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NEW-JERSEY,

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED, AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-  
FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN  
HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN.

BEING THE FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION.

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<i>Bergen,</i>	Esquires.	Peter Ward,
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<i>Cape-May,</i>		Persons Leaming,
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*Trenton, Tuesday, October 24, 1797.*

MEMBERS PRESENT.

THE HONOURABLE

JOHN CONDIT,  
EPHRAIM MARTIN,  
JAMES LINN,  
WILLIAM PARRET,

GEORGE ANDERSON,  
JOHN LAMBERT,  
ABRAHAM KITCHEL,  
SAMUEL OGDEN.

**J**OHN CONDIT, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of Council from the county of Essex, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths prescribed by law before the honourable James Linn, esquire, one of the members returned for this house, and took his seat in Council.

Ephraim Martin, James Linn, George Anderson, John Lambert, Abraham Kitchel, William Parret and Samuel Ogden, esquires, severally produced certificates of their being duly elected members of this house, which were read and approved, and they thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the honourable John Condit, esquire, and took their seats in Council.

The honourable James Linn, esq. was elected vice-president of the Council, pursuant to the constitution, whereupon he took the oath of office, and was seated in the chair.

John Beatty, esquire, was unanimously elected secretary of the Council, and took the oath of office accordingly.

John West was appointed door-keeper.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a sufficient number of members of this house have this day met, elected the honourable James Linn, esquire, vice-president, and proceeded to business.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Condit and Anderson be a committee to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as may be proper to be observed in this house.

Fifteen several bills, compiled by William Paterfon, esquire, were laid before Council; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Kitchel and Ogden be a committee, on the part of this house, to join a committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the said several bills and report their opinion which of the said bills require the more immediate attention of the Legislature, and the distribution of the said bills between the respective houses.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a committee for the foregoing purpose.

Mr. Condit reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Ward, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that a sufficient number of members of the House of Assembly had met, elected the honourable Silas Condict their speaker, and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, October 25, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before.

The committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as may be proper to be observed in this house, reported, that the rules and orders of proceeding, established by the late house, are proper to be established by this house for the ensuing year; to which the house agreed.

Mr. Martin reported that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

A letter from Joseph Cooper, esquire, elected a member of the Council for the county of Gloucester, setting forth his not being able to attend this house at present through indisposition, was read; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the reasons offered by Mr. Cooper, for his non-attendance, are satisfactory.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Mr. Armstrong, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they were ready to go into a joint-meeting to appoint a governor and other state officers, and requesting Council to appoint the time and place of meeting.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the foregoing message be postponed.

Mr. Southard, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Coxe, Kirkpatrick and Burrowes a committee, to join the committee of this house, for the purpose of examining the bills compiled by William Paterson, esquire, and now before the Legislature, expressed in the message of yesterday.

Elisha Walton, esquire, produced a certificate of his being elected a member of this house for the county of Monmouth, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the honourable the vice-president, and took his seat in Council.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, October 26, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Burrowes, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Moore, Seagrave and Stanbury a committee, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of counting and destroying the Loan-Office money in the treasury, and requested that this house would appoint a committee to join the committee of the house for the like purpose.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Lambert and Mr. Parret, or either of them, be a committee, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of counting and destroying the Loan-Office money, and that Mr. Walton do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Blanch, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Vancleve, Welsh, Smith, Lippencott and Hall, a committee, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the treasurer, and requested that this house would appoint a committee for the like purpose.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Condit and Mr. Anderson, or either of them, be a committee on the part of this house, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the treasurer's accounts, and that Mr. Walton do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Walton reported that he had obeyed the several orders of the house.

Mr. Kitchel, from the joint-committee appointed to examine and report on the bills compiled by Mr. Paterson, reported,

**T**HAT, in the opinion of the committee, all the said bills require the immediate attention of the Legislature, and they recommend to the two houses to take them up as follows :

#### C O U N C I L.

1. An act concerning forcible entries and detainers.
2. An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgments and wrongful alienations of lands.
3. An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors.
4. An act relative to juries and verdicts.
5. An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings.
6. An act enabling the grantees of reversions and lessees mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions.



7. An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships.

### A S S E M B L Y.

1. An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace.

2. An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court.

3. An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation.

4. An act for the preservation of oysters.

5. An act respecting bridges.

6. An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of this state.

7. An act making provision for working and repairing the highways.

8. An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,

WM. COXE, jun.

*Resolved*, That this house do approve of the said report.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Charles Beardslee, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house from the county of Suffex, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the honourable the vice-president and took his seat in Council.

The message from the House of Assembly, received on the 25th inst. relative to going into a joint-meeting for the appointment of a governor and other state officers, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that this house will be ready to go into a joint-meeting on Monday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the Assembly Room, for the purposes expressed in their message.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning forcible entries and detainers," was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act enabling grantees of reversions and lessees mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions," was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships," was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgments and wrongful alienations of lands," was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Friday, October 27, 1797.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Clement, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Gershom Craft be employed as an engrossing clerk during the present session of the Legislature ; that all bills ordered to be engrossed shall be delivered, by the clerks of Council and Assembly, unto the said Gershom Craft, to be carefully engrossed and by him re-delivered in at the table of the respective houses, as soon as possible, and that the Legislature will provide for a compensation to the said Gershom Craft for his services ;” which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, “ An act relative to juries and verdicts,” was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, “ An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors,” was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Ward, VanDuyn and French a committee, on the part of that house, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of selecting from the bills laid before the Legislature, by Mr. Paterson, such bills as it may be necessary to have printed for the consideration of the members, and requested that Council would appoint a committee for the like purpose.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Walton, or either of them, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose expressed in the above message, and that Mr. Parret do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Dunn, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Kitchel, Kirkpatrick and Newbold, or any two of them, a committee, on the part of that house, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of Jonathan Doan, who was appointed to superintend the building of the penitentiary house, and to report to the Legislature what further sum it will probably take to complete the buildings now erecting for that purpose, and requested that Council would appoint a committee for the like purpose—

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson and Mr. Condit, or either of them, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purposes expressed in the foregoing message, and that Mr. Parret do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Parret reported that he had obeyed the several orders of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The resolution respecting the appointment of Gershom Craft as engrossing clerk during the present session of the Legislature, was read a second time—whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intitled, “ An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, de-

signating their powers and regulating their meetings," was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, October 28, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning forcible entries and detainers," was read a second time, amended, but not having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. French, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to count and burn the Loan-Office Money in the hands of the treasurer, are hereby authorized and required to count and burn the sum of three thousand, six hundred and ninety-two pounds one shilling and ten-pence of the Old State-Money ;" which was read—whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur in the said resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, October 30, 1797.*

The house met—Present,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Parret,	

John Outwater, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house from the county of Bergen, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law, before the honourable the vice-president, and took his seat in Council.

Mr. Kitchel reported that he had obeyed the order of the house of Saturday.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships," was read the second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act enabling grantees of reversions and lessees mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions," was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Gustin, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the speaker of the House of Assembly request Judge Dutton



son to draught and transmitt to the Legislature, as soon as may be, bills on the following subjects—One to regulate the practice in the court of chancery, another the practice in the courts of law, one other the practice in the orphans' court, also regulating the fees to be taxed on the proceedings in the above courts," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchel, from the joint-committee appointed to select the bills laid before the Legislature by Mr. Paterson, and report such as may be necessary to have printed for the consideration of the members, reported,

**T**HAT, in their opinion, the five following bills ought to be printed :

1. The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings."

2. The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of this state."

3. The bill, intituled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes."

4. The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways."

5. The bill, intituled, "An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgements and wrongful alienations of lands."

By order of the committee;

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,

PETER WARD.

