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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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NEW-JERSEY,

At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 25th Day of
October, 1785, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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

<i>Bergen,</i>	The Honourable {	Peter Haring,	} Esquires.
<i>Essex,</i>		Matthias Ogden,	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Samuel Fitz-Randolph,	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		David Forman,	
<i>Somerset,</i>		Ephraim Martin,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		William Newbold,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Elijah Clark,	
<i>Salem,</i>		John Mayhew,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Elijah Hughes,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Robert-Lettis Hooper, V. P.	
<i>Morris,</i>		John-Cleves Symmes,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Samuel Ogden,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Robert Hoops,	

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<i>Bergen,</i>	{	Jacob Terhune,	✓	} Esquires.
		Abraham Blauvelt,	✓	
		Isaac Nicoll,	✓	
<i>Essex,</i>		Henry Garritse,	✓	
		Abraham Clark,	✓	
		Daniel Marsh,	✓	
<i>Middlesex,</i>		John Combs,	✓	
		James Schuurman,	✓	
		James Bonney,	✓	
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Daniel Hendrickson,		
		Elifha Walton,		
		<i>James ...</i>		
<i>Somerset,</i>		Edward Bunn,	✓	
		Robert Blaire,	✓	
		David Kelley,	✓	
<i>Burlington,</i>		Richard S. Smith,	✓	
		Joseph Biddle,	✓	
		Joseph Smith,	✓	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Joseph Ellis,		
		Joseph Cooper,		
		Thomas Clark,	✓	
<i>Salem,</i>		Thomas Sinnickson,		
		Edward Hall,	✓	
		Anthony Sharp,		
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Elijah Townsend,		
		John Baker,		
		Nezer Swain,		
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		Benj. Van-Cleve, <i>Speaker,</i>		
		John Lambert,		
		Joab Houghton,	✓	
<i>Morris,</i>		Ellis Cook,		
		John Starke,		
		Jacob Arnold,		
<i>Cumberland,</i>		John Burgin,	✓	
		Jonathan Bowen,		
		John Sheppard,	✓	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Aaron Hankinson,	✓	
		Charles Beardlee,		
		Christopher Longstreet,		

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S T A T E O F N E W - J E R S E Y .

Trenton, Tuesday, October 25, 1785,

B EING the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the late annual Election, several Persons returned as Members attended, *to wit, John Combs, Daniel Hendrickson, Eliza Walton, Edward Bunn, Robert Blaire, David Kelly, Richard S. Smith, Joseph Biddle, Joseph Smith, Joseph Cooper, Thomas Clark, Benjamin Van-Cleve, Jonathan Bowen, John Sheppard, Aaron Hankinson, and Charles Beardslee,* but not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Wednesday, October 26, 1785.

The above-mentioned Persons returned as Members met, together with *Joab Houghton, John Burgin, Abraham Clark, James Bonney, and John Starke*; and, being a Quorum, they produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon *Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esq.* was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify *Abraham Clark, Esq.* who being duly sworn, took his Seat; and the remaining Persons returned as Members being qualified by the said *Abraham Clark*, took their Seats in the House.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and the Hon. *Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esq.* was chosen, and placed in the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, and *Maskell Erwing, jun.* was unanimously chosen.

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

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

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

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

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Fitz-Randolph*.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, October 26, 1785.*

THAT *Mr. Fitz-Randolph* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, elected the Honourable *John C. Symmes Esq.* Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.

Ordered, That *Mr. Richard S. Smith* and *Mr. Combs* be a Committee to inspect the Journals, and report such Business as stands referred or remains unfinished from the last Session.

A Petition from *Matthew Gill*, of the County of *Gloucester*, praying that the Legislature would order the Treasurer to pay him a Sum of Money due to him from *George Avis*, whose Estate has been confiscated to this State, and paid into the Treasury thereof, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth* was read, setting forth sundry illegal Proceedings had at the late annual Election in the said County, and praying an Opportunity to state and prove the same to the House ; and that a new Election may be ordered in the said County.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have an Opportunity to prove the Facts set forth in their Petition, on *Thursday* the third Day of *November* next, at ten o'Clock in the Morning ; and that *Charles Gordon* and *John Covenhoven*, two of the Petitioners, be notified by the Clerk of this House to attend with Witnesses, to support the Facts set forth in the said Petitions on that Day ; and that they the said *Charles Gordon* and *John Covenhoven* serve the Judge, and at least three of the Inspectors, who presided at the said Election, with a Copy of this Minute three Days previous to the said Day.

