Branch of Rancocus Creek, between Mount Holly and the Main South Branch of said creek, in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes," was again taken up, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the descent of real estates," was taken up, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. S. Condit offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That _____ be employed to print the Minutes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly of the last and present sitting, and that _____ be employed to print the Laws passed during the said sittings.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from Michael Ortley, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to authorize Michael Ortley to cut and erect a canal or inlet through Manasquam beach."

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Merseiles, Ely and Van Horn.

Mr. Merseiles, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to repeal an act therein mentioned."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, on the first Wednesday in February next.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Kille presented a memorial from a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Salem and vicinity, in the county of Salem, requesting the Legislature to recommend to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their efforts in favor of a plan to colonize the free blacks, &c.

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pine presented a petition from William Watson, of the county of Gloucester, remonstrating against the order of last sitting, relative to the formation of a Map of this State.

Which memorial was read, and referred to the committee appointed on that subject.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed a resolution to enquire and report what measures are necessary for the preservation, or disposal of the house and lot at Jersey, belong-

to this State, and the value of the same, made the following

REPORT:

That the property consists of six lots of ground, comprising an extent of 75 feet in width, by 200 feet in depth, situate on Grand, Essex and Green streets; and subject to an annual ground rent of dollars.

That the building thereon, formerly occupied by the Jersey Bank, is partly accommodated for a dwelling-house, and in part for a Banking-house; that considerable alterations and repairs would be required to the building, to fit it for the purposes of a dwelling-house; probably an expense of 1000 dollars.

That it is not certain for how much the property can be rented; but it is not believed it can be rented for more than 300 dollars per annum, if at all.

That it is believed the whole would now sell for about 5,000 or 6,000 dollars; and the committee not being of opinion, that any rise in the value is likely to take place—

They therefore report a bill, for the sale of the property in question, entitled “An act for the sale of the house and lot of land in the city of Jersey, belonging to this State.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled “An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the North Main Branch of Rancocus Creek, between Mount Holly and the Main South Branch of said creek, in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes,” was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,	Read,
Banta,	Risley,
Coxe,	Sharp,
Darrah,	Sip,
Decker,	Smith,
Ely,	Stryker,
Holcombe,	R. Thomson,
Leake,	Van Brakle,
Merseilles,	Van Horn,
Parvin,	Westcott,
Pearson,	Williamson.
Pine,	

NAYS.

Messrs. Bidleman,	Mayhew,
Clark, Sp.	Nixon,
B. Condit,	Parker,
S. Condit,	Prall,
Farlee,	Reeve,
Halliday,	Shreve,
Kille,	Stout,
Kitchell,	D. Thompson,
Lloyd,	Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act directing the descent of real estates," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Darrah,
Decker,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Lloyd,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,

Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit.
S. Condit,

Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Sip,
Smith,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers, and regulating their meetings," passed the 21st of February 1798, was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
Decker,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lloyd,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Pearson,

Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Ely,

Parker.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape May," passed January 18th, 1815—And the bill, entitled "An

act for the relief of Samuel Lamb," without amendment.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution to enquire and report what measures are necessary for the preservation or disposal of the Government House and Lot at Trenton, and the value of the same, made the following

REPORT:

That the house is at present not occupied by the Governor as a dwelling-house, and has been unoccupied for some time past—That it is not in a good state of repair, many of the windows being broken, so as to admit the weather, and the cellar in the rear was found open by the committee, so that any person might enter the house at all times. The out buildings are in need of considerable repair, and the garden used only as a pasture lot.

That it will require, in the opinion of the committee, a sum not less than 800 dollars, to make the necessary repairs to the house and out-buildings.

That this house and lot, if subdivided, and sold in lots, would probably produce, at this time, a sum exceeding 16,000 dollars; and, in their opinion, ought to be sold.

They therefore report a bill to that effect, entitled "An act for the sale of the Government House and Lot in the city of Trenton."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Parker, also, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize Ann Guild, administratrix,

and John Guild, administrator, to the estate of Benjamin Guild, deceased, to carry into effect a contract made between the said Benjamin Guild and Jacob Bloom," reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, and, with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williamson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what further remedy is necessary to be provided by law for the relief of creditors against corporations.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Williamson, Annin and Darrah, accordingly appointed.

The report on the memorial of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, was taken up, and committed to Messrs. Williamson, Kitchell and Sharp.

Mr. Halliday offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that the House is ready to go into a joint meeting, for the appointment of a Senator in the Congress of the United States, on the part of this State, and request the Council to appoint the time and place of said meeting.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to authorize aliens to purchase and hold real estate within this State."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lloyd presented a petition from a number of the owners of certain marsh and meadow in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, praying for a law to authorize the banking the same, and also for the repeal of a former law on that subject.

Which petition was read—whereupon,

Mr. Kille presented a counter petition from John Ellite and Joseph Bassett, against the prayer of said petition.

Which counter petition was read, and, with the petition, committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Willits and Sharp.

The House took up the amendment of the committee on the bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize Ann Guild, administratrix, and John Guild, administrator, to the estate of Benjamin Guild, deceased, to carry into effect a contract made between the said Benjamin Guild and Jacob Bloom," and agreed to the same; when the bill was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Westcott, from the committee to whom was committed the resolution relative to preventing the introduction of people of Colour into this State, &c. reported a bill, entitled "An act respecting free negroes and mulattoes."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows and marsh adjoining Re-paupa Creek, in the county of Gloucester, to support and maintain a bank, dam and water-works, sufficient to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed 4th day of June, A. D. 1787.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Annin presented a memorial from the Secretary of State, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs. Annin, Coxe and Parker.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in

the Raritan great meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates, for the uses therein mentioned," passed at Trenton, 12th June 1799, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled "An act to insure the faithful and impartial execution of office," and a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15th, 1798.

To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were respectively read, and ordered second readings.

The bill, entitled "An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson," was read a second time, and postponed.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize Ann Guild, administratrix, and John Guild, administrator, to the estate of Benjamin Guild, deceased, to carry into effect a contract made between the said Benjamin Guild and Jacob Bloom," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill, as amended, pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of Council.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient so to amend the several laws regulating the elections of the Members of the Legislature, Sheriffs and Coroners, in this State, and of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, so far as to confine the election to one day, and that be a committee to report a bill for the above purposes.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan great meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates, for the uses therein mentioned," passed at Trenton, 12th June 1799, was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled "An act to carry into effect the last will and testament of William Cook, deceased," was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Holcombe and Kille.

The bill, entitled "An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson," was taken up, and committed to Messrs. Westcott, Parker and Williamson.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize aliens to purchase and hold real estate within this State," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to repeal the act, entitled "An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out, or opened on, or through lands belonging to this State," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," was again taken up; and,

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Clark, Sp.
Coxe,

Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,

YEAS.

Messrs. Holcombe,
Lloyd,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,

Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bidleman,
B. Condit,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Nixon,

Parker,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Williamson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House took up the resolution relative to a joint meeting, and agreed to the same.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council will be ready to go into a joint meeting on Thursday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly room, for the purpose of appointing a Senator in the Congress of the United States, on the part of this State.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize aliens to purchase and hold real estate within this State," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lloyd,

Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. D. Thompson,

Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to repeal the act, entitled "An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out, or opened on, or through lands belonging to this State," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Banta,

Bidleman,

Clark, Sp.

B. Condit,

Coxe,

Darrah,

Decker,

Dow,

Ely,

Farlee,

Mersciles,

Parker,

Pearson,

Pine,

Read,

Reeve,

Risley,

Sharp,

Smith,

Stout,

Stryker,

R. Thomson,

Van Horn,

Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Halliday,

Holcombe,

Kille,

Kitchell,

Leake,

Lloyd,

Mayhew,

Nixon,

Parvin,

Prall,

Shreve,

Sip,

D. Thompson,

Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for the sale of the house and lot of land in the city of Jersey, belonging to this State," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act for appointing commissioners for the settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act to carry into effect the last will and testament of William Cook, deceased," reported, in lieu thereof, a bill, entitled "A supplement to the act concerning wills."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Holcombe presented the Report of John S. Holmes, Samuel Hubbard and John Stillwell, commissioners of forfeited estates for the county of Monmouth, detailing their proceedings on a certain occasion.

Which report was read, and committed to Mess. Holcombe, Read and D. Thompson.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House the following communication from his excellency the Governor, enclosing certain documents.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I herewith lay before you a letter from the Governor of North Carolina, enclosing certain Resolutions of the Legislature of that State, respecting a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

MAHLON DICKERSON.

Trenton, January 21, 1817.

Which communication was read, and, with the accompanying documents, referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Westcott, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson," reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, and, with the bill, postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Whereupon—

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the applicants for the division of the county of Sussex, lay before this House, at

the next sitting, a correct Map of that part of the county of Sussex, adjoining the division line, between East and West Jersey, comprising the adjacent townships, and such other information relative to the situation of the county, as may enable the House with greater certainty, to decide thereon.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the sale of the house and lot of land, in the city of Jersey, belonging to this State," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act authorizing the Courts of Common Pleas to award a tales de circumstantibus," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Condit, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a Poor-House."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the

North Main Branch of Rancocus Creek, between Mount Holly and the South Main Branch of said creek, in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes," without amendment; and that Council have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize Ann Guild, administratrix, and John Guild, administrator, to the estate of Benjamin Guild, deceased, to carry into effect a contract made between the said Benjamin Guild and Jacob Bloom," and have caused the same to be re-engrossed: and that Council have passed a bill, entitled An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act making provision for the carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 10, 1804.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and disagreed to by the House, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to ensure the faithful and impartial execution of office," was read a second time, considered by section, amended, and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Sip, from the committee to whom was committed the petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bergen, praying for some

modification of an act, passed 30th January, 1811, relative to the inclosure of certain woodlands in said county—

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was agreed to by the House.

The bill, entitled “An act for the sale of the Government-house and Lot, in the city of Trenton,” was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Dow and Leake.

Mr. Sip, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled “A supplement to an act to authorize Michael Ortley to cut and erect a canal or inlet through Manasquam beach.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Read offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what alterations are necessary in the law relative to attachments against absconding and absent debtors.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Read, S. Condit and Stryker, accordingly appointed.

The bill, entitled “A supplement to the act concerning wills,” was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled "A snpplement to the act concerning wills," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act for the sale of the Government-house and Lot, in the city of Trenton," reported the same without amendment.

Which bill was then taken up, and on the question of agreeing to the first section, the Yeas and Nays being required, were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,

Halliday,
Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Reeve,
Sip,
Smith,
D. Thompson,
Van Horn,
Williamson.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,

Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.
Willits.

So it was determined in the affirmative; the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. S. Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to prevent the fraudulent confession of judgments."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," passed February 11, 1813, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bidleman, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the President and Directors of the Columbia Bridge Company, made the following

REPORT:

That, in their opinion, it would be inexpedient for the State, at this time, to become the purchaser of any part of the stock of the said Bridge

Company; but that as the erection of a bridge across the Delaware, at the place proposed, will be of great public utility, they recommend that the President and Managers of the said Bridge Company, be authorized to raise, by way of lottery, the sum of four thousand dollars, to be invested in stock of the said Company, and to be the property of the State; agreeably to the prayer of their petition.

Which report was read, agreed to, and the petitioners had leave to bring in a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Nixon, from the committee to whom was committed the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Mill Hill and Bloomsbury, of the township of Nottingham, in the county of Burlington, praying to be incorporated with the city of Trenton; and from sundry inhabitants of said city, joining in said prayer; with a counter petition from sundry inhabitants of Bloomsbury and Mill Hill, aforesaid;—

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled “An act to authorize aliens to purchase and hold real estate within this State,” without amendment.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled “An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings,” passed February 21, 1798, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee for that purpose, reported a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of creditors against corporations.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled “An act appointing commissioners for settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was taken up, and after making some progress therein, postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Council came into the Assembly room, and both Houses went into a joint meeting; when, after accomplishing their business, the joint meeting rose, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Leake, with leave, presented a bill, entitled “An act to regulate the admission of Attornies.”

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill from Council, entitled “An act au-

thorizing the Courts of Common Pleas to award a tales de circumstantibus," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, without amendment.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to insure the faithful and impartial execution of office," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill, as amended, pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Kille,

Kitchell,
Nixon,
Prall,

NAYS.

Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,

Westcott,
Williamson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of Council.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee to whom was referred a Resolution of the Legislature of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States—and a Resolution of the Legislature of North Carolina, proposing a similar amendment, made the following

REPORT:

That the proposed amendment is, in the opinion of the committee, expedient; and that the principles contained therein have been heretofore sanctioned by the General Assembly of this State. They therefore recommend the adoption of the said Resolution as follows:

“That for the purpose of choosing Representatives in the Congress of the United States, each State shall, by its Legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of Representatives to which such State may be entitled. The districts shall be formed of contiguous territory, and contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the Constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one Representative, and no more. That for the purpose of appointing Electors

of President and Vice-President of the United States, each State shall, by its Legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of Electors to which such State may be entitled. The districts shall be composed of contiguous territory, and contain, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, entitled by the Constitution to representation. In each district, the persons qualified to vote for Representatives, shall appoint one Elector, and no more. The Electors, when convened, shall have power, in case any of them appointed, as above prescribed, shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, to appoint another or others to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend. Neither the districts for choosing Representatives nor those for appointing Electors, shall be altered in any State, until a census and apportionment of Representatives under it, subsequent to the division of the States into districts, shall be made. The division of States into districts, hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the Constitution of the United States; and successively immediately afterwards whenever a census and apportionment of Representatives under it, shall be made. The division of each State into districts, for the purposes both of choosing Representatives and appointing Electors, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment, and on no other occasion."

Resolved, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to endeavour to obtain

the said amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor of this State, be requested to forward a copy of the preceding Resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States; and also to the Governors of the several States, with a request that the same may be laid before their respective Legislatures, for their consideration and adoption.

Which report was read, agreed to by the House, and the Clerk ordered to carry the same to Council, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from the President and Directors of the New Germantown Turnpike Company, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative interposition in their behalf.

Which petition was read—whereupon,

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled “An act to confirm the report and survey of the Turnpike road laid out by the commissioners named in the act, entitled An act to incorporate the New Germantown Turnpike Company.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

On motion—*Ordered*, That Messrs. Parker, Pine and Van Brakle, be a committee to report a tax bill.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled “An act to secure mortgagors, in certain cases, against unnecessary costs.”

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The Resolution offered by Mr. Coxe on Tuesday last, relative to altering the election laws of this State, was taken up, and disagreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Silas Condit presented a memorial from Cadwallader D. Colden and others, inhabitants of New-York and New-Jersey, stockholders of the York and Jersey Steam-Boat Ferry Company, praying an act of incorporation.

Which memorial was read—whereupon,

Mr. S. Condit, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-Boat Ferry Company."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," passed February 11, 1813, was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseilles,
Nixon,

Parker,
Parvin,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
D. Thompson,

Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers, and regulating their meetings," passed February 21, 1798, was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative. as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
Coxe,
Dow,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Pine,
Read,

Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kille,
Merseiles,
Nixon,

Parker,
Parvin,
Prall,
Sip,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that their amendments made thereto, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to authorize Michael Ortley to cut and erect a canal, or inlet, through Manasquam Beach," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning free negroes and mulattoes," was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Williamson, Coxe and Parker.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the sale of the house and lot of land in the city of Jersey;"—and the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan great meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates, for the uses therein mentioned," respectively without amendment.

And that Council have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of infants where persons die intestate."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act to confirm the report and survey of the Turnpike road, laid out by the commissioners named in the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the New Germantown Turnpike Company," was read a second time, and postponed to Wednesday next.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

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Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Williamson presented a petition from Henry Sheppard, of the town of Hope, in the county of Sussex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, an act to divorce him from his wife Mary Sheppard.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Williamson, Bidleman and Halliday.

The bill from Council, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15, 1798, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Read, Merseiles and Leake.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," passed February 11, 1813.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow and marsh adjoining Repaupa creek, in the county of Gloucester, to support and maintain a bank, dam, and other water works, sufficient to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed the 4th day of June, A. D. 1787, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their

Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "A supplement to the act concerning wills," without amendment.

And the bill, entitled An act further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to by the House, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a Poor-House," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Read, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15, 1798, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and the bill, as amended, ordered to be printed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, **A supplement to the act, entitled “An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow and marsh adjoining Repaupa creek, in the county of Gloucester, to support and maintain a bank, dam, and other water works, sufficient to prevent the tide from overflowing the same,”** passed the 4th day of June, A. D. 1787, was read a third time, compared and postponed.

The engrossed bill, entitled “An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a Poor-House,” was read a third time, compared and postponed.

The bill, entitled “An act to prevent fraudulent confession of judgments,” was read a second time. and postponed.

Mr. Holcombe, with leave, presented a bill, entitled “An act supplementary to the act concerning divorce and alimony.”

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled “An act appointing commissioners for settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was again taken up, and after employing some time therein, the further consideration thereof postponed—when

The House adjourned to ten o’clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Mayhew, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants, owners and possessors of certain meadows, in the township of Lower Penns-Neck, in the county of Salem, praying the repeal of a certain law passed 9th February 1796—

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill, entitled “An act for the relief of creditors against corporations,” was read a second time, and considered by sections; all of which were agreed to, except the sixth, which, with the bill, was postponed.

Mr. Halliday offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing sheriffs and under-sheriffs, to take recognizances in criminal cases.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Halliday, S. Condit and R. Thomson, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill from Council, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15, 1798, was taken up, gone through by section, and ordered a third reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "A supplement to the act concerning wills;" and the bill, entitled An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situated in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," without amendment.

And that Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House, to the bill from Council, entitled "An act to ensure the faithful and impartial execution of office;" and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of creditors against corporations," was taken up, gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to prevent fraudulent confession of judgments," and having gone through the same by sections, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow and marsh adjoining Repaupa creek, in the county of Gloucester, to support and maintain a bank, dam, and other water works, sufficient to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed the 4th day of June, A. D. 1787, was taken up—and,

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrali,
Decker,
Dow,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,

Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Ely,
Merseiles,
Parker,

Pearson,
Sip.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled “An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a Poor-House,” was taken up—and,

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,

Parvin,
Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Coxe,

Darrah,
Decker,

NAYS.

Messrs. Merseiles,
Parker,
Pine,

Reeve,
Sip,
Van Horn.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to authorize Michael Ortley to cut and erect a canal, or inlet, through Manasquam Beach," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Parvin,

Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
Halliday,

Nixon,
D. Thompson.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of creditors against corporations," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to prevent the fraudulent confession of judgments," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the sale of the Government-house and Lot, in the city of Trenton," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,

Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,

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YEAS.

Messrs. Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Reeve,
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Smith,
D. Thompson,
Van Horn,
Williamson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,

Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott,
Willits.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled **An** act further supplementary to an act, entitled “An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon,” was read, and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrali,

Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,

YEAS.

Messrs. Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,

Shreve,
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Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bidleman,
Kille,
Leake,
Nixon,

Parker,
Smith,
D. Thompson,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendment made thereto by Council has been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15, 1798, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.

S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,

YEAS.

Messrs. Dow,
Ely,
Holcombe,
Leake,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Read,
Reeve,

Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
Darrah,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Mayhew,

Nixon,
Pine,
Prall,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
Westcott,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of Council.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize William L. Earl and John Black, their heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across one of the branches of Rancocus creek."

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Annin presented a paper signed by a number of the inhabitants of the township of Bernards, in the county of Somerset, in favor of one Jacob Guerin, of said township and county.

Which paper was read, and committed to Messrs. Annin, Halliday and Darrah.

Mr. Coxe presented a memorial signed by the chairman and secretary of a certain meeting, praying an application of the Legislature to the General Government, in favor of colonizing the free blacks of the United States.

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Decker and Pearson.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a Turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of selling a part of the lot attached to the Government-house.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Pearson, Holcombe and Westcott, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Smith presented sundry memorials from a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying in favor of colonizing free blacks.

Which memorials were read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Williamson presented a petition from Mary Hagaman, praying, for reasons therein set forth, an act to divorce her from her husband Joseph Hagaman.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Williamson, Farlee and Kitchell.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee to whom was committed the report of the commissioners of forfeited estates, for the county of Monmouth, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the commissioners of forfeited estates, for the county of Monmouth."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark Female Charitable Society," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act to regulate the admission of Attornies at Law," was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

Mr. D. Thompson presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of this State, in favor of the colonization of free blacks.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act concern-

ing free negroes and mulattoes," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and, with the bill, ordered to lie on the table; and in the meantime to be printed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act appointing commissioners for settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and having gone through the same by section, ordered it to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker being absent by reason of indisposition, David Thompson, jun. esq. was unanimously chosen Speaker pro tem.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the same.

Mr. Holcombe presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying a law to authorize a turnpike road from the village of Freehold to Middletown Point, in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Holcombe, Read and Annin.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from a number of

the inhabitants of this State, praying in favor of colonizing free blacks.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of Jacob Guerin."

Which bill was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Messrs. Pearson and Halliday respectively presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of this State, in favor of colonizing free blacks.

Which petitions were read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark Female Charitable Society," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Dow,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Parvin,

Pearson,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
[Sp. pro tem.
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Darrah,
Decker,
Ely,
Kille,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,

Pine,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act appointing commissioners for settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a third and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize William L. Earl and John Black, their heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across one of the branches of Rancocus creek," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Silas Condit presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Newark and Morris Turnpike Company, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. S. Condit, Halliday and Bidleman.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate a Company to erect a Turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled An act to confirm the report and survey of the Turnpike road laid out by the commissioners named in the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the New Germantown Turnpike Company," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Mary Hagaman, late Mary Hunt, and her husband Joseph Hagaman."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to regulate the Fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes," passed November 26, 1808, was read a second time—whereupon,

Mr. Speaker pro tem. presented two petitions, one from Burlington county, the other from the county of Hunterdon, in favor of the passage of a similar bill.

And Messrs. Nixon and Decker presented similar petitions from their respective counties.

And Mr. Pine a remonstrance from inhabitants of the county of Gloucester.

And Mr. Prall a letter from Joseph Cooper, esq. of said county, communicating his ideas on the subject of the fisheries, and suggesting the propriety of some alterations in the law now extant.

Which petitions, &c. were read, and the further consideration of the bill postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from James Jackson, of the county of Middlesex, stating, that, pursuant to a request of Governor Pennington, in the year 1814, he procured a carriage for a piece of ordnance belonging to this State, but has not been remunerated for the same; he therefore prays an act directing payment of the money expended therein, with interest for the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Shreve and Darrah.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Dr. Decker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Deckertown and Newton Turnpike Company."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of a Map of the State of New-Jersey."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Messrs. Annin and Prall presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Hunterdon, praying for a more efficient law for the improvement of highways.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Annin, R. Thomson and Westcott.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain marsh, meadow and swamp, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Halliday, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to authorize sheriffs and under-sheriffs to take recognizances in certain cases."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of James Jackson.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment:—

A bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled “An act to authorize Michael Ortleigh to cut and erect a canal, or inlet, through Manasquam Beach.”

A bill, entitled “An act directing the descent of real estates.”

And a bill, entitled “An act to prevent the fraudulent confession of judgments.”

Mr. Shreve, from the committee to whom was committed the petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying for a law to enable them to erect a dam across the main branch of North Shrewsbury river,—

Reported, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, agreeable to their petition, on the first Monday of the next sitting of the Legislature; they first giving notice of their application by advertisements set up in five of the most public places in the neighborhood, for four weeks previous to said day.

Which report was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Westcott, from the committee appointed last sitting on that subject, reported a bill, entitled “An act for the relief of Ezra Baker.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to confirm the report and survey of the Turnpike road laid out by the commissioners named in the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the New German-town Turnpike Company," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Banta,

Bidleman,

B. Condit,

S. Condit,

Coxe,

Darrah,

Decker,

Dow,

Ely,

Halliday,

Holcombe,

Kille,

Kitchell,

Leake,

Merseilles,

Parker,

Parvin,

Pearson,

Pine,

Reeve,

Risley,

Sharp,

Shreve,

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Smith,

D. Thompson,

[Sp. pro tem.

R. Thomson,

Van Brakle,

Van Horn,

Westcott,

Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,

Mayhew,

Nixon,

Prall,

Stout,

Stryker.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jabez Pierson"—No. 6, of unfinished business—was read, and ordered a second reading.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. S. Condit, on the 17th inst. was taken up, and the blank for printing the Minutes and Proceedings of the House for the last and present sitting, filled with the name of Peter Hay, of Cumberland; and the blank for printing the Laws passed during the same, with the names of Justice and Cox.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning Banks," was taken up, and after progressing therein,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Read, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Asa Eayre, praying a law to authorize him to erect and maintain a dam across the South Main Branch of Rancocus creek, for the purpose of erecting a grist mill and other water works—

Reported, That they have heard the said Asa Eayre in support of his said application, and they have also heard the allegations of William M. Eldridge, against it; and that from the certificates produced (as well by the said Asa as by the said William) of persons who have ascertained the

level and face of the water, between the grist and saw mill of the said William M. Eldridge, and the place where the contemplated dam is proposed to be enacted, it appears there is manifest error and mistake; so that your committee are not satisfied that it is right and proper, to grant the prayer of the said Asa Eayre. They therefore are unanimously of opinion, that the prayer of the said Asa Eayre ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill under discussion on adjournment, entitled "An act concerning Banks," and after undergoing considerable discussion, it was gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker pro tem. handed to the House the following letter from his excellency the Governor:

SIR,

Having finished such parts of my official business as, it was indispensably necessary should be brought to a close, before my retiring from office, I beg leave to inform the House of Assembly, through you, that I shall be ready to resign the office of Governor of the State, as soon as the Legislature may think proper to hold a joint meeting.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect, your most

Obedient and very humble Servant,

MAHLON DICKERSON.

HON. CHARLES CLARK, Esq.

Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Trenton, January 30, 1817.

Which letter was read—whereupon,

Mr. Westcott offered the following resolution:

Whereas, His excellency Mahlon Dickerson, has signified in writing, to the Speaker of this House, his intention of resigning the office of Governor of the State of New-Jersey, whenever a joint meeting shall take place—

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council, that this House is ready to go into a joint-meeting to receive said resignation, and to appoint a Governor of the State, if necessary; and request Council to designate the time and place.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled “A supplement to an act to incorporate a company to erect a Turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy,” without amendment; and have passed a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled “An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties in this State.”

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Secretary also informed the House, that Council have disagreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled “An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes.”

And have agreed to the bill from this House, entitled “An act appointing commissioners for

settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes," with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to by the House, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The disagreement of Council to the amendments made by this House to the bill, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes," was ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying for a law to authorize them to erect a Turnpike road from the village of Freehold to Middletown Point, in said county,

Reported, That leave be given the petitioners to present a bill, embracing the object of their petition, to the next Legislature, on the second Tuesday of its first sitting: Provided, public notice of the same be previously given, for at least six weeks, by advertisements set up in four of the most public places in the townships of Freehold and Middletown.

Which report was agreed to by the House.

The Speaker pro tem. presented to the House a letter from the Treasurer, enclosing a Report, made pursuant to an order of the House of Assembly of the 11th instant.

Which report was read, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, S. Condit and Kille.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, in the Assembly room, for the purpose only, of receiving the resignation of the Governor.

Agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of causing the public acts of the Legislature to be published in the several newspapers of this State, at the expense of the State.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Read, Dow and Stryker accordingly appointed.

Mr. Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act relative to fees of the Secretary of State and Register of the Prerogative Court.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the owners of land on each side of Mannington creek,

to clear out the same;" and a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gloucester and Greenwich Ferry Company."

To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were read, and ordered second readings.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "An act appointing commissioners for settling certain differences between this State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendment made thereto by Council has been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act concerning Banks," was read a third time, compared, and committed to the committee who reported the same, with the addition of Messrs. S. Condit and Sharp to said committee.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize William L. Earl and John Black, their heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across one of the branches of Rancocus creek," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, without amendment.

The House took up the message from Council, relative to their disagreement to the amendments made by the House to the bill from Council, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15, 1798, and insisted on their amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council accordingly.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee on that subject, appointed at the last sitting, reported a bill, entitled "An act constituting the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and for other purposes."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was committed the Report of the Treasurer, made pursuant to an order of the House, reported the same as received.

Which report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee to whom

was committed the engrossed bill, entitled "An act concerning Banks," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and, with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes," was read a second time, considered by section, and, on the question of engrossing, was negatived, and the bill dismissed.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Jackson," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act to secure mortgagors in certain cases against unnecessary costs," was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill committed to Messrs. Dow, Read and Holcombe.

Mr. Darrah presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying a law to authorize a Turnpike road from Newton, in said county, on a specified route, to the New-York line, &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Darrah, Sip and Willits.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred the report and memorial of the Inspectors of the State Prison, made the following

REPORT:

That the increase of prisoners committed to the Prison, render it necessary that an additional building should be erected to lodge and secure them.

That the present practice of confining and lodging persons convicted of higher crimes in the same building, and at the same employment with those committed for petty offences, is not consistent with good policy, and has a tendency to corrupt the latter class of convicts, instead of reforming them. And the committee suggest the propriety of making provision by law, that all persons convicted and sentenced for manslaughter, sodomy, rape, arson, burglary, robbery, perjury, or other high crimes, shall be confined and employed separate and apart from the other prisoners, and lodged in separate apartments at night.

That for this purpose, the additional building should be laid out into cells of sufficient dimension to accommodate one person.

This provision, however, cannot be adopted at present, for the want of the building which it is proposed to erect.

The committee are induced to believe, that a provision to amend the act for the punishment of

crimes, so that no person should be committed to the State Prison unless the term of imprisonment should exceed one year, would be beneficial, as saving a large amount to the State, and also keeping those guilty of petty offences from being corrupted by the practice (which, as the prisoner is circumstanced at present, must exist,) of confining them in the same apartment with those guilty of the most atrocious crimes.

As a means of correction and punishment to persons committed to the Prison, the committee are of opinion, that the existing regulations of the Prison, as provided by law, ought to be strictly enforced; so that no person, who shall have access to the prisoners, be permitted to speak to them, or otherwise have communication with them, or deliver to, or receive from them letters, on any pretence, except in such cases as are expressly allowed by law, and that they be kept entirely ignorant of every thing which happens without the walls of the Prison, during the term of their confinement.

The committee submit to the House two bills for the purposes herein recommended, viz.

A bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells in the State Prison;" and a bill, entitled "An act to prohibit the commitment of prisoners to the State Prison, in cases where the term of imprisonment shall not exceed one year."

Which bills were read, ordered second readings, and meantime, with the report, to be printed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have

passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of creditors against corporations," without amendment.

That Council insist on their disagreement to the amendments made by the House to the bill from Council, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes."