*Resolved*, That this house do approve of the said report.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Mr. Hall, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange," and a bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations, and to enable mutual dealers to discount;" which two bills were read and ordered a second reading,

Council withdrew to attend a joint meeting, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, October 31, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

A letter from the secretary of the state, with a schedule or statement, setting forth the names of those clerks who have neglected to perform the duties required of them by the two several acts recited in the concurrent resolution of the Legislature of the 9th of March last, was read and ordered a second reading.

His excellency Richard Howell, esquire, came into Council, and having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance to this state, the oath to support the constitution of the United States, and the oath for the due execution of the office of governor, before the honourable the vice-president, he took the chair as president of the Council.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual

dealers to discount," was read the second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, November 1, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before, except his excellency the governor.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Outwater do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Anderson, with leave presented a bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to juries and verdicts," was read the second time, amended and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning forcible entries and detainers," and having amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," was read a second time, debated, but not having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. Kitchel, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the printer, who prints the laws and minutes of this session of the Legislature, be also directed to print the law passed by the Congress of the United States the sixth day of July, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, intituled, "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment or paper," and annex it to the laws of this sitting," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



Thursday, November 2, 1797.

The house met—Present as before, and his excellency the governor.

Mr. Leaming, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act enabling grantees of reversions and lessees mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ogden do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Lambert, from the joint-committee appointed to count and destroy the Loan-Office and Old State Money, in the hands of the treasurer, made the following report :

**W**E, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and forty pounds nine shillings, Loan-Office Money of 1786, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

JOHN LAMBERT,  
DAVID MOORE.

**W**E, the committees of both houses, do certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of three thousand five hundred and eight pounds ten shillings, Revenue Money of 1783, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

JOHN LAMBERT,  
DAVID MOORE.

**W**E, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of three thousand four hundred and thirty-five pounds and one penny half-penny, State Money of the emission of June 9, 1780, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

JOHN LAMBERT,  
DAVID MOORE.

**W**E, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of one hundred and ninety-seven pounds one shilling and nine-pence, State Money, of the emission of January 9, 1781, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

JOHN LAMBERT,  
DAVID MOORE.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A letter from John Beatty, register of the prerogative-office, inclosing the general annual statement of the business done in his office for the year preced-

ing, as required by law, was read and ordered to be laid on the table for the information of the members, and then filed.

The bill, intitled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," was read the second time, debated and amended; but not having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. Ogden reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The report made by Mr. Lambert, relative to counting and destroying the Loan-Office and State Money in the treasury, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

The bill, intitled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," was read a second time and several amendments made thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, November 3, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before, except the governor.

Mr. Leeds, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence the following resolution:

*"Resolved*, That the clerk of Assembly be directed to purchase, for the use of the Legislature, the system of geography lately published by Matthew Carey, with his general atlas," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," was read a second time and debated; but not having gone through the same,

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

Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Outwater, Anderson and Kitchel, to report such further amendments to the said bill as to them shall seem proper.

The bill, intitled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," with the amendments made thereto by this house, was read the third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardslee do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.



The house met.

Mr. Beardlee reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The resolution requesting Mr. Paterfon to draught, and transmit to the Legislature, bills to regulate the practice in the court of chancery, courts of common law and the orphans' court," was read a second time ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Outwater do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Anderson, from the joint-committee appointed to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, made the following report :

**W**E, the committees, from the Council and Assembly, for the purpose of examining the accounts and vouchers of Jonathan Doan, agent for the erection of a state-prison, and to report the probable sum that will be necessary to complete the same, having carefully inspected the said accounts and vouchers, do report, that the said agent hath received out of the treasury of this state, the sum of five thousand three hundred and seventy-two pounds nine shillings and two-pence ; and it appears to the committees, by the accounts of the said agent, and the vouchers produced to us, from No. 1, to 87, that he hath expended in erecting the said building, including the purchase money of the lot whereon it stands, the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ten pounds eighteen shillings and ten-pence ; and that there is a balance, due to the said agent, of three hundred and thirty-eight pounds nine shillings and eight-pence, together with the sum of twenty-two pounds fourteen shillings and six-pence, which he charges for his expenses in procuring materials for the building, and one hundred and thirty-three pounds, for one hundred and eighty days, at fifteen shillings per day, for overseeing the work ; and further, it appears to the committees, that there are demands against the said agent, from sundry persons, for materials already delivered for said building, to the amount of eight hundred and five pounds seventeen shillings and one penny, and to fulfil contracts entered into with different persons for materials and labour for said building, not yet delivered and performed, the sum of one thousand and fourteen pounds fourteen shillings ; and further, it appears to the committees, from a statement of the said agent, that there will be the sum of two thousand five hundred and thirty-seven pounds and five shillings, exclusive of the before mentioned sums, necessary and wanting to complete the building agreeable to the act passed for that purpose. A statement of the said accounts and estimations are herewith annexed.

GEORGE ANDERSON,  
JOHN CONDIT,  
AARON KITCHEL,  
THOMAS NEWBOLD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, November 4, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before, and his excellency the governor.

The engrossed, bill intituled, "An act concerning forcible entries and detainers," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Condit do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Parret,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Kitchel.	

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Condit do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

Mr. Outwater reported that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Mr. Condit reported that he had obeyed the several orders of the house.

The report of the joint-committee appointed to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

The resolution, empowering the clerk of the House of Assembly to purchase Carey's geography and general atlas, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Anderson, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act confirming sales and other transactions of under-sheriffs, and deputies of sheriffs, acting under colour of their authority," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," and having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," was read the third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Ogden.	

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.



Mr. Walton reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

*Monday, November 6, 1797.*

The house met—Present,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Walton.

A letter from Parmenas Corson, esquire, elected a member of the Council for the county of Cape-May, setting forth, his not being able to attend this house at present through indisposition, was read ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the reasons offered by Mr. Corson for his non-attendance are satisfactory.

The engrossed bill, intituled, “ An act relative to juries and verdicts,” was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly and request their concurrence in the said bill.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, “ An act confirming sales and other transactions of under-sheriffs, and deputies of sheriffs, acting under colour of their authority,” was read a second time, and, after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the bill be committed to Messrs. Condit, Parret and Outwater, to report their opinion on the subject matter thereof.

Mr. Lippencott, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence a bill, intituled, “ An act for the support of the government of the State of New-Jersey,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lippencott, also, brought back to this house, the re-engrossed bill, intituled, “ An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court,” and acquainted this house, that the said bill was passed by the House of Assembly, with the amendments made thereto by this house ; which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared,

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The resolution of the House of Assembly, directing the printer who prints the laws and minutes of this session also to print and annex thereto the law passed by Congress, for laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment or paper, was read a second time ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parret do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Mr. Parret reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," was read a second time, debated and the further consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Lloyd, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that they had appointed Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Armstrong and Blanch, a committee on the part of that house, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of draughting an address to the president of the United States, and requested that Council would appoint a committee for the like purpose.

*Ordered,* That the consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, November 7, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before, and his excellency the governor.

*Ordered,* That the vice-president and Mr. Anderson, or either of them, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of draughting an address to the president of the United States, and that Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Montgomery, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a warrant in favour of Elizabeth Kinsley, for the half-pay of her late husband, James Kinsley, a foldier in captain Walton's company of state troops, in lieu of one heretofore issued, and which is full of endorsements; which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Moore, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for their information and concurrence, a bond executed by James Mott, esquire, treasurer, and his securities, for the faithful performance of his office for the year ensuing; which being read,

*Ordered,* That it lay on the table for the inspection and information of the members.

The warrant in favour of Elizabeth Kinsley, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved,* That Council do approve thereof.

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said warrant.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Kitchel reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," and having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the said bill be read a third time.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, intituled, " An act respecting apprentices and servants," reported the same, with

undry amendments, which were read and ordered a second reading with the bill.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bond executed by James Mott, esquire, and his sureties, for the faithful execution of his duty as treasurer of the state, being read a second time,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Ogden.	
Mr. Anderfon,		

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, November 8, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before.

A petition from John P. Collins and Joseph Haines, insolvent debtors, confined in the gaol of the county of Burlington, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that a law may pass to liberate them from confinement, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condit, from the joint-committee, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, reported, that the said committee had met, and stated the accounts of the treasurer, which he was ready to report when the house would be pleased to receive the same ;

*Ordered*, That the said report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Condit exhibited the accounts of the treasurer, settled by the said committee, with the several certificates there-under written, three of which are in the words following—viz.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto, do find a balance of one thousand and ninety pounds specie, received on the sinking fund tax, due December 1, 1785, and not yet exchanged, equal to three thousand two hundred and seventy pounds, Old State Mo-



ney, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
GEORGE ANDERSON,  
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,  
DAVID WELSH,  
PETER SMITH,  
JOB LIPPENCOTT,  
CLEMENT HALL.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto, viz. From No. 1 to No. 132, from No. 1 to No. 14, from No. 1 to No. 52, from No. 1 to No. 40, from No. 1 to No. 5, from No. 1 to No. 23, from No. 1 to No. 8, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 20, from No. 1 to No. 114, from No. 1 to No. 109, and from No. 1 to No. 2, inclusive, do find a balance of twenty thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds, nineteen shillings and nine-pence, Lawful Money, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
GEORGE ANDERSON,  
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,  
DAVID WELSH,  
PETER SMITH,  
JOB LIPPENCOTT,  
CLEMENT HALL.

**W**E, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto, viz. From No. 1 to No. 17, inclusive, do find a balance of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and one penny half-penny, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

JOHN CONDIT,  
GEORGE ANDERSON,  
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE,  
DAVID WELSH,  
PETER SMITH,  
JOB LIPPENCOTT,  
CLEMENT HALL.

Which being read,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Condit, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, intituled, "An act confirming sales and other transactions of under-sheriffs, and deputies of sheriffs, acting under colour of their authority," reported the same with fundry amendments, which were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," with the amendments reported by the committee, was read a second time, and being further amended and gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.



The house met.

The report of the joint-committee, on the treasurer's accounts, being again read,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

The petition of John P. Collins and Joseph Haines, insolvent debtors, confined in the gaol of the county of Burlington, was read the second time, and on motion to commit the said petition, it was carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, an address to John Adams, president of the United States, in the words following, viz.

*To John Adams, President of the United States.*

SIR,

THE Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the state of New-Jersey, with much pleasure, embrace this opportunity of assuring you of their high respect for your person and character, both in your political and individual relations.

Warmly attached to the principles of a free representative government, we rejoice, that, in experience, the election of a chief magistrate has been conducted with temperance, and shewn to the world that freemen can elect without turbulence or tumult, and that integrity and ability will be the object of their choice.

Your early agency, sir, in promoting and establishing the liberty and independence of our country, and, since that time, your negotiations abroad, and various public functions at home, afford the happiest presage, that your present administration will not only protect our interests, but also promote harmony and unanimity among the citizens of these states and friendly sentiment and intercourse with all mankind.

Involved as we are in the conflicting interests of this eventful period, while we would court the favour of calm investigation, we do not forget that man is born to be free, and must not yield to dishonour.—Conscious that unity of sentiment and firmness of conduct are the surest means of securing our liberties, we yield to none in attachment to our government and promptness to defend it; but while we feel the enthusiasm, we deprecate the occasion, and relying on the wisdom of our constitution and the just administration of it, we anticipate the pleasing prospect of nations, yet unborn, enjoying undiminished the rights which it shall have protected and secured.

Be assured, sir, of our warmest wishes for your personal welfare, and our sincere desire that your public conduct may meet the approbation and be rewarded with the gratitude of your fellow-citizens, and finally terminate in the felicity of your country.

Which being read,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardslee do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Beardslee reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Council withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and, after some time, the house returned and then

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, November 9, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act confirming sales and other transactions of under-sheriffs, and deputies of sheriffs acting under colour of their authority," with the amendments made thereto by the committee, was read a second time, debated, and the title amended so as to read, "An act concerning under-sheriffs."

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Morgan, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence a bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, November 10, 1797.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The foregoing bill was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Condit reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The vice-president, who, with the speaker of the House of Assembly, were deputed to wait on and deliver the address of the Legislature to the president of the United States, reported that they had attended to that business, and had received the following answer thereto :

*To the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the State of New-Jersey.*

Gentlemen,

I receive this address from the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of New-Jersey, with a grateful sense of the high honour conferred upon me.

As there is no people whose attachment to the principles of a free representative government has been more constant and consistent than that of the citizens of New-Jersey, there is none with whom I could more heartily rejoice, that elections of a chief magistrate have been conducted without turbulence or tumult ; and may future experience demonstrate, that integrity and ability will always be the object of the choice of freemen.

Your kind compliments to me, merit my best thanks and strongest assurances, that should any thing in my administration protect your interest in common with all those of your fellow-citizens through the union, promote harmony and unanimity among the citizens of these states, and friendly sentiments



and intercourse with all mankind, I should esteem myself the happiest of all men.

In this eventful period, when the equilibrium of society is disadjusted, and the passions of men let loose, without restraint or controul, in so great a part of the world, it behoves us well to consider the situation we are in, and be prepared in our minds for whatever we may be called by providence to do, or to suffer, in the cause of honour and virtue, religion and liberty.

Your sentiment, that we must not yield to dishonour, so well becomes the character and dignity of freemen, that it is very certain there never has been, and equally evident, there never can be a free people to whom their honour is not dearer than their lives.

As the citizens of New-Jersey have been exceeded by none in their attachment to the constitution, your reliance on the just administration of the government is peculiarly honourable and agreeable to me.

Accept, gentlemen, of my cordial thanks for your kind wishes, and an assurance of my sincere prayers, for the felicity of the United States in general, and for the Legislature and citizens of New-Jersey in particular.

JOHN ADAMS.

His excellency the governor came into Council.

Mr. Newbold, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that the bill, intituled, "An act relative to juries and verdicts," and the bill, intituled, "An act enabling grantees of reversions and lessees mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions," were passed by the House of Assembly without amendment.

Mr. Pennington, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence a bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," was read a second and a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yea.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Parret,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Ogden.	

*Ordered*, That Mr. Outwater do wait on the House of Assembly and inform them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Outwater reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Seagrave, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence a bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the payment of sundry incidental charges," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the payment of sundry incidental charges," was read a second and third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.



Mr. Martin reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The honourable Silas Condict, esquire, speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council and acquainted the president that the House of Assembly had gone through the business proposed to be done at this sitting, and had adjourned until the third Wednesday in January next, to meet at Trenton; whereupon,

Council adjourned until the same day and place.

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BEING THE SECOND SITTING.

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*Wednesday, January 17, 1798.*

The Council met pursuant to adjournment—Present,

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. OUTWATER,  
Mr. MARTIN,  
Mr. WALTON,  
Mr. OGDEN,  
Mr. ANDERSON,

Mr. COOPER,  
Mr. PARRET,  
Mr. LAMBERT,  
Mr. KITCHEL,  
Mr. BEARDSLEE.

**J**OSEPH COOPER, esquire, (having on the 9th instant, on the formation of the court of errors, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house for the county of Gloucester, which was then read and approved, he thereupon took and subscribed the affirmations required by law before the president) now took his seat in the Council.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Walton do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a sufficient number of members of this house have met and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the morning, and Mr. Condit.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned and

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, January 18, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday.

Mr. Walton reported that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Mr. Burrowes, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that a sufficient number of members of the House of Assembly had met and proceeded to business.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The honourable the vice-president came into Council.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

*Friday, January 19, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, January 20, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Ogden.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.



*Monday, January 22, 1798.*

The house met—Present,

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Linn, *v. p.*

Mr. Parret,

Mr. Outwater,

Mr. Lambert,

Mr. Condit,

Mr. Kitchel,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Walton,

Mr. Beardlee.