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow and marsh adjoining Repaupa creek, in the county of Gloucester, to support and maintain a bank, dam, and other water works, sufficient to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed June 4th, 1789, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Council came into the Assembly room, and both Houses went into joint meeting; after which, the joint meeting rose, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of creating a fund for the support of Free Schools in this State.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Parker, Halliday and Van Brakle, accordingly appointed.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Deckertown and Newton Turnpike Company," was read a second

time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize the owners of land on each side of Mannington creek, to clear out the same," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money, (being No. 16 of the unfinished business) was read, and ordered a second reading on Wednesday next.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the support of habitual drunkards, and preserving their estates.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Kitchell, Leake and Willits, accordingly appointed.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize sheriffs and under sheriffs to take recognizances in certain cases," was read a second time, and committed to the committee who reported the same.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of General Jarratt Stillwell, and Captain Thomas White, of the county of Monmouth," was read a second time, disagreed to, and the applicants had leave to withdraw their papers.

The bill, entitled "An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Mary Hagaman, late Mary Hunt, and her husband Joseph Hagaman," was

taken up, progressed in, and postponed to Monday next.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

But a quorum not appearing, the Speaker pro tem. adjourned the House to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow and marsh adjoining Repaupa creek, in the county of Gloucester, to support and maintain a bank, dam, and other water works, sufficient to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed June 4th, 1787, was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Deckertown and Newton Turnpike Company," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parker,

Parvin,
Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
[Sp. pro tem.
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Nixon,

Stout.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jabez Pierson," was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, the bill dismissed, and the applicant had leave to withdraw his papers.

The bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the State," was read a second time, considered by section, amended and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ezra Baker," was read a second time, and postponed.

The bill, entitled "An act relative to fees of the Secretary of State and Register of the Prerogative Court," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Williamson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any further provision is necessary to insure the punctual attendance of witnesses to give evidence.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Williamson, Annin and Merciles, accordingly appointed.

The bill, entitled "An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Mary Hagaman, late Mary Hunt, and her husband Joseph Hagaman," was again taken up, gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe, one of the commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature of this State, "for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and the probable expense of, a canal, to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan, made a Report.

Which report was read, and five hundred copies thereof ordered to be printed.

Mr. Darrah, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Poehuck Turnpike Company."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act relative to fees of the Secretary of State and Register of the Prerogative Court," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,

Halliday,
Holcombe,
Leake,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,

YEAS.

Messrs. Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,

Stryker.
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
Kitchell,
Mayhew,
Parvin,
Prall,

Shreve,
D. Thompson,
[Sp. pro tem.
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Mary Hagaman, late Mary Hunt, and her husband Joseph Hagaman," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,

Parvin,
Prall,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
[Sp. pro tem.
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Williamson,
Willits.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Coxe,
Ely,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Pine,

Read,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Leake offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into joint meeting, for the appointment of a Governor of the State, and other officers, civil and military, and request them to designate the time and place.

Which resolution was agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

The Speaker pro tem. presented to the House the following communication from Ellett Tucker, esq. Q. M. G.

TRENTON, *January 25, 1817.*

SIR,

The Quarter Master General, for the information of the Legislature, begs leave to

REPORT:

That in pursuance of the supplement to the Militia Law of last session, due notice of said law was given to the several Brigade Boards, and that the Burlington county Brigade Board elected and

produced the necessary bond to receive their proportionate number of arms, and accordingly two hundred stand of arms and equipments were delivered to the order of Brigadier General William Irick.

Notifications from the Brigadier Generals of Morris, Middlesex and Cumberland, of their election, to receive arms, were also communicated to me; but the requisite bonds were not furnished to entitle either of the said Brigades to receive the said arms.

After the expiration of the time given by law to distribute the arms to the several Brigades, on applications, accompanied with bonds, approved by the Commander in Chief, four hundred and forty-five stand of arms and equipments were delivered to the following named Captains, for the use of their respective uniform companies, viz.

To Captain Zachariah Rossell, Hunterdon,	50
John B. Potts, do.	70
Peter T. Clark, do.	40
John Exton, do.	60
Samuel W. Fell, do.	60
Robert L. Armstrong, Gloucester,	65
Hezekiah Morris, Somerset,	50
John Yard, Middlesex,	50

Accompanying this a statement of the number of arms and equipments in depot, will be received.

Not having had it in my power to obtain from New-York the two pieces of ordnance belonging to the Monmouth Brigade, I would respectfully suggest the expediency of being authorized to use

the proper means to procure their restoration to said Brigade.

I beg leave also to present my account for general services, as Quarter Master General, for the preceding year. All which is respectfully submitted by

Your obedient humble Servant,

ELLETT TUCKER,

Quarter Master General.

Hon. DAVID THOMPSON,

Speaker of the House of Assembly, pro tem.

Which report was read, and committed to Messrs. S. Condit, Leake and Van Brakle.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ezra Baker," and having gone through the same by section, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, entitled "An act to protect mortgagors in certain cases," &c. reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and with the bill, ordered to be printed.

Mr. Silas Condit, with leave, presented a bill,

entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas T. Kinney."

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. S. Condit, Kitchell and Bidleman.

The bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of this State," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Parker,
Parvin,
Prall,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Williamson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Coxe,
Darral,
Decker,
Holcombe,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Pearson,
Pine,

Read,
Reeve,
Sip,
D. Thompson,
[Sp. pro tem.
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments, to which amendments they request their concurrence.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gloucester and Greenwich Point Ferry Company," was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Westcott, Pine and Dow.

Mr. Annin, from the committee to whom was referred petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Hunterdon, on the subject of improving the highways,

Reported, That in their opinion any alteration of the law now in force on this subject, is unnecessary and inexpedient.

Which report was agreed to by the House.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council will be ready to go into joint meeting, for the purpose of appointing a Governor of the State, and other officers, both civil and military, on Thursday next, at ten o'clock, in the forenoon, in the Assembly room.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a Lot belonging to the State, in the city of Trenton."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells in the State Prison," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act to prohibit the commitment of prisoners to the State Prison, in cases

where the term of imprisonment shall not exceed one year," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act respecting free negroes and mulattoes," was read a second time, and postponed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Read, from two respective committees appointed on these subjects, reported two several bills.

1st—A bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," passed 8th day of March, A. D. 1798.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

2d—A bill, entitled "An act to provide for the publishing the public laws of this State."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Reeve presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Burlington and Gloucester, praying for some further provisions to a certain law, passed the 24th of November, 1792, relative to draining swamps, marshes, &c. &c.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Reeve, Leake and Shreve.

Mr. S. Condit, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas T. Kinney," reported the same without amendment.

Which bill was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the settlement and relief of the poor."

To which bill they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Pearson and Stryker.

The Secretary further informed, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Deckertown and Newton Turnpike Company," without amendment; and have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Jackson;" and the bill, entitled An act to confirm the report and survey of the Turnpike road, laid out by the commissioners named in the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the New German-town Turnpike Company," respectively, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Which amendments were read, and those made to the latter bill disagreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof; while those made

to the former were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Holcombe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the accounts of the commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature of this State, at their last session, for "exploring the route for, and the probable expense of, a canal, for connecting the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan," and report to this House what further appropriations are necessary for the discharge of all such accounts as have arisen in the exercise of the said commissioners.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Holcombe, Parker and Willits, accordingly appointed.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to prohibit the commitment of prisoners to the State Prison, in cases where the term of imprisonment shall not exceed one year," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Ezra Baker," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Nixon,

Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
[Sp. pro tem.
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Williamson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Darrah,

Read,
R. Thomson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells in the State Prison," was read a third time, compared and postponed.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "A supplement to an act concerning witnesses."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of a Map of the State of New-Jersey," was taken up, and after employing some time therein,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker appeared, and took the chair.

Mr. Kitchell, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act establishing a militia system," passed the 18th February, 1815.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of a Map of the State of New-Jersey," and having gone through the same by sections, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning Banks," with the amendments, as reported by the committee; and after employing considerable time therein, on motion to postpone the same till the next sitting of the Legislature, the Yeas and Nays being required, were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Coxe,
Decker,
Holcombe,
Pearson,
Read,

Shreve,
Smith,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Darrah,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Nixon,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Williamson,
Willits.

So it was decided in the negative, the bill gone through by section, and postponed till to-morrow morning.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the following bills:

A bill, entitled "An act respecting the residence of the Governor of this State;" and a bill, entitled "An act concerning the Prerogative Court."

To which bills respectively they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were read, and ordered second readings.

The Secretary also informed the House, that Council have receded from their amendment to the bill from this House, entitled An act to confirm the report and survey of the turnpike road laid out by the commissioners named in the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the New Germantown Turnpike Company," and have passed the same without amendment.

And have disagreed to the amendments made by the House to the bill from Council, entitled "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties in this State."

Which bill was postponed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to create a fund for the support of Free Schools."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act for the sale of lands belonging to this State in the town of Paterson."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, praying for a repeal in part of a certain act, passed May 10th, 1768, regulating fisheries.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Merseiles and Halliday.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act making a further appropriation for expenses incurred in the execution of the act, entitled "An act for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and the probable expense of, a canal, to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Reeve, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act to enable the owners of swamps or meadow ground to drain the same," passed 24th November, 1792.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Jackson," was read, and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Nixon,

Risley.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas T. Kinney," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Mayhew,
Parker,
Pearson,
Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
Stryker,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits,

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Darrah,
Kille,
Merseilles,
Nixon,
Parvin,

Pine,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Sip,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of a Map of the State of New-Jersey," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Farlee,
Merseiles,
Nixon,

Prall,
Shreve,
Sip,
Stout,
Stryker,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Westcott, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gloucester and Greenwich Point Ferry Company," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were agreed to, and while the bill was under discussion, Council came into the Assembly room, and the two Houses went into joint meeting: after the joint meeting adjourned, the Speaker took the chair, and

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The Council again came into the Assembly room, when the two Houses went into joint meeting; having completed their business, the joint meeting rose, and the Speaker resumed the chair, and

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from Council, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gloucester and Greenwich Point Ferry Company," and having gone through the same by section, it was ordered a third reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have

passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Ezra Baker;" and the bill, entitled "An act relative to the fees of the Secretary of State and Register of the Prerogative Court," without amendment.

And that Council have passed a bill, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of meadow therein named, to prevent horses and cattle from running at large therein," passed February 23, 1804.

To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year 1817."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act making a further appropriation for expenses incurred in the execution of the act, entitled "An act for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and probable expense of, a canal to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Halliday, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act concerning roads used as public highways, which are not recorded."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for the publishing the public laws of this State," was taken up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act partially to repeal an act, entitled "An act to regulate the Fishery within that part of the Eastern division of this Colony, from the mouth of Raritan river northward."

Which bill was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells in the State Prison," was taken up and postponed.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Treasurer of this State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money," was taken up, and after employing some time thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act making a farther appropriation for expenses incurred in the execution of the act, entitled "An act for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and probable expense of, a canal to connect the tide waters of

the Delaware with those of the Raritan," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Nixon,
Parker,
Parvin,

Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
B. Condit,
Farlee,
Mayhew,

Merseilles,
Prall,
Sip,
Stout,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Treasurer of this State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Mon-

mouth, a certain sum of money," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the maintaining and repairing the banks, sluices and other works, of certain meadows and swamps, on Maurice river, in the county of Cumberland," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the settlement and relief of the poor," passed March 11th, 1774, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were disagreed to by the House, and on the question of agreeing to the first section, it was determined in the negative, the bill dismissed, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The House took up the message of Council, informing the House of their disagreement to the amendments made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the State," and their adherence to their amendments made to the said bill; and the Clerk was ordered to inform Council accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Poehuck Turnpike Company," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord

1817," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Leake offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be requested to enquire whether any, and if any, what sum of money has been raised, and is due to this State, from the Trustees of Queen's College in New Brunswick, in virtue of the act, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the Trustees of Queen's College, in New Brunswick, to erect a lottery for the purposes therein mentioned," and that he take such steps to procure the same, as the Governor may advise, and report the same to the next Legislature.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. D. Thompson, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act respecting forfeited estates."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning roads."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what alterations may be necessary in the mode of employing and punishing the prisoners confined in the State Prison, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Leake, Shreve and Prall, accordingly appointed.

The House took up the engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells in the State Prison;" and,

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Ely,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,

Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Dow,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the maintaining and repairing the banks, sluices and other works, of certain meadows and swamps, on Maurice River, in the county of Cumberland," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Ely,
Holcombe,
Leake,
Parker,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,

Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Dow,
Farlee,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Parvin,
Prall,
Stout,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Treasurer of this State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Parvin,

Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Darrah,
Farlee,
Merseiles,

Nixon,
Parker,
Reeve,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gloucester and Greenwich Point Ferry Company," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parvin,

Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Bidleman,	Parker,
B. Condit,	Prall,
Ely,	D. Thompson,
Farlee,	Van Brakle.
Nixon,	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of Council.

Mr. D. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report the unfinished business on the files of the House.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. D. Thompson, Stryker and Merseilles, accordingly appointed.

The bill, entitled An act partially to repeal an act, entitled "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the Eastern division of this Colony, from the mouth of Raritan river northward," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Mary Hagaman, late Mary Hunt, and her husband Joseph Hagaman;" and have passed the bill

from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas T. Kinney," without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of lands belonging to this State, in the town of Paterson," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of meadow therein named, to prevent horses and cattle from running at large therein," passed February 23, 1804, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the commissioners of forfeited estates, for the county of Monmouth," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act respecting the Seal of the Court of Chancery."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning roads," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bidleman, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to aid in the erection of a Bridge at Columbia Glass Manufactory."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled "A supplement to the act to regulate the courts of law," (No. 9, of unfinished business) was taken up—whereupon,

Mr. Kitchell offered a bill, as a substitute, with a similar title.

Which bill was read, and with the preceding, postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee on that subject, reported a catalogue of the unfinished business.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gloucester and Greenwich Point Ferry Company," and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to prohibit the commitment of prisoners to the State Prison, in cases where the term of imprisonment shall not exceed one year;" with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, and disagreed to by the House; and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House rise on Friday, the 14th instant.

Which resolution was postponed to Monday next.

The bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-Boat Company," was read a second time and postponed.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Guerin," was called up, and dismissed.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the boundaries and jurisdiction of this State in the Bay of Delaware," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council do adhere to their amendment to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to prohibit the commitment of prisoners to the State Prison, in cases where the term of imprisonment shall not exceed one year."

Which message was read—whereupon,

The House insisted on their disagreement to the amendments made by Council to said bill, and ordered the Clerk to inform Council thereof.

The bill, entitled "An act respecting the Seal of the Court of Chancery," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act respecting the Seal of the Court of Chancery," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act partially to repeal an act, entitled "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the Eastern division of this Colony, from the mouth of Raritan river northward," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Mayhew,
Merseilles,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Prall,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,

YEAS.

Messrs. Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,

Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Kille,
Parker,

Pine.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the commissioners of forfeited estates, for the county of Monmouth," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Risley.
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Darrah,
Nixon,
Reeve,

R. Thomson.
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled " An act concerning the boundaries and jurisdiction of this State, in the Bay of Delaware," was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Nixon,

Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

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NAY.

Mr. D. Thompson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning roads," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parker,

Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,

Merseilles,
Prall,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of meadow therein named, to prevent horses and cattle from running at large therein," passed February 23d, 1804, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Mayhew,
Merseilles,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Kille,
Nixon,
Prall,
Reeve,

Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act to protect mortgagors against unnecessary costs," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act concerning the Prerogative Court," was read a second time, amended and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to create a fund for the support of Free Schools," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act for the relief of infants, where persons die intestate," was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, the bill dismissed, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a Lot, belonging to the State, in the city of Trenton," was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Coxe and Ely,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. S. Condit, from the committee to whom was committed the Report of the Quarter Master General, made the following

REPORT:

That they have examined the statement exhibited by the Quarter Master General, and find thirteen hundred and thirty-one stand of arms, with the necessary equipments, have been loaned to different militia officers within the State, and their bonds received therefor; and that fifteen hundred and fifty-three stand remain still undistributed. Of these last, about three hundred have been carefully cleaned and repaired, agreeably to the directions of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, supplementary to the militia law; and that daily progress is making in cleaning and repairing the residue.

The committee have also examined the account of the Quarter Master General, for his expenses and services in distributing the arms aforesaid, and the same appearing reasonable and just, they recommend the payment thereof.

The committee think proper further to add, that the arms accounted for, by the present exhibit of the Quarter Master General, do not amount to the whole number belonging to the State, by about two hundred and twenty; which deficiency they believe to arise, not from so many having been actually lost or destroyed, but from their remaining dispersed throughout the State, in the hands of persons who do not feel disposed to re-

turn, or account for them. It appears also, from information received from the Quarter Master General, that there are two pieces of ordnance belonging to this State, lodged in the arsenal in the city of New-York, which the committee conceive ought to be recovered and restored to the brigade to which they belong.

They therefore recommend to the House the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commander in Chief be requested to direct the Quarter Master General, with all convenient despatch, to use the proper and necessary means to recover and collect all the small arms and ordnance belonging to this State, which may be found in the possession of any person or persons, either in or out of the same, who have not given bonds according to law, for the careful preservation and return of said arms and ordnance.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a Lot belonging to the State, in the city of Trenton," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing and empowering the Governor, or Commander in Chief, of this State, to purchase brass field artillery, (being No. 9, of unfinished business) was called up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of lands belonging to this State, in the town of Paterson," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Nixon,
Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson.
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Decker,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Pearson,

Shreve,
Sip,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Poehuck Turnpike Company," was taken up, and committed to Messrs. Parker, R. Thomson and Kitchell.

Mr. S. Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris Turnpike Company," passed February 11th, A. D. 1811.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Halliday, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize sheriffs and under sheriffs, to take recognizances in certain cases," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments, with the first section of the bill, were read, disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act to enable the owners of swamps or meadow ground, to drain the same," passed 24th November 1792, was taken up, the title amended, to read "An act to provide for the opening and clearing out the tail-races, and the natural streams of grist mills and other water works;"—the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Westcott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Council and General Assembly, That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized, empowered and requested to distribute any copies of the late edition of the Laws of the United States, which he may receive from the Secretary of State of the United States, in the following manner, viz:

One copy to the Governor of this State.

One copy to the Secretary of this State.

One copy to each of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

One copy to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of each county, to be carefully preserved in his office.

The remaining copies to be placed in the State Library, subject to the future disposal of the Legislature.

Which resolution was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the engrossed bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Poehuck Turnpike Company," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a Lot belonging to the State, in the city of Trenton," was taken up, the title amended to read, An act for the sale of a House and Lot belonging to the State, in the city of Trenton—the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act making a further appropriation for expenses incurred in the execution of the act, entitled "An act for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and probable expense of, a canal to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan," without amendment. And have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to provide for

the formation of a Map of the State of New-Jersey," with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," passed at Trenton the 11th day of February, 1813, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to aid in the erection of a Bridge at Columbia Glass Manufactory," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris Turnpike Company," passed 11th day of February, A. D. 1811, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Poehuck Turnpike Company," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Leake,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pearson,
Pine,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Prall,
Shreve,

Stout,
Stryker,
Van Horn,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to create a fund for the support of Free Schools," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Leake,
Mayhew,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Reeve,
Sharp,
Smith,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parvin,

Prall,
Shreve,
Sip,
Stout,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to pro-

tect mortgagors against unnecessary costs," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Dow,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Ely,
Kille,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Pine,
Prall,

Reeve,
Risley,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

The bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen," passed at Trenton, the 11th day of February 1813, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Darrah,
Ely,
Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Pearson,

Risley,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,

Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been disagreed to by this House.

The bill, entitled "An act to repeal an act therein mentioned," was read, and postponed to the first Monday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act concerning the Prerogative Court," was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act establishing a militia system," passed February 18, 1815, was read a second time, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors."

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act respecting forfeited estates," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act respecting Steam Boats," (No. 16, of unfinished business) was called up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The House took up the amendments of Council to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to provide a Map for the State of New-Jersey," and having disagreed to the first, the consideration of the remainder was postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The resolution offered by Mr. Annin, on Saturday last, was taken up, and the House agreed to rise on Thursday, the 13th instant.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was referred sundry petitions and memorials from numbers of the inhabitants of this State, relative to the free people of Color, reported the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives be requested to lay before Congress, at their next meeting, as a subject worthy of consideration, the expediency of forming a colony on the coast of Africa, or elsewhere, where such of the people of Color as are now free, or may hereafter be set free, may, with their own consent, be removed.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to furnish our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a copy of the above resolution.

Which resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker presented to the House the following communication from his excellency the Governor:

*To the Honorable Legislature of the State of
New-Jersey.*

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of the Quarter Master General of the State, together with the accompanying accounts and vouchers respecting his expenditures and disbursements in

fitting up the West upper room of the State House, as a place of deposit for the arms and equipments belonging to the State, and for cleaning and repairing a part of those arms, as also an account of moneys received by him therefor. From an examination of those papers, it will be found, that the appropriation heretofore made for that purpose by the Legislature, is not sufficient to cover the expenses already accrued; and as a considerable portion of the arms belonging to the State remain to be repaired and cleaned, I take the liberty of suggesting to your consideration, the expediency of making such further appropriation as may, upon examination, be found necessary, to carry into execution your intention in regard to the objects alluded to.

ISAAC H. WILLIAMSON.

Which communication was read, and committed to Messrs. D. Thompson, Stryker and Holcombe.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and clearing out the tail-races and natural streams of grist-mills and other water works," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to repeal an act respecting forfeited estates," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of the land in the town of Paterson, belonging to this State."

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to explain an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-Boat Company," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The following bills from the files of unfinished business, entitled as follows, viz:

"An act respecting the drivers of stages, and other carriages kept for hire,"—"An act to incorporate the Trenton and Philadelphia Steam-Boat Company;" and An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prevent tipping houses," were called up, and respectively dismissed.

The bill, entitled "A supplement to the act concerning witnesses," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee relative to the colonization of free people of Color, was taken up, and on the question of agreeing to the same, the Yeas and Nays being required, were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
S. Condit,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Parvin,

Pearson,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Farlee,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Sip,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill, entitled "An act respecting free negroes and mulattoes," was read a second time, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill, entitled "An act constituting the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and for other purposes," was called up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning divorce and alimony," was taken up, and dismissed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Leake, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution to enquire, "If any, and what alterations may be necessary in the mode of employing and punishing the prisoners confined in the State Prison," made the following

REPORT:

That the committee are not aware, under the latitude and discretion allowed the present intelligent Managers of that Institution, that they could suggest any alterations in the mode of employing the prisoners that would be of advantage.

As to the second member of the resolution, viz. that of altering or changing the mode of punishing the prisoners confined in the State Prison, your committee have not discovered any new crimes that require new punishments; and that to make new punishments for old crimes, would require nothing less than a revision of our criminal code of laws. The late day of the session, in which this duty devolved on the committee, will plead their excuse for waving the consideration.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris Turnpike Company," passed the 11th day of February, A. D. 1811, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Merseiles,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pine,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,

Prall,
Stout,
Stryker,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of the land in the town of Paterson,

belonging to this State," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,

Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAY.

Mr. B. Condit.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to aid in the erection of a Bridge at Columbia Glass Manufactory," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Halliday,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Parker,
Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
R. Thomson,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Nixon,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Kitchell,
Parker,

Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Clark, Sp.
Halliday,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Merseilles,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Shreve,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The bill, entitled "A supplement to an act concerning witnesses," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,

Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,

YEAS.

Messrs. Ely,
Halliday,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Mayhew,
Parker,
Pine,
Prall,

Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Holcombe,
Leake,
Merseilles,
Parvin,

Shreve,
Sip,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to explain an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-Boat Company," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Dow,
Ely,

Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parvin,

YEAS.

Messrs. Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Smith,

Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Darrah,
Decker,
Parker,

R. Thomson,
Van Horn.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the sale of a house and lot belonging to the State, in the city of Trenton," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,

Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Parker,
Reeve,

YEAS.

Messrs. Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,

D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn.

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parvin,

Pine,
Prall,
Risley,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Westcott,
Willits.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from the House, entitled An act to repeal an act, entitled "An act respecting forfeited estates."

And the bill, entitled An act partially to repeal an act, entitled "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the Eastern division of this Colony, from the mouth of the Raritan northward."

And the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning roads," without amendment.

And have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Treasurer of this State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money."

And the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of lands belonging to this State in the town of Paterson."

And that Council have agreed to the amendments made by the House to the bill from Council, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties in the State," and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

And that they have disagreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled "An act concerning the Prerogative Court."

And have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act respecting the Seal of the Court of Chancery," with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

And the bill relative to the Prerogative Court was postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The Secretary also brought a resolution from Council, for the concurrence of this House, relative to a certain act of last session, which had been omitted to be printed with the acts of the same, and directing the Secretary to have it printed with the acts of this session.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee appointed on the communication of his excellency the Governor, recommending some further appropriation, to carry into effect so much of the act, entitled "A supplement to the act establishing a militia system," passed February 15, 1816, as relates to finishing the upper west room in the State-House,

so as to prepare it for an arsenal; and also for repairing and cleaning the arms belonging to the State,—made the following

REPORT:

That whereas all the expense for fitting up and preparing said room as a place of deposit for arms and equipments, as also the expense preparatory to repairing and cleaning the arms, has already been incurred,—

The committee are of opinion, that it would be advisable to make such further appropriations as may be necessary to finish repairing and cleaning the arms belonging to the State, and beg leave to present a bill for that purpose, entitled “An act making appropriations for cleaning and repairing arms belonging to this State.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented a bill, entitled “An act for the sale of part of a lot, belonging to this State, in the city of Trenton.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a lot, belonging to this State, in the city of 'Trenton,'" was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Parker and Willits.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for cleaning and repairing the arms belonging to the State," was read a second time, and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a lot, belonging to this State, in the city of 'Trenton,'" reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kitchell, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act to prevent unnecessary bills of cost."

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait on his excellency the Governor, to know if he is desirous of occupying or taking charge of the Government House and Lot, during his present appointment.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled "An act making

appropriations for cleaning and repairing arms, belonging to this State," reported in lieu thereof, a bill, entitled "An act for repairing and cleaning the public arms."

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act to authorize repairs to the House and other property on the Government lot, in the city of Trenton."

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Prall, with leave, presented a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the construction of an additional building and cells in the State Prison."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and clearing out the tail-races, and natural streams of grist mills, and other water works."

The bill, entitled An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris Turnpike Company."

The bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of the land in the town of Paterson, belonging to the State."

And the bill, entitled "An act to create a fund for the support of Free Schools,"—without amendment.

And that Council have agreed to the resolution of this House, relative to the distributing any copies of the late edition of the Laws of the United States, which may be received by the Governor.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of the commissioners of forfeited estates, for the county of Monmouth," with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message also informed the House, that Council have agreed to the resolutions of this House, relative to proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The message further informed the House, that Council have passed a resolution relative to requesting our Senators and Representatives for the next Congress of the United States, to use their endeavours with the general government, to adopt some feasible plan for colonizing the free people of Color of these United States, (with their own consent) that they may enjoy the independence of their ancestors in Africa, or such other place as they, in their wisdom, may deem expedient.

And that the Governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of the above to each of our Senators and Representatives in the next Congress.

Which resolution was read, and on motion to

postpone the same to the next sitting of the Legislature, the Yeas and Nays being required, were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Farlee,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,

Nixon,
Parker,
Parvin,
Pine,
Prall,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
S. Condit,
Dow,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Pearson,

Read,
Risley,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Willits.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and the resolution postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The House adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Westcott presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Greenwich, in the county of Cumberland, praying for an act to alter the division line between said townships and the township of Hopewell, in said county: also a remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of the latter against the measure.

Which petitions were read—whereupon,

Mr. Westcott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for altering the lines between the townships of Greenwich and Hopewell, in the county of Cumberland, on the second Wednesday of next sitting of the Legislature, on advertising their intention for four weeks previous to the meeting thereof, in the newspaper printed in the town of Bridgetown; and that the applicants lay before the House a Map, designating the present line and the proposed alteration thereof.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Legislative Council and General Assembly of this State, That the five hundred copies of the REPORT of the Commissioners appointed by the act of the Legislature, for ascertaining the most eligible route, and the probable expense of, a canal to connect the tide waters of

the Delaware and those of the Raritan, be distributed as follows:

Two hundred and fifty copies to be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the President, Heads of Departments, and the two Houses of the next Congress, under the direction of the Governor.

One hundred and sixty-five copies to the Members of the Legislature, three copies to each member. Fifty copies to the commissioners appointed by the before mentioned act.

Twenty copies to be transmitted by the Governor to the Executives of the several States.

Fifteen copies to be retained for the use of future Legislatures of this State, to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of this State.

Which resolution was agreed to by the House, and the Clerk ordered to carry the same to Council, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the sale of part of a lot belonging to this State, in the city of Trenton," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,

Halliday,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Parker,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,

YEAS.

Messrs. Risley,
Shreve,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,

R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
Darrah,
Decker,
Kille,

Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parvin,
Sip.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled “ An act to authorize repairs to the House, and other property on the Government Lot, in the city of ‘Trenton,’” was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Nixon,
Parker,
Parvin,

Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Darrah,
Decker,

Merseiles,
Shreve,
Sip,
D. Thompson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for repairing and cleaning the public arms," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,

Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. S. Condit,
Kitchell,
Parker,
Parvin,
Reeve,

Stout,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Westcott.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the commissioners of forfeited estates, for the county of Monmouth," was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Dow,
Ely,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Merseilles,
Parvin,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and they have caused it to be re-engrossed.

The following bills, entitled, &c. were taken up and dismissed, viz:

An act to revive and extend an act, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike road from the city of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon, to the town of Hope, in the county of Sussex."

A supplement to the act, entitled "An act relative to statutes."

An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts, contracted prior to the 1st day of November 1810.

An act to erect and establish a Banking and Navigation Company in Elizabethtown, in New-Jersey.

An additional supplement to the act, entitled "An act respecting slaves."

An act to establish the Middlesex Bank at the town of Bridgetown, in the county of Middlesex, New-Jersey.

The following bills, entitled, &c. were postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

An act concerning Banks.

An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain marsh, meadow and swamps, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem.

An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act respecting apprentices and servants," passed the 14th of March 1798.

An act concerning roads used as public highways, which are not recorded.

An act to provide for the education of poor children, in the several counties in this State.

An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-Boat Company.

An act to vest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, and to prevent drunkenness and gambling.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," passed the 8th day of March, A. D. 1798. was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that they have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment.

A bill, entitled An act to explain an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-Boat Company"—And the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Poehuck Turnpike Company."

And have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors,"—with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act respecting the residence of the Governor," was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, the bill dismissed, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The bill from Council, entitled "An act to authorize the owners of land on each side of Man-
nington Creek, to clean out the same," was read
a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that
said bill has been passed by this House, without
amendments.

The engrossed bill, entitled, A supplement to
the act, entitled "An act for the relief of credi-
tors against absconding and absent debtors," was
read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
B. Condit,
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Decker,
Ely,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,
Merseiles,
Parker,

Parvin,
Pine,
Read,
Risley,
Shreve,
Sip,
Smith,
Stout,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

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NAY.

Mr. Nixon.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The amendments made by Council to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors," were considered, agreed to, and the bill postponed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to defray sundry incidental charges."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The House took up the amendments made by Council to the resolutions from this House, relative to a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and on the question of agreeing to the same, the Yeas and Nays being required, were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
S. Condit,
Coxe,
Darrah,
Decker,
Dow,
Ely,
Kitchell,
Merseiles,
Parker,

Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Sharp,
Smith,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
Farlee,
Halliday,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Mayhew,

Nixon,
Parvin,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sip,
Stout,
Van Brakle.