Mr. Anderson,

Parmenas Corfon, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house for the county of Cape-May, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law, before the president, and took his seat in Council.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. Walton obtained leave of absence for three days on special business.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, January 23, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, except Mr. Walton.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," and having further amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, January 24, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning under-sheriffs," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert.	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Corson,		

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," was read a second time, and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. Blanch, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Elias Dayton," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Clements, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for the preservation of oysters," a bill, intituled, "An act to carry into effect the third and fourth sections of a supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," and a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors;" which several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," and having further amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Elias Dayton," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, January 25, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," which being further amended and gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the preservation of oysters," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Walton came into Council.

The bill, intituled, "An act to carry into effect the third and fourth sections of a supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

His excellency the governor came into Council.

Mr. Cooper came into Council, and having offered his reasons for being absent the three preceding days,

*Resolved*, That they are satisfactory.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgments and wrongful alienations of lands," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, January 26, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday afternoon.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Elias Dayton," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," and having gone through the same by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act to carry into effect the third and fourth sections of a supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the preservation of oysters," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Corson.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Cooper,		

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.



Mr. Cooper reported that he had obeyed the orders of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read the third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardslee.	Mr. Corson,
		Mr. Ogden,

*Ordered*, That the president sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parret do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Parret reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Elias Dayton," and having gone through the same by paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

Mr. Coxe, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence the following resolution:

"Whereas the act for the support of government of this state, passed November 7, 1797, makes provision only for paying the printer for printing the laws and proceedings of the Legislature and Joint-Meeting of the first sitting; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the treasurer shall pay to the said printer the same sums for every sheet of the laws and proceedings of the Legislature and Joint-Meeting, for the whole session, as is directed by said law for the first sitting."

Which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, January 27, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, except his excellency the governor.

The resolution directing the treasurer to pay to the printer the same sums, for printing the laws and proceedings of the Legislature, for the present sitting, as the former," was read the second time, and,

On the question, To agree to the said resolution? It was carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Corson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said resolution is rejected by this house.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Elias Dayton," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Corson.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Corson do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Corson reported that he had obeyed the orders of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, January 29, 1798.*

The house met—Present,  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,  
THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lambert,	

Mr. Dunn, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that they had appointed Messrs. Smith, Stockton and Stewart a committee, on the part of that house, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of destroying the paper money in the treasury, and requested that this house would appoint a committee for the like purpose ; which being read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Parret and Mr. Condit, or either of them, be a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the foregoing purpose.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Mr. Walton reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Edgar, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that they had appointed Messrs. Clement, Wyckoff and Lloyd a committee, on the part of that house, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of Daniel Van Riper, John Condit and Nathaniel Camp, commissioners for laying out certain monies on the road leading to Paules Hook, and requested that this house would appoint a committee for the like purpose ; which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, January 30, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house went into a court of error, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Mr. French, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that the speaker being unwell, and not able to attend, they had proceeded to appoint a speaker pro tempore, when Joseph Stillwell, esquire, was duly elected, and accordingly placed in the chair.

The message of the House of Assembly, informing of the appointment of a committee, on the part of that house, to settle the accounts of Daniel Van Ripper, John Condit and Nathaniel Camp, &c. was read a second time; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson and Mr. Kitchel, or either of them, be a committee on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the above purpose.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, January 31, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgments and wrongful alienations of lands," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Kitchel reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Gustin, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Rancocus-Creek," and a bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex;" which two bills were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parret, from the committee appointed to count and destroy the Revenue and Loan-Office Money, in the treasury, made the following report;



**W**E, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of four thousand seven hundred and seventeen pounds eighteen shillings and three-pence, Revenue Money of 1783, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,  
PETER SMITH.

**W**E, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds five shillings, Loan-Office Money of 1786, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,  
PETER SMITH.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Which report being read a second time,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex," was read a second time, and fundry amendments made thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time with the amendments.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, February 1, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Rancocus-Creek," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Kitchel, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to prevent frauds taking place in consequence of judgments obtained in the supreme court," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent frauds taking place in consequence of judgments obtained in the supreme court," was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Walton and Outwater, to report their opinion on the subject matter thereof.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Newton in the county of Suffex," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beardslee do carry the said bill, and the amendments made thereto by this house, to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Beardslee reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Rancocus-Creek," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Outwater do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Outwater reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

### *Friday, February 2, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and his excellency the governor.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, intituled, "An act to prevent frauds taking place in consequence of judgments obtained in the supreme court," reported the same, with sundry amendments, and that the title should be so amended as to read, "An act for the limitation of actions and for preventing unjust recoveries in certain cases;" which bill, with the amendments, were read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon

The house met.

Mr. Hall, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a warrant in favor of Phebe Marsh, to draw the sum of fifteen shillings, monthly, in lieu of the half-pay of her husband, Joshua Marsh, late a sergeant of the militia of the county of Middlesex, and a warrant in favor of Mary Pain, to draw the sum of twenty shillings, monthly, in lieu of the half-pay of her husband, John Pain, late a captain of the militia of the county of Middlesex, both warrants being in the place of former warrants which are filled with endorsements, which were read and ordered a second reading.

The foregoing warrants were read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said warrants.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Condit reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Cooper obtained leave of absence for to-morrow.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



*Saturday, February 3, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday and Mr. Ogden,  
Who has been detained, through indisposition, from attending in the house.  
The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, February 5, 1798.*

The house met—Present,  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,  
THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Corson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Parret,	

Mr. Harris, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to enable the trustees therein named to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of John Honeywill, deceased," and a bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Great-Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, into two separate townships;" which two several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Campbell, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this house the re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex," and acquainted Council that the House of Assembly had passed the said bill with the amendments made thereto by this house; which bill being read and compared,

*Ordered,* That the president do sign the said bill.

Mr. Campbell also presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the printing the laws of this session," a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Elton, sheriff of the county of Burlington," a bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," and a bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes;" which several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the trustees therein named to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of John Honeywill, deceased," was read a second time, and after some consideration thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide for printing the laws of this session," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Great-Egg-Har-



bour, in the county of Gloucester, into two separate townships," was read a second time, and several amendments made thereto.

*Ordered,* That the said bill be read a third time with the amendments.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, February 6, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and his excellency the governor.

The bill, intitled, "An act to provide for printing the laws of this session," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," was read a second time, and the further consideration of the said bill postponed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act to enable the trustees therein named to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of John Honeywill, deceased," and having gone through and amended the same,

*Ordered,* That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of John Elton, sheriff of the county of Burlington," was read a second time and the preamble amended.

*Ordered,* That the said bill, with the amendment, be read a third time.

The bill, intitled, "An act for dividing the township of Great-Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, into two separate townships," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Martin do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of John Elton, sheriff of the county of Burlington," with the amendment made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendment.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Martin do carry the said bill and amendment to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "An act to enable the trustees therein named to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of John Honeywill, deceased," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Vice-President.	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Parret,		Mr. Corson,
Mr. Kitchel,		Mr. Lambert.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Martin do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Martin reported that he had obeyed the several orders of the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Anderson, to report their opinion on the subject matter thereof.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, February 7, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read a second time, debated, but not having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

Mr. Anderson, from the joint-committee of Council and Assembly, appointed for the purpose of settling the accounts of John Condit, esquire, Daniel VanRiper and Nathaniel Camp, commissioners to repair the new road lately laid out from the bridge over Hackensack-River to Horsimus, in the county of Bergen, made the following report:

**T**HAT they have carefully inspected the same, and find that the said commissioners have received from the treasury of this state the sum of three hundred pounds, and that they have expended, in executing the duties of their appointment, on said road the sum of three hundred and three pounds one shilling and two-pence, including their own charges for time spent as allowed by law, as appears by their vouchers from No. 1 to 27, which makes a balance due to the said commissioners, of three pounds one shilling and two-pence.