So it was determined in the affirmative, the amendments agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council of the same.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors," was taken up and ordered to be re-engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "An act respecting the Seal of the Court of Chancery, and of the Secretary of State," was read and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Clark, Sp.
Darrah,
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Sharp,
Smith,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Horn,
Westcott.

NAYS.

Messrs. Holcombe,
Leake,
Shreve,
Sip,

Stout,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act for repairing and cleaning the State arms."

The bill, entitled “ An act to authorize repairs to the House and other property on the Government Lot, in the city of Trenton.”

And the bill, entitled “ A supplement to the act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors,” passed March 8th, 1798.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled, “ A supplement to an act concerning witnesses,”—with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled “ An act to defray sundry incidental charges,” was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Seven o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled “ An act to defray sundry incidental charges,” was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,	Prall,
Banta,	Pine,
Bidleman,	Read,
Clark, Sp.	Reeve,
Coxe,	Sharp,
B. Condit,	Sip,
S. Condit,	Stout,
Dow,	Stryker,
Decker,	D. Thompson,
Farlee,	R. Thomson,
Halliday,	Van Brakle,
Kitchell,	Van Horn,
Merseiles,	Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Ely,	Nixon,
Holcombe,	Parvin,
Kille,	Shreve,
Leake,	Westcott.
Mayhew,	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto

by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that they have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled "An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a Poor-House."—And have agreed to the resolution of the House relative to the distributing of the Report of the Commissioners appointed by the act of the Legislature for ascertaining the most eligible route, and the probable of, a canal to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled "A supplement to an act concerning witnesses," was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Clark, Sp.
Dow,
Decker,
Halliday,
Kille,
Merseiles,
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Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. B. Condit,
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Leake,

Mayhew,
Shreve,
Stout,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Westcott.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to defray sundry incidental charges," without amendment.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution:

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Honorable CHARLES CLARK, for his faithful, liberal and impartial discharge of the duties assigned to him, during the present session of the Legislature.

Which resolution was agreed to *nem. con.* and the House rose *sine die.*

VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTY-SECOND
General Assembly,
OF THE
State of New-Jersey,

AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-
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1818.

List of Members
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Bergen,	The Hon. <i>Martin Ryerson,</i>
Essex,	<i>John Dodd,</i>
Middlesex,	<i>Ercurius Beatty,</i>
Monmouth,	<i>Silas Crane,</i>
Somerset,	<i>John Frelinghuysen,</i>
Burlington,	<i>William Irick,</i>
Gloucester,	<i>James Matlack,</i>
Salem,	<i>Jerediah Dubois,</i>
Cape-May,	<i>Joshua Swain,</i>
Hunterdon,	<i>Elnathan Stevenson,</i>
Morris,	<i>Jesse Upson,</i>
Cumberland,	<i>Ebenezer Seeley,</i>
Sussex.	<i>Thomas Vankirk.</i>

List of Members
OF THE
General Assembly.

BERGEN.

Jacob Banta, Cornelius Merseiles and Albert C. Zabriskie, Esquires.

ESSEX.

William Gould, Israel Day, Thomas T. Kinney, and Samuel B. Miller, Esquires.

MIDDLESEX.

*James T. Dunn, Allison Ely, jun. and Fra-
zee Ayres, Esquires.*

MONMOUTH.

*Matthias Van Brakle, Reuben Shreve, and
Charles Parker, Esquires.*

SOMERSET.

*James Stryker, Joseph Annin and Martin
Schenck, Esquires.*

BURLINGTON,

*William Coxe, William Pearson, Samuel J.
Read, and John Evans, jun. Esquires.*

GLOUCESTER.

*Edward Sharp, Isaac Pine and John Estile,
Esquires.*

SALEM.

*Stacy Lloyd, Philip Curriden and Peter
Bilderback, Esquires.*

CAPE-MAY.

Nicholas Willits, Esq.

HUNTERDON.

*John Haas, William Nixon, Thomas Prall,
and Robert McNeely, Esquires,*

MORRIS.

*David Thompson, jun. Samuel Halliday,
John S. Darcy and Benjamin M^cCurry, Esq^{rs}.*

CUMRERLAND.

*Ebenezer Elmer, John Sibley and John S.
Wood, Esquires.*

SUSSEX.

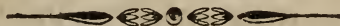
*Abraham Bidleman, Robert C. Thomson,
George Beardslee and Jeremy Mackey, Esq^{rs}.*

Votes and Proceedings

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND

General Assembly.



TRENTON, October 28, 1817.

THIS being the time and place appointed by law for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons, to wit : Jacob Banta, Cornelius Merseiles and Albert C. Zabriskie, as representatives for the county of Bergen ; William Gould, Israel Day, Thomas T. Kinney and Samuel B. Miller, as representatives for the county of Essex ; James T. Dunn, Allison Ely, jun. and Frazee Ayres, as representatives for the county of Middlesex ; Matthias Van Brakle, Reuben Shreve and Charles Parker, as representatives for the county of Monmouth ; James Stryker, Joseph Annin and Martin Schenck, as representatives for the county of Somerset ; William Coxe, William Pearson, Samuel J. Read and John Evans, jun. as representatives for the county of Burlington ; Edward Sharp and John Estile, as representatives for the county of Gloucester ; Stacy Lloyd, Philip Curriden and Peter Bilderback, as representatives for the county of Salem ; John Haas, William Nixon, Thomas

Prall and Robert M^cNeely, as representatives for the county of Hunterdon ; David Thompson, jun. Samuel Halliday, John S. Darcy and Benjamin M^cCurry, as representatives for the county of Morris ; Ebenezer Elmer, John Sibley and John S. Wood as representatives for the county of Cumberland ; Abraham Biddleman, Robert C. Thomson and George Beardslee, as representatives for the county of Sussex, appeared in the House, and produced the respective certificates of their election ; which being read and approved, Israel Day, esq. was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify Ebenezer Elmer, esq. who being duly sworn took his seat, and the remaining members present being qualified by the said Ebenezer Elmer, esq. took their seats in the House.

The members proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, when EBENEZER ELMER, esq. was unanimously chosen, and accordingly took the chair.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when *Daniel Coleman* was appointed, qualified and took his seat at the table.

Ordered, That the clerk inform Council that the House have this day met and elected the honorable Ebenezer Elmer their Speaker, and Daniel Coleman their Clerk, and have proceeded to business.

William Gould was appointed Door-keeper.

Messrs. Day, Coxe and D. Thomson, were appointed a committee, to prepare and report

rules and regulations for the government of the House.

Messrs. Haas, Pearson and Wood, were appointed a committee to examine and report the unfinished business of last session.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have this day met, elected the honorable *Jesse Upson*, Vice President, James Linn their Secretary, and proceeded to business.

Mr. Sharp presented a memorial from William Stockton, jun. and John L. Nugent of the county of Burlington, late candidates for the General Assembly for said county, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the House would vacate the seats of William Pearson and Samuel J. Read, esqs. the present sitting members, and also to admit them, the said William Stockton, jun. and John L. Nugent, into their seats in the House.

Which memorial was read and committed to messrs. Sharp, Bilderback, Kinney, Darcy and Annin, with instructions to send for persons, papers, &c.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, October 29.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Day, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the govern-

ment of the House, made a report on the subject.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The Speaker presented a letter from the Treasurer to the House.

Which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That messrs. M'Neely, D. Thompson, Read, Kinney and R. C. Thomson be a standing committee on the judiciary system.

Ordered, That messrs. Darcy, Evans and Nixon be a committee to bring in a bill for the support of the government of this state.

Mr. Parker asked, and obtained, leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Haas, from the committee on that subject, reported in part the following list of unfinished business, viz :

No. 1. A bill for erecting the lower part of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson.

No. 2. A bill to provide for the publishing the public laws of this state.

No. 3. A supplement to the act to regulate the courts of law.

No. 4. A bill constituting the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and for other purposes.

No. 5. A bill respecting free negroes and mulattoes.

No. 6. A bill concerning Steam Boats.

No. 7. A supplement to the act entitled "An act to establish a Militia system," passed the 18th of February, 1815.

No. 8. A supplement to an act entitled "An act to constitute and make Crosswick's creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's ferry, down to the mouth of the same.

No. 9. A bill to repeal an act therein mentioned.

No. 10. A bill concerning the Prerogative Court.

No. 11. A bill authorizing and empowering the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this State, to purchase brass field artillery.

No. 12. A bill to provide for the formation of a Map of the State of New Jersey.

Which report was read and Nos. 3 and 4 referred to the Judiciary committee—Nos. 7 and 11, referred to the military committee, consisting of messrs. Gould, Read, Darcy, Sibley and Ayres.

And the remaining numbers were postponed, or ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That messrs. Day, Banta, Halliday, Lloyd and Schenck, be a committee to settle the accounts of the Treasurer.

Ordered, That messrs. Annin, Beardslie, Shreve, Ely and Curriden be a committee to settle the accounts of the State Prison.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the appointment of said committees and re-

quest Council to appoint correspondent committees on their part.

Ordered, That Messrs. Cox, Wood and Miller be a committee to bring in an incidental bill.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Nicholas Willits, as a representative for the county of Cape-May, appeared, produced the certificate of his election, was qualified and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Annin, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Somerset, praying some alterations in the law relative to licences for tavern keepers.

Which petitions was read and committed to messrs. Annin, Prall and M'Curry.

Mr. Merseiles presented to the House an abstract of the accounts of the Bergen Turnpike company.

Which abstract was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Read presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Burlington, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law declaring the toll bridge over Rancocus creek free, pursuant to the act of incorporation.

Which petitions were read and committed to messrs. Haas, Dunn and Estile.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have appointed messrs. Irick and Crane, or either of them, a committee on their part, to settle the accounts of the Treasurer—and messrs. Dodd and Frelinghuysen, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, to settle the accounts of the State Prison.

On motion, it was determined that there shall be an adjourned sitting of the Legislature.

Mr Coxe offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That
be a committee to report a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the act passed the 12th of February, 1817, entitled "An act to create a fund for the support of free schools."

Which resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Coxe also offered the following resolution. :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to dispose of, to the best advantage, for the use of the State, the lumber deposited in the cellar of the court room in the State House.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to carry the same to Council for their concurrence.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Thursday, October 30.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Isaac Pine, as a representative for the county of Gloucester, and Jeremy Mackey, as a representative for the county of Sussex, appeared, produced the certificates of their elections respectively, were qualified, and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Willits, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Cape May, owners of Cedar Swamp meadow, in said county, praying some alteration in the law relative to said meadow.

Which petitions was read and committed to messrs. Wood, Willits and Estile.

The resolution offered by Mr. Coxe, on yesterday, relative to the law creating a fund for the support of free schools, was taken up, agreed to, and the blank filled with the names of messrs Coxe, Gould, Halliday, Merseiles and Bidleman.

Mr. Day, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into a joint-meeting, for the purpose of choosing a Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Clerks of counties where necessary ; and request Council to appoint the time and place.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

Mr. Wood, with leave, presented a bill, en-

titled an act relative to Masters and Examiners in chancery.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Read, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Little Egg Harbor, in the county of Burlington, praying a law for the preservation of Oysters.

Mr. Coxe, presented a counter petition, from a number of the inhabitants of the same place, and county.

Which petitions were read, and committed to messrs. Willits, Van Brakle and Evans.

Mr. Haas, presented a petition from Thomas Wilson, of the county of Hunterdon, praying a law to divorce him from his wife Catharine Wilson.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Haas, Zabriskie and Mackey.

Mr. Evans, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and what alteration and amendments are necessary in the law on the subject of granting licences for inns and taverns.

Which resolution was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Wood, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what alterations or amendments are necessary in the laws of this State, relative to public roads and highways.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and messrs. Wood, Pine and Banta, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Kinney, presented a petition from a number of the officers of the Essex brigade, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a repeal or alteration of the first section of the supplement to the act establishing a militia system, passed, February 15, 1816.

Which petition was read and referred to the military committee.

Mr. Kinney, also presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Trenton, praying the repeal, in part, of a certain law passed in 1814, relative to the property of the state.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Kinney, Prall and Dunn.

Mr. R. C. Thomson, presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying for a law to establish a Bank in the town of Newton, in said county.

Which petitions were read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the house that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting, on Saturday next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, in

the Assembly room, for the purpose of choosing a Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Clerks of Counties where necessary.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying a law for the protection of oysters.

Which petition was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

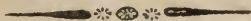
Mr. Kinney presented a petition from the board of directors of the Newark and Morris turnpike company, praying for Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Kinney, Pearson and M'Curry.

Mr. Ayres presented a petition from Abigail Morgan, of the county of Middlesex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law to divorce her from her husband, John Morgan.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Ayres, Nixon and Beardslee.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Friday, October 31.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Darcy, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An Act for the support of the Government of this state.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading

Mr. Kinney presented the following communication to the House :

To the Honorable Legislative Council and General Assembly of New Jersey.

We the subscribers Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act for the sale of the house and lot of land in the city of Jersey, belonging to the state," passed the 23d day of January 1817, beg leave to REPORT,

That your commissioners have caused the property aforesaid to be advertised in the public newspapers, printed at Newark, Elizabeth and Morris Town, and in one public newspaper printed in the city of New York, for the space of six weeks at least; and that on the 2d day of July last past, set up the said house and lot of land at public auction; finding that we could get no bid higher than one thousand dollars. judged it most prudent to adjourn the sale until Tuesday, the elventh day of November next.

Your commissioners further report, That on the day of sale, a person from New York, calling himself the agent of David Dunham, put up three notices in words following :

"*Notice.*—All persons are desired to take notice, that the six lots of land, with the buildings thereon, called the Jersey Banking house, now about to be sold by Commissioners on the part of the state of New Jersey, belongs to

David Dunham of the city of New York, that he holds a bona fide deed of conveyance for the same, which deed is recorded with the clerk of the county of Bergen, and that the claim set up by the state of New-Jersey is a contested one, and will be disputed to the last extremity. All persons are therefore cautioned and forewarned from purchasing said property at their peril.

Pawles Hook, 2d July, 1817."

It is believed however, that if your honorable body would pass a law to warrant and defend the property, that bidders would come forward at a future sale, the agent of David Dunham notwithstanding.

All which is humbly submitted.

JAMES VANDERPOOL,
HENRY VAN DALSEM,
WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

October 29, 1817.

Which communication was read and committed to messrs. Day, Pearson and Merseiles.

The bill entitled An act for the support of the Government of this State, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Curriden presented an application from Isaac A. Kollock, of Salem, soliciting a part of the State printing.

Which application was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. R. Thomson presented a memorial from the President and managers of the Columbian bridge company, praying for legislative aid in the premises.

Which memorial was read and committed to messrs. R. Thomson, Miller and Pine.

Mr. Curriden, presented a petition from a large number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing the electors of said county to choose a place to erect a court house and jail in said county.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs Curriden, Read, Nixon, Sharp and Sibley.

Mr. Curriden also presented an extract of the proceedings of the board of chosen freeholders, of the county of Salem, relative to the court house.

Which extract was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Haas, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Thomas Wilson,

Reported, That they have examined the petition and affidavits accompanying the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. M'Curry, from the committee to whom was committed the petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Somerset respecting taverns, and the resolution offered by Mr. Evans on the same subject,

Reported, That in their opinion the law now in existence is sufficient on that subject, and that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

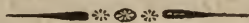
Which report was agreed to by the House.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn, their secretary, informed the House, that Council have agreed to the resolution from this House, directing the Treasurer to sell certain lumber deposited in the cellar of the State-House, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Saturday, November 1.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Wood, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled A Supplement to an act entitled "An act authorizing the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May," passed the eighteenth day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled "An act for the support of the Government of this State," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Messrs. M'Curry,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Darcey,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
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<i>Estile,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>
<i>Mackey,</i>	

NAY.

Mr. Haas.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The Council came into the Assembly room

and the two Houses went into a joint-meeting; after which, the joint-meeting rose, and, the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Willits, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled "An act for the preservation of Oysters."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, on Monday morning.



Monday, November 3.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Pine presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, praying for a law authorising the chosen freeholders of the counties of Gloucester and Salem to erect a bridge over Oldmans' creek, at or near Standback's landing, in the county of Gloucester.

Mr. Curriden presented a counter petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem.

Which petition and counter petition, were read and committed to messrs. Pine, Curriden, and Wood.

The report relative to the petition of Thomas Wilson, was taken up and agreed to by the House.

Whereupon, Mr. Haas presented a bill, entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Thomas Wilson and Catharine Wilson, his wife.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An Act relative to Masters and Examiners in Chancery, was read a second time, considered by section and disagreed to by the House.

The bill entitled a supplement to an act entitled "An Act authorizing the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May," passed the 18th day of January, A. D. 1815, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was committed the report of the commissioners appointed to sell the house and lot of land in the city of Jersey, belonging to this state, reported a bill, entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act for the sale of the house and lot of land in the city of Jersey, belonging to this state."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act for the preservation of oysters, was taken up, postponed, and in the mean time ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ely presented a petition from the President and directors of the Bordentown and South Amboy turnpike company, praying leave to present a bill for their relief, under certain restrictions.

Which petition was read and leave given, Whereupon,

Mr. Ely presented a bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to in-

corporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Merseiles, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to "An act concerning roads," passed February 22d, 1811.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Read presented a memorial from Chas. Kinsey and Richard S. Coxe, of the city of Burlington, stating that they have made arrangements for the publication of a new and complete edition of the acts of Assembly now in force in this state, and soliciting legislative patronage.

Which memorial was read, and committed to messrs. Read, D. Thompson and Ayres.

The bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Thomas Wilson and Catharine Wilson, his wife, was read a second time and postponed.

Mr. Darcy, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That _____ be employed to print the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly of the present Session. And, that _____ be appointed to print the Laws.

Which resolution was read, whereupon,

Ordered, That the first blank be filled with the name of Jacob Mann, of Morristown, and the second with the names of Justice & Coxe. of Trenton.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Parker appeared.

Mr. Kinney from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris turnpike company."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the sale of the house and lot in the city of Jersey, belonging to this state," was read a second time and postponed.

Mr. Sharp from the committee to whom was committed the memorial of Wm. Stockton, jun. and John L. Nugent, relative to the election in the township of New Hanover, in the county of Burlington, made the following REPORT,

That the memorialists claim a right to seats in this House as representatives of the county of Burlington, in the place and stead, and to the exclusion of Samuel J. Read and Wm. Pearson the sitting members.

That, in support of their claims, the memorialists alledge that the sworn clerk of the township of New Hanover, in the said county, did not act in that capacity, but appointed another person in his stead, who was neither sworn nor affirmed according to law, but who

performed the duties of clerk on the two days of election, during which time, the sworn clerk was actively engaged in promoting the election of the sitting members.

The evidence submitted to the committee upon this point, does not support the allegation of the memorial—It appears to the committee that the sworn Clerk attended on the morning of the first day of election, and employed a person to take down the names of the voters, while he himself remained at or near the poll, but without taking any active part in support of either of the candidates.

This appointment of a substitute, or deputy, however unauthorised it may be, does not appear to have proceeded from any improper motive, nor to have produced any kind of effect upon the progress or result of the election, nor from the nature of the clerk's duty (being wholly ministerial), could any such consequence have easily followed; but it appears to the committee, that the appointment was made in pursuance of a practice which has prevailed in that township for several years, and without any view to the pending election; but while the committee report against an exclusion of the sitting members on this point, they cannot consent to yield even an implied approbation of this practice of the clerk, who ought either to perform the duties of his office in person, or be subjected to the penalty provided by law for a neglect of the same.

The memorial proceeds to a second allegation:—

That the collector of the township being absent, no election was held by the people present, for an inspector to supply his place, but at the request of the clerk, a person on the spot was sworn to perform the duty of inspector— That no certificate of the appointment was either framed or filed until five days after the election, and then procured by the entreaties of the clerk, who waited on the subscribers, at their dwellings, for that purpose.

It appears to the committee, from the evidence before them, that the collector was absent on the morning of the first election day, and another person sworn to supply his place at the poll; and although no very formal election of such substitute took place, yet the committee are satisfied, that if enough was not done to shield the officers who acted on that occasion, from the penalty for neglect of duty, yet enough was done to secure to the people their right of suffrage, and to the sitting members their seats. The voters present were distinctly asked if they had any objections to Thomas R. Lacey, as inspector, and none being stated, he was accordingly sworn to perform the duties of that appointment, and executed them with perfect fairness and propriety. That no certificate of such appointment was either framed or filed until five days after the election closed, has been abundantly proved, and that the person or persons whose duty it was to have drawn and filed such certificate, have grossly neglected their duty, and

ought to abide its penalty, is the decided opinion of the committee, but that this neglect should be visited upon the people, in the loss of their suffrage, and the will of the majority accordingly defeated, is a conclusion which your committee do not and dare not draw :— And they the more readily refrain from this course as it seems to be admitted, on both sides, and has been clearly proven, that the election, in other respects, was perfectly fair, and according to law.

The committee therefore submit the following RESOLUTION :—

Resolved, That the fact set forth in the memorial of *William Stockton, Jun.* and *John L. Nugent*, contesting the election, and claiming the seats of *Samuel J. Reed*, and *William Pearson*, members of this house, from the county of Burlington, are not supported, and that the sitting members are entitled to their seats.

Which report was read and agreed to by the house.

Mr. Hass, from the committee of unfinished business, made a further report, viz.

No. 13, A bill concerning banks.

No. 14, A bill concerning apprentices and servants.

No. 15, A bill to prevent unnecessary bills of cost.

No. 16, A bill relative to drunkards and gamblers.

No. 17, A bill to provide for the education poor children.

No. 18, A bill concerning roads and highways.

No. 19, A bill to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam Boat company.

No. 20, A bill relative to banking and improving certain marsh in Salem county.

No. 21, A letter from Charles Gordon, late Quarter Master General, stating certain services, &c. which he had rendered, for which he has not received compensation.

Which report was read and No. 1 dismissed.

No. 14, Postponed.

No. 15, Referred to the Judiciary committee.

No. 16, Postponed.

No. 17, Referred to the committee on that subject.

No. 18, Referred to the committee on that subject.

No. 19, Ordered to lie on the table.

No. 20, Postponed.

No. 21, Postponed.

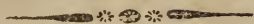
Mr. Annin presented a petition from John N. Clarkson, Ames Mollit and Dennis Tunison, confined in Somerset Jail for debt, praying a law to liberate them from confinement.

Which petition was read, and committed to messrs. Pearson, M'Neely and Schenck.

Mr. Curriden presented a memorial from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, deprecating the removal of the Court House from the town of Salem.

Which memorial, was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Tuesday, November 4.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Haas presented a petition from Doctor Isaac Ogden and others, inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, owners of certain lands, &c. in the counties of Sussex and Morris, &c. praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Haas, R. C. Thompson and Ely.

Mr. Pearson presented a memorial from Lewis Abrahams, of the county of Middlesex, deprecating a law authorizing the Bordentown and South Amboy turnpike company to erect a branch from their road to Daniel Wilmurt's, at South Amboy.

Which memorial was read and ordered a second reading with the bill on that subject.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act authorising the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in Cape May," passed the eighteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass,

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

The Speaker presented to the House the following communication from his excellency the Governor.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.*

I lay before you a letter from the Governor of the state of Connecticut, accompanying a resolution of the General Assembly of that State, disagreeing to a certain amendment of the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Also, a letter from the Lieutenant Governor of the state of Kentucky, accompanying certain resolutions of the Legislature of that State, respecting an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by them.

ISAAC H. WILLIAMSON.

Trenton, November 4, 1817.

Which communication was read, and, with the accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled An act, for the preservation of oysters, was read a second time, considered by section, and postponed.

The Speaker presented to the House the report of the commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act appointing commissioners for settling certain

differences between this state and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes," accompanied with certain documents.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

No. 20, Of the unfinished business, being a bill relative to banking and improving certain meadows, &c. in the county of Salem, was taken up and dismissed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. M'Neely presented the following letter from the commissioners appointed by the Legislature to repair the Government house, directed to the Speaker.

SIR,—The Commissioners appointed under the act of the Legislature, at their last session, for making sundry repairs to the government house, have performed that duty, as far as in their discretion they thought necessary; and have to request that the honorable the Legislature will examine into and pass upon the expenditures submitted.

We have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient humble servants,

JOHN BEATTY,

ROBERT M'NEELY,

GERSHOM MOTT.

Hon. Ebenezer Elmer, Speaker of the
Assembly.

Which letter was read and committed to messrs. Pearson, Stryker and Parker.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to constitute and appoint Trustees, for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of John N. Clarkson, Amos Moffit and Dennis Tunison, confined in Somerset Jail for debt,

Reported,

That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled an act to defray sundry incidental charges.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pine from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, praying a law to authorize the boards of chosen freeholders of the counties of Gloucester and Salem to build a draw bridge over Oldman's creek, at or near Standback's landing ; and also the counter petition,

Reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer their prayer, on the

second Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, and that the counter petitioners have leave to be heard on the same day.— The applicants giving three weeks notice previous to said time in the news papers printed in the towns of Salem and Woodbury.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Darcy offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that this House are ready to go into a joint meeting, for the choice of a Clerk of the Supreme Court, and such other civil and military appointments as they may think necessary ; and request Council to appoint the time and place of such meeting.

Which resolution was agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

The bill, entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Thomas Wilson and Catharine Wilson, his wife, was again taken up, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Evans offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of the Law subjecting the persons of debtors to imprisonment for debt, and what alteration is necessary in the insolvent laws of this state.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. R. C. Thomson, Evans and Parker accordingly appointed.

Mr. Halliday offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to make a statement to this House of all the county collectors who are delinquent in the payment of exempt fines, how long they have been delinquents, and the amount due from each.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Annin from the committee appointed to settle the accounts of the state prison, made the following :—*Report*,

That they have carefully examined them, and from the books and vouchers to them produced, agreeably to the statements herewith shewn, it appears,

That the stock on hand to begin
with the 1st of October, 1816,
amounted to

\$28,605,63

The amount of money drawn
from the Treasury for the pay-
ment of salaries, transporta-
tion of prisoners, their costs,
repairs of the arms, repairs of
the prison and incidentals,

\$11,760,84

The year ending Oct. 1st. 1817.

\$40,366,47

Recapitulation.

Loss on screw factory	\$15,48
“ Coopering	12,60
“ Nail factory	215,22
“ Incidentals	543,86
“ Repairs	1,410,61
“ By Prisoners,	1,386,62
“ Salaries	3,433,75
	<hr/> 7,018,14

Proceeds,

Weaving	343,49
Cordwainers	10,62
Provision	3,204,11
Clothing	405,40
Interest	93,08
Loss	2,961,44

7,018,14

The amount of stock, October 1st. 1817, as follows :—

Amount of inventories \$26,762,89

Balance due from sundry

persons, 10,440,44

Balance from prisoners, 8,216,99

“ from State, for repair-

ing arms, No. 795 961,93

Cash on hand, 479,59

46,861,84

Deduct amount of balances due

To sundry persons \$5007,76

To sundry prisoners 468,89

In favor of fine account 2,310,00

“ of transportation, 1,670,16

9,456,81

Stock to begin with, Oct.

1st. 1817.

\$37,405,03

Loss as recapitulated on other side 2,961,44

40,366,47

The committee farther report that the sum of three thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars and ninety nine cents, of the money

drawn from the Treasury, hath been expended in payment of—

Cost of prisoners on convictions

\$1,938,49 1-2

Their transportation

938,49 1-2

Their clothing

994.00

Being for the number of seventy seven, sent to the prison the last year, ending October 1st. 1817, many of whom are sent for terms less than one year, and cannot in that time earn any part of the charge against them, which creates considerable loss—And suppose that if some other punishment for the smaller crimes were devised, the system would be improved, the number in the prison lessened, and their labor be of greater value and profit to the institution.

John Frelinghuysen, } Committee of Council.
John Dodd,

Joseph Annin, } Committee of Assembly
George Beardslee, }
Allison Ely, jun. }
Reuben Shreve, }
Philip Curriden. }

November 4, 1817.

Which report was read, and with the accompanying vouchers ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darcy, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to settle the existing differences between this State

and the State of Pennsylvania, with the accompanying documents, be printed in pamphlet form, and of octavo size, and that twenty copies be bound with copies of the votes and proceedings of the House, to be preserved for the use of the house.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the house.

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what alterations are necessary in the present laws relative to the punishment of crimes.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and

Messrs. Annin, Halliday, Beardslee, Shreve and Ely, accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act for the support of the Government of the State, with amendments, to which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Secretary, also informed the House, that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting for the purpose of choosing a Clerk of the Supreme Court, and making such other appointments as may be necessary, on Thursday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Assembly room.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Wednesday, November 5.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed the letter from the commissioners appointed to make repairs to the government house, with the vouchers accompanying the same,

Reported,

That they have examined the accounts, and are of opinion that they are correct, and ought to be allowed.

Which report was read and agreed to by the house.

Mr. Bilderback, presented a petition from a number of the owners and possessors of certain meadows, lying on Salem Creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, praying leave to present a bill supplementary to the act entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain meadows lying on Salem creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, to make and maintain a bank, dams and waterworks, in order to prevent the tide overflowing the same," passed the 8th day of September, A. D. 1788.

Which petition was read and leave given.—Whereupon,

Mr. Bilderback presented a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to

enable the owners and possessors of certain meadows lying on Salem creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, to make and maintain a bank, dams and water works, in order to prevent the tide from overflowing, and to drain the same."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Bilderback presented a remonstrance from Job Shreve, jun. of the county of Salem against the passage of said bill, except under certain specified restrictions and modifications.

Which remonstrance was read, and ordered a second reading with the bill.

Mr. Pearson presented a petition from David Baker, of the state of Ohio, by his attorney, William Maxwell, esq. praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law to divorce him from his wife Eleanor Baker.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Pearson, Bilderback and Zabriskie.

Mr. Pine presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Gloucester praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing the setting off the four lower townships in said county, into a separate county, to be called the county of Lawrance.

Which petitions were read and committed to messrs. Coxé, Pine and Bidleman.

Mr. Day, from the committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, made the following report :

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer, in ac-
Being for Receipts and Disbursements, commenc-

1816.		Dolls.	Cts.
Oct. 20.	To cash received of James Ewing, for interest on funded stock,	811	51
23.	To do. received of J. T. Banta, late sheriff of Bergen county,	56	00
25.	To do. received of S. Hughes, sher- iff of Cape May county,	6	65
28.	To do. received of Charles Par- ker, sheriff of Monmouth do.	6	65
Nov. 13.	To do. received of James Ewing, for 3 months interest on U. S. stock,	225	00
	To do. received of M. Schenck, sheriff of Somerset county,	20	00
15.	To do. received of John Baxter, sheriff of Gloucester county,	100	00
1817.			
Jan. 4.	To do. received of do.	20	00
8.	To do, received of James Ewing, for interest, &c.	2017	11
11.	To do. received of John Linn, late sheriff of Sussex county,	130	00
	To do. received of Bank for divi- dend on stock for past year,	2880	00
	To do. received of Banks for tax, total amount of principal \$2,208,925,76,	11044	63
	To do. received for 9 months divi- dend on turnpike road,	937	50
Feb. 14.	To do. received of Silas Condit, late sheriff of Essex county,	50	00
	To amount of tax,	30,000	00
April 5.	To cash received of James Ewing, for interest,	811	51
25.	To do received of Samuel Haines, late sheriff of Burlington county,	86	20
	Carried forward,	49,202	76

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ing October 16, 1816, and ending October 15, 1817.