By order of the committee,

GEORGE ANDERSON,  
ABEL CLEMENT,  
WILLIAM LLOYD,  
SIMON WYCKOFF.



Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," reported the same with amendments, which were read, and after some debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, February 8, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, except Mr. Ogden.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cooper, Mr. Condit and Mr. Kitchel, be a committee for the purpose of draughting and reporting a bill, supplementary to the act for the punishment of crimes.

The report of the joint-committee on the accounts of John Condit, esquire, Daniel Van Riper and Nathaniel Camp, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do approve thereof.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes;" whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Condit, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Parret, generally, to report their opinion on the subject matter thereof.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," with the amendments made thereto by the committee, and the said bill being further amended and gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, as amended, be read a third time.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon

The house met—Present as in the morning, and Mr. Ogden.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," as amended, was read the third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do carry to the House of Assembly the said bill, with the amendments made thereto by this house, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Walton reported that he had obeyed the order of Council.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, February 9, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Outwater, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act making process



against Mortgagors, who abscond, effectual," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions and for preventing unjust recoveries in certain cases," was read a second time, and after some debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Condit and Mr. Outwater, generally, to report their opinion on the subject matter thereof.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Kitchel, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named," and a bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state;" which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchel also brought back to this house the engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to enable the trustees therein named to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of John Honeywill, deceased," and acquainted Council that the House of Assembly had passed the said bill, with the amendments made thereto by this house; which bill being read and compared,

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, February 10, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

His excellency the governor came into Council.

Mr. Armstrong, from the House of Assembly, presented to this house for concurrence the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in future all messages, from either house of the Legislature, be delivered by the clerks of the respective houses," which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state," was read a second time, and the further consideration of the bill postponed.

The resolution respecting the future delivery of messages by either house of the Legislature, was read a second time; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said resolution is concurred in by this house.

Mr. Cooper reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly agree to the amendments proposed by Council to the bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," the bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Great-Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, into two separate townships," and the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Elton, sheriff of the county of Burlington."

Mr. Ewing also presented for concurrence the following resolution :

*"Resolved*, That Matthias Day be employed to print the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature of the present session."

The resolution appointing Matthias Day, printer, was then read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, February 12, 1798.*

The house met—Present,

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,

Mr. Corson,

Mr. Condit,

Mr. Lambert,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Kitchel,

Mr. Anderson,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Beardlee.

Mr. Parret,

The resolution appointing Matthias Day to print the laws, votes and proceedings of the Legislature of the present session, was read a second time ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said resolution is concurred in by this house.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Elton, sheriff of the county of Burlington ;"

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Great-Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, into two separate townships," and the re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris," were read and compared ;

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bills,



The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state," and having gone through and amended the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time, with the amendment.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the morning, and Mr. Walton.

The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state," with the amendment, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill and amendment.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

Mr. Kitchel, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, February 13, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday, except his excellency the governor.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," was read a second time, and, after debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The bill intituled, "An act making process against mortgagers who abscond effectual," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

His excellency the governor came into Council.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act making process against mortgagers who abscond effectual," and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.



A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by Council to the bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state," and caused the same to be re-engrossed; which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared,

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of David Canfield;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condit, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read, agreed to and ordered to be read a third time with the bill.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of James Mead;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, February 14, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, except Mr. Ogden,

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of James Mead," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of David Canfield," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions and for preventing unjust recoveries in certain cases," reported the same with several amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a second time.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to Mr. Linn, Mr. Kitchel, Mr. Mar-

tin, to conform the same to the amendment made to the first section.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, except the governor.

The bill, intituled, “ An act for the relief of James Mead,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The bill, intituled, “ An act for the relief of David Canfield,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the two foregoing bills are passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, “ An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States,” reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read and ordered a second reading with the bill.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, February 15, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Ogden.

The bill, intituled, “ An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States,” with the amendments, was read a second time, and having further amended, but not having gone through the same,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by Council to the bill, intituled, “ An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes,” and caused the same to be re-engrossed ; which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared,

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the same.

A petition from Sarah Ogden, relict, and David A. Ogden and others, children of Abraham Ogden, esquire, late of Newark, deceased, setting forth, “that the said Abraham Ogden died intestate, being seized of a considerable real and personal estate ; that the debts of the deceased are more than can be satisfied by his personal estate, in consequence of which several of his children, who are infants, will be destitute of any provision for their future support and education, and praying that a law be enacted vesting all the real estate of the said Abraham in his administrators, in trust, to sell and dispose of the same for the discharge of his debts and the benefit of his heirs,” was presented and read.



*Ordered*, That the said petition be read a second time.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act respecting apprentices and servants," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows;

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Corson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardslee.	

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the townships of Newark and Acquackanunck, in the county of Essex, into three separate townships," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The petition of Sarah Ogden and others, presented this morning, was again read, when Mr. Condit, on behalf of the petitioners, requested leave to withdraw the petition, which was granted.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, February 16, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the townships of Newark and Acquackanunck, in the county of Essex, into three separate townships," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed two bills, intituled, "An act to alter part of a road from Mount-Holly to Monmouth Court-House," and a bill, intituled, "An act for relaying, opening and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem road, between Moore's-Town, in the county of Burlington, and Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester, in this state;" in which bills they desire



the concurrence of Council ; which two bills were severally read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Condit.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Parret,		

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry to the House of Assembly the said bill, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The speaker of the House of Assembly having obtained leave of absence for a few days, Joseph Stillwill, esquire, was appointed speaker pro. temp. in his stead.

Mr. Outwater and Mr. Condit obtained leave of absence, on special business, until Monday.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, " An act to alter part of a road from Mount-Holly to Monmouth Court-House," was read a second time ;

On the question ; Whether the said bill be read a third time ? It was carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is disagreed to by this house.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the following resolution, in which they request the concurrence of Council ;

*Resolved*, That the printer of the state be directed to print three hundred extra copies of the act, intituled, " An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state," in order that the same may be transmitted to the several townships of the state for their government ;" which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The foregoing resolution was, by special order, read a second time ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, February 17, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday afternoon, and his excellency the governor.

Mr. Lambert obtained leave of absence for this day.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of Council; which several amendments being read,

*Ordered,* That they be read a second time.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, February 19, 1798.*

The house met—Present,

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Lambert,

Mr. Walton,

Mr. Kitchel,

Mr. Anderson,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Parret,

Mr. Beardflee.

Mr. Corson,

The amendments made by the House of Assembly to the bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," was read a second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, and Mr. Outwater and Mr. Cooper.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, February 20, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday, except the governor.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the stockholders of the toll-bridge over Passaick-River, at the village of Belleville, in the county of Essex, and their associates, to repair the road therein mentioned, and receive toll for the same," and a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second-River;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of Council; which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon,

The house met.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act to appoint and authorize trustees to take charge of, sell and convey the real estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized within this state;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchel, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," which was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Peter Brokaw;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, February 21, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday, and his excellency the governor and Mr. Ogden.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Peter Brokaw," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," was read and compared;

*Ordered,* That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said re-engrossed bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Isaac Johnson;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, except the governor.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief Peter Brokaw," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Isaac Johnson," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.



A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for laying out a more direct road from Little-Timber-Creek, near the mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a bridge over the said creek at the place aforesaid;" to which bill they request the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison;" to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, February 22, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and his excellency the governor.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Isaac Johnson," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk.

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly desire the concurrence of Council in the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That three hundred copies of the act, intituled, "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," be printed and distributed to the different parts of the state as soon as possible;" which resolution being read,

*Resolved,* That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon,

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Three petitions from the inhabitants of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris, praying that the township may be further divided, by laying off a new township, adjoining the township of Washington, and that they may have leave to present a bill for that purpose, was read, and, after debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for laying out a more direct road from Little-Timber-Creek, over Newton-Creek, near the mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a bridge over the said creek, at the place aforesaid, was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, February 23, 1798.*

The house met—Present as yesterday, and Mr. Condit.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the stockholders of the toll-bridge over Passaick river, at the village of Belleville, in the county of Essex, and their associates, to repair the road therein mentioned, and receive toll for the same, was read a second time, debated and amended;

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Condit and Mr. Anderson, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second-River, was read a second time and committed to Mr. Condit and Mr. Anderson to consider and report thereon.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for laying out a more direct road from Little-Timber-Creek, over Newton-Creek, near the mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a bridge over the said creek, at the place aforesaid, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for re-laying, opening and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem road, between Moore's-Town, in the county of Burlington, and Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester, in this state," was read a second time, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," was read a second time, and having debated, but not gone through the same,  
*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, February 24, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
 Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intitled, "An act to appoint a commissioner for the purpose therein mentioned," and a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of Mary Silvers;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bills respectively were read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, February 26, 1798.*

The house met—Present,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Corson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of Mary Silvers," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

His excellency the governor came into Council.

Mr. Cooper, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act concerning trespasses by swine," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Cooper.	
Mr. Corson,		



*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the morning, and Mr. Walton.

The bill, intituled, “An act for the relief of Mary Silvers,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Kitchel.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Cooper.	

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Cooper, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, “An act regulating fences,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill intituled, “An act concerning trespasses by swine,” was read a second time, amended, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Parret, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, “An act respecting roads laid out by law, or by commissioners appointed by law,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, “An act to appoint and authorize trustees to take charge of, sell and convey the real estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized within this state,” was read a second time, and, after debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, February 27, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Anderson.

The bill, intituled, “An act respecting roads laid out by law, or by commissioners appointed by law,” was read a second time, amended and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly desire the concurrence of the Council in the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of this state be, and he is hereby directed to deliver to Jabez Beach, or to his order, a certificate, now in the treasury, for the sum of eighteen pounds eighteen shillings and three-pence ; which certificate is in favour of the said Jabez Beach, for a demand against the forfeited estate of Ezekiel Beach, if so much of the estate of the said Ezekiel Beach re-

mains in the office of the treasurer ; which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act concerning trespasses by swine," and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act regulating fences," was read a second time, amended and the further consideration of the said bill postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act regulating fences," and having further amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Cooper, Mr. Walton and Mr. Condit, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, " An act to provide for the distribution of the laws and proceedings of the Legislature of this state; and the laws of the United States," to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act concerning trespasses by swine," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.	

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act respecting roads laid out by law, or commissioners appointed by law," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Corson.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Condit, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the stockholders of the toll-bridge over Passaick river, at

the village of Belleville, in the county of Essex, and their associates, to repair the road therein mentioned, and receive toll for the same," with sundry amendments ; which amendments being read and agreed to, and the bill further amended,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

The resolution, directing the treasurer to deliver to Jabez Beach, or his order, a certificate now in the treasury, due from the forfeited estate of Ezekiel Beach to the said Jabez, was read a second time, and, after some debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, February 28, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The resolution, relative to the delivery of a certificate in the treasury to Jabez Beach, due from the forfeited estate of Ezekiel Beach, was again taken into consideration ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein,

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the stockholders of the toll-bridge over Passaick river, at the village of Belleville, in the county of Essex, and their associates, to repair the road therein mentioned, and receive toll for the same," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly disagree to the bill sent from the Council, intituled, " An act respecting roads laid out by law, or by commissioners appointed by law," and that they have passed the bill, intituled, " An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," with amendments ; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of Council.

The amendments to the last recited act being read and agreed to,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, " An act to provide for the the distribution of the laws and proceedings of the Legislature of this state, and the laws of the United States," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to appoint a commissioner for the purpose therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.



The house met.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the discharge of James M'Comb, late marshal, and his securities, and the representatives of general David Forman, deceased," to which bill they desire the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the laws and proceedings of the Legislature of this state, and the laws of the United States," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Beardlee.	

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for relaying, opening and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem road, between Moore's-Town, in the county of Burlington, and Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester, in this state," and having amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time with the amendments.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to appoint and authorize trustees to take charge of, sell and convey the real estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized within this state," and having gone through the same by sections,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

Mr. Condit, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second-River," reported the same with sundry amendments; which were read and ordered a second reading with the bill.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange;

On the question, Whether the said bill be read a third time? It was carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning,

*Thursday, March 1, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, “ An act for re-laying, opening and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem road, between Moore’s-Town, in the county of Burlington, and Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester, in this state,” with amendments made thereto by Council, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill as amended do pass ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardslee.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Corson.		

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said bill is disagreed to by Council.

The bill, intituled, “ An act for the discharge of James M’Comb, late marshal, and his securities, and the representatives of general David Forman, deceased,” was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, “ An act to appoint and authorize trustees to take charge of, sell and convey the real estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized within this state,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Beardslee.	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Corson,
		Mr. Lambert,
		Mr. Ogden.

*Ordered,* That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, “ An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States,” was read and compared ;

*Ordered,* That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council, with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly.

The house adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, “ An act to appoint a commissioner for the purpose therein mentioned,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the discharge of James M'Coinb, late marshal, and his securities, and the representatives of General David Forman, deceased," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Corson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Ogden.	
Mr. Cooper,		

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second-River," with the amendments, was read a second time, and the said bill being further amended,

*Ordered*, That it be read a third time with the amendments.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act making process against mortgagers, who abscond, effectual," and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, March 2, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick near the Dutch Church in Second-River," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry to the House of Assembly the said bill, with the amendments made thereto by Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

"The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act concerning forcible entries and detainers," and the bill, intituled, "An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgments and wrongful alienations of lands, without amendment—They have also passed the bill, intituled, "An act mak-



ing provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships," with sundry amendments ; to which amendments, they desire the concurrence of Council—They have also passed a bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the governor of this state to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware at or near Trenton," and a bill, intituled, " A further supplement to an act, intituled, " An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," and a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Barnt DeKlyn," and a bill, intituled, " An act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnel, his heirs and assigns, to build and maintain a dam on a branch of Maurice-River, at or near Fork-Bridge, in the counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a grist and saw-mill, and other water-works ;" to which four last recited bills they desire the concurrence of the Council ; which four bills, respectively, were read and ordered a second reading.

The house took into consideration the amendments made by the House of Assembly to the bill, intituled, " An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships," and having agreed to the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be re-engrossed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, " An act to authorize the governor of this state to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at or near Trenton," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, " A further supplement to an act, intituled, " An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," was read a second time and debated, but not having gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed, and the bill committed to Mr. Parret, Mr. Walton and Mr. Condit, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Cooper, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act concerning the main road from Moore's-Town, in the county of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, March 3, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, except the governor.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

I am directed to inform the Council that the bill, by them passed and sent down to this house for concurrence on the 15th ultimo, intituled, " An act respecting apprentices and servants," has been mislaid and cannot be found, and to request the favor of Council to cause the same to be again engrossed from their original bill and forwarded to the House of Assembly, that they may proceed to consider the same.

The foregoing message being taken into consideration,

*Ordered*, That the secretary furnish the engrossing clerk with the original

copy of the bill therein recited, for the purpose of being again engrossed and forwarded, after signature, to the House of Assembly.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the governor of this state to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at or near Trenton," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnel, his heirs and assigns, to build and maintain a dam on a branch of Maurice-River, at or near Fork-Bridge, in the counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a grist and saw-mill, and other water-works," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Barnt DeKlyn," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the main road from Moore's-Town, in the county of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, March 5, 1798.*

The house met—Present,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardflee,
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Corson,	

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships," being read and compared,

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by Council, with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnel, his heirs and assigns, to build and maintain a dam on a branch of Maurice-River, at or near Fork-Bridge, in the counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a grist and saw-mill, and other water-works," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the Relief of Barnt DeKlyn," was read a third time ;



On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county," was read a second time, and after some debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Outwater, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Condit, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Parret, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A further supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read and ordered to be read a second time with the bill.