1816.		Dolls. Cts.	
Oct. 24.	1	By cash paid for 1 inquisition in Monmouth County,	12 66
28.	2	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from do. do.	13 11
Nov. 1.	3	By do. paid James Linn, Esq. for 6 mo. salary, as Auditor,	25 00
4 to 58		By do. paid the members of the Legislature,	2290 00
59		By do. paid John Bellerjeau, doorkeeper,	22 00
60		By do. paid Stephen Dodd, per act. of Oct. 29, last,	210 90
61		By do. paid Daniel Coleman, for engrossing,	18 28
62		By do. paid do. Clerk of Assembly,	35 00
63		By do. paid Wm. Gould, doorkeeper for Assembly	22 00
64		By do. paid do. per incidental bill,	19 47
65		By do. paid for conveying a prisoner,	40
66		By do. paid Thos. Skillman, for 3 mo. pension,	10 00
67		By do. paid Zachariah Rossell, per incidental bill,	11 50
68		By do. paid Daniel Fenton, per do.	13 37 1-2
69		By do. paid for conveying prisoner from Bergen County,	67 80

Carried forward, 2771 49 1-2

Dr. **PETTER GORDON, Treasurer.**

To amount brought forward,	49202 76
July 18. To cash received of James Ewing, for interest on U. S. stock,	811 51
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Carried forward,	\$50,014 27

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1816			Dollis. Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	2771 49 1-2
Nov. 1	70	By cash paid Eliz'th Rue, for 6 mo. pension,	20 00
	71	By do. paid Rebecca Den- nis, for 6 mo. pension,	120 00
	72	By do. paid Mary Winter, for 2 years do.	80 00
11	73	By do. paid George Miller for wood, per incidental bill,	127 50
	76	By do. paid James Linn, Secretary of Council,	38 50
	77	By do. paid James J. Wil- son, for printing,	30 77
	78	By do. paid Justice & Cox, for do.	40 62
15	79	By do. paid Treasurer, for 6 mo. Salary,	500 00
	80	By do. paid Judge South- ard, for do.	550 00
	81	By do. paid Judge Kirk- patrick, for do.	600 00
	82	By do. paid Judge Rossell, for do.	550 00
	83	By do. paid Gov. Dicker- son, for do.	900 00
	84	By do. paid Sam'l Swan, Clerk of Somerset coun- ty, per incidental bill,	16 34
19	85	By do. paid Elnathan Ste- venson, member of Pri- vy Council,	10 50
	86	By do. paid Jesse Upson, do. do.	21 00

Carried Forward, 6376 72 1-2

Dr. PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

To amount brought forward, \$50,014 27

Carried forward, \$50,014 27

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1816.			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward	6376	72 1-2
Nov. 19	87	By cash paid Silas Crane, member of Privy council,	24	00
	88	By do. paid John Freling- huysen, do. do.	17	10
	89	By do. paid Amos Harri- son, do. do.	24	00
	90	By do. paid Merriman Smith, Clerk of Salem county, per incidental bill,	22	25
	91	By do. paid Joseph M'll- vaine, Clerk of Burling- ton, do. per do.	21	44
	92	By do. paid A. D. Wood- ruff, for 6 mo. salary,	40	00
20	93	By do. paid John Beller- jeau, door keeper,	5	00
	94	By do. paid do. do.	6	00
	95	By do. paid James Linn, Secretary,	7	00
Dec. 6.	96	By cash paid Lewis Moore, Elector of President,	27	60
	97	By do. William Rossell, do.	12	00
	98	By do. David Welsh, do.	22	50
	99	By do. John Crowell, do.	19	80
	100	By do. Charles Ogden, do.	21	00
	101	By do. Daniel Garrison, do.	27	00
	102	By do. Aaron Vansyckle, do.	13	80
	103	By do. Aaron Kitchell, do.	24	00
	104	By do. paid for 7 inquisitions in Middlesex county.	109	26
	105	By do. paid John Beller- jeau, doorkeeper,	8	20
	106	By do. paid J. Linn, sec'ry.	7	00

Carried forward, 6835 67 1-2

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	850,014	27

Carried forward,	50,014	27
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1816			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	6835	67 1-2
	107	By cash paid Mrs. Barber, for 3 months pension,	112	50
	108	By do. paid James Linn, Secretary, for issuing commissions,	81	45
21.	109	By do. paid for 1 inquisi- tion in Middlesex county,	14	82
	110	By do. paid Silas Whitehead, Clk. of Essex county, per incidental bill,	18	95
	111	By do. paid N. Booraem, D. Sheriff, for sundry costs,	81	66
	112	By do. paid do. for con- veying prisoners from Middlesex,	17	57
24.	113	By do. paid for 1 inquisi- tion, Hunterdon county,	18	24
	114	By do. paid for conveying prisoners from Burling- ton county,	10	40
	115	By do. paid for do. do. from Morris do.	20	78
31.	116	By do. paid for 7 inquisi- tions in Salem county,	95	08
1817				
Jan. 4.	117	By do. paid for conveying prisoners from Glouces- ter,	55	47 1-2
	118	By do. paid for 1 inquisi- tion in Monmouth coun- ty,	16	03
8.	119	By do. paid for do. in Sus- sex county,	16	56

Carried forward, 7395 19

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	850,014	27

Carried forward,	850,014	27
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1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward	7395	19
Jan. 8.	120	By cash paid for 1 inquisition in Morris county	10	43
	121	By do. paid for 3 do. in Somerset do.	40	00
	122	By do. paid Sarah Wood for one year's pension,	40	00
	123	By do. paid Lydia Wood for one year's do.	40	00
'11.	124	By do. paid Thomas Hendry, clerk of Gloucester, per incidental bill,	21	20
	125	By do. paid Eph'm. Green, clerk of Sussex county, per do.	29	30
	126	By do. paid for 4 inquisitions in do. county,	70	42
	127	By do. paid Eph'm Green, clerk of Sussex, for balance due him,	24	95
	128	By do. paid M'Carter, Clerk of Morris County, for fees,	21	20
13	129	By do. paid for 9 Inquisitions in Burlington county,	123	37
	130	By do. paid for 7 do. in Cumberland county,	95	01
	131	By do. paid for 9 do. in Bergen county,	124	06
	132	By do. paid J. T. Blackwell, Clerk of Hunterdon county,	16	70

Carried forward, 8051 83

Dr. PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

To amount brought forward, 50,014 27

Carried forward, \$50,014 27

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1817.			Dolls. Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	8051 83
Jan. 17	133	By cash paid for conveying a prisoner from Somerset county,	18 92
	134	By do. paid Mary M'My- er, for 3 mo. pension,	60 00
	135	By do. paid John Beller- jeau, for attending court,	17 00
20	136	By do. paid Abijah Smith, Clerk of Cape May, per incidental bill,	26 00
	137	By do. paid do. do.	26 00
23	138	By do, paid Thomas Skill- man, for 3 mo. pension	10 00
25	139	By do. paid A. Wester- velt, clerk of Bergen county,	20 80
	140	By do. paid do. do. per in- cidental bill,	10 00
29	141	By do. paid S. Crane, per account of 29th Oct. last,	82 43
	142	By do. paid for 1 inquisi- tion in Monmouth coun- ty,	25 20
Feb. 5	143	By do. paid Mary Payne, for 15 mo. pension,	40 00
	144	By do. paid for conveying 3 prisoners from Bergen county,	39 10
	145	By do. paid for do. 1 do. from Monmouth county,	17 26
	146	By do. paid for 15 inquisi- tions in Gloucester coun- ty,	176 07

Carried forward 8620 61

Dr. PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	850,014	27

Carried forward,	50,914	27
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1817. Dolls. Cts.

		By amount brought forward,	8620 61
8	147	By cash paid John Randell, jun. per order of Canal commissioners,	750 00
	148	By do. paid C. Lloyd, clerk of Monmouth county,	19 84
	149	By do, paid William P. Deare, clerk of Middle- sex county,	15 75
11	150	By do. paid Mrs. Barber, for 3 months pension,	112 50
	151	By do. paid for 2 inquisi- tions in Hunterdon coun- ty,	32 47
	152	By do. paid for conveying prisoners from do:	22 00
	153	By do. paid Samuel Jack- son, per account of the 7th inst.	51 00
14	154	By do. paid William Coxe, for postage, per inciden- tal bill,	4 34
	155	By do. paid John Johnson, clerk of Sussex county,	29 30
	156	By do. paid John H. Hall, per incidental bill,	9 08
157 to 211		By do. paid the members of the legislature,	7106 15
	212	By do. paid Wm. Gould, door-keeper,	80 00
	213	By do. paid do. do. per in- cidental bill,	13 76
	214	By do. paid John Beller- jeau, door keeper,	80 00

Carried forward, 16946 80

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	\$50,014	27

Carried forward,	\$50,014	27
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CONTRA.

Cr.

1817		Dolls.	Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	16946	80
215	By cash paid J. Bellerjeau, per incidental bill,		50
216	By do. paid Daniel Coleman, clerk of Assembly,	136	50
217	By do. paid do. do. for en- grossing,	95	73
218	By do. paid Jacob Mann, and H. Russell, per inci- dental bill,	18	16
219	By do. paid Archibald M' Kean, per do.	12	00
220	By do. paid James J. Wil- son, per do:	248	38
17 221	By do. paid Jesse Upson, Esq. whilst acting as Governor,	39	20
222	By do. paid John Tindall, for wood, per incidental bill,	32	00
223	By do. paid Peter Hay, per do.	9	08
224	By do. paid Ebenezer See- ly, clerk of Cumberland county,	22	50
225	By do. paid Alexander Witherup, per incidental bills of Oct. and Feb.	70	18
226	By do. paid Justice & Cox, per incidental bill,	46	34
26. 227	By do. paid for convey- ing prisoners from Sus- sex county,	63	04

Carried forward, 17740 41

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

To amount brought forward, \$50,014 27

Carried forward, \$50,014 27

CONTRA.

Cr.

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward	17740	41
Feb. 26	228	By cash paid Reeder Chambers, per incidental bill,	3	47
	229	By do. paid Ellett Tucker, per do.	96	56
Mar. 3.	230	By do. paid E. Vanarsdale, commissioner for Patterson, per do,	50	00
	231	By do. paid Samuel Hay, jun. per incidental bill,	25	00
7.	232	By do. paid Ellett Tucker, Q. M. Gen. for balance due him,	1246	00
	233	By do. paid Thomas T. Kinney, per act. of Feb. 8 last,	80	23
	234	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Cumberland,	31	68
	235	By do. paid Samuel Paxson, per incidental bills of Oct. and February,	7	81 1-2
	236	By do. paid John Bellerjeau, door keeper,	9	00
12	237	By do. paid Deare & Myer, for printing, per incidental bill,	9	08
14	238	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Salem County,	32	10
	239	By do. paid M. Dickerson, per incidental bill,	23	63
24	240	By do. paid for 1 inquisition, in Sussex county,	15	66

Carried Forward, 19370 63 1-2

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	850,014	27

Carried forward,	50,014	27
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CONTRA.

Cr.

1817		Dolls.	Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	19370	63 1-2
241	By Cash paid W'm. Cain, per incidental bill,	6	00
27 242	By do. paid James Linn, Se- retary,	140	00
243	By do. paid Daniel Fenton, per incidental bill,	2	83
April 1, 244	By do. paid for 9 inquisitions in Sussex county,	125	15
245	By do. paid for one do.	18	61 1-2
246	By do. paid Justice and Cox, for printing public laws,	68	75
247	By do. paid Eunice Platt, for pension,	20	00
248	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Bergen coun- ty,	30	47
21 249	By do. paid Mary M'Myer, for three months' pension,	60	00
250	By do. paid Rebecca Dennis, for six months' do.	120	00
251	By do. paid George Sherman, per incidental bill,	37	08
252	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Essex co.	30	98
24 253	By do. paid for conveying one do. from Somerset do.	12	86
254	By do. paid for conveying one do. from Burlington do.	8	00
255	By do. paid for conveying one do. from do.	7	00
256	By do. paid Thomas Skill- man, for three months' pen- sion,	10	00

Carried forward, 20068 37

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

To amount brought forward, \$50,014 27

Carried forward, \$50,014 27

CONTRA.

Cr.

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought over,	200	68 37
Apr. 24	257	By Cash paid for two inquisitions in Salem county,	26	95
28	258	By do. paid for conveying prisoner, from Burlington county,	70	20
	259	By do. paid Elizabeth Rue, for six months' pension,	20	00
	260	By do. paid Justice and Cox, for printing laws,	151	25
30	261	By do. paid Shepard Kollock, for printing, per incidental bill,	24	58
	262	By do. paid do. for printing Journals,	275	00
May 1,	263	By do. paid John Bellerjeau, door keeper,	5	00
	264	By do. paid for one inquisition in Cumberland county,	15	31
14	265	By do. paid for three inquisitions in Sussex County,	56	92
	266	By do. paid Mrs. Barber, for three months' pension,	112	50
	267	By do. paid David Fitz Randolph, per incidental bill,	20	58
	268	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Essex county,	21	28
17	269	By do. paid Ezra Baker, per account of February 7th,	107	88
	270	By do. paid John Tuttle and Co. for printing, per incidental bill.	9	08
21	271	By do. paid for one inquisition in Bergen county,	16	54

Carried forward, 21001 44

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	\$50,014	27
Carried forward,	\$50,014	27

CONTRA.

Cr.

1817.		Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward	21001 44
May 21.	272 By cash paid for one do. in Hunterdon do,	13 98
	273 By do. paid John S. Holmes, commissioner, per account of Feb. 13th,	200 00
	274 By do. paid Judge Kirkpat- rick, for circuit court,	360 00
	275 By do. paid do. do. for sala- ry;	600 00
	276 By do. paid do. do. for extra services,	39 00
	277 By do. paid Governor Will- iamson, for salary,	450 00
	278 By do. paid Judge Southard, for do.	550 00
	279 By do. paid do. for circuit courts,	180 00
26	280 By do. paid John Bellerjeau, door keeper,	9 00
	281 By do. paid James Linn, for issuing commissions,	196 38
	282 By do. paid do. for court of appeals,	10 50
	283 By do. paid Silas Crane, member of court of appeals,	27 00
	284 By do. paid Jesse Upson, do. do.	24 00
	285 By do. paid Erkuries Beatty, do. do.	12 00
	286 By do. paid William Irick, do. do.	16 50
	287 By do. paid Amos Harrison, do. do.	27 00

Carried forward, 23716 80

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

To amount brought forward, 50,014 27

Carried forward, \$50,014 27

CONTRA.

Cr.

1817			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	23716	80
May 26,	288	By cash paid Elnathan Stevenson, member of Court of Appeals,	13	50
	289	By do. paid John D. Har- ing, do. do.	33	00
	290	By do. paid Jerediah Du- bois, do. do.	27	00
	291	By do. paid John Freling- huysen, do. do.	20	10
	292	By do. paid Thomas Van- kirk, do. do.	31	50
	293	By do. paid John Beller- jeau, door keeper,	10	00
	294	By do. paid James Linn, Secretary,	63	80
	295	By do. paid Daniel Cole- man, for recording min- utes,	80	78
June 3	296	By do. paid for 1 inquisi- tion in Monmouth coun- ty,	18	17
	297	By do. paid for distribu- ting laws,	75	00
	298	By do. paid ground rent for Jersey Bank property.	81	00
18	299	By do. paid for conveying prisoners from Middlesex,	11	83
	300	By do. paid for 1 inquisi- tion in Hunterdon coun- ty,	18	31
21	301	By do. paid M. Dicker- son, late Governor, for sal- ary,	475	00

Carried forward 24795 79

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

To amount brought forward, 50,014 27

Carried forward, \$50,014 27

CONTRA.

Cr.

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	24795	97
June 21	302	By cash paid M. Dickerson, for balance due him as Judge,	120	00
	303	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Sussex county,	98	25
	304	By do. paid Lydia Whit- lock, for 1 years' pension,	160	00
	305	By do. paid Robert M'- Neely, one of the electors of President,	6	00
25	306	By do. paid for conveying 2 prisoners from Glou- cester county,	47	44
	307	By do. paid for do. 1 do. from do.	23	22
	308	By do. paid James Linn, for salary as Auditor,	50	00
	309	By do. paid for printing Votes,	412	50
	310	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Somer- set county,	23	62
	311	By do paid State Bank at Newark, for balance of interest due for money borrowed to pay militia,	388	81
July 2	312	By do. paid for 2 inquisi- tions in Essex county,	35	69
	313	By do. paid for conveying prisoners from do.	31	48
14	314	By do. paid Mary M'My- er, for 3 mo. pension,	60	00

Carried Forward 26182 80

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	\$50,014	27

Carried forward,	\$50,014	27
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CONTRA.

Cr.

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	26182	30
July 14	315	By cash paid for conveying prisoners from Morris county,	30	98
	316	By do. paid Thomas Skillman, for 3 mo. pension,	10	00
	317	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Salem county,	30	73
	318	By do. paid Executors of A. D. Woodruff, for salary,	40	00
	319	By do. paid Treasurer for 6 months salary,	500	00
	320	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Middlesex county,	15	98
29	321	By do. paid John Bellerjeau, Sergeant at arms,	5	00
	322	By do. paid Judge Pennington, for services,	38	00
Aug. 7.	323	By do. paid for conveying prisoners from Cumberland county,	33	07 1-2
11.	324	By do. paid Mrs. Barber, for 3 months' pension,	112	50
	325	By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Hunterdon county,	15	41
19.	326	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from do.	9	00
Sept. 1.	327	By do. paid John Rutherford, Esq. Canal Commissioner,	252	00

Carried forward, 27273 47 1-2

PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	850,014	27

Carried forward,	50,014	27
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1817		Dolls. Cts.	
		By amount brought forward	27273 47 1-2
Sept. 3.	328	By cash paid for conveying a prisoner from Mon- mouth county,	12 00
	329	By do. paid for do. do. from Sussex county,	34 65
	330	By do. paid Judge Rossell, for salary,	550 00
	331	By do. paid Judge South- ard for services,	4 00
12	332	By do. paid John Bellerjeau, sergeant at arms,	6 00
17	333	By do. paid James Linn, Esq. for issuing commis- sions,	68 04
	334	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Bergen county,	26 70
20	335	By do. paid for do. 1 do. from Middlesex do.	11 83
25	336	By do. paid for do. 1 do, from Essex do.	31 48
	337	By do. paid for 2 inquisi- tions in do. do.	31 05
	338	By do. paid Treasurer for postage of public letters, per incidental bill of Feb. 1816.	12 57
Oct. 2	339	By do. paid Eunice Platt, for 6 mo. pension,	20 00
6	340	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Morris county,	20 78

Carried forward, 27991 57 1-2

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.

		Dolls.	Cts.
1817.	To amount brought forward,	\$50,014	27
Oct. 14	To cash received of M. Schenck, sheriff of Somerset county,		18 70
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		50,032	97
	N. B. Subtract from the above a- mount \$10,429 66, arising from the following items, U. S. old funded stock, turnpike road stock, U. S. 6 per cent stock, purchased Sept. 1816, and Bank stock which find upon further investigation of the acts of Feb: 9th, 1816, and Feb. 12th, 1817, creating a School fund, that said amount belongs to said school fund, and is accordingly now transferred to that account,		10,429 66
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		\$39,603	31

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1817			Dolls.	Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	27991	57 1-2
Oct. 6	341	By cash paid for 3 prisoners from Cumberland county,		46 14
	342	By do. paid Gen. Beatty, commissioner for repairing Government House, &c.	282	17 1-2
	343	By do. paid for repairs done to State House, per resolution of Jan. 15, last,	149	85
14	344	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Somerset county,	18	70
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			28488	44
Balance carried to the Dr. of the Treasurer's account current,			11114	87
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			39603	31

Errors excepted,
PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

November 4, 1817.

We the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, having examined the above accounts and the vouchers relative thereto, from No. 1, to No. 344, inclusive, find the same correctly stated.

WILLIAM IRICK,
SILAS CRANE,

ISRAEL DAY,
S. HALLIDAY,
MARTIN SCHENCK,
JACOB BANTA,
STACY LLOYD.

Dr. State Prison Account

For Receipts and Disbursements from October 15th,

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
Jan. 8.	1	To cash paid F. S. Labaw, Keeper, for 3 months salary,	225	00
	2	To do paid John T. French, clk. for do.	143	75
	3	To do paid Wm. Costner, assistant for do,	112	50
	4	To do paid Joseph Dye, do. for do.	106	25
	5	To do paid Thomas Neal, do. for do.	106	25
	6	To do. paid Saml. R. Lan- ning, do. for do.	87	50
	7	To do. paid Philip F. How- el, inspector, for servi- ces,	14	00
	8	To do. paid Joshua Norton, do. for do.	12	00
	9	To do. paid Thomas Grant, do. for do.	6	00
	10	To do. paid Doct. Howell, physician, for salary,	18	75
	11	To do. paid Joseph Broad- hurst, inspector for ser- vices,	32	00
	12	To do. paid Gershom Mott, do. for do.	62	00
	13	To do. paid Ellett Tucker, do. for do.	16	00
	14	To do. paid Israel Taylor, do. for do.	48	00
	15	To do. paid Thomas Potts, do. for do.	6	00

Carried Forward, 996 00

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1816, to Oct. 16, 1817.

Dr. The State Prison

1817.		Dolls.	Cts.
	To amount brought forward,	996	00
Jan. 11	16 To cash paid Benjamin and D. Reeves, for iron,	1500	00
	17 To do. paid the keeper, J. Linn, sheriff, for cost against a prisoner,	250	00
Feb, 19	18 To do. paid Wm. Hyer, per order of inspectors,	192	00
	19 To do. paid the keeper for purchasing iron,	1500	00
	20 To do. paid David Wright, late inspector for services,	5	00
	21 To do. paid Evan Evans, do: for do.	6	00
Mar. 3	22 To do. paid Zachariah Rossell, do. for do.	3	00
Apr. 5	23 To do. paid F. S. Labau, keeper, for 3 mo. salary,	225	00
	24 To do. paid John T. French, Clerk, for do.	143	75
	25 To do. paid William Costner, assistant, for do.	112	50
	26 To do. paid Joseph Dye, do. for do.	112	50
	27 To do. paid Thomas Neal, do. for do.	106	25
	28 To do. paid Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do.	87	50
	29 To do. paid Doct. Clark, physician, for do.	18	75
	30 To do. paid the keeper, for purchasing Iron,	900	00
28	31 To do. paid do. for do,	1000	00
Carried forward,		7158	25

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Dr. The State Prison.

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		To amount brought forward,	7158	25
July 2	32	To cash paid F. S. Labaw, keeper for 3 month's salary,	225	00
	33	To do. paid John T. French, clerk for do.	143	75
	34	To do. paid William Costner, assistant, for do.	112	50
	35	To do. paid Joseph Dye, do. for do.	112	50
	36	To do. paid Thomas Neal, do. for do.	106	25
	37	To do. paid Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do.	87	50
	38	To do. paid Doct. Clark, Physician, for do.	18	75
Oct. 14.	39	To do. paid F. S. Labaw, keeper, for 3 month's salary,	225	00
	40	To do. paid John T. French, clerk, for do.	143	75
	41	To do. paid William Costner, assistant, for do.	112	50
	42	To do. paid Joseph Dye, do. for do.	112	50
	43	To do. paid Thomas Neal, do. for do.	106	25
	44	To do. paid Samuel R. Lanning, do. for do.	87	50
	45	To do. paid Doct. Clark, Physician, for do.	18	75
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			\$8770	75

The above amount carried to State Prison account current, and also to the Cr. of Treasurer's account current,

Errors Excepted
PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

CONTRA.

Cr.

November 4, 1817.

We the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, having examined the foregoing accounts and the vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1, to No. 45, inclusive, find the same correctly stated.

WILLIAM IRICK,
SILAS CRANE,

ISRAEL DAY,
S. HALLIDAY,
MARTIN SCHENCK,
JACOB BANTA,
STACY LLOYD:

Dr, Militia Account.

Commencing October 16th, 1816, and ending Oc-

1816			Dolls. Cts.
Oct. 16.	1	To cash paid Maj. James, in- specter of Salem county, for salary,	30 00
24	2	To 3 clearances of exempts, allowed Cape May county,	18 00
28	3	To cash paid Maj. Clement, inspector of Gloucester do.	30 00
Nov. 1	4	To do. paid Z. Rossell, Adj. Gen. for six month's salary,	60 00
13	5	To do. paid maj. M'Kissack, inspector for Somerset coun- ty, for 1816,	30 00
	6	To do. paid maj. Scott, inspec- tor of Morris county,	30 00
15	7	To do. paid maj. Ward, in- specter of Bergen county,	30 00
20	8	To do. paid Ellett Tucker, Q. M. Gen. for cleaning arms,	500 00
	9	To sundry clearances, &c. al- lowed Hunterdon county,	33 66
Dec. 6	10	To sundry do. allowed Mid- dlesex county,	90 32
1817			
Jan. 3	11	To sundry do. allowed Glou- cester do.	745 62
	12	To sundry do. allowed Mon- mouth do.	114 84
11	13	To sundry do. allowed Cape May do.	18 00
	14	To sundry do. allowed Sussex do.	169 34
13	15	To sundry do. allowed Bur- lington do.	758 78

Carried forward, 2658 56

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tober 15, 1817.

1817		Dolls.	Cts.
October.	By amount of exempt fines un-		
	collected and unaccounted for		
	in last acct. rendered, October,		
	1816, per statement,	5,318	64
	By 3 exempts for 1815, not inclu-		
	ded in returns for 1815, for		
	Gloucester county,	18	00
	By 35 do. for 1815, the returns		
	not received nor included in		
	last statement,	210	00
	By returns of exempts from the		
	several counties, viz.		
	Hunterdon,	27	
	Morris,	16	
	Somerset,	18	
	Bergen,	43	
	Gloucester,	176	
	Monmouth,	36	
	Burlington,	185	
	Middlesex,	13	
	Essex,	97	
	Sussex,	14	
	Salem,	61	
	Cumberland	26	
	Cape May,	5	

717 at \$6—\$4302 00

Carried Forward, 9848 64

Dr. Militia Account,

1817.			Dolls.	Cts.
		To amount brought forward	2658	56
Jan.	13, 16	To sundry Clearances allowed Burlington, for 1814,	180	00
	17	To Sundry do. allowed Cumberland county,	84	10
	23 18	To cash paid Major Kean, inspector of Essex do.	30	00
April 1,	19	To 58 clearances allowed Essex county,	348	00
	20	To 50 captains' returns, do.	50	00
	21	To 13 assessors do. do.	74	40
	22	To collectors, commissioners of appeals, &c.	17	62
	23	To county collectors' commissions,	11	64
	5 24	To paid Major Brewster, inspector of Middlesex county,	30	00
	25	To paid the Adjutant General's postage account,	2	45
	28 26	To sundry disbursements, &c. allowed Salem county,	30	88
May 3	27	To sundry clearances, &c. allowed Hunterdon county,	47	72
	28	To sundry do. &c. allowed Cumberland do.	32	20
	20 29	To sundry do. &c. allowed Bergen do.	258	44
	30	To sundry do. &c. allowed Somerset do.	103	10
	26 31	To paid Z. Rossell, adjutant general, for 6 months' salary,	60	00
June 21	32	To paid Major Budd, inspector of Burlington county,	30	00
July 1	33	To paid Maj. Holcomb, inspector of Hunterdon do,	30	00
		Carried forward,	4079	11

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By amount brought forward,	9848 64
Deduct from uncollected, from following counties, viz.	
Middlesex,	78 00
Burlington,	2907 85
Gloucester,	1056 00
Cumberland,	175 49
Cape May,	30 00
Hunterdon,	541 26
Morris,	96 00
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Carried forward,	<hr/> 4964 04

Dr, Militia Account.

1817		Dolls. Cts.	
		To amount brought forward,	4079 11
15	34	To cash paid Maj. M'Kissack, inspector of Somerset do.	30 00
24	35	To do. paid Maj. Elmer in- specter of Cumberland do.	30 00
Aug.	11 36	To do. paid the Adj. Gen's. pos- tage account.	5 93
	17 37	To. do. paid Maj. Warne, in- specter of Sussex county,	30 00
Oct.	6 38	To do. paid Maj. Ten Eyck, in- specter of Monmouth do.	30 00
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		Balance,	759 00
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CONTRA.

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1817.		Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	4964 04

By ballance in favor of this account carried to the Cr. of the militia account and to the Dr. of the Treasurer's account current 759 00

Errors Excepted
PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

November 4, 1817.

We the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the above account and find it justly stated.

WILLIAM IRICK,	ISRAEL DAY,
SILAS CRANE,	S. HALLIDAY,
	MARTIN SCHENCK,
	JACOB BANTA,
	STACY LLOYD.

Dr. The School Fund Account.

Authorized per law passed February 12, 1816.

		Am't of stock purchased.	Interest rec'd.
1817.	By amount of stock purchased in 1816, and ordered trans- ferred to this ac- count,	15,000 00	
April	By interest received on the above stock,		225 00
21	By 3 months' dividend received on turn- pike stock,		312 50
July 18	By 3 do. interest re- ceived on U. S. stock,		225 00
	By 3 months' dividend on turnpike road,		312 50
	By stock belonging to this fund per ac- counts of Feb. 9th. 1816, and Feb. 12th. 1817, viz :		
	Remains of the old funded U. S. stock,	10,654 78	
	Three per cent stock \$10,143,80, equal to \$5,071,90, of 6 per cents,	5,071,90	
	By stock in the turn- pike road, amount	12,500,00	
	By do. in the Trenton Bank, do.	36,000,00	
	By do. in the Cum- berland bank, do.	2,000,00	
	Carried forward,	81,226 68	1,075 00

Dr. **School Fund.**

CONTRA.

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By amount brought forward,	81,226 68	1,075 00
By monies received on the above stock from Feb. 9th, 1816, and heretofore plac- ed in the general account of receipts, but now transferred to this fund, viz :		
Old funded stock,	5849,66	
Turnpike road stock,	1250,00	
U. S. 6 per cent, pur- chased in Septem- ber, 1816,	450,00	
One year's dividend on bank stock,	2880,00	
		10,429 66
Total amount of stock and monies in hand,	\$81,226 68	\$115,04 66
The monies in hand car- ried to the Treasurer's account current.		

Errors Excepted,
PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

November 4, 1817.

We the committee of Council and Assembly, ap-
pointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, having exam-
ined the foregoing school fund account, find it correctly
stated.

WM. IRICK,
SILAS CRANE,

ISRAEL DAY,
S. HALLIDAY,
MARTIN SCHENCK,
JACOB BANTA,
STACY LLOYD.