The Council proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments, and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the bill, as amended, be read a third time.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, and his excellency the governor.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk.

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace;" to which bill they request the concurrence of the Council; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for making process effectual against mortgagers who abscond, or who refuse to appear," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, intituled, "A further supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state" with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Kitchel.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>		

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



*Tuesday, March 6, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Cooper.

The engrossed, bill, intitled, “An act concerning the main road from Moore’s-Town, in the county of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester,” was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parret,		Mr. Walton,
Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Anderfon,
Mr. Kitchel,		Mr. Corfon,
		Mr. Beardlee.

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

Mr. Cooper, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, “An act regulating fences,” reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read and agreed to ; and, the bill being further amended and gone through with,

*Ordered,* That it be engrossed for a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The house adjourned until ten o’clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, March 7, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intitled, “An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace,” was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intitled, “An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts,” with sundry amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the Council ; which amendments being read, were severally agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, “An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county,” reported the same with sundry amendments ; which were severally read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be read a third time with the amendments.

The bill, intitled, “An act for the limitation of actions, and for preventing

unjust recoveries in certain cases," with the amendments made thereto, was read a second time, and the said bill being further amended, but not gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, and his excellency the governor.

The bill, intituled, "An act for incorporating sundry persons, as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county," with the amendments, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Parret.
Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.	

*Ordered*, That the president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions, and for preventing unjust recoveries in certain cases," and the said bill being further amended and gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill, compiled by Mr. Paterson, and referred from the last to the present session, was taken up and read ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to Mr. Linn and Mr. Cooper, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday, March 8, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the stockholders of the toll-bridge over Passaick river, at the village of Belleville, in the county of Essex, and their associates, to repair the road therein-mentioned, and receive toll for the same," and the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church, in Second-River," with the amendments made thereto by the Council, and have caused the same to be re-engrossed—They have also passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," with an amendment, to which amendment they request the concurrence of Council—They have also passed a bill, intituled, "An act directing

the mode of entering judgments upon bonds and warrants to confess judgments," and a bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways;" to which bills they request the concurrence of the Council.

The re-engrossed bills, intituled, "An act to authorize the stockholders of the toll-bridge over Passaick river, at the village of Belleville, in the county of Essex, and their associates, to repair the road therein mentioned, and receive toll for the same," and "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to authorize certain inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a bridge over the river Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second-River," were severally read and compared ;

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bills.

The amendment made by the House of Assembly to the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," was read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the mode of entering judgments upon bonds with warrants to confess judgments," and the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," were severally read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled "An act regulating fences," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.	

*Ordered*, That the vice president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act to provide a house for the residence of the governor of this state," and a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Peter Ward," and a bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges;" to which bills, respectively, they request the concurrence of the Council ; which three several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Cooper, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for preventing injuries to the breed of horses," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace," was read a third time ;



On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

Mr. Cooper, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning clerks of courts," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the mode of entering judgments upon bonds with warrants to confess judgments," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Cooper, from the committee directed to draught and report a bill supplementary to the act for the punishment of crimes, reported a bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide a house for the residence of the governor of this state," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors," was read and compared;

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by Council, with the amendment made thereto by the House of Assembly.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges," was read a second time, debated, and the further consideration of the said bill postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, March 9, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," was read and compared;

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council, with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the clerks of courts," was read a second time, amended and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the mode of entering judgments upon bonds, with warrants to confess judgments, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Peter Ward," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for preventing injuries to the breed of horses," was read a second time, amended and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," was read a second time, and after considerable debate had thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the next session of the Legislature.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges ;" whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Kitchel, Mr. Condit and Mr. Parret, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for preventing injuries to the breed of horses," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Beardlee.	

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide a house for the residence of the governor of this state," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Linn, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Cooper,		Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parret,		Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Corson,		Mr. Kitchel,
		Mr. Beardlee.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning the clerks of courts," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Corson,	

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to four several warrants entitling Mary Husted, (late Jones) Joyce Miles, (late Anderson) Hannah Henry, (late Dumont) and Rachel Stivers, whose several husbands died in the service of the United States, to receive the amount of their late husband's half-pay, and request the concurrence of the Council in the said warrants; which several warrants were read and ordered a second reading. Mr. Ewing also brought back to this house the re-engrossed bill, intitled, "A further supplement to an act, intitled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," and acquainted Council that the House of Assembly had passed the same with the amendments made thereto by the Council; which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared,

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The Council withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and after some time spent therein, the house returned and then

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Saturday, March 10, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The house withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and, after some time, the house returned, and then

Adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The warrants in favor of Mary Husted, (late Jones) Joyce Miles, (late Anderson) Hannah Henry, (late Dumont) and Rachel Stivers, for the half-pay of their late husbands, together with the adjudications of the court, and the documents attending the same, were read a second time, and after consideration had thereon,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said warrants respectively.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said warrants are concurred in by the Council.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning.

*Monday, March 12, 1798.*

The house met—Present,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Corson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardslee.



A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive right to use steam engines in the manufacture of lumber, and granting to him the exclusive right to use a steam engine of a certain description for other purposes for a limited time," and a resolution in the words following: "*Resolved*, That one thousand seven hundred and fifty copies of the militia act passed this sitting of the Legislature, be immediately struck off, by the state printer, for the use of the officers of the militia of this state;" to which bill and resolution they request the concurrence of the Council.

The foregoing resolution having been read and considered,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive right to use steam engines in the manufacture of lumber, and granting to him the exclusive right to use a steam engine of a certain description for other purposes for a limited time," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," was read a second time, and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for making process effectual against mortgagers who abscond, or who refuse to appear," without amendment.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, and his excellency the governor.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive right to use steam engines in the manufacture of lumber, and granting to him the exclusive right to use a steam engine of a certain description for other purposes, for a limited time," was read a second time, and having amended, but not gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," and a bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves;" to which bills, respectively, they request the concurrence of the Council; which two several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the better security of the office of the secretary of this state, and for arranging the irregular files of original papers in the register's office," and the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow adjoining the river Passaic to clear the same, within the limits therein mentioned;" to which bills

they request the concurrence of the Council ; which two several bills were read a second reading.

The house adjourned until half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Tuesday, March 13, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intitled, “ An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,” was read a second time, and the first section of the said bill being under consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Outwater, to strike out the word *sixty* and insert *fifty*, in order to make it read, “ that every suit of a civil nature at law, where the debt, balance, or other matter in dispute does not exceed, exclusive of costs, the sum or value of fifty dollars ;”

On the question, To agree to the said motion ? It was carried in the negative.

The bill having been amended and gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time with the amendments.

The bill, intitled, “ An act for the relief of Peter Ward,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, “ An act respecting bridges,” reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

Mr. Condit, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, “ An act directing where the offices of the clerks of the courts of common pleas shall be kept,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Cooper, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, “ An act concerning fines and common recoveries,” reported a new bill, intitled, “ An act to prevent certain estates from being barred by fines or common recoveries,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, “ An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,” with the amendments, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Outwater.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Corson,		

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.



*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," and having further amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the better security of the office of the secretary of this state, and for arranging the irregular files of original papers in the register's office," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly agree to the amendments made by Council to the bill, intituled, "An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county," and have caused the same to be re-engrossed—They have also passed a bill, intituled, "An act for suppressing vice and immorality, and a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," and a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to appoint an agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased, passed March 2, 1797," and a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act, intituled, "An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;" to which four bills, respectively, they request the concurrence of the Council ; which several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county," was read and compared ;

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent certain estates from being barred by fines or common recoveries," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing where the offices of the clerks of the courts of common pleas shall be kept," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Corson,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Walton,		

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry to the House of Assembly the said bill and amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges," with the amendments, was read a second time, and the bill being further amended, but not gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to appoint an



agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased," passed March the 2d, 1797, was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Wednesday, March 14, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly agree to the first amendment made by Council to the bill, intituled, "An act for constituting courts for the trial of small causes," and in other respects do adhere to their bill.

On the question, Whether this house will recede from their second amendment made to the said bill? It was carried in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to appoint an agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased," passed March the 2d, 1797, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act directing where the offices of the clerks of the courts of common pleas shall be kept," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Corson.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Cooper,		

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to prevent certain estates from being barred by fines or common recoveries," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges," and after debate had thereon,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the next session of the Legislature.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive right to use steam engines in the manufacture of lumber, and granting to him the exclusive right to use a steam engine of a certain description, for other purposes, for a limited time," and the bill being further amended and gone through with,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, as amended, be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the better security of the office of the secretary of this state, and for arranging the irregular files of original papers in the register's office," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," was read a second time, and while under debate, a motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Parret, to insert the following clause in the bill:

"That every negro, indian, mulatto or mestee child, who shall be born in this state, on or after the fourth day of July next, shall be free on his or her arrival at the age of twenty-eight years."

On the question to agree to the said motion? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Condit,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Corson,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Lambert,	

The bill having been gone through without amendment.

*Ordered*, That it be read a third time.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for suppressing vice and immorality," was read a second time, and having amended and gone through the same,

*Ordered*, That the bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly agree to the 1st, 2d, 4th and 5th amendments made by the Council to the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," and in other respects adhere to their bill.

On the question, Whether this house will recede from their third amendment made to the said bill? It was carried in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive right



to use steam engines in the manufacture of lumber, and granting to him the exclusive right to use a steam engine of a certain description, for other purposes, for a limited time," with the amendments, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill, intituled, " An act respecting slaves," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Martin,		Mr. Parret,
Mr. Walton,		Mr. Corson,
Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Ogden.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, " An act concerning the main road from Moore's-Town, in the county of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the county of Gloucester," and the bill, intituled, " An act respecting apprentices and servants," without amendment—They have also passed a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge ;" to which last recited bill they request the concurrence of the Council ; which last bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act for suppressing vice and immorality," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Parret,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Corson.
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.	

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill, intituled, " An act to repeal an act, intituled, " An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, and committed to Mr. Kitchel, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cooper, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.



*Thursday, March 15, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, “A supplement to the act, intituled, “An act for the relief of insolvent debtors,” was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Corson,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Anderson,		Mr. Beardlee.

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and inform them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, “An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,” with the amendments made thereto by the Council, and have caused the same to be re-engrossed; which re-engrossed bill being read and compared;

*Ordered,* That the vice-president do sign the same.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly agree to the two last amendments made by the Council to the bill, intituled, “An act for suppressing vice and immorality,” and in other respects do adhere to their bill.

On the question, Will Council recede from their other amendments made to the said bill? It was carried in the negative.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that Council adhere to all their said amendments.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to a warrant allowing Elizabeth Dugan to receive the amount of her late husband's half-pay, and request the concurrence of Council therein; which warrant being read and considered,

*Resolved,* That Council do concur therein.

*Ordered,* That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the following resolution, to which they desire the concurrence of Council:

“*Resolved,* That the treasurer of this state is authorized to receive from the heirs, executors or administrators of John Vanduvier, deceased, the sum of two hundred and forty-four pounds, fifteen shillings and one penny; principal of a certain bond, given by the said John Vanduvier, August 12, 1774, unto William Walton, and also to receive the sum of one hundred and forty-six pounds, sixteen shillings and eight-pence, it being ten years interest of the aforesaid bond, and the treasurer is hereby directed to give up said bond unto

the heirs, executors or administrators, or either of them, after receiving the money aforesaid ;" which resolution being read and considered,

*Resolved*, That Council do concur therein.

The bill, intitled, " An act for the relief of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge," was read a second time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill be read a third time ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Parret,	
Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Corson,	

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, " An act to repeal an act, intitled, " An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported the same with fundry amendments, and the title amended so as to read, " An act ascertaining costs in certain cases ;" which several amendments and title, having been read and agreed to,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a third time.

The bill, intitled, " An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow adjoining the river Passaick to clear the same within the limits therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, " An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadow adjoining the river Passaick to clear the same, within the limits therein mentioned," was read the third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Parret,	Mr. Outwater,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Corson,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Kitchel.	Mr. Beardlee.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by Council without amendment.

The bill, intitled, " An act to repeal an act, intitled, " An act relative to proceedings in the courts of law, and for other purposes therein mentioned," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, as amended, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.  
Mr. Outwater,  
Mr. Condit,  
Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Anderfon,

Yeas.  
Mr. Cooper,  
Mr. Parret,  
Mr. Corson,  
Mr. Kitchel.

Nays.  
Mr. Lambert,  
Mr. Ogden,  
Mr. Beardflee.

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Salmon," a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Hedges," a bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the treasurer of this state to issue certificates to the several counties thereof, and for raising the sum of thirty thousand pounds per annum, for two years, for the support of the government," and a bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges;" to which bills, respectively, they request the concurrence of Council; which four several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Joseph Hedges," was read a second time;

On the question, Whether the said bill shall proceed to a third reading? It was carried in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by Council.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Salmon," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—  
Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, "An act concerning trespasses by swine," and the bill, intituled, "An act for preventing injuries to the breed of horses," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Salmon," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the treasurer of this state to issue certificates to the several counties thereof, and for raising the sum of thirty thou-



land pounds per annum, for two years, for the support of the government," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Friday, March 16, 1798.*

The house met—Present as before, except Mr. Ogden, who obtained leave of absence.

The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the treasurer of this state to issue certificates to the several counties thereof, and for raising the sum of thirty thousand pounds per annum, for two years, for the support of the government," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Outwater,	Mr. Condit,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Anderson,	
Mr. Parret,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Corson.		

*Ordered*, That the secretary do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is disagreed to by this house.

Mr. Condit, with leave, presented the following resolution:

"Whereas it appears that several of the counties of this state are largely in arrears in the payment of their taxes; which arrears, if paid into the treasury, would be sufficient for the exigencies of the government for the present year; and whereas it is, from this circumstance, unjust to continue taxing those counties which have paid their taxes according to law; therefore,

*Resolved*, That no tax for the support of government ought, this year, to be laid on such counties as are not in arrear; and that the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to compel those delinquent counties to pay forward their respective deficiencies, as the law directs, without delay; and that he lay a statement of his proceedings against such delinquent counties before the next Legislature;" which resolution being read and considered,

*Resolved*, That this house do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the secretary do carry the said resolution to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the suppressing vice and immorality," the bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining costs in certain cases," and the bill, intituled, "An act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive right to use steam engines in the manufacture of lumber," with the amendments respectively made thereto by Council, and have caused the same to be re-engrossed;" which three several re-engrossed bills having been read and compared;

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bills.

A message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Ewing their clerk—

Mr. Vice-President,

The House of Assembly have passed the bill, intituled, "An act making pro-

vision for working and repairing the highways," with the amendments made thereto by Council, and have caused the same to be re-engrossed—They also concur in the resolution of Council relative to authorizing and directing the treasurer to compel the payment of the arrears of taxes.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," being read and compared,

*Ordered*, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The honourable Joseph Stillwell, esquire, speaker of the House of Assembly, *pro. tem.* came into Council, and acquainted the vice-president, that the House of Assembly had gone through their business, and adjourned *sine die*; whereupon,

Council adjourned, *sine die*, also.

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By virtue of an order of Council, I appoint Matthias Day to print the journals of the present and former sitting of this session.

RD: HOWELL.