Dr. PETER GORDEN, Treasurer,
In account current with the state of New-Jersey.

		Dolls.	Cts.
1816.			
Oct. 15	To balance remaining in Treas- ury per statement this day ex- hibited,		
1817		26426	89
Oct. 15	To balance of receipts and dis- bursements for past year per statement,	11114	87
	To balance of militia account per statement	759	00
	To amount of school fund ac- count, per statement,	11504	66
		<u>\$49,805</u>	<u>52</u>

1817:			
Oct. 15.	To balance remaining in Treas- ury, per above,	\$41,034	67
	Errors excepted,		
	PETER GORDEN, Treasurer.		

November 4, 1817.

We the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers relative thereto, and do find a balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, of forty one thousand and thirty four dollars and sixty seven cents, agreeably to the above statement.

WILLIAM IRICK,	ISRAEL DAY,
SILAS CRANE,	S. HALLIDAY,
	MARTIN SCHENCK,
	JACOB BANTA,
	STACY LLOYD,

CONTRA.

Cr.

By amount of State Prison,	
acct. per statement,	\$8,770 75
Balance,	41,034 67
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	\$49,805 42
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Dr. The State Prison Account Current.

	To balance due the State for disbursements for 13 years, per statement rendered Oc- tober, 1816,	\$19,668 29
1817 Oct.	To amount of disbursements for past year, per account this day exhibited,	8,770 75
	Total amount of disbursements for 14 years,	\$28,439 04
	Errors excepted,	
	PETER GORDEN, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

November 4, 1817.

We the Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the above State Prison account, current and find the same justly stated.

WILLIAM IRICK,
SILAS CRANE.

ISRAEL DAY,
S. HALLIDAY,
MARTIN SCHENCK,
JACOB BANTA,
STACY LLOYD.

CONTRA

Cr.

Dr. The Militia Account Current.

1817.

Oct. 15.	To balance due from this acct. per statement rendered Octo- ber 15th, 1816,	\$42,523 05
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To balance per above,	\$41,764 05
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Errors excepted,

PETER GORDEN, *Treasurer.*

November 4th, 1817.

We the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, having examined the above Militia account current, find it correctly stated.

WM. IRICK,

SILAS CRANE,

ISRAEL DAY,

S. HALLIDAY,

MARTIN SCHENCK,

JACOB BANTA,

STACY LLOYD,

CONTRA.

Cr.

1817. Oct. 15 By balance in favor of this
account for receipts the
past year, per statement
now exhibited,

759 00

Balance, 41,764 05

\$42,523 05

Which report was ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up the amendments made by Council to the bill, from this House, entitled An act for the support of the Government of this State, and disagreed to the first, and agreed to the other amendments made to said bill, and ordered the Clerk to inform Council accordingly.

Mr. Curriden presented a remonstrance from a large number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, against the proceedings of the Board of Freeholders, of said county relative to the court house, in said county.

Which remonstrance was referred to the committee on that subject.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy," was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wood, pursuant to leave given last sitting, presented a bill, entitled An act to alter the division line, between the townships of Hopewell and Greenwich in the county of Cumberland.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Sibley presented a remonstrance, from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Hopewell in said county, against the passage of said bill.

Which remonstrance was ordered to be read with the second reading of the bill.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Thomas Wilson and Catharine Wilson his wife, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Messrs. Haas,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Halliday,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Mackey,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>M^cNeely,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sibly,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Estile,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

NAYS.

<i>Messrs. Bilderback,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>M^cCurry,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Merseiles,</i>	<i>Willits.</i>
<i>Miller,</i>	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act for the preservation of oysters, was taken up and recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

The reports of the committees appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and those of the State prison, were taken up, agreed to, and sent to Council for their inspection.

Mr. Kinney offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the causes, and make report to this House, at their next sitting, why the decisions of the supreme Court of this State have not been reported and published, agreeably to the law passed 12th March, 1806, entitled An act for the publication of law reports.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Kinney, Coxe, and Darcy, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what alterations, if any, are necessary in the Law, and the several supplements thereto, constituting courts for the trial of small causes.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Miller, Wood and Lloyd, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Kinney offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state be requested to instruct the commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature for the sale of the house and lot of land, in the city of Jersey, belonging to this state, to defer the sale of the same, until the 1st day of March next.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the house.

Mr. Pine presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law effectually to secure the persons of debtors from imprisonment for non-payment of debts.

Which petition was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what alterations are necessary in the law relative to limitation of actions.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Day, Van Brakle and Dunn, accordingly appointed.

On motion—*Ordered*, That, at the close of this sitting, this House adjourn to the first Wednesday in January next.

Mr. Hass presented a memorial from Sun-

dry teachers of youth, in the city of Trenton, praying for reasons therein set forth, exemption from military duty, &c.

Which memorial was read and referred to the military committee.

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Council be informed that this House has appointed a committee to enquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary to be made in the laws relative to the punishment of crimes, and request Council to appoint a committee to join said committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to authorize Asa Eayre to erect a dam and lock across the main south branch of Rancocus Creek.

To which bill they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Secretary further informed the House that Council have receded from their first amendment to the bill from this House, entitled An act for the support of the government of this state.

Whereupon—said bill was ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Curriden, from the committee to whom

was committed the memorials for and against a law authorizing an election for moving the court house in the county of Salem, after hearing the parties and examining the documents, made the following,

Report, That the court house, which is entirely new, and the jail and public offices, are estimated to be worth about twenty thousand dollars—

That there are but nine townships in the said county, five of which are represented to be within one and a quarter miles of the present court house, exclusive of the town of Salem, in which the public buildings are erected, and that the further extremity of the county is not pretended will exceed from between twenty to twenty-five miles from the county town.

That in the spring or summer of 1816, the board of chosen freeholders of the county passed a resolve to have the court house repaired, and appointed suitable persons to carry the same into effect, and that in the course of our examination, it has not appeared, that the inhabitants, at this time and for a long time after, made any objections to the location of the court house, neither has the present applicants for the law advanced any other reason in favor of removing the same, than that it is not central as to population and territory, by from five to seven miles.

That the committee are of the opinion, however reasonable the claims of the appli-

cants might have been, previous to the rebuilding of the new court house, still a majority are decidedly of the opinion, that at this time it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Therefore, the committee *Report*,—That in their opinion the prayer of the applicants for a Law authorizing an election to determine whether the court house shall be removed or not, ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, agreed to by the House, and the parties *pro* and *con* had leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Willits, from the committee to whom was recommittd the bill entitled An act for the preservation of oysters, reported in lieu thereof, a bill, entitled a Supplement to an act for the preservation of oysters, passed the 26th day of January, 1798.

Which bill was read twice, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled an act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Ayres,

Banta,

Beardslee,

Mackey,

M^r Curry,

Merseiles,

Parker,

*Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estille,
Evans,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Gould,
Hass,
McNeely,*

*Miller,
Nixon,
Stryker,*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Thursday, November 6.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was committed sundry petitions praying for a division of the county of Gloucester, made the following *Report*,

That principles of sound policy recommend

the creation of new counties where the population and territory are sufficient to support a separate county establishment, and the people are willing to incur the expense of erecting public offices. The county of Gloucester is composed of townships lying on the river Delaware and others on the Ocean, separated by a large tract of barren country; each division sufficiently large and populous to support a separate county establishment, and capable of being formed into a compact and convenient shape, without interfering with the present boundaries of the several townships—

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that it would be expedient to permit the petitioners to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition on the second Thursday of the next sitting, previously advertising their intention in the two News Papers printed at Trenton, and in one public place in each township of the said county of Gloucester four weeks.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

Council came into the Assembly room, and the two houses went into Joint-Meeting—and after being employed a considerable time the joint-meeting adjourned—and the Speaker resumed the Chair, when

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

A message from council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a turn-pike from Bordentown to South Amboy,"

With an amendment,

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,*

*M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,*

*Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Huas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*Sibly,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAY.

Mr. Ayres.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this house, and request their concurrence therein.

The Council again came into the Assembly room, when the two houses went into a joint-meeting; and going through the appointments, the joint-meeting rose, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Reed presented a petition from Charlotte Howell, of the county of Burlington, praying, for reasons therein set forth, legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Read, Stryker and Pine.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled an act for the support of the government of this state, was read and compared.

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and, that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Haas from the committee to whom was committed sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Burlington relative to the toll bridge over Rancocus creek, in said county,

Reported,

That, in their opinion, the petitioners have leave to present a bill pursuant to their petition, on the 2d Thursday of the next sitting of the Legislature. they giving 4 weeks previous notice thereof in the two newspapers printed in Trenton, and by advertisements set up for the same time in one of the most public places in each of the townships in said county.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled an act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy," was read and compared.

On the question shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Mackey,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>McCurry,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Estille,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>

NAYS.

<i>Messrs. Hass,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>McNeely,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this house, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The speaker presented to the house the Treasurer's bond, &c.

Which was read, approved and sent to Council for their approbation.

The engrossed bill entitled a Supplement to an act for the preservation of oysters, passed the 26th day of January, 1798, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this house, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Mackey presented a memorial from Thomas Croxall, of Belvidere, in the county of Sussex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, legislative aid in the premises.

Which memorial was read and committed to Messrs. David Thompson, Mackey and Curriden.

The bill from Council, entitled an Act to authorise Asa Eayre to erect a dam and lock across the main south branch of Rancocus creek, was read a second and third time in succession.

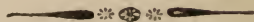
On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council said bill has been passed by this house, without amendment.

The house adjourned to seven o'clock to-morrow morning.



Friday, November 7.

Seven o'clock the house met.

No. 49 of unfinished business, a bill entitled "An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-boat company," was taken up and committed to Messrs. Kinney, Halliday and Ayres.

The report of the commissioners on the controversey with Pennsylvania, relative to a certain wing dam in the river Delaware, was called up, and committed to Messrs. D. Tompson, Read and Kinney.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the house that Council have passed the following bills from this house without amendment :—

A bill entitled "An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Thomas Wilson and Catharine Wilson, his wife."

A bill entitled a Supplement to an act entitled "An act authorising the banking and improving certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May," passed January 18, 1815.

A bill entitled a supplement to "An act for the preservation of oysters," and,

A bill entitled an act to defray sundry incidental charges.

The house adjourned to the first Wednesday in January, A. D. 1818.

VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTY-SECOND
General Assembly,
OF THE
State of New Jersey,

AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE SEVENTH
DAY OF JANUARY, ANNO DOMINI ONE THOUSAND
EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN—AND CONTINUED
BY ADJOURNMENTS.

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OF THE

FORTY-SECOND

General Assembly.



TRENTON, *Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1818.*

Ten o'clock, Forenoon.

THIS being the time and place to which this House stood adjourned, the Speaker took the chair; and there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum, adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

The following Members appeared, viz.

Messrs. Annin, Ayres, Banta, Beardslee, Bidleman, Coxe, Darcy, Day, Dunn, Evans, Gould, Hass, Halliday, Kinney, M'Curry, M'Neely, Merseiles, Miller, Nixon, Parker, Pearson, Prall, Read, Sharp, Shreve, Stryker, R. Thomson, Van Brakle, Wood and Zabris-kie.

Ordered, That the clerk inform Council that a sufficient number of the members of this House to form a quorum have this day met, and proceeded to business.

Mr. Annin, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Council and General Assembly, That two Chaplains of different denominations be employed during the present session of the Legislature, one of them to be appointed by the Council, the other by the General Assembly, to attend alternately weekly in the respective Houses (or in such manner as shall be most convenient and agreeable to themselves) both branches every morning at the hour to which they respectively stand adjourned ; and that the Legislature provide suitable compensation for their services.

Which resolution was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled “ An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris turnpike company, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe presented a petition from a number of the chiefs and principal men of that branch of the Delaware tribe of Indians, formerly of this state, now residents of New-Stock-Bridge, in the state of New-York, owners of certain lands in the county of Burlington, in this state, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Shreve and Nixon.

Mr. Pearson, called up the petition from

the board of chosen freeholders of the county of Burlington, praying for certain reasons, the repeal in part of the law authorizing the erection of a bridge over Crosswicks creek, on the road leading from the White-House to Bordentown.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Pearson, Stryker and Miller.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday, January 8.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Messrs. Ely, Estille, Pine, D. Thompson, Schenck, Sibley and Willits appeared.

Mr. Sibley presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, praying for an act abolishing the law, authorizing the imprisonment of persons for debt.

Which petition was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bergen, proprietors of certain salt marsh, laying on Kingsland's creek, in said county, praying for a law authorizing the damming, &c. of said creek.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Merseiles, Wood and Gould.

Mr. Merseiles also presented a petition

from Henry Kingsland, of New Barbadoes, in the county aforesaid, owner of a valuable tract of Meadow in the same—and others, inhabitants of the counties of Bergen and Essex, praying for a law to authorize the said Kingsland to erect and maintain a dam and sluice in Neds creek, at or near the place where a dam had formerly stood.

Which petition was read; whereupon Mr. Zabriskie presented a counter petition from Abraham Joralman and others, owners of meadow in the aforesaid tract deprecating the granting the prayer of Henry Kingsland, &c. and praying in favor of damming, &c. Kingsland's creek.

Which counter petition was read, and with the petition of Henry Kingsland and others, referred to the same committee.

The engrossed bill entitled a further supplement to the act entitled “An act to incorporate the Newark and Morris turnpike company,” was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. *Annin,*

Ayres,

Banta,

Beardslee,

Bidleman,

Coxe,

Darcy,

Messrs. *Day,*

Dunn,

Elmer, Sp.

Ely,

Estile,

Evans,

Gould,

*Halliday,
Kinney,
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M^cNeely,
Merseilles,
Miller,
Parker,
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Pine,
Prall,
Schenck,*

*Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie:*

NAYS.

Messrs. *Hass,*

Nixon,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Ayres presented two petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing certain persons to erect and maintain a dam across the Raritan river, at a certain place under certain restrictions.

Which petitions were read and committed to Messrs. Ayres, Pine and Van Brakle.

The resolution offered yesterday, relative to Chaplains, was taken up and postponed.

Mr. M^cCurry, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee appointed on the small cause law, be instructed to bring in a bill causing the return of every summons before a Justice of the peace to be considered the appearance of the defendant, and that the said Justice proceed accordingly.

Which resolution was read and postponed.

Mr. Sharp presented a petition from the widow and heirs of Joshua Parker, deceased, late of the county of Gloucester, possessors of certain lands and tenements in said county, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Sharp, Read and Schenck.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Mackey appeared.

Mr. Gould presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Bergen, owners of certain cedar swamps adjoining salt meadows in said county, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law to prevent the burning of said meadows after the 1st day of April hereafter.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Gould, Zaluskie and Murray.

Mr. D. Thompson, presented a petition

from Hannah Vail, relict of Davis Vail, late of the county of Morris, deceased, and others, children and heirs of said deceased, praying for a law authorizing the confirmation of a certain contract made by the said deceased, with Stephen Vail, of the county aforesaid.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. D. Thompson, Beardslee and Sibley.

Mr. Ayres, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between John Morgan and Abigal Morgan his wife.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. D. Thompson presented a petition from Jacob Allen, of the county of Morris, praying remuneration for monies expended in the pursuit, arrest and conviction, of a horse thief.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. D. Thompson, Bidleman and Estille.

Mr. Coxe, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That ——— be a committee on the part of this house to join such committee as may be appointed by council, to be denominated the library committee, whose duty it shall be to superintend the arrangements of the library room, with authority to appropriate annually any sum not exceeding——dollars in the purchase of such books as in their opinion will have a tendency to communicate useful and necessary information to the mem-

bers of the legislature, connected with the history finance, commerce, agriculture and manufactures of this, or any of the other States, or of the United States, which committee shall cause a catalogue of the books now composing the library to be prepared and printed under their direction, and shall annually report the additions thereto, which may be made under their directions.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled an act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, was read a second time considered by sections and ordered to be engrossed.

Messrs. Bilderback, Curriden and Lloyd appeared.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.



Friday, January 9.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, was read a third time, compared and recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Hass presented a petition from Barba-ree Pickle, of the county of Hunterdon, pray-

ing a law to divorce her from her husband Minert Pickle.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Hass, Kinney and Lloyd.

The bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between John Morgan and Abigail Morgan, his wife, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kinney presented a memorial from William Shute, of the county of Essex, stating his having recently discovered among his papers a demand against the State, of a certain sum of money due him, and praying for payment of the same with the interest accrued thereon.

Which memorial was read and committed to Messrs. Kinney, Halliday and Prall.

Mr. Gould from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Henry Kingsland, and others, on the subject of burning certain salt meadows, &c.

Reported,

That they have examined the law on that subject, and are of opinion that no alteration is necessary.

Which report was read, agreed to, and the applicants had leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee who were appointed to investigate the cause of delay in

reporting and publishing the decisions of the supreme court, made a *Report*,

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act repealing an act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened on or thro' lands belonging to this state.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The resolution, offered yesterday by Mr. Coxe, relative to the Library, &c. was taken up and committed to Messrs Coxe, R. Thomson, and Day.

Mr. Sharp from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the widow and heirs of Joshua Parker, late of the county of Gloucester, deceased,

Reported,

That in their opinion the prayers of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that they have leave to present a bill for this purpose on the second day of the next session of the Legislature, they previously advertising the purport thereof, at least four weeks in a news-

paper printed in the western part of this state, and in one printed in the city of Philadelphia.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. M'Curry offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of repealing or altering the several acts for the preservation of sheep.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. M'Curry, Day and Bilderback accordingly appointed.

Mr. Kinney, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any, and what encroachments have been made upon the property of the state, in the city of Trenton, and that they be empowered to employ a surveyor, if in their opinion necessary to effect the purpose of their appointment.

Which resolution was read, agreed to and Messrs. Coxe, M'Neely and Darcy accordingly appointed.

Mr. Darcy offered the following resolution :

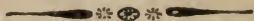
Resolved, That the military committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of furnishing the militia officers with a suitable number of the system of infantry discipline, by which, according to law, they are governed.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Kinney from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled an act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company, reported the same with amendments.

Which bill, with the amendments, was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Saturday January 10.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Lloyd presented a petition from Margaret Conarro, of the county of Salem, praying for a law to divorce her from her husband, Antrim Conarro.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Willits and Banta.

Mr. Annin presented a remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, against the passage of an act to authorize the erection of a dam in the river Raritan, near the landing, &c.

Which remonstrance was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr Read, from the committee to whom was committed the memorial of Charles Kinsey and Richard S. Cox, esquires, relative to a new edition of the acts of Assembly now in force. *Reported,*

That in their opinion the statutory code of New Jersey is at this time so incomplete and imperfect that a revision thereof is indispensably necessary, in order to the well understanding the same—that the citizens at large may know the civil and criminal law of the state which are laid down as a rule of conduct for all to be governed by ; that the revision of the laws as proposed by messrs. Kinsey and Coxe will be very useful and acceptable to the citizens of New Jersey, and in an especial manner to the several township officers, as it will embrace all the public acts now in force and which are contained in Patterson's revision as well as all the public laws since that time in chronological order—a concise abstract of those laws of the same general character which have expired or been repealed, and others of a more local character which are too important to be wholly omitted, with copious notes and references to the whole.—They therefore offer the following resolution for the consideration and adoption of the house.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to report a bill providing for the purchase of —copies of the edition of the laws as proposed to be published by Messrs. Kinsey and Coxe.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee to

whom was committed the proceedings of the commissioners appointed by an act of the legislature of New Jersey, for adjusting certain differences with the state of Pennsylvania, respecting the navigation of the river Delaware, and for other purposes therein mentioned, made the following

REPORT,

That, though it is to be regretted that the attempt of the two states to accommodate existing differences, and to prevent future causes of complaint, by means of their respective commissioners, has not been entirely successful—yet as the commissioners did not disagree about the principles which should form the basis of accommodation, but only as to the mode of carrying those principles into effect, there is good reason to hope that the conference will not be entirely useless. The feelings and interests of both states are better understood, and it is to be presumed, that if circumstances should hereafter make it necessary for either of them to exercise a separate Legislative power upon the shores or waters of the river Delaware, it will be done in such a way as not to interfere with the interest or rights of the other. By the failure of the commissioners amicably to adjust the differences between the two states, it becomes necessary for New-Jersey to decide upon the most eligible course for her to take, in consequence of the remonstrance of Pennsylvania against the passage and operation of the law to connect

Yard's Island with the main land at Bloomsbury and its supplement. On this subject your committee are of opinion that the most respectful conduct towards the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the safest for individuals whose interest is or may be affected, would be for New Jersey to declare explicitly, what exclusive privileges she claimed in passing the before mentioned law, and the nature and extent of the grants intended to be conveyed in it.

It is difficult to point out the precise boundaries between the common and separate rights of the two states upon the river Delaware, so as to avoid uncertainty in practice. Each undoubtedly has an independent sovereignty over its own shores, to regulate them as it pleases, for its particular advantage.

But the exercise of this independent and exclusive jurisdiction, must be in subordination to the primary and common right of navigation. Navigable waters are considered as public highways; over which all the citizens of the country have a right to pass for lawful purposes. It follows, therefore, that all the citizens of the United States, have a right to the navigable use of the river Delaware, in common with those of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and if New Jersey exercises her separate rights, so as to infringe this common and public right, it is as much an offence against the independent sovereignty of the other states in the union, as against that of Penn-

sylvania. But this extension of the injury to others, besides Pennsylvania, would not change its nature, or make it more excusable : New-Jersey, therefore, could not in justice or good faith, in the exercise of her separate rights and for her separate benefits, cause erections in the river, which should essentially interfere with the use of it for navigable purposes by others. And so far as we are informed, New-Jersey never thought of claiming such privileges, or of exercising such powers. The permission to erect a dam from Bloomsbury to Yard's Island, was given in consequence of representations that it would not injure the navigation of the river. It was therefore necessarily a part of the grant for its erection, that it should not in its practical effects injure the rights of others by obstructing the navigation ; for New-Jersey had no intention of guaranteeing or giving to individuals greater rights than she possessed herself. And as she did not possess or claim any power to contract, change or restrict the use of the river Delaware for purposes of navigation, an individual could not claim such a power by inference from a general grant to erect a dam.— As long as this particular dam does not exceed these implied conditions of the grant, it must be entirely innocent, and cannot give just cause of complaint to Pennsylvania ; and whenever it should prove practically hurtful to navigation, New Jersey ought, and no doubt would restrain it within the conditions on

which it was suffered at first to be so erected. But in such a case, though Pennsylvania could not complain of actual injury from the practical effects of the law of N. Jersey, yet the principle, as a rule of conduct for either state, cannot be considered altogether unexceptionable. For it would have an appearance of permitting one state to legislate exclusively in cases where she has a common interest only, and of subjecting to her judgment alone the equal and unseparable rights of both. It would therefore be desirable for the two states to agree upon some general mode, by which to determine the specific regulations, to be applied to all the dams in the river. This would do away all cause for complaint or jealousy between them, and would operate impartially upon individuals; whereas, if each exercises a separate authority over the dams on its own shores, the probability is that no useful regulations or restrictions will be imposed upon any of them, or else that some will be subjected to such as are troublesome and inconvenient, though perhaps necessary, while others equally injurious will remain unmolested.

Your committee fully agree in opinion with the commissioners of New-Jersey, that the general tendency of wing-dams in the Delaware, is injurious to navigation, but the injury is of such a nature that it is extremely difficult in any particular case to describe accurately the kind and extent of it. This very difficulty ought to be a reason for using great cir-

cumspection, in permitting such dams to be erected. And we are of opinion, that the safer way to avoid this injury, would be for neither state hereafter to permit the erection of any new dams, for the purpose of creating a water power, unless with the concurrence of the other. For though in this way fewer dams would be erected, yet as there are at present as many mills and other works on the shores of the Delaware as the necessities of the adjacent country require, the partial and negative evil arising from the want of additional works, would be much less than the positive injury done to commerce by their erection. As the state of Pennsylvania appears to have taken exceptions to the tendency of the principles supposed to be set up by New-Jersey, more than to any precise and positive injury sustained under them, in order to prevent any future misunderstanding, by shewing clearly the sentiments of New-Jersey, your committee submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, 1st. That New Jersey does not claim any exclusive rights over any part of the river Delaware which authorize her to obstruct or injure its navigation.

Resolved, 2d. That the interest of navigation would be better secured if neither state should authorize by law any erection in the river Delaware, for the purpose of creating a water power, unless in concurrence with the other.

Resolved, 3d. That New-Jersey will cor-

dially unite with Pennsylvania in any practicable mode to ascertain the particular injury done to the navigation of the river Delaware, by the dams already erected, and by a joint act to enforce such specific alterations or restrictions as may be thought necessary.

Which report was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Miller, from the committee on that subject reported a bill, entitled an act constituting courts for the trial of small causes.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was committed the engrossed bill entitled an act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, reported the same with amendments.

Which bill, with the amendments, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was committed the resolution relative to the Library, reported a bill entitled an act for the regulation of the Library of the Council and House of Assembly.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Merseilles, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act to authorize Edmund William Kingsland, Jacob W.

Van Winkle, and others, their heirs and assigns forever, to erect and maintain a dam, sluices and flood-gates across Kingsland's creek, and such other water works as they may think necessary in the township of New-Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, to improve their salt marsh or meadow.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between John Morgan, and Abigail Morgan, his wife, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Mackey,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Mr. Neely,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Estille,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

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NAYS.

*Messrs. Coxe,
Elmer, Sp.
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Merseiles,*

*Pearson,
Pine,
Sibley,
Wood,*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Sibley presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, praying for a law authorizing the erection of a draw-bridge over Menantico creek, in said county.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Sibley, Ely and Curriden.

Mr. Kinney offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting measures to procure a revision of our present constitution of government.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Kinney, Coxe, Annin, Dunn and Mackey accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

Monday, January 12.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Bilderback presented a petition from a number of the officers and privates of the Salem brigade, praying for some alterations in the militia law of this state.

Which petition was read and referred to the military committee.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, praying remuneration for monies expended by him for certain property which had been confiscated and sold during the revolutionary war.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Parker, Evans and Halliday.

Mr. Kinney, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act making process efficient in the court of Chancery against absent defendants.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The Report relative to publishing the decisions of the supreme court, made on Friday last, was read a second time, ordered to lie on the table, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Pine offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary to be made in the act concerning trespasses by swine, passed March 15th, 1798.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Pine, Stryker and Pearson accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. R. Thomson presented a petition from a number of the officers of the Sussex Brigade, praying for a specified alteration in the militia law.

Which petition was read and referred to the military committee.

On motion—The House reconsidered the order for printing the report of the committee relative to publishing the decisions of the Supreme Court, reversed the same and re-committed the report to the original committee with the addition of Messrs. D. Thompson and Ayres thereto.

Mr. Halliday presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the city of Jersey, and others, praying for a law to authorize a banking institution in said city.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Halliday, Ely and Wood.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act for refunding to Jacob Allen and Silas Lindsley, Esq. monies by them expended in bringing

from the state of New-York a fugitive from justice.

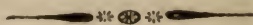
Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. D. Thompson, also, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act authorizing the administrators of Davis Vail, late of the county of Morris, deceased, or the survivor of them, to convey a tract of land late the property of the said Davis Vail, dec. to Stephen Vail, of said county.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled an act for the regulation of the Library of the Council and House of Assembly, was read a second time and amended—when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Tuesday, January 13.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Beardslee presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Wantage, in the county of Sussex, praying for a law to authorize the removing of the obstructions out of the river Pepoeetton, &c.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Beardslee, Prall and Banta.

Mr. M'Curry presented a petition from

Benjamin Halloway, of the county of Morris, praying, for reasons therein set forth, remuneration for monies paid by him to certain musicians who had been employed, pursuant to law, with the interest accrued thereon.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. M'Curry, Ayres and Bilderback.

Mr. Haas presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying for a law to prevent Justices of the peace from holding their courts at Taverns.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Haas, Schenck and Shreve.

The speaker laid before the house the following Report, of the Treasurer, made pursuant to a resolution of the House of the 4th of November last, relative to county collectors who are delinquents in the payment of exempt fines, &c. viz.

That the following counties only are delinquent:

Burlington, for	1814	\$1300 00
do. do.	1816	113 96
Cumberland, do.	1814	36 00
Hunterdon, do.	1814	194 64
do. do.	1815	184 62
do. do.	1816	162 00
Gloucester, do.	1816.	1056 00

Burlington deficiency for 1814, was probably occasioned by the sudden death of the

collector, Charles Shreve, Esq. who died during that year, and it is presumed his executors, or administrators, did not pay due attention to this business.

The deficiency for 1816, of \$113,96, Mr. Read informs me is uncollected, but he has obtained judgment against the township collector for said sum.

Cumberland county deficiency of \$36, for 1814, I expect will be closed shortly.

Hunterdon county deficiencies. —The collector informs me, he has endeavored to obtain the returns from the township collectors and constables, for 1814, but without effect, tho' he believes there will not be any money coming to the Treasury, when the accounts are closed; and for the year 1815, though delinquents are all in the hands of the constables, and expects shortly to close the accounts for said year. For the year 1816, the collector does not expect, after deducting clearances and absconders, there will be a sufficiency left to pay the legal demands of officers for services.

Gloucester county—the collector of whom, J. S. Whitale, who for these several years past has been a very attentive and correct officer, I presume, is only waiting for some safe conveyance to forward his accounts, I learn he has deposited in the Camden Bank, to my credit \$541,28 which doubtless is the balance,

after deducting his disbursements clearances and fees.

All which is submitted, by

Your obedient servant,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

January 12, 1818.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, under discussion on adjournment last evening, was taken up, the title amended to read, an act concerning the state Library, gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on the memorial of Charles Kinsey and Richard S. Coxe, Esquires, was taken up, read a second time, and postponed.

The bill, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled "an act to enable the owners and possessors of certain meadows lying on Salem creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, to make and maintain a bank, dams and water works, in order to prevent the tide from overflowing, and to drain the same, was read a second time and postponed.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House employ an engrossing clerk.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Ely presented a petition from John Earhart and others, of the county of Middlesex, heirs of John Earheart, deceased, praying for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Ely, D. Thompson and Willits.

Mr. Wood presented a remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, deprecating the passage of a law to authorize the erection of a bridge over Menantico creek in said county.

Which remonstrance was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee to whom was recommitted the Report relative to publishing the decisions of the Supreme Court, reported the same with amendments, as follows.

That from the year 1806, to the year 1813, the adjudicated cases in the Supreme Court were regularly reported and published by the Hon. William S. Pennington, who then filled the offices of Reporter and Judge of that court. In the fall of the latter year, that gentleman was promoted to another situation, and was succeeded in both appointments, by

the Hon. Mahlon Dickerson, who by letter to the Joint-meeting, in the following February, declined accepting the office of Reporter, which was then conferred upon the Hon. Samuel L. Southard, at that time, a practitioner at the bar. Judge Southard entered with spirit, upon the duties of his appointment, and attended at every term of the court, during the year, taking such notes as he deemed necessary to his purpose, and calling occasionally upon the judges, for their written opinions, who very promptly promised to prepare and furnish such as would enable him to complete the reports.

But at the end of his official year, in the month of February, 1815, when he had with much labor and expense, discharged his duty, and was prepared to commence the work of publication, he again called upon the judges for their written opinions, and received the reply, that upon looking into the cases of the past year, they did not find any which they thought it either necessary or proper to publish, and therefore, had no written opinions to give him.

From some cause, which is not accurately ascertained, but which the committee presume to be entirely accidental, the Legislature made no appointment of reporter for the following year, and of consequence no publication was made.

In February, 1816, Judge Southard having

been previously promoted to the bench, was again appointed reporter, although against his wishes, as expressed to several members of the Legislature at the time. Although his objections were numerous, and some of them forcible, he yielded them all to the will of the Legislature, and determined to discharge the duties of his appointment. Accordingly he attended to the cases as they arose in Court, and intended to have published them at the end of the year, but an extraordinary degree of sickness in his family during the fall, winter and spring, precluded the possibility of preparing them in season, to accompany the laws, as is required.

In February, 1817, Joseph C. Hornblower, Esq. was appointed to the office, and after much hesitation, on account of the insufficiency of the salary, he resolved to accept it. Being encouraged to believe that a more liberal compensation would be provided in future, he entered upon the duties of his appointment, and attended at every term of the court during the year, taking the necessary notes of cases that were argued ; but although the season of publication has nearly arrived, he states to the committee that the Judges of the Supreme Court have not furnished him with such written reasons and opinions, as will enable him to publish his reports. By a reference to the law, it will be seen that he ought to have had them "from time to time," during the year, and such is doubtless not only the

most convenient, but the only certain method of ensuring a faithful report and punctual publication.

It thus appears that we are upon the fourth year, since the publication of adjudicated cases in the Supreme Court has been suspended, and although the facts disclosed by this report impute the suspension, for the two intermediate years, to other and satisfactory causes, yet the refusal of the Court, to furnish their written reasons and opinions when called on by the Reporter, in the year 1815, was not only the first cause, but must, if repeated and supported, entirely destroy the system itself.

The committee purposely abstain from an impeachment of the motives which induced this unfortunate refusal of the Court, but they cannot, and do not disguise the fact, that *it is not* supported by the provisions of the law in question. Upon turning to that law, it is found to require of the judges "their written reasons for the reversal or affirmance of all judgments brought into the Supreme Court by certiorari, directed to any justice of any Court for the trial of small causes, and also their opinions in writing, on all important and intricate cases decided by them," and expressly make it their duty to "furnish" the reporter with them. The provisions of this law are too plain to be misunderstood, and too imperative to be neglected. It admits of no con-

struction that can justify a refusal of the court, to furnish their written reasons and opinions when required by the Reporter for publication, and under whatever motive or misapprehension the court may have acted in reference to this question, the committee distinctly trace the cause and consequences of the suspension to that refusal.

In executing the resolution of the House, the committee have been led to an examination of the system of reports as established by law, and of the labor which necessarily attaches to the duties of the reporter, the difficulties he has to encounter, the time he must employ, and the compensation which is given him. Although they do not intend in this place to discuss the policy of the system, yet they cannot allow the occasion to pass, without distinctly stating their impression, that a faithful report of adjudicated cases not only tends to preserve uniformity of decision in the high tribunal, from which they emanate, but affords a guide and guard to inferior tribunals, and to suitors and citizens in general. It especially affords a manuel to the magistrate, for which no valuable substitute can be found, and in enlightening the daily decisions of a tribunal so extensive in jurisdiction, and embracing so large a portion of litigation, as the court for the trial of small causes, it literally brings its blessings and benefits to every man's door. But to do this effectually, the Reporter must expend much time and labor,

and it will be seen that two gentlemen who have filled that office, expressly state, that so far from compensating for their time and services, the salary has not met their actual disbursements, and the committee are assured from their own estimates that such must be the fact. In effect it requires a sacrifice of time, labor and money, which no person competent to the task, can be expected long to make, nor which the Legislature of New Jersey, ought for a moment to permit or require.

It is proper here to add that although Judge Southard and Mr. Hornblower, have richly earned the salary, they have not taken it as yet. They performed their duty and ought to be paid for it.

With a view to meet the evils of the case, and if possible subdue them, the committee close their Report with two Resolutions, which are respectfully submitted.

1st. *Resolved*, That provision be made by law requiring the Justices of the Supreme Court, to file in the Clerk's office of that court, their written reasons for the affirmance or reversal of all judgments brought into that court by Certiorari, to any court for the trial of small causes, as shall be noted for publication by the Reporter, and also their opinions in writing, on all other cases of importance, that shall be noticed as aforesaid, and that the Reporter have access at all times to them, and to the papers and records of the cases to which they relate, free of expense.

2d. *Resolved*, That provision be made by law, to raise the salary of the Reporter, to one hundred and fifty dollars.

Which report as amended, was agreed to, with the resolutions thereto attached.

On motion—the committee were instructed to bring in a bill consonant to said resolutions.

Mr. R. Thomson presented a petition from Elizabeth Bidleman, widow and relict of George Bidleman, late of the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, esquire, and others, heirs and guardians of the minor children of said deceased, praying for a law to confirm certain contracts made by said deceased, with certain persons therein mentioned, during his life time.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. R. Thomson, Evans and Van Rrakle.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act concerning the State Library, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled, An Act for refunding to Jacob Allen, and Silas Lindsley, Esq. monies by them expended, in bringing from the state of New-York, a fugitive from justice, was read a second time, considered by section and postponed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, January 14.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, a remonstrance, from a number of the inhabitants, of the county of Cumberland, against the passage of a law to authorize a draw-bridge over Menantico creek, in said county.

Which remonstrance was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Parker presented sundry memorials from Hugh M. Weed, of the county of Burlington, and others, inhabitants of said county, and of the county of Monmouth, deprecating the repeal of a certain part of the law, authorizing a draw-bridge over Crosswick's creek.

Which memorials were read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Evans, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That two members be added to the committee, appointed on the subject of insolvency.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and messrs. D. Thompson and Kinney accordingly appointed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the committee, relative to publishing the decisions of the Supreme Court, &c. be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Kinney offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider if any, and what amendments are necessary in the act concerning divorce and alimony.

Which resolution, was read, agreed to, and messrs. Kinney, Read and Darcy accordingly appointed.

Mr. Pine, pursuant to leave given last sitting, presented a bill, entitled An act to authorize a draw-bridge over Oldman's creek.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Whereupon,

Mr. Curriden presented a remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Salem and Gloucester, against the passage of said bill.

Which bill was read a second time, with the remonstrance, and postponed.

Mr. Wood presented sundry petitions, from

a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Monmouth, Middlesex and Somerset, praying for a law, to set off a new county within specified bounds, &c.

Which petitions were read and committed to messrs. Wood, Day and Evans.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to authorize the treasurer of this state to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act repealing An act, entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened, on or through lands belonging to this State, was read a second time and postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between David Baker and Eleanor his wife.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Bidleman presented a petition from

Jacob Young, of the township of Greenwich, in the county of Sussex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Bidleman, Sharp and Parker.

The bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of Davis Vail, late of the county of Morris, deceased, or the survivor of them, to convey a tract of land late the property of the said Davis Vail, deceased, to Stephen Vail, of said county, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Haas, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Barbara Pickle late Barbara Farley, and Minert Pickle, her husband.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act for refunding to Jacob Allen and Silas Lindsley, esq. monies by them expended in bringing from the state of New-York, a fugitive from justice, amended the title to, An act for the relief of Jacob Allen, and ordered the same to be engrossed.

Mr. Haas, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of which George C. Maxwell died possessed, as tenant in common with Doctor Isaac Ogden.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the citizens of this State, to elect members to constitute a convention to amend the Constitution of this State.

Which bill was read. ordered a second reading and meantime to be printed.

Mr. R. Thomson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the administrators of George Biddleman, esq. deceased, to convey certain real estate.

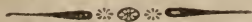
Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney asked, and obtained, leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Mr. Sibley from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize a drawbridge over Menantico creek, in the county of Cumberland.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Thursday, January 15.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The Speaker, laid before the House, the

following communication from his Excellency the Governor.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I herewith transmit to you, certain Resolutions, of the Legislature of the state of Rhode Island, received by me from the Governor of that state, respecting an amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the Legislature of this state.

Also, a communication from the Governor of the state of Connecticut, on the same subject.

ISAAC H. WILLIAMSON.

Trenton, January 15, 1818.

Which communication, with the accompanying documents, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Merseiles presented a petition from the president and directors of the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike company, praying, for reasons therein set forth, legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Merseiles, Annin and R. C. Thomson.

Mr. Read from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act for the relief of Charlotte Howell, formerly Charlotte Gibbs.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of Davis Vail, late of the county of Morris, deceased, or the survivor of them, to convey a tract of land, late the property of the said Davis Vail, deceased, to Stephen Vail of said county, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the relief of Jacob Allen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Darcy,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,
Halliday,
Mackey,*

*Parker,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,*

*Mr Curry,
Miller,*

Wood,

NAYS.

*Messrs. Banta,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Dunn,
Ely,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,*

*Lloyd,
McNeely,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Zabriskie.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

No. 1 of unfinished business, A bill, entitled an act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, New Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson, was taken up and committed to Messrs. R. Thomson, Miller and Estile.

The report made by Mr. Read, on the memorial of Charles Kinsey and Richard S. Coxe, was taken up, agreed to, and the blank in the resolution thereto attached, filled with four hundred.

Mr. Day offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of selling the

house and lot of ground, in the city of Trenton, belonging to this state.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Pursuant to leave given last sitting, Mr. Coxe presented a bill entitled an act relative to the toll bridge, over Rancocus creek, in the county of Burlington.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Wood from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act concerning roads.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Bidleman, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act to confirm the last will and testament of Daniel Martin, late of the township of Middleton, in the county of Bucks, and state of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

A message from council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the house, that council have passed the bill from this house entitled

an act to dissolve the marriage contract between John Morgan, and Abigail Morgan, his wife.—Also, that council have passed a bill entitled an act to authorize Benjamin Davis and Hezekiah Stokes, to erect and maintain a dam and flood gates across the South Branch of Rancocus Creek, near the Union Bridge, in the township of Evesham.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the Quarter Master General, made pursuant to an order of the house of last session, relative to cleaning of arms, &c. with sundry vouchers and documents accompanying the same.

Which report was read, and with the accompanying vouchers, &c. committed to Messrs. Halliday, Nixon and Zabriskie.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Ordered, That, inasmuch as the applicants for the erection of a new county out of the four lower townships of the county of Gloucester, have not appeared this day to present a bill for that purpose, pursuant to leave given by an order of this house of the 6th of November last, they have leave to present a bill agreeably to their prayer on the second Wednesday of the next session of the

Legislature, by complying with the conditions of the aforesaid order, by advertising, &c.

The bill entitled an act for the relief of Charlotte Howell, formerly Charlotte Gibbs, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled an act to authorize a draw-bridge over Oldmans creek, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

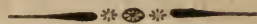
The bill entitled an act to authorize Edmund William Kingsland, Jacob Van Winkle and others, their heirs and assigns forever, to erect and maintain a dam, sluices and flood-gates across Kingsland's creek, and such other water works as they may think necessary, in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, to improve their salt marsh or meadow, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Halliday presented a petition from the trustees of the South Hanover Presbyterian congregation, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Halliday, Schenck and Curriden.

The petitions from Sussex, presented at the last sitting, and ordered to lie on the table, praying for a banking institution at the town of Newton, were taken up and committed to Mr. R. Thomson, M'Neely and Sibley.

The house adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Friday, January 16.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Lloyd presented a petition from Morris Hancock, Esq. and others, inhabitants of the county of Salem, owners and possessors of certain meadows and swamps, lying on Allo-ways creek, in said county, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Willits and Mackey.

Mr. M'Curry, from the committee who were appointed to enquire into the expediency of altering or repealing the several acts for the preservation of sheep, made the following report.

That in their opinion the existing laws on that subject, as to their operation in some parts of this state are beneficial, and in other parts burthensome ; but, being of a local nature, ought not to be altered but by special application.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. R. Thomson, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the Columbiabridge Company,

Reported,

That although a majority of the committee are opposed to lotteries, yet as the proceeds of the one prayed for, are designed to be applied to promote public improvements, they are of opinion the applicants should have leave to present a bill to answer their prayer.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act to divorce Margaret Conarroe from her husband, Antrim Conarroe.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Pearson presented a petition from Joseph C. Hornblower and Catharine Schuyler, widow of John A. Schuyler, late of the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, deceased, guardians of certain children of said deceased, and others, heirs, &c. praying for a law authorizing the sale of the real estate of said deceased.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Pearson, Banta and Ayres.

The engrossed bill entitled an act for the

relief of Charlotte Howell, formerly Charlotte Gibbs, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled an act to authorize Edmund William Kingsland, Jacob Van Winkle and others, their heirs and assigns forever, to erect and maintain a dam, sluices and floodgates across Kingsland's creek, and such other water works as they may think necessary, in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, to improve their salt marsh, or meadow, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to authorize a Draw-bridge over Oldmans creek, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,*

*Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,*

Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Ely,
Evans,
Hulliday,
Mackey,
M^r Curry,

Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Wood,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bilderback,
Curriden,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,
Gould,
Haas,
Lloyd,

M^r Neely,
Prall,
Sibley,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the funds for the support of free schools, was taken up, the amendments agreed to, the bill gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to authorize a draw-bridge over Menantico creek, in the county

of Cumberland, was taken up and postponed to the second Thursday of the next session of the Legislature.

The bill entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of Daniel Martin, late of the township of Middleton, in the county of Bucks, and state of Pennsylvania, deceased, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. R. Thomson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to establish a Bank at Newton, in the county of Sussex.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.



Saturday, January 17.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. R. Thomson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson, reported the same with amendments.

Which bill was read, and with the amendments, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Annin presented a petition from Alex-

ander Kirkpatrick, Esq. and James Drake, of the county of Middlesex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Annin, Read and Van Brakle.

Mr. Bilderback presented a petition from Richard G. Kindall and Jonathan Riley of Pittsgrove, in the county of Salem, sureties of George J. Writington, an absconding constable, praying for Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Bilderback, Evans and Dunn.

Mr. Mackey presented a memorial from Charles Croxall and others, interested in the Belvidere estate, in the county of Sussex, deprecating the granting the prayer of Thomas Croxall, relative to a division of said estate.

Which memorial was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of Daniel Martin, late of the township of Middleton, in the county of Bucks and state of Pennsylvania, deceased, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Mackey,

Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Lloyd,

M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.

NAYS,

Messrs. Coxe,

Pine.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Merseiles, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled a supplement to an act entitled "An act to authorize a turn-pike road to be made from Deckertown, in the county of Sussex, to the Delaware, nearly opposite to Milford in the State of Pennsylvania."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Pursuant to leave given yesterday, Mr. R. Thomson, presented a bill entitled an act to aid in the erection of a Bridge at Columbia glass manufactory.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled an act to divorce Margaret Conarroe, from her husband, Antrim Conarroe, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled an act authorizing the administrators of George Bidleman, esquire, deceased, to convey certain real estate, was read a second time and postponed.

Mr. Haas, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying for a law to prevent Justices of the peace from holding their courts at taverns,

Reported,

That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read and postponed.

Mr. Pearson from the committee on that subject reported a bill entitled an act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, Esq. deceased.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. D. Thompson, with leave, presented a bill entitled a supplement to the act entitled

“an act to preserve and support the jurisdiction of this state.”

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Ayres, from the committee to whom was committed the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, praying for a law to authorize Aaron Hassert, and others, to erect a dam across the river Raritan, near the landing, *Reported,*

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, embracing the objects expressed in their petition.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.



Monday, January 19.

Ten o'clock the house met.

The Speaker, laid before the House, the following letter from his Excellency the Governor.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I lay before you, the Adjutant General's annual return of the militia of this state, for the year 1817.

ISAAC H. WILLIAMSON.

Trenton, January 17, 1818.

Which letter was read, and with the documents enclosed, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Darcy presented a petition from Elizabeth Funham, of the county of Morris, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to messrs. Darcy, Gould and Sharp.

Mr. Zabriskie presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Bergen turnpike company, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Zabriskie, Miller and Sibley.

The bill entitled An act making process effectual in the court of Chancery, against absent defendants, was read a second time and postponed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of George Bidleman, Esq. deceased, to convey certain real estate ; amended and re-committed the same to the original committee, with the addition of messrs. Coxe and Wood.

Mr. Pine offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a tax bill for the present year.

Which resolution was read and messrs. Pine, Dunn and Beardslee, accordingly appointed.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to divorce Margaret Conarroe from her husband, Antrim Conarroe, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Lloyd,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Mackey,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>McCurry,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>McNeely,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Estille,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

NAY.

Mr. Merseiles.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Halliday, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to alter the name of the Presbyterian congregation in the township of Chatham, county of Morris.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill. entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, was taken up and re-committed to the original committee.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Zabriskie from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act for establishing a turnpike road from the town of Hackensack to Hoboken, in the county of Bergen.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. R. Thomson, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of George Bidleman, Esq., deceased, to convey certain real estate, reported the same, with amendments—with the title amended to read, An act authorizing the administrators of George Bidleman, dec., to execute certain contracts for the sale of real estate.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pine, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act concerning Swine.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill from Council entitled an act to authorize Benjamin Davis and Hezekiah Stokes to erect and maintain a dam and flood gates across the south branch of Rancocus creek, near the Union bridge, in the township of Evesham, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill entitled An act relative to the toll-bridge over Rancocus creek, in the county of Burlington, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented a bill, entitled A supplement to an act, entitled "An act respecting slaves," passed the fourteenth day of March, 1798.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act to alter the name of the Presbyterian congregation, in the township of Chatham, county of Morris, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, January 20.

Ten o'clock the House met.

A message from council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the house, that council have passed the following bills from this house without amendment.

The bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled An act to incorporate the New-ark and Morris turnpike company.

And the bill entitled An act for the relief of Jacob Allen.

And that Council have passed a bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the county of Monmouth, in the General Assembly of this state.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Read presented a memorial from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, deprecating the division of said county.

Which memorial was ordered to be filed with the papers on that subject postponed to the next session of the Legislature.

The engrossed bill entitled an act authorizing the administrators of George Bidleman, deceased, to execute certain contracts for the sale of real estate, was read a third time, compared, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill entitled an act to alter the name of the Presbyterian congregation in the township of Chatham, county of Morris, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled an act relative to the toll-bridge over Rancocus creek, in the county of Burlington, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>M. Curry,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>M. Neely,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	
<i>Mackey,</i>	

NAYS,

Messrs. *Estile,* *Miller.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled A supplement to an act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain meadows, lying on Salem creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, to make and maintain a bank, dams, and water works, in order to prevent the tide from overflowing, and to drain the same, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act for the relief of Charlotte Howell, formerly Charlotte Gibbs, without amendment.

And that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to authorize Samuel H. Berry, his heirs and assigns, to erect and keep up a bank, dam, sluice and water works, across Berry's creek, in the township of New Barbadoes, near the head of the navigation of the said creek, opposite to his saw mill erected there.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esq. deceased, was read a second time, and on a motion to strike out the first section, after considerable discussion, was post poned till to-morrow morning.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Kinney appeared.

Mr. Read presented a memorial from Daniel W. Coxe, "most respectfully protesting against the operation of any future compact or negotiation between this state and the state of Pennsylvania," that shall annul the acts authorizing his wing dam, &c. &c.

Which memorial was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was re-committed the engrossed bill entitled an act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ely, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the administrators of James Earhart, deceased, to convey certain lands to the heirs of John Earhart.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled a supplement to an act entitled, An act to authorize a turnpike road to be made from Deckertown, in the county of Sussex, to the Delaware, nearly opposite Milford, in the state of Pennsylvania, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act entitled "An act for establishing a turnpike road from the town of Hackensack to Hoboken, in the county of Bergen," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled a farther supplement to the act, entitled an act for the punishment of crimes, passed March 18th, 1794.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. D. Thompson presented a petition from Jabez Campfield, of the county of Morris, praying, for reasons therein set forth, legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. D. Thompson, Day and Nixon.

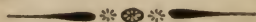
Mr. Bilderback, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the sureties of George J. Wrightington, to collect the monies arising by virtue of his official papers, as constable.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson presented a petition from the Trenton Library company, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to messrs. Pearson, M'Neely and Shreve.

The house adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Wednesday, January 21.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Kinney presented a petition from a number of the officers and privates (inhabitants of Newark) of the Essex brigade, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and referred to the military committee.

Mr. Kinney, also, presented a petition from Isaac M. Tichenor, Thomas Sexton and others, inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Kinney, Haas and Merseiles.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estille,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,*

*Lloyd,
Mackey,
McCurry,
McNeely,
Miller,
Pearson,
Pine.
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

Messrs. Bilderback,

Prall.

Merseiles.
Nixon,
Parker.

Shreve,
Van Brakle,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled a supplement to an act entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain meadows, lying on Salem creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, to make and maintain a bank, dams and water works, in order to prevent the tide from overflowing, and to drain the same," was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled a supplement to an act entitled "an act to authorize a turnpike road to be made from Deckertown, in the county of Sussex, to the Delaware, nearly opposite to Milford, in the state of Pennsylvania," was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,

McNeely,
Merseiles,
Miller.

*Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Mackey,
M^r Curry,*

*Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreete,
Sibley,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS,

*Messrs. Haas,
Nixon,*

Prall.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled a supplement to the act entitled “an act for establishing a turnpike road from the town of Hackensack to Hoboken, in the county of Bergen,” was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,*

*Merseilles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,*

Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Hass,
Halliday,
Mackey,
McCurry,
McNeely,

Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibly,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Kinney,

Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esquire, deceased, and postponed the same to the first Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Gould from the military committee, reported a bill entitled a supplement to an act entitled "an act establishing a militia system," passed February 18th, 1815.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill entitled "an act to alter the division line between the townships of Hopewell and Greenwich, in the county of Cumberland," was taken up, read a second time, amended, considered by section, and on the question of engrossing it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Coxe from the committee to whom was committed the petition from certain chiefs and principal men of the Delaware tribe of Indians, formerly residents in this state, but now of Stockbridge in the state of New-York, praying that Charles Ellis, William Stockton and Joseph Budd, esquires, be authorized by law to sell a certain tract of land called the **COAXEN FARM**, in the county of Burlington, and apply the proceeds of the sale to the relief of the said petitioners, made the following,

Report,

That with a view to obtain such information, as would enable the committee to form a correct opinion on the subject committed to them, the gentlemen, above named and Josiah Foster, esquire, of the county of Gloucester, who is stated in the said petition to have a claim to the said farm, were requested to attend the committee. Mr. Foster alone attended by his Attorney.

After the imperfect examination of the subject, which under these circumstances, the committee has been enabled to make, they do

not feel prepared to recommend a compliance with the prayer of the petitioners.

The property in question, being a farm of about 250 acres, estimated at the value of about 8000 dollars, is claimed by Josiah Foster, under a devise from Charles Mooless, an Indian. The will under which he claims, was by the Orphan's Court, of the county of Burlington, not admitted to proof, on the caveat of other Indians claiming an interest in the said property. This decision of the Orphans' Court was reversed by the Prerogative Court, on a full hearing of the case. After this reversal, the Legislature, by an act passed the 18th day of March, 1806, appointed commissioners for the management of the said property, expressly reserving the rights of all persons claiming the same. In this state the subject has rested since that time.

With respect to the interest which the petitioners are entitled to in the property, were there no adverse claims, there has been laid before the committee no satisfactory evidence. There are numerous Indians in this state claiming a participation in the property. Their claims can only be correctly determined by such rules of evidence, as the judicial tribunal which may have cognizance of the same has established in such cases.

The policy of extending any support to the Indians at Stockbridge, beyond the liberal provision made for them by former acts of

the Legislature, may admit of much doubt.— The still more questionable policy of any interference by the Legislature, in matters of property, during the existence of conflicting claims ; the declaration of a former Legislature, that the act passed by them under a view of the necessity of the case, was not intended to impair or oppose the lawful claims of others than the said Indians ; and the belief in the minds of the committee, that no sale under such circumstances will probably bring a price in any degree equal to the value of the property, after the settlement of the claims by a due course of law, are considerations which have induced the committee to recommend the following Resolution :

Resolved, That it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. M'Neely presented a petition from the rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, of St. Michael's Church, in the city of Trenton, praying for reasons therein set forth, an act of incorporation.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. M'Neely, Pearson and R. Thomson.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize Edmund William Kingsland, Jacob W. Van Winkle and others, their heirs and assigns forever, to erect and maintain a dam sluices and floodgates across Kingsland's creek, and such other water works as they may think necessary, in the township of New Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, to improve their salt marsh or meadow.

And the bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of Davis Vail, late of the county of Morris, deceased, or the survivor of them, to convey a tract of land, late the property of the said Davis Vail, dec., to Stephen Vail, of said county.

And have passed the following bills from this House, with amendments—viz.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize a draw-bridge over Oldmans creek.

And the bill, entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of Daniel Martin, late of the township of Middleton, in the county of Bucks and state of Pennsylvania, dec.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to and the bills respectfully ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message further informed the House that Council have passed a bill, entitled "An act relative to the division of real estates of intestates."

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act concerning divorces, and for other purposes.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of James Earhart, deceased to convey certain lands to the heirs of John Earhart, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act authorizing the citizens of this state to elect members to constitute a convention to amend the constitution of the State, was read a second time, when, on motion, the House went into a committee of the whole, Mr. D. Thompson in the chair, and after employing some time thereon, the committee rose, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again; when the Speaker resumed the chair and

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday, January 22.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. R. Thomson presented a petition from

the president and directors of the Spruce-Run turnpike company, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. R. Thomson, Sckenck and Sibley.

Mr. Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to authorize Andrew Kirkpatrick, Esq. to pay over to James Drake, certain monies bequeathed to him, in and by the last will and testament of James Drake, the elder, deceased.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Haas presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Readington in the county of Hunterdon, praying for certain alterations in the boundary line of said township and the township of Tewksbury, in said county.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Haas, Bidleman and Estille.

A message from council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the house, that council have passed the following bills from this house without amendment.

The bill, entitled An act to divorce Margaret Conarroee, from her husband, Antrim Conarroee,

And the bill, entitled An act to alter the name of the Presbyterian congregation in the township of Chatham, county of Morris.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act concerning the State Library," with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, the first and the third disagreed to, and the second agreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

The message further informed the House that Council have passed a bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New Jersey."

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

The committee of the whole, was discharged from the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the citizens of this state to elect members, to constitute a Convention to amend the Constitution of the state," and the bill recommitted to the committee who reported the same, with the addition thereto of messrs. Merseiles, D. Thompson, Nixon, Parker, Sharp, Lloyd, Wood and Willits.

The bill entitled An act making process effectual in the court of Chancery, against absent defendants, was read a second time, con-

sidered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Neely, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Michaels in the city of Trenton.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Cox, from the committee who were instructed to enquire into the nature and extent of certain encroachments on the lines of the lot attached to the Government house,

Reported,

That they have caused the several lines to be run, and have ascertained three distinct encroachments, in the lines of Israel Taylor, William Potts and Alexander Chambers, agreeably to the dotted lines in the accompanying plot, made by a competent surveyor, employed by the committee. All of which, it is believed, may be amicably adjusted by negociation, with the several parties. The committee therefore recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That Peter Gorden and Robert M'Neely, esqrs., be Commissioners to cause the lines of the Government lot to be corrected, by the removal of any buildings or fences, found to be encroachments on the same, at the expense of the state or the party making such encroachments, as the case

may be, and to report their proceedings to the Legislature at their next meeting.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the administrators of James Earhart, deceased, to convey certain lands to the heirs of John Earhart, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of Daniel Martin, late of the township of Middleton, in the county of Bucks, and state of Pennsylvania, was read and compared.

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,*

*McCurry,
McNeely,
Miller,
Nixon,*

Bilderback,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,

Prall.
Schenck,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Coxe,
Ely,

Pine.
Read.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act to authorize a draw-bridge over Oldmans creek, was read and compared.

On the the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Day,

Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,

*Dunn,
Ely,
Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Mackey,*

*M^r Curry,
Shreve,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Bilderback,
Curriden,
Elmer, Sp.
Hass,
Lloyd,*

*M^r Neely,
Prall,
Sibly,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. M^r Curry presented a petition from William Larrison, jun. and Stephen Luce, of the county of Sussex, owners of the Hacketstown and Hope turpike road, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to
messrs. McGurry, Banta and Pinc

The bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Barbara Pickle, late Barbara Farley, and Minert Pickle her husband, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the treasurer of this state to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the count of Monmouth, a certain sum of money, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act for the more equal representation of the county of Monmouth, in the General Assembly of this State, was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act relative to the toll bridge over Rancocus creek, in the county of Burlington, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to by the House, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message further informed the House, that Council adhere to their amendments

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 made to the bill from this House, entitled "An act concerning the State Library," which have been disagreed to by this House.

Whereupon, the House insisted on their disagreement to said amendments, but appointed messrs. Pearson, Kinney and D. Thompson, a committee of conference on the subject, and ordered the Clerk to inform Council, and request Council to appoint a correspondent committee on their part.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to authorize Benjamin Davis and Hezekiah Stokes to erect and maintain a dam and flood gates across the South branch of Rancocus creek, near the Union Bridge, in the township of Evesham, was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The bill, entitled "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," was taken up, and after making some progress therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed till to-morrow morning—when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Friday, January 23.

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Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. R. Thomson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled a further supplement to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Spruce-Run turnpike company" passed the 5th day of February, 1813.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Haas, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled an act to alter a part of the boundary line between the townships of Readington and Tewksbury, in the county of Hunterdon.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stryker presented a petition from the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, &c. of the city of New Brunswick, praying, for reasons therein set forth, some alterations in their charter.

Which petition was read, and committed to messrs. Stryker, Ayres and Curriden.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act making process effectual in the court of chancery, against absent defendants, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

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 The engrossed bill, entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Mackey,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>M^r Curry,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>M^r Neely,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

NAYS,

<i>Messrs. Bidleman,</i>	<i>Haas.</i>
<i>Day,</i>	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Barbara Pickle, late Barbara Farley, and Minert Pickle her husband, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

<i>Messrs.</i> Ayres,	<i>M</i> Curry,
Bidleman,	<i>M</i> Neely,
Curriden,	Nixon,
Darcy,	Prall,
Evans,	Sharp,
Gould,	Stryker,
Haas,	R. Thomson,
Halliday,	Willits,
Lloyd,	Wood,
Mackey,	Zabriskie.

NAYS.

<i>Messrs.</i> Annin,	Miller,
Banta,	Parker,
Beardslee,	Pearson,
Bilderback,	Pine,
Coxe,	Read,
Day,	Schenck,
Elmer, Sp.	Shreve,
Ely,	Sibley,

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*Kinney,
Merseiles,*

*D. Thompson,
Van Brakle.*

The engrossed bill, entitled An act relative to the toll-bridge over Rancocus creek, in the county of Burlington, was read and compared.

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*M. Curry,
M. Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Prall,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS,

Messrs. Evans,

Read.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same:

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by the House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Kinney from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay unto William Shute the amount of a certificate, signed by Silas Condict, Commissioner.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Darcy presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Morris, praying for a more efficient law for the preservation of deer.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Darcy, Bilderback and Zabriskie.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," and after employing some time thereon, postponed the same, when

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Halliday, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey city, commonly

called Powles Hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson, was read a second time and postponed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have appointed messrs. Dodd and Irick a committee on the part of Council, to confer with the committee appointed by this House, on the amendments made by the Council, to the bill, entitled An act concerning the State Library, disagreed to by this House.

The bill, entitled An act to establish a Bank at Newton, in the county of Sussex, New-Jersey, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill postponed to the 1st Wednesday of the next session of the Legislature.

The bill, entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, was again taken up, and after making some progress therein, postponed till to-morrow.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to preserve the jurisdiction of this State," was read a second time and postponed.

The house adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Saturday, January 24.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act confirming the sale of the real estate of Moses Tichenor, deceased.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay unto William Shute, the amount of a certificate, signed by Silas Condict, commissioner, was read a second time, and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

The bill, entitled An act to incorporate the "York and Jersey Steam-Boat ferry company," was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michaels, in the city of Trenton, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the sheriff of George J. Writington, to collect the moneys arising by virtue of his official pa-

pers as constable, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That———be a committee to enquire if any, and what further amendments may be necessary to the act respecting slaves, and the several supplements thereto.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and messrs. Coxe, Ely and Merseiles, accordingly appointed

Mr. Kinney, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay to William Shute, the amount of a certificate, signed by Silas Conduct, commissioner, in lieu thereof made the following

Report,

That the provision contained in the second section of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to receive certain monies due from the United States, and also, to authorize the said Treasurer to pay the state debt," passed at Trenton, February 13th, 1797, is a sufficient authority for the Treasurer of this state to pay off, under the limitation therein contained, a certificate signed by Silas Conduct, commissioner, and counter-signed by Aaron Dunham, Auditor, in favor of William Shute, for 46 12 principal, with fourteen pounds nine-

teen shillings and seven pence interest, dated the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, and numbered 3343, and that no further provision by law is necessary.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.



Monday, January 26.

Ten o'clock the house met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to authorize the sureties of George J. Writington to collect the monies arising by virtue of his official papers as constable, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to incorporate “the York and Jersey Steam-Boat ferry company,” was read a third time, compared and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

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 The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes, and after employing some time thereon, postponed the same.

The bill from Council, entitled An act for the more equal representation of the county of Monmouth, in the General Assembly of this state, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
 Banta,
 Bilderback,
 Coxe,
 Curriden,
 Day,
 Dunn,
 Elmer, Sp.
 Evans,
 Gould,
 Haas,
 Kinney,
 Lloyd,
 Mackey,
 M^r Curry,

M^r Neely,
 Miller,
 Nixon,
 Pearson,
 Sharp,
 Shreve,
 Sibley,
 Stryker,
 D. Thompson,
 R. Thomson,
 Van Brakle,
 Willits,
 Wood,
 Zabriskie.

NAYS,

Messrs. Ayres,
 Beardslee,

Ely.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council
that said bill has been passed by this House
without amendment.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michaels, in the city of Trenton, was read and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. D. Thompson, with leave, presented a bill, entitled an act to repeal an act, entitled an additional supplement to the act relative to elections to enable the militia or volunteers of this state, when in the actual military service of the United States, or of this state, to exercise the rights of election, passed February 16, 1815.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. M'Neely, from the committee, to whom was re-committed the engrossed bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Michaels, in the city of Trenton, reported the same, with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill read twice in succession, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled an act concerning the Trenton Library company.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee to whom was committed, the bill, entitled an act to incorporate "the York and Jersey Steam-Boat ferry company," reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill read twice in succession, gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Michaels, in the city of Trenton, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Darcy, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act for the preservation of deer and other game, and to prevent trespassing with guns," passed December 21, 1771.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled an act to aid in the erection of a bridge, at Columbia Glass Manufactory, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Curry, with leave, presented a bill, entitled an act to repeal part of an act, entitled "An act for the preservation of sheep," passed February 23, 1811.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wood, with leave, presented a bill, entitled an act for the more effectual administration of justice.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "an act to incorporate the Spruce-Run turnpike company," passed the 5th day of February, 1813, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Curry, with leave, presented a bill, entitled an act to authorize trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esq. dec.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Halliday, from the committee to whom

was committed the report of the Quarter Master General, made the following

Report,

That they have carefully examined the papers, and that seven hundred and ninety five stand of arms have been cleaned and repaired in the State Prison, from the 19th of March, 1817, to the first of October following, the expense of which, including the labor of the prisoners, is \$968 18 or \$1 21 for each stand cleaned and finished.

That the Quarter Master General has had one hundred and seventy one stand of arms cleaned and repaired in the former establishment, from the 25th of January, 1817, to the 19th day of March—the intermediate space of time, from the close of his accounts last year. The commencement of the work at the State Prison, which cost the state \$207 41 exclusive of the sum of \$47 80, which charge is for shop rent, pine wood, charcoal and the rent of a store, the whole time the business was carried on there, to wit, from the 3d of September, 1817, to the 19th of March, 1818, and not included in his account of last year.

The residue of the arms belonging to the state, being nearly completed, which, when done, we recommend the Quarter Master General to report to the House accordingly.

That the arms in the arsenal, are in excellent order, and from the fine appearance of those that were put up, (nearly eighteen

months ago) we are led to believe that with proper care they are well prepared to stand in the arsenal.

That they have examined the accoutrements, and find them well cleaned, oiled and repaired, and put in proper order for preservation. The expense of this amounts to \$118 90 1-2.

On a full investigation of that part of the report relating to the manufacturing of arms in the State Prison, we are satisfied, that to a certain extent, it could be carried on there, with advantage to the state, by employing only one experienced workman, to instruct the prisoners and do the most difficult part of the work, under the direction of the Quarter Master General—which we recommend the House to provide for.

That they have examined the west wing of the State House, and find its present covering insufficient to defend that part of the building from the storms—that it will, in process of time, materially injure the arms, as well as the timber and walls; we therefore recommend to the House, that the Quarter Master General be directed to have that wing covered with copper or lead, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding \$ to defray the expense.

The committee find in the arsenal 1563 stand of arms, 1756 bayonets and belts, 1776 cartridge boxes, 1007 knapsacks, 423 can-

teens, 5 horsemen's valises, 143 tents, 298 tent poles, 121 camp kittles, 21 mess pans, 42 boxes of balls, 23 axe handles ; and that there have been issued to one Brigade, and to uniform companies on bond, the following arms and accoutrements.

To Gen. William Irick 200 muskets and 200 accoutrements.

To Capt. Garret D. Wall,	72 do.	72 do.
William Ten Eyck,	40 do.	
William Low,	64 do.	94 do.
Abm. Vanarsdalen,	60 do.	60 do.
William Wright,	35 do.	
Zachariah Rossell,	50 do.	50 do.
Robt. L. Armstrong,	65 do.	65 do.
Thomas B. Potts,	70 do.	70 do.
Hezekiah Norris,	50 do.	50 do.
Peter I Clark,	40 do.	40 do.
John Yard,	50 do.	50 do.
John Exton,	60 do.	60 do.
Samuel W. Fell,	60 do.	60 do.
Samuel Halliday,	50 do.	50 do.
William Brittain,	55 do.	55 do.
Daniel Kilburn,	35 do.	35 do.
Jeremiah Mitchell	40 do.	40 do.
John Hulick,	50 do.	50 do.
Gould,	40 do.	40 do.
Cyrus Crane,	40 do.	40 do.
Caleb Crane,	40 do.	40 do.
Harrison,	40 do.	40 do.
Baldwin,	25 do.	25 do.

Amounting to	1334	1256
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That they have examined the incidental accounts of the Quarter Master General, amounting to \$56 86 and find it correct ; and for his personal services the last year, they recommend to the House, that he be allowed the sum of \$

All which is most respectfully submitted.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Haas presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Georgetown and Lambertsville, in the county of Hunterdon, praying for a law, authorizing a lottery, to finish a church.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Haas, Coxe and Sharp.

Mr. Stryker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the charter of the city of New Brunswick," passed at Trenton, February 23, 1807.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, January 27.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Doctor

Jabez Campfield, praying payment of the principal and interest, up to this time, of certain bills of credit, or promissory notes, issued by this State, under the act of June 9th, 1780, made the following Report;

That the claims of this petitioner are of that kind which the treasurer is authorized to settle and discharge by the act of March 12th, 1796, and February, 13th, 1797, and therefore a special interference of the Legislature is not necessary.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, entitled a further supplement to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Spruce-Run turnpike company," passed the 5th day of February, 1813, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.*

*Mackey,
McCurry,
McNeely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Pearson,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,*

*Ely,
Estille,
Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,*

*Sibley,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Bilderback,
Haas,
Lloyd,*

*Nixon,
Prall.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled an act to authorize trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esq. dec. was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The House again resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled an act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, and after making considerable progress therein,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Haas, from the committee to whom

was committed the petition of the inhabitants of Georgetown and Lambertsville, in the county of Hunterdon, praying for a law to authorize a lottery, &c.

Reported,

That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee on that subject, reported the following bills, viz :

A bill entitled a further supplement to the act entitled " An act respecting slaves," and a bill entitled An act to prevent kidnapping people of color.

Which bills were respectively read, ordered a second reading, and in the meantime to be printed.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from his excellency the Governor :

To the Legislative Council and

General Assembly of the state of New-Jersey.

GENTLEMEN,

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having transmitted to me the accompanying message and documents, communicated to the House of Representatives of that state, I lay them before you for your information.

ISAAC H. WILLIAMSON.

Trenton, January 27, 1818.

Which communication was read, and with the accompanying documents, ordered to lie on the table.

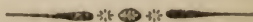
The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate "The York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry company," was read a third time compared and recommitted to the original committee.

The report made by Mr. D. Thompson this morning, on the petition of Doctor Jabez Campfield, was taken up and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled an Act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes, was again taken up, progressed in and postponed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize Trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esquire, deceased, was read a third time, compared and postponed, when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.



Wednesday, January 28.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Darcy, from the committee on that subject reported a bill, entitled an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Lunham, late Elizabeth Horton.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to aid in the erection of a bridge at Columbia Glass Manufactory, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?
It was decided in the negative, as follows ;

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Mackey,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>M^r Curry,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>M^r Neely,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>R. Thomson.</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	

NAYS,

<i>Messrs. Banta,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Estile,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to au-

thorize trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esquire, deceased, was taken up, and

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Mc Curry,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Mc Neely,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Mackey,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

NAYS,

<i>Messrs. Beardslee,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Estile,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Willits.</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to

Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, and after going through the same by section, ordered it to be engrossed.

A message from council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the house, that council have passed the following bills from this house without amendment, viz.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act entitled An act for establishing a turnpike road from the town of Hackensack, to Hoboken, in the county of Bergen.

The bill, entitled a supplement to an act entitled An act to authorize a turnpike road to be made, from Deckertown, in the county of Sussex, to the Delaware, nearly opposite to Milford, in the state of Pennsylvania.

The bill, entitled An act authorizing the administrators of James Earhart, deceased, to convey certain lands to the heirs of John Earhart.

The bill, entitled a further supplement to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Spruce-Run turnpike company, passed February 5, 1813."

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the sureties of George J. Wrightington to collect

the monies arising by virtue of his official papers as Constable.

And the bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michaels, in the city of Trenton.

And that Council have passed a bill, entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to authorize the ditching and draining the bog and fly meadow in Morris county."

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of which George C. Maxwell died possessed, as tenant in common with Doctor Isaac Ogden, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Jersey city, commonly called Powles Hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank, was taken up and after employing some time thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Beardslee presented a petition from a

number of the inhabitants of the township of Walpack, in the county of Sussex, praying for a law to authorize a turnpike from Columbia bridge, by the Water-Gap, to a certain place in said county.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Beardslee, Darcy and Willits.

The bill under consideration on adjournment this morning, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey city, commonly called Powles-hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank, was again taken up, gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act for the more effectual administration of justice, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act confirming the sale of the real estate of Moses Tichenor, deceased, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to preserve the jurisdiction of this state," was again taken up, gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on the Pennsylvania controversy, was taken up, and after employing some time therein,

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, January 29.

Ten o'clock the house met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the more effectual administration of justice, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Mr Curry,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Estille,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Mackey,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

NAYS.

<i>Messrs. Banta,</i>	<i>Mr Neely,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>

*Curriden,
Dunn,
Ely,
Haas,
Lloyd,*

*Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act confirming the sales of the real estate of Moses Tichenor, deceased, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of which George C. Maxwell, died possessed, as tenant in common with Doctor Isaac Ogden, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act to preserve and support the jurisdiction of this State," was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled "An act concerning roads," was taken up by the House, and after employing considerable time thereon, postponed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act to authorize trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esq. deceased,

With amendments,

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill, entitled an act to establish the Sussex Bank, at Newton, in the county of Sussex.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act authorizing the administrators of George Bidleman, deceased, to execute certain contracts for the sale of real estate, which was read a third time, compared and ordered to lie on the table, on the 20th inst. was taken up—and

On the question—shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act, to authorize trustees to sell and convey the real estate of John A. Schuyler, esquire, deceased, was read and compared.

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,*

*M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Miller,
Pearson,*

Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Evans,
Haas,
Kinney,

Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bilderback,
Estile,
Gould,
Merseiles,

Parker,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Evans, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to repeal all the insolvent acts passed since March 18th, 1795, and to revive the act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18th, 1795.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill, entitled An act concerning divorces, and for other purposes, was read a se-

second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee under consideration, on adjournment last evening, was taken up and agreed to by the House.

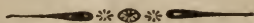
Whereupon, Mr. D. Thompson, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the foregoing report and resolutions be sent to Council, and if Council concur therein, that his excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit a copy thereof to the Governor of Pennsylvania, and also a copy of the report and accompanying documents of the commissioners of New Jersey, appointed for settling certain differences with the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under authority of an act passed Jan. 31, 1817, with a request that the same be laid before the Legislature of that state.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act concerning roads, and having gone through the same by section, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Friday, January 30.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House, a petition, &c. from Charles Croxall and others of

the county of Sussex, &c. relative to the Belvidere estate.

Which petition was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow ground lying between Moore's bank and the bank running from Tyler's point to Street's point, in the township of Lower Alloways creek, in the county of Salem, to cut and keep open a water course through Moore's bank, and to open and keep open the present water courses on each side of the said Bank.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson, was taken up, progressed in and postponed.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to establish the Sussex Bank, at Newton, in the county of Sussex, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered a third reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act concerning divorces, and for other purposes, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
M^r Curry,*

*M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker.
Pine,
Prall,
Read.
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson.
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAY.

Mr. Curriden.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled An act concerning swine, was read a second time and postponed till the afternoon.

Mr. Coxe offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to procure four sets of the Journals and Votes of Council and Assembly and the public and private laws, for the last six sessions of the Legislature, and have them bound and lettered for the use of this House, and deposited in the State Library.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the House.

The bill, entitled An act to prevent kidnapping free people of colour, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "An act respecting slaves," was taken up, and while under discussion,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled An act to incorporate "The York and Jersey Steam-Boat ferry company," reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, agreed to and the bill again ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill under discussion on adjournment, entitled a further supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting slaves," and after employing some time thereon, postponed the same till to-morrow morning.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to prevent kidnapping free people of colour, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estille,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*McNeely,
Miller,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits,
Wood.*

NAYS.

Messrs. Banta,

Merseiles,

*Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Curriden,
Darcy,
M^r Curry,*

*Nixon,
Prall,
Van Brakle,
Zabriskie.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein ;

The bill entitled a supplement to an act, entitled "an act establishing a Militia system," passed February 18, 1815, was taken up and after making considerable progress therein, postponed till to-morrow morning.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act making process effectual in the court of Chancery against absent defendants," with amendments, and the title amended to read, a further supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting the court of Chancery."

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

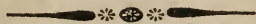
Which amendments were read, agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message further informed, that Council have passed a bill entitled a supplement to an act entitled "An act to regulate the Fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes," passed November 26th. 1808.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and committed to messrs. Evans, Sharp and Prall.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.



Saturday, January 31.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-Boat ferry company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Gould,*

*M^r Curry,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson.
Willits,*

*Halliday,
Kinney,
Mackey,*

*Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Haas,
McNeely,
Nixon,*

*Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled a further supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting the Court of Chancery," was read and compared.

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Core,
Darcy,*

*Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,*

Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Gould,
Haas,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
Mr Curry,
Mr Neely,

Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Zabriskie.

NAY.

Mr. Curriden.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to establish the Sussex Bank, at Newton, in the county of Sussex, was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,

Gould,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
Mr Curry,
Merseiles,

*Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,*

*Miller,
Pearson,
Read,
Sibly,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Ely,
Haas,
Halliday,
M^rNeely,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,*

*Prall,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stryker,
Van Brakle,
Willits.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled An act establishing a Militia system, and having gone through the same by section ordered it to be engrossed.

Mr. Ayres, pursuant to leave given on the —instant, presented a bill, entitled An act to enable Aaron Hassert, David Freeman and Levi Disbrow, the survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a mill-dam across the river Raritan, near the landing bridge.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey City, commonly called Powles Hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank, was taken up and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, on Monday morning.



Monday, February 2.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Ayres,

Banta,

Beardslee,

Bidleman,

Bilderback,

Coxe,

Curriden,

Darcy,

Day,

Dunn,

Ely,

McNeely,

Merseilles,

Miller,

Nixon,

Parker,

Pearson,

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Prall,

Schenck,

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Sibley,

*Estile,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
Mr Curry,*

*Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAY.

Mr. Elmer, Sp.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled An act establishing a militia system, was taken up and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled An act to authorize the ditching and draining, the bog and fly meadow in Morris county, was read a second time and postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Gould, from the committee to whom

was re-committed the engrossed bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act establishing a militia system," passed February 18th, 1815, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to and the bill gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment.

The bill, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain meadows, lying on Salem creek, in the township of Mannington, in the county of Salem, to make and maintain a bank, dams and water works, in order to prevent the tide from overflowing, and to drain the same."

The bill, entitled An act confirming the sales of the real estate of Moses Tichenor, dec.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to preserve the jurisdiction of this state."

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this state to pay to Daniel Smith of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money,

And the bill, entitled An act for the more effectual administration of Justice.

And that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled An act to prevent kidnapping free people of color.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of which George C. Maxwell died possessed, as tenant in common with Doctor Isaac Ogden, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to erect the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson, was again taken up, gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act concerning swine, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act concerning the Trenton Library company, was taken up and postponed.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize Andrew Kirkpatrick, esq. to pay to James Drake, certain monies, bequeathed to him, in and by the last will and testament of James Drake, the elder, dec. was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled a supplement to the act entitled "An act establishing a militia system," passed February 18, 1815, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>M^r Curry,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>M^r Neely,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Wood,</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>
<i>Mackey,</i>	

NAYS.

<i>Messrs. Coxe,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Estile,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
	<i>Willits.</i>

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

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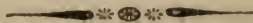
Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize Andrew Kirkpatrick, esq. to pay to James Drake, certain monies, bequeathed to him, in and by the last will and testament of James Drake, the elder, dec. was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Halliday, from the committee, to whom was re-committed the bill, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey city, commonly called Powles Hook, to be styled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Tuesday, February 3.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following memorial from the Inspectors of the State Prison.

*To the Honorable, the Legislature
of the State of New-Jersey.*

The memorial of the Inspectors of the New Jersey State Prison, respectfully represents,

That this institution is at present laboring under very great disadvantages, which they would respectfully make known to your honorable body, hoping and trusting that you, as the immediate guardians of the good citizens of this state, would make such alterations and amendments as your honorable body in your wisdom may think proper.

1st. The Inspectors would inform the Legislature that from present appearances the manufacture of nails, which is the principal article now made in this institution, and which has hitherto been a very productive employment for the men, has become latterly instead of producing a profit to this institution, by reason of the great reduction in the price of that article, so much so that if sales could be made to the extent of there being manufactured, there would nett but a very small advance from the first cost of the iron of which they are manufactured; but we have with pain and disappointment, to state, that the article of nails has the last year increased on our hands to an alarming extent, as will be seen by the following statement :

On the 1st of October, 1816, there

were on hand

963 kegs

On the 1st of October 1817, do. 1784 do.

Thus it will appear that there were 824 kegs, or upwards of 41 tons manufactured in one year, ending 30th September, 1817, more than were sold in the same space of time.

The Inspectors would candidly acknowledge, that they have no reason to calculate on a greater sale of nails the present year, than the former one, but on the contrary, believe that our sales will be more limited from a variety of causes ; the principal one, is that a number of manufacturers of that article, in the vicinity of our large cities, are selling their nails at a less price than this Institution can possibly manufacture them, even in some instances at the prime cost of the iron. This may arise in part from a great quantity of cut nails having been imported from England in the last year, and we have no reason to suppose a stop will be put to the importation.

2d. In order to meet the current expenses of this Institution, to pay for the articles of iron, fuel, &c. the Inspectors, from the very limited sale of nails, have been obliged to make large drafts on the Treasurer of this State, the last year, and they feel confident that the drafts on the Treasurer the ensuing year must be much larger, as from the increased number of prisoners, and the manufacture of nails being the only article of consequence, under the present mode of punishment they can employ the prisoners at, the quantity on hand will be every year increasing over and above

the sales, consequently a much larger amount of monied capital will be necessary to carry on the business, which capital will be laying invested in cut nails on hand, which cannot be disposed of in the opinion of the Inspectors at a forced sale, for the first cost of the iron of which they were made.

Note.—The amount of money drawn from the Treasurer the last year exclusively for the payment of iron, was about the sum of eight thousand dollars, and for the current year the Inspectors would suppose the sum of ten thousand dollars at least will be necessary to conduct the business of the Institution under the present regulations.

3d. The Inspectors have now under their charge, one hundred and twelve prisoners in the Prison, who are employed in the following manner :

- 30 men cutting and heading nails,
- 10 do. making wrought nails,
- 6 Shoemakers,
- 8 Weavers,
- 19 Men Spinning,
- 8 do. in gun-shop,

And the remainder of the men and women in different occupations, as tailors, basket makers, coopers, blacksmiths, &c. &c. which small employments are carried on to as great an extent as circumstances will admit, so that the Inspectors feeling themselves bound to

keep the men at labor, they have employed as few men in the manufacture of cut nails as they possibly can.

4th. In the internal concerns of the prison we would again most respectfully invite the attention of your honorable body, to a circumstance calling for the interposition of the Legislature, to wit, excessive bills of cost, charged to prisoners, as frequent cases occur, wherein prisoners have several large bills of costs charged to them, which in the first instance this Institution is obliged to pay, without ever receiving any remuneration by the prisoners' labor, or by any other means, whereby the Institution becomes greatly the sufferer.

The Inspectors having in the foregoing hasty remarks, shewn your honorable body into what a situation we are placed by reason of the many inconveniences under which we labor, would proceed most respectfully to recommend such alterations in the laws as justice and sound policy should dictate, and

1st. Would again call your attention to short terms of imprisonment. This we can truly say has been exceedingly against the interest of this Institution, which this board had the honor to represent to your honors last year. — We would therefore recommend that no prisoner be sent to this prison on any occasion for a less term than one year, but that such other punishment should be inflicted on persons for small crimes, as the Legislature in their wisdom may think expedient.

2d. To the revival of a supplement of the act entitled "An act making provision for the carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 1, 1804, and repealed by an act passed February 16, 1816.

Your honorable body will discover by examining the several acts, that the former gave the inspectors discretionary powers in certain cases ; and the act passed February 16, 1816, to repeal the former and which repeal places the power in the Governor and Council. The inspectors would state their reason for wishing the act of March 1, 1804 revived ; first, that the court of pardons sits but twice in a year, to wit, in May and November ; secondly, that frequent cases occur that the prisoners' times expire soon after the sitting of the Court, who are unable to pay the balance of cost, &c. consequently the Inspectors are obliged to keep the men in confinement, frequently at a great expense to the state, until the meeting of the next court.

3d. It having become manifest to the Inspectors, and must certainly have become more or less so to your honors, that from the present mode of punishment little or no good can be expected, as to the reformation of the persons in confinement, or as a terror to those without, from the very trifling or probably nothing of punishment and the probable chance of effecting their escape. To make the punishment more commensurate to the crimes

committed, the inspectors would again call the attention of the Legislature to the subject of erecting a sufficient number of cells for the purpose of confining the most abandoned, and for such as may commit capital offences, separate and apart from each other. This with due deference to your honors, would we conceive be the most effectual means of lessening the number of convicts sent for high crimes, as the circumstance of separate confinement would soon get abroad among that class of society, which would no doubt prevent a number from violating our most excellent laws, and would ultimately, we have no doubt, be the means of bringing about a reformation in those who should unhappily become the subjects of such a mode of punishment.

ELLETT TUCKER, *President of the
Board of Inspectors.*

HON. EBENEZER ELMER, *Speaker of the
House of Assembly.*

January 30th, 1846.

Which memorial was read, ordered a second reading and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Kinney presented the report of Abraham Ackerman, commissioner appointed to take charge of the property belonging to this State, at Paterson.

Which report was read, and committed to Messrs. Kinney, Annin and Shreve.

Mr. Kinney also presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, relative to the fisheries in Passaic river, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Gould, Merseilles and Lloyd.

Mr. Darcy, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act to repeal the 3d section of an act, entitled "An act to ensure the faithful and impartial execution of office," passed February 4, 1813.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act concerning roads, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Mr Curry</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Mr Neely,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Merseilles,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>

*Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
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Haas,
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Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Curriden,
Evans,*

Read.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to erect the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county, to be called the county of Jackson, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,*

*M^r Curry,
Merseiles,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,*

*Estille,
Evans,
Mackey,*

*R. Thomson,
Willits,
Zabriskie.*

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NAYS.

*Messrs. Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Day,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*McNeely,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sibly,
Van Brakle,
Wood.*

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Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act concerning swine, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Day,
Estile,*

*McCurry,
Merseiles,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,*

*Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*Sharp,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Willits.
Wood.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Beardslee,
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*McNeely,
Nixon,
Parker,
Read,
Schenck,
Shreve,
Sibley,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Zabriskie.*

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of which George C. Maxwell, died possessed, as tenant in common with Doctor Isaac Ogden, was read and compared.

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to

by this house, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from his Excellency the Governor.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I herewith transmit to you a communication from the Governor of Tennessee, with a copy of certain resolutions passed by the Legislature of that state at their late session, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, and which I recommend to your consideration.

Also, a copy of resolutions passed by the Legislature of North Carolina, approving of the amendment proposed by the Legislature of this State, at a former session, to the Constitution of the United States.

ISAAC H. WILLIAMSON.

Trenton, February 3d, 1818.

Which communication was read with the accompanying documents.—The resolution from Tennessee, and one to the same purport from Kentucky, communicated to the house on the inst. were committed to Messrs D. Thompson, Read and Day, and the other ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Mackey, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act for the benefit of Thomas Croxal of the county of Sussex in the State of New Jersey.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. M'Curry presented a petition from James Hinchman, of the county of Morris, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs M'Curry, Banta and Estile.

The engrossed bill entitled an act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey city, commonly called Powles-Hook, to be styled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.*

*Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Mackey,
M'Curry,
Merseiles,
Pearson,
Read,
Sibley,
R. Thomson,*

Estille,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bilderback,

Dunn,

Ely,

Haas,

Lloyd,

McNeely,

Nixon,

Parker,

Pine,

Prall,

Schenck,

Sharp,

Shreve,

Stryker,

D. Thompson,

Van Brakle,

Willits,

Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, entitled An act to enable Aaron Hassert, David Freeman and Levi Disbrow, the survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a mill-dam across the river Raritan, near the landing bridge, was taken up, and after employing considerable time thereon, postponed till to-morrow morning.

The bill, entitled An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, was read a second time and postponed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, February 4.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Mackey, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act to aid in the erection of a bridge over the river Delaware at Columbia Glass manufactory.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wood, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act for the payment of the several presidents of the general and respective Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphan's Court, who may be appointed by virtue of an act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice," passed February 2, 1818.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act concerning divorces and for other purposes,

Without amendment.

And that Council have passed the following bills from this House. viz.

The bill, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools—and

The bill, entitled An act, authorizing two of the administrators of George Bidleman, dec. to execute certain contracts for the sale of real estate :

With amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments, to the latter, were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

And the former bill, with the amendments, postponed.

The House took up the bill, entitled An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, and having gone through the same by section, ordered it to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act to enable Aaron Hassert, David Freeman and Levi Disbrow, the survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a mill-dam across the river Raritan, near the landing bridge, and having gone through the same by section, ordered it to be engrossed.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the proposition from the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for altering the constitution of the United States, submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposition from the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for amen-

ding the constitution of the United States, in the following words, to wit, "That no law varying the compensation of the members of the Congress of the United States, shall take effect, until the time for which the members of the House of Representatives of that Congress by which the law was passed, shall have expired," is inexpedient and ought not to be adopted.

Resolved, That the aforesaid proposition, from the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, with the decisions of this House thereupon, be sent to Council, and if council concur therein, that his Excellency the Governor, be requested to give information thereof to the executives of the several states.

Which resolutions were read and agreed to, when

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pine, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars, for the year of our Lord 1818.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act, authorizing two of the administrators of George

Bidleman, dec. to execute certain contracts for the sale of real estate, was read and compared.

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,*

*Lloyd,
Mackey,
M^r Curry
Pearson,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits,*

*Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,*

*Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Banta,
Beardslee,
Day,
Evans,
Haas,
McNeely,
Merseilles,
Miller,*

*Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize Andrew Kirkpatrick, Esq. to pay to James Drake, certain monies bequeathed to him, in and by the last will and testament of James Drake, the elder, dec. was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was determined in the negative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,*

*Pearson,
Prall,*

*Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Merseiles,
Miller,*

*Read,
Schenck,
Stryker,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Banta,
Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*Mackey,
Mr Curry,
Mr Neely,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.*

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed a bill, entitled An act to appoint trustees to sell and convey the real estate of the heirs of Elizabeth Jeralman, late of the county of Bergen, dec.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee to whom

was committed the report of Abraham Ackerman, commissioner, &c. reported a bill, entitled An act for the sale of the lands in the county of Essex, belonging to this State.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

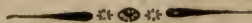
Mr. Gould, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act, to regulate the fisheries in the river Passaic.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes," was taken up, and with the memorial of the Inspectors of the State Prison, committed to messrs. D. Thompson, Read, M'Neely, Day, Ayres, Wood and Schenck.

The bill, entitled An act to repeal the several insolvent laws passed since March 18, 1795, and to revive the act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18, 1795, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Thursday, February 5.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Kinney, presented a petition from a

number of blacks and people of colour, confined in the State Prison, praying, for reasons therein set forth, legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and committed to messrs. Kinney, Pearson and Stryker.

The amendments made by Council to the bill from this House, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free-schools, was taken up and postponed.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to repeal the several insolvent laws passed since March 18, 1795 and to revive the act entitled "an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18, 1795, was taken up and recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

The engrossed bill entitled an act to enable Aaron Hassert, David Freeman and Levi Disbrow, the survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns to erect a Mill-dam, across the river Raritan near the landing bridge, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,*

*M'Neely,
Merseiles,
Nixon,*

Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
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Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
Mc Curry,

Parker,
Pearson,
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Prall,
Read,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibly,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Evans,
Gould,

Miller,
Schenck,
Stryker,
Zubriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled " an act to authorize Samuel H. Berry, his heirs and assigns, to erect and keep up, a bank, dam, sluice and water works, across Berry's creek, in the township of New Barbadoes, near the head of the navigation of the said creek, opposite to his saw mill erected there," was read

a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled an act to repeal part of an act entitled "An act for the preservation of sheep," passed February 23, 1811, was read a second time and committed to Messrs Pearson, Darcy and Parker.

The bill entitled an act for the sale of lands in the county of Essex, belonging to this state, was read a second time considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey," was taken up, and while employed thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the sale of the lands in the county of Essex, belonging to this State, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been pass-

ed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from Council, under discussion on adjournment, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey," and having gone through by section, and amended the same, ordered it a third reading.

Mr. D. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 18, 1796, and the memorial of the Inspectors of the State Prison, reported in part, the said bill, with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill progressed in and postponed.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the charter of the city of New-Brunswick," passed at Trenton, February 23, 1801, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled An act to authorize the ditching and draining the Bog and Fly meadow, in Morris county, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading,

The bill from Council, entitled An act rel-

ative to the division of real estates of intestates, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled "An additional supplement to the act relative to elections, to enable the militia or volunteers of this state, when in the actual military service of the United States, or of this State, to exercise the rights of election," passed February 16, 1815, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow ground lying between Moores bank and the bank running from Tyler's point to Street's point, in the township of Lower Alloways creek, in the county of Salem, to cut and keep open a water course through Moore's bank, and to open and keep open the present water courses on each side of the said bank, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Passaic, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Friday, February 6.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Evans, from the committee to whom

was committed the bill from Council, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled "An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware and for other purposes," passed November 26, 1808, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, &c. the 1st section ordered to be struck out, and the bill postponed to the next session of the Legislature.

The engrossed bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the charter of the city of New Brunswick," passed at Trenton, February 23, 1801, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow ground, lying between Moore's bank and the bank running from Tyler's point to Street's point in the township of Lower Alloways creek, in the county of Salem, to cut and keep open a water course through Moore's bank and to open and keep open the present water courses on each side of the said bank, was read a third time and compared;

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act to repeal an act, entitled "An additional supplement to the act relative to elections to enable the militia or volunteers of this State, when in the actual military service of the United States, or of this State, to exercise the rights of election," passed February 16th, 1815, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Jersey City, commonly called Powles-Hook, to be styled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank,

Without amendment.

The bill, entitled An act for the payment of

the several Presidents of the general and respective courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphans' court, who may be appointed, by virtue of an act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice," passed February 2d. A. D. 1818, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House, a further report from the Quarter Master General, relative to the cleaning and repairing of the arms belonging to the State.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to authorize Samuel H. Berry, his heirs and assigns, to erect and keep up a bank, dam, sluice and water works across Berry's creek, in the township of New Barbadoes, near the head of the navigation of the said creek, opposite to his saw mill erected there, was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to authorize the ditching and draining the Bog and Fly meadow, in Morris county, was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The bill from Council, entitled An act relative to the division of the real estates of intestates, was read a third time.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*Mackey,
McCurry
McNeely,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Willits,*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Banta,
Merseilles,*

*Van Brakle,
Zabriskie.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bills have been passed by this House without amendment.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey," was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Mackey,*

*Mc Curry,
McNeely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Dunn,
Nixon,*

Prahl.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

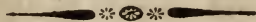
Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council, that said bill has been passed by this House, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of Council.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled a further supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting slaves, and having gone through the same by section, ordered it to be engrossed."

The bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.



Saturday, February 7.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. M'Curry, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of William Larrison and Stephen Luse.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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On motion,

Resolved, That Messrs. Day, Willits and Nixon, be a committee to enquire and report what business now before the two Houses, may require to be acted on before the rising of the Legislature.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the payment of the several presidents of the general and respective courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphans' court, who may be appointed by virtue of an act entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice," passed February 2d A. D. 1818, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,
Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,
M^r Curry,*

*Miller,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

Messrs. Ayres,

M^r Neely,

*Banta,
Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Dunn,
Ely,
Haas,
Lloyd,*

*Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sibly,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled an act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled a further supplement to the act entitled “ An act respecting slaves,” was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative, as follows.

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Coxe,*

*Halliday,
Pearson,*

*Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Evans,
Gould,*

*Pine,
Read,
Sharp,
Stryker,
Willits.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Estile,
Haas,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mr Curry*

*Mr Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Schenck,
Shreve,
Sibley,
D. Thompson,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton—

Without amendment.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act establishing Courts for the trial of small causes ; and the bill entitled An act concerning roads, respectively, with amendments,

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments, were read, those made to the latter agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed ; those to the former, with the bill, committed to the original committee who reported said bill.

Mr. Evans, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill, entitled An act to repeal the several insolvent laws passed since March 18th, 1795 and to revive the act entitled " An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18th, 1795, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Read with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to authorize the sale and conveyance of the real estate of John Riley.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act to repeal part of an act entitled " An act for the preservation of sheep," passed February 23, 1811, reported in lieu thereof, a bill entitled An act concerning dogs.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House took up the amendments made by Council to the bill from this House, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for

the support of free schools, and after employing some time thereon, postponed the same.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

The bill, from Council, entitled An act to appoint trustees to sell and convey the real estate of the heirs of Elizabeth Joralman, late of the county of Bergen, deceased, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading

Mr. Bidleman, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to repeal the fifth section of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of certain free blacks and people of color, in the state prison,

Reported,

That it is inexpedient at this time to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 18, 1796, and having agreed to the amendments, and gone through

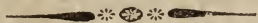
the same by section, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to repeal the third section of an act, entitled "An act to ensure the faithful and impartial execution of office," passed February 4, 1813, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to and the bill dismissed.

Mr. D. Thompson, with leave, presented a bill, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act respecting conveyances," passed June 7, 1799, and to the act, entitled "An act to register mortgages," passed June 7, 1799.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, on Monday morning.



Monday, February 9.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Beardslee, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia and Flatbrook turnpike company.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Day, from the committee appointed to examine and report what unfinished business is necessary to be acted on, during the present sitting of the Legislature, made the following report, viz ;

A bill for the punishment of crimes.

A bill relative to the fisheries in the river Passaic.

A bill authorizing trustees to sell the real estate of the heirs of Elizabeth Joralman, deceased,

Report of the Adjutant General.

Report of the Quarter Master General.

A bill authorizing the sale of the real estate of John Riley.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Croxall.

A bill for the preservation of Deer.

A bill concerning Dogs.

A memorial from Charles Gordon, Esq.

A bill for the relief of William Larrison and Stephen Luse.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the committee to whom was committed the amendments made by Council to the bill from this House, entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,

Reported,

That they have agreed to all the amendments made by Council to said bill, except the first and fourth to the 24th section, the third to the 25th section, to the 26th and 27th new sections, to the second, to the 30th section and

to the one made to the 59th section, to which amendments they disagree.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act concerning roads, was read and compared,

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Estile,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*Mr Curry,
Mr Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Pine,
Prall,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAY.

Mr. Evans.

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Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act for the relief of William Larrison and Stephen Luse, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled "An act for the preservation of deer and other game, and to prevent trespassing with guns," passed December 21, 1771, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill, entitled an act to repeal the fifth section of an act, entitled An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to appoint trustees to sell and convey the real estate of the heirs of Elizabeth Joralman, late of the county of Bergen, dec., was read a third time.

On the question—shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Kinney,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>Lloyd,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Muckey,</i>
<i>Beardslee,</i>	<i>M^cCurry,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>M^cNeely,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Estille,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Zabriskie,</i>

NAYS.

Messrs. D. Thompson, *Willits,*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The engrossed bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled " An act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 18, 1796, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estille,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibly,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,*

*Pine,
R. Thomson.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to re-

peal the several insolvent laws, passed since March 18, 1795, and to revive the act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18, 1795, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Evans,
Halliday,
M^r Curry*

*Parker,
Pine,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stryker.
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Day,
Estile,
Gould,
Haas,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*Mackey,
M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Prall,
Sibley,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have disagreed to the following bills from this House.

The bill, entitled An act for erecting the lower part of the county of Sussex, in New-Jersey, into a separate county to be called the county of Jackson.

And the bill, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled "An additional supplement to the act relative to elections," to enable the militia or volunteers of this State, when in the actual service of the U. States, and of this State, to exercise the rights of election.

And that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to alter and amend the charter of the city of New-Brunswick,

The bill, entitled An act to incorporate The York and Jersey Steam-Boat ferry company.

The bill, entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow ground lying between Moore's bank and the bank running from Tyler's point to Street's point, in the township of Lower Alloways creek, in the county of Salem, to cut and keep open a water course through Moore's bank, and to open and keep open the present water courses, on each side of the said Bank :

And the bill entitled An act to raise the

sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

And that Council have agreed to the amendment made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act entitled "An act, to incorporate the Medical Society of New Jersey."

And have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

And that Council insist on their amendments to the bill from this House, entitled An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes, except the second amendment to the 30th section, from which they recede.

And that Council have appointed Messrs Stevenson and Frelinghuysen, a committee to confer with a committee, to be appointed by this House, on the subject of the amendments disagreed to by this House.

Whereupon, Messrs. Kinney, Coxe and Wood, were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council accordingly.

Mr. Darcy, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House will rise on Friday next.

Which resolution was read and agreed to, nem. con.

The House resumed the consideration of

the amendment made by Council to the bill from this House, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free-schools, and disagreed to the same, and ordered the Clerk to inform Council thereof.

On motion of Mr. Halliday,

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into a Joint-meeting, to appoint civil and military officers, and request Council to appoint the time and place of said meeting.

Mr. Curriden presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law to establish a banking institution in the town of Salem.

Which petitions were read and committed to messrs. Curriden, Gould and Pine.

Mr. Halliday, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act respecting the persons of idiots and lunatics.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and mean time to be printed.

The bill, entitled A supplement to an act, entitled "An act respecting conveyances," passed June 7, 1799, and to the act, entitled "An act to register mortgages," passed June 7, 1799, was taken up and postponed.

Mr. Wood from the committee to whom

was committed sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Monmouth, Middlesex and Somerset, praying that the Legislature would set off a new county, within specified bounds, from said counties, reported,

That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said petitioners.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



Tuesday, February 10.

Ten o'clock the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed a bill entitled A Supplement to the act entitled "An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey city, commonly called Powles-Hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney, presented a petition from Samuel Colt, of the county of Essex, praying for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read and referred to the incidental committee.

Mr. Haas presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Readington in the county of Hunterdon, deprecating the passing of An act to alter the boundary line of said township.

Which petition was read and ordered a second reading, with the bill on that subject.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled "An act for the limitation of actions."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Curriden, from the committee to whom was committed sundry petitions from sundry inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for a Bank at Salem,

Reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill consonant to their prayer.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the relief of William Larrison and Stephen Luse, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled a supplement to

an act entitled "An act for the preservation of deer and other game, and to prevent trespassing with guns," passed December 21, 1771, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>M^r Curry,</i>
<i>Ayres,</i>	<i>M^r Neely,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Parker,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Shreve,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	<i>Willits,</i>
<i>Mackey,</i>	<i>Zabriskie.</i>

NAYS.

<i>[Messrs. Beardslee,</i>	<i>Haas,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Estille,</i>	<i>Pine.</i>

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to repeal

the fifth section of An act entitled "An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware," was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp^r,
Estille,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,*

*Lloyd,
Mackey,
M^r Curry,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Parker,
Prall,
Schenck,
Shreve,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Core,
Ely,
Evans,
Pearson,*

*Pine,
Sharp,
Sibly.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been pass-

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ed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion,

The House re-considered the vote of yesterday afternoon, on disagreeing to the amendments made by Council to the bill from this House, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees, for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, reversed the same, agreed to the amendment of Council with amendments, and ordered the clerk to inform Council accordingly.

On motion,

Resolved, That messrs. Coxe, Annin and Sibley be a committee to enquire and report on the expediency and expense of erecting additional cells in the state prison, for the purpose of solitary confinement of prisoners convicted of the more enormous crimes, and a plan for carrying the same into effect.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Council and General Assembly of this State, that the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and required to propose to the Governor of the state of New York, the appointment of one or more commissioners to agree with an equal number of commissioners to be appointed by him. to make a case containing all the facts relative to the claim of jurisdiction by the latter state

to high water mark on the shores of this state, to the end that the same may be submitted for the consideration and decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which decision as to the question in controversy, shall be final and conclusive, and that the Governor be requested to employ such counsel as he may deem proper on the occasion.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. M'Neely, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to prevent unnecessary bills of cost.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House took up the bill, entitled An act concerning dogs, and while employed thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled An act for the sale of the lands in the county of Essex, belonging to this state, and that Council will be ready to go into a Joint-meeting for the appointment of civil and military officers, to-morrow afternoon, at three o'clock, in the Assembly room.

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication from W. Maris, president of the New Hope Delaware Bridge company, covering a statement of the cost of erecting and completing the New Hope Delaware Bridge, and the amount of toll received for crossing the same, commencing the 13th September, 1814 ; made pursuant to the 14th section of an act of this state, entitled " An act to incorporate the subscribers to the New Hope Delaware Bridge company," the 23d of January, 1812.

Which communication was read with the accompanying document and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled " An act to prevent unnecessary bills of cost," was taken up, and after employing some time thereon, postponed till to-morrow morning.

Mr. Curriden, pursuant to leave given, this morning, presented a bill, entitled An act to establish " the Bank of New Jersey," in the town of Salem, in the county of Salem.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled an act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells in the State-prison.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, under discussion on adjournment, entitled "An act concerning dogs," and having gone through the same by section; on the question of engrossing, it was decided in the negative, and

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, February 11.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. M'Neely, with leave, presented a bill entitled an act explanatory of An act passed February 4th, 1813, entitled "An act to ensure the faithful and impartial execution of office."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kinney, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill, entitled a supplement to the act entitled "An act for publication of Law reports."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act to prevent unnecessary bills of cost, and after employing some time thereon postponed the same.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House, with amendments:

The bill entitled, An act for the payment of the several Presidents of the general and respective courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphans' Courts, who may be appointed by virtue of an act entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice," passed February 2d, 1818—

The bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 18, 1796—

The bill, entitled An act to enable Aaron Hassert, David Freeman and Levi Disbrow, the survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs and assigns to erect a Mill-dam across the Raritan near the landing bridge.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills respectively ordered to be re-engrossed

The Message also informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to regulate the fees of the judges, surrogates, clerks and other officers of the Orphans' court, and a bill, entitled an act to repeal the several insolvent laws, passed since March 18th, 1795, and to revive the act entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18th, 1795.

To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were read and respectively ordered a second reading.

The Message further informed the House, that Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the amendment of Council to the bill, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools.

Which bill was ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message also informed the House, that Council have so far receded from their amendments to the bill from this House, entitled "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," as to alter and amend the same, as agreed upon by the committee of conference, and request this house to agree to the said amendments as amended.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message further informed the House, that Council have agreed to the Resolution from this House, relative to the controversy with the State of New York, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the Resolution ordered to be re-engrossed.

Which resolution as amended, is as follows :

Whereas, heretofore the states of New-York and New-Jersey respectively appointed Commissioners to enter into a mutual agreement, in respect to the exercise of their several and respective jurisdictions, whenever they might be supposed to interfere, in such manner as finally to settle the limits and extent within which they might exercise their rights of jurisdiction respectively in and over all the waters lying and being between the shores of the said States, and finally to settle and determine the Eastern boundary line of the state of New-Jersey : AND, WHEREAS, the said commissioners having failed to make an amicable settlement and final agreement in regard to the premises, and it is highly expedient in order to preserve harmony and good understanding between the said States, that the said matters should be finally settled and determined,

THEREFORE—Resolved, by the Council and General Assembly of this state, That the Governor of this state be, and he is hereby authorized and required to propose to the Governor of the state of New-York, the appointment of one or more commissioners, to agree with an equal number of commissioners, to be appointed by him, to make a case containing all facts relative to their several and respective claims of jurisdiction wherever they interfere, and finally to settle and deter-

mine the eastern boundary line of the state of New-Jersey, to the end that the same may be submitted for the consideration and decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which decision, as to the questions in controversy, shall be final and conclusive, and that the Governor be requested to employ such counsel as he may deem proper on the occasion.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act establishing a Militia system," passed February 18, 1815, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read and agreed to, except a new section, No. 18, to which the House disagreed, and ordered the Clerk to inform Council accordingly.

The bill entitled an act respecting the persons of idiots and lunatics, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed. The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act for the payment of the several Presidents of the general and respective Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions and Orphans' Courts, who may be appointed, by virtue of an act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice," passed February

2, 1818, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Estile,
Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,
M^r Curry,*

*Miller,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits.
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Dunn,
Ely,
Haas,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to

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Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Read, presented a petition from James Jessup, of the county of Gloucester, praying Legislative aid in the premises.

Which petition was read, whereupon,

Mr. Read, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act to confirm the sale of certain real estate in the county of Salem and State of New Jersey, late of Samuel Holme, deceased, by Margaret Holme, surviving executrix of the last will and testament of the said deceased.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act for the benefit of Thomas Croxall, of the county of Sussex, N. J. was taken up, Whereupon,

Mr. D. Thompson presented in lieu thereof, a bill entitled an act for the division of the Belvidere estate (so called) in the county of Sussex, and State of New Jersey.

Which bill was read, and after employing some time thereon, postponed to the afternoon,

The bill entitled, an act for publication of Law reports was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill, entitled An act to confirm the sale of certain real estate in the county of Salem, and state of New-Jersey, late of Samuel Holme, deceased, by Margaret Holme, surviving executrix of the last will and testament of said deceased, was taken up and committed to messrs. Bilderback, Read and Kinney.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act to enable Aaron Hassert, David Freeman and Levi Disbrow, the survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs and assigns, to erect a mill-dam across the river Raritan, near the landing bridge, was read and compared.

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,*

*Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,*

Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,

Read,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Evans,

Schenck.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Council came into the Assembly Room, and the two Houses went into a Joint-Meeting, and after considerable time employed therein, the Joint-Meeting adjourned : Whereupon,

The House came to order, and adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, February 12.

Nine o'clock the House met.

No. 21, of old unfinished business, being a

letter from Charles Gordon, late Quarter Master General of this state, was called up and referred to the Incidental committee.

The bill, entitled An act for the division of the Belvidere estate, so called, in the county of Sussex and State of New-Jersey, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled "An act for the preservation of deer and other game, and to prevent trespassing with guns,"

Without amendment.

And that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled An act to repeal the 5th section of an act, entitled "An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware."

And that Council have receded from their amendment to the bill from this House, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act establishing a militia system," disagreed to by this House.

Which bill was ordered to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for publication of Law reports, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
Mr Curry,*

*Mr Neely,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

Messrs. Bilderback,

Merseiles.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act respecting the persons of idiots and lunatics, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the chosen freeholders of the county of Burlington, &c.

Reported,

That in their opinion, it is not expedient at this time, to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act to constitute and appoint trustees for the security and management of the fund for the support of free schools, was read and compared.

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Ayres,

Bidleman,

Coxe,

Darcy,

Elmer, Sp.

Ely,

Estille,

Evans,

Miller,

Pearson,

Pine,

Read,

Schenck,

Sharp,

Sibly,

Stryker,

D. Thompson,

*Gould,
Halliday,
Kinney,
M^r Curry,*

*R. Thomson,
Willits,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Banta,
Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Dunn,
Haas,
Lloyd,
M^r Neely,*

*Merseiles,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Van Brakle,
Wood.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled a further supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed March 18, 1796, was read and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.*

*M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Prall,
Schenck,*

*Ely,
Estile,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Bilderback,
Curriden,
Pine,*

*Read,
R. Thomson,
Willits,*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, was read and compared.

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Elmer, Sp.
Evans,
Gould,
Halliday,*

*Miller,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,*

*Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mr Curry,
Mr Neely,*

*Stryker,
Willits,
Wood.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Day,
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Ely,
Estille,
Haas,*

*Mackey,
Merseiles,
Nixon.
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Zabriskie.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused them respectively to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Kinney offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State cause the public laws of this session of the Legislature, which go into immediate operation, to be published, as soon as practicable, in one of the New-Papers printed in this City, on the most reasonable terms on which the same can be done, not exceeding the compensation allowed by the United States for printing the public laws.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Halliday, with leave, presented a bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice."

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wood offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That this House will rise on Tuesday next.

Which resolution was read and agreed to.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to repeal the several insolvent laws passed since March 18, 1795, and to revive the act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18, 1795, was read a second time, considered by section, amended and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

The bill, entitled An act authorizing the erection of an additional building and cells, in the State Prison, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the division of the Belvidere estate, so called, in the county of Sussex and state of New-Jersey,

was read, compared and committed to messrs. D. Thompson, Coxe and Mackey.

Mr. Wood, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An additional supplement to the act for the preservation of Sheep.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey City, commonly called Powles-Hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank," was read a second time, considered by section and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled An act to establish the bank of New Jersey, in the town of Salem in the county of Salem, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice," was taken up and postponed.

The bill, entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia and Flatbrook turnpike company, was read and postponed.

The House adjourned to eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

Friday, February 13.

Eight o'clock the House met.

The bill, entitled An additional supplement

to the act for the preservation of sheep, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Beardslee, from the committee to whom was committed sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Wantage, in the county of Sussex, praying for a law to authorize the removal of certain obstructions in Peppercotton creek.

Reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer their prayer, on the first Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, on advertising their intention, together with a copy of this order in three of the most public places in said township, for three weeks previous thereto.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act for the division of the Belvidere estate, so called. in the county Sussex, and state of New Jersey, was read and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,

Mr. Neely,

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*Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
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Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Banta,
Day,
Ely,
Gould,*

*Kinney,
Read,
Willits,
Wood.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled An additional supplement to the act for the preservation of sheep, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,*

*Miller,
Parker,*

*Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Ely,
Estile,
Evans,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Mackey,
M^r Curry,
Merseiles,*

*Pearson,
Prall,
Read,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Willits.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Elmer, Sp.
Gould,*

*Haas,
Lloyd,
M^r Neely,
Nixon.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Council came into the Assembly room and the two Houses went into a Joint Meeting, and after going through their business, the Joint Meeting rose, the House came to order,

And adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

The bill, entitled an act explanatory of An act passed February 4, 1813, entitled An act to insure the faithful and impartial execution of office, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled An act to prevent unnecessary bills of cost, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Jersey city, commonly called Powles-Hook, to be stiled and known by the name of the Jersey Bank, was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,*

*Halliday,
Kinney,
Mackey,
McCurry,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Pearson,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sibly,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,*

*Evans,
Gould,*

*Willits,
Zabriskie.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Bilderback,
Ely,
Lloyd,
McNeely,*

*Pine,
Shreve,
Van Brakle.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that this House have passed the said bill without amendment.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An additional supplement to the act for the preservation of sheep.

The bill, entitled An act respecting the persons of idiots and lunatics—and

The bill entitled a supplement to the act, entitled “An act for publication of law reports,”

Respectively, without amendment.

And that Council have passed the following bills from this House,

With amendments.

The bill, entitled An act for the relief of William Larrison and Stephen Luse.

And the bill, entitled An act for the division of the Belvidere estate, so called, in the county of Sussex, and state of New Jersey.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to and the bills respectively ordered to be re-engrossed.

The message further informed that Council have passed a bill, entitled a further supplement to an act, entitled "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes."

Which bill was read twice in succession, considered by section, amended and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Zabriskie obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sitting.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to establish "the bank of New-Jersey," in the town of Salem, in the county of Salem, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative, as follows.

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayles,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Elmer, Sp.
Estille,
Evans,*

*Gould,
Kinney,
Mackey,
Merseiles,
Pearson,
Pine,
Sharp,
R. Thomson.*

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NAYS.

*Messrs. Beardslee,
Bilderback,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Ely,
Haas,
Halliday,
Lloyd,
M^r Neely,
Miller,*

*Nixon.
Parker,
Schenck,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.*

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a Resolution, relative to publishing the public laws in the news-papers in Trenton.

To which resolution they request the concurrence of this House.

Which resolution was read and disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said resolution has been disagreed to by this House.

The resolution on the same subject, submitted by Mr. Kinney, yesterday morning, was taken up and disagreed to by the House.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled A supplement to the act, entitled "An act establishing a Militia system," passed February 18, 1845, was read and compared,

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act for the division of the Belvidere estate, so called, in the county of Sussex, and state of New Jersey, was read and compared ;

On the question—Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Estelle,
Evans,
Hass,
Halliday,
Lloyd,
Mackey,*

*Mr. Coury,
Mr. Neely,
Merseiles,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Schench,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle.*

*Messrs. Ayres,
Day,
Ely,
Gould,*

*Kinney,
Willits,
Wood.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of Justice," was read a second time, considered by sections, the second section disagreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed

The House adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 14.

Ten o'clock the House met.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to repeal the several insolvent laws passed since March 18, 1795, and to revive the act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, passed March 18, 1795, was read a third time.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

<i>Messrs. Annin,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>
<i>Banta,</i>	<i>Pine,</i>
<i>Bidleman,</i>	<i>Prall,</i>
<i>Bilderback,</i>	<i>Schenck,</i>
<i>Coxe,</i>	<i>Sharp,</i>
<i>Curriden,</i>	<i>Sireve,</i>
<i>Darcy,</i>	<i>Sibley,</i>
<i>Dunn,</i>	<i>Stryker,</i>
<i>Elmer, Sp.</i>	<i>D. Thompson,</i>
<i>Ely,</i>	<i>R. Thomson,</i>
<i>Evans,</i>	<i>Van Brakle,</i>
<i>Halliday,</i>	<i>Willits.</i>
<i>M^r Curry,</i>	
<i>Parker,</i>	

NAYS.

<i>Messrs. Beardslee,</i>	<i>Mackey,</i>
<i>Day,</i>	<i>M^r Neely,</i>
<i>Estile,</i>	<i>Merseiles,</i>
<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Haas,</i>	<i>Nixon,</i>
<i>Kinney,</i>	<i>Wood.</i>
<i>Lloyd,</i>	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, with amendments, and request the concurrence of Council therein.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to prevent unnecessary bills of cost, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Coxe,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,*

*Lloyd,
Mackey,
M^cCurry,
M^cNeely,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Willits.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Ely,
Estile,
Kinney,
Miller,
Parker,*

*Shreve,
Sibley,
Van Brakle,
Wood.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill, entitled an act, explanatory of An act passed February 4th, 1813 entitled “ An act to ensure the faithful and im-

partial execution of office, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Banta,
Beardslee,
Bidleman,
Bilderback,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Gould,
Haas,
Kinney,
Lloyd,*

*Mackey,
M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Prall,
Shreve,
Sibly,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Coxe,
Ely,
Estille,
Evans,
Halliday,
Merseiles,*

*Pearson,
Pine,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Stryker,
Willits.*

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been

passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled a further supplement to an act, entitled "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read a third time.

On the question—shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Ayles,
Banta,
Bidleman,
Coxe,
Darcy,
Day,
Dunn,
Elmer, Sp.
Ely,
Evans,
Gould,
Haas,
Halliday,
Kinney,
Lloyd,
Mackey,
Mc Curry,*

*McNeely,
Miller,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Sibley,
Stryker,
D. Thompson,
R. Thomson,
Van Brakle;
Willits,
Wood.*

NAYS.

*Messrs. Beardslee,
Bilderback,*

Curriden.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, with amendments, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act for the relief of William Larrison and Stephen Luse, was read and compared.

On the question—shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Halliday offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, the commissioners lately appointed by New Jersey and Pennsylvania did not succeed in settling their differences, respecting obstructions to the navigation of the river Delaware,

And as it is desirable that all such existing differences should be amicably adjusted

THEREFORE—Resolved, That if the state of Pennsylvania shall, previous to the next

session of the Legislature, propose to enter into a friendly negociation with this state, for the purpose of terminating the causes of controversy between them, it shall be lawful for the Governor of this state, or person administering the Government, to appoint one or more commissioners, who shall have full power to enter into an agreement with commissioners appointed on the part of Pennsylvania, on all or on any of the matters in difference between the two States ; which agreement, so entered into, shall be of full force when ratified by the Legislatures of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled An act, to defray sundry incidental charges, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The Resolution submitted by Mr. Halliday, was read a second time, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council for their concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled " An act for the more effectual administration of justice, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to regulate the fees of the Judges, Surrogates, Clerks and other officers of the Orphan's Court, was taken up and postponed to the next session of the Legislature.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges, was read a third time and compared.

On the question—Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

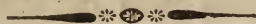
Mr. M'Curry, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act constituting the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and for other purposes.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and immediately called up, read a second time, and after employing considerable time thereon, postponed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have agreed to the amendment made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled An act to repeal the several insolvent laws, passed since March 18, 1795, and to revive the act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," passed March 18, 1795, and for other purposes.

And have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to seven o'clock, on Monday morning.



Monday, February 16.

Seven o'clock the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House,

Without amendment.

The bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled "An act for the more effectual administration of justice,"

And the bill, entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges.

And that they have agreed to the resolution relative to the controversy with the state of Pennsylvania.

And have agreed to the amendment made by this House to the bill from Council, entitled A further supplement to an act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes,

And have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

And that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House, entitled An act, explanatory of an act passed February 4th, 1813, entitled "An act to insure the faithful and impartial execution of office."

The bill, entitled An act constituting the Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the peace, and for other purposes, was taken up, considered by section, agreed to, and on the question of engrossing,

The Yeas and Nays being demanded, it was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

*Messrs. Ayres,
Beardslee,
Curriden,
Darcy,
Dunn,
Hass,
Halliday,
Mackey,*

*M^r Curry,
M^r Neely,
Merseiles,
Nixon,
Prall,
D. Thompson,
Van Brakle.*

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NAYS.

*Messrs. Annin,
Bildcrback,
Day,
Elmer, Sp.
Gould,
Kinney,
Miller,*

*Pearson,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Shreve,
Stryker,
R. Thomson,
Willits.*

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to the honorable Ebenezer Elmer, for the attention and impartiality he has exhibited in conducting the business of the House, as Speaker.

Which resolution was read and agreed to nem. con.

Whereupon,

The Speaker rose and addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen,

Your partiality in appointing me to the station I have occupied during the sittings of the present Legislature, claimed my sincere acknowledgements: But the approbation which you have now so kindly expressed of my imperfect execution of the duties which it imposes, demands my warmest gratitude.

The only return I can make, is to wish you a safe return and happy meeting with your respective families ;—and may that Divine Being, in whose hands our times are, take you,

and the good people of this State, whom you represent, under the direction and protection of his special Providence, forever. Considering the precarious tenure of human life, and the fluctuating state of all sublunary affairs, it is not probable that all of us will ever meet here again, on the business which we have been engaged in ; but it is my most cordial wish and fervent prayer, if it may be consistent with the wisdom of a holy God, that we may all of us, by his grace, be prepared to meet hereafter, with our nature purified, in those realms where order, harmony, propriety and every felicitating virtue, will eternally prevail.

The House rose sine die.