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

Thursday, October 27, 1785.

The House met.

John Lambert, Jacob Arnold, Anthony Sharp, Christopher Longstreet, and John Baker, Esquires, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House ; and each having rendered to the House an Excuse for Non-Attendance before this Time,

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Ordered, That *Mr. Hendrickson* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House is ready to go into a Joint-Meeting, to elect a Governor and other Officers of the State, and do propose that Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. Richard S. Smith, from the Committee appointed to bring forward the unfinished Business from the Minutes of the last Session, reported, that the following Business stands referred to this Sitting :

A Petition

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Egg-Harbour*, in the County of *Burlington*, praying that the said County may be divided, and that a new County may be set off.

The Memorial from the Auditor of Accounts was committed to a Committee on the 14th *December*, who reported an Answer to one of the *Queries* therein contained on the 22d *December*.

The Memorial from *Jonathan Elmer*, Esq.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor of the 21st *December*, accompanied with a Resolution of Congress of the 16th.

The Petition from *Mercy Hawkins*, of the County of *Essex*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that she may be divorced from her Husband.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County, including such of the said Congregation as reside in the County of Essex.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of The City of Trenton, and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Repair of a certain Causeway and Bridge, on the main Road leading from Paules-Hook to Hackinsack, in the County of Bergen.*

A Petition from the County of *Suffex*.

A Petition from *Conrad Ten-Eyck* and *George Thompson*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pitts-Grove, in the County of Salem.*

The Petition from *Tallman Smith*; as also the Petition from *Jacob Warren*.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying a Law may pass to enable them yet to bring forward their Accounts against the Estates of those Fugitives whose Estates have been forfeited to, and vested in, this State.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the running and ascertaining of the Northern boundary Line of the Tract of Land in the County of Hunterdon, usually called the Society's Great Tract, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from Bergen-Point to Paules-Hook, &c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey, by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State through the neighbouring States.*

RICHARD S. SMITH,
JOHN COMBS.

Ordered, That Messrs. *J. Smith*, *Sheppard* and *Lambert*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. *Walton* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House for that Purpose.

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

Ordered, That Messrs. *Bunn*, *Biddle*, *Houghton*, *R. S. Smith*, and *Bowen*, or any three of them, be a Committee for the present Session, to join a Committee of the Council, on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; that the said Committee settle and report all Accounts, for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made

made by Law ; and that they deliver all others to such Committee of this House as may be hereafter appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Forman*.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, October 27, 1785.*

THAT Mr. *Forman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting To-morrow Afternoon, three o'Clock, at the House of Mr. *Drake*.' .

Ordered, That Messrs. *Combs*, *Starke* and *T. Clark*, be a Committee to prepare and present the Draught of a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

A Petition from the Minister and Members of the *Baptist* Congregation at *Dividing-Creeks*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was read, praying that a Law may be passed for incorporating certain Members of the said Society, with Powers to transact the temporal Concerns thereof.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

Elijah Townsend, Esq. elected one of the Representatives for the County of *Cape-May*, having forwarded the Certificate of his Election, and declined accepting his Seat in the House,

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the High Sheriff of the County of *Cape-May*, to hold an Election agreeably to Law, for the Choice of a Representative for the said County in General Assembly, in the Room and Place of the said *Elijah Townsend*, during the Remainder of the present Session.

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

The House met.

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

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| No. 1. | 1 Nov. 1783,
and 19 April, 1784. | Act of Congress respecting the Deficiency of a full Representation in Congress. |
| No. 2. | 23 Dec. 1784. | Resolution of Congress relative to the Federal Buildings. |
| No. 3. | 24 Dec. 1784. | Letter from President <i>Lee</i> accompanying the said Resolution. |
| No. 4. | 20 Feb. 1782. | Resolve of Congress respecting the final Settlement of the Proportions of the Expence of the War to be borne by the respective States. |
| No. 5. | 17 Feb. and 18
April, 1783. | Resolutions of Congress recommending it to the Legislatures of the several States to take Measures for obtaining an accurate Account of the Quantity of Land in each State ; and also to invest Congress with Power to lay certain Duties, &c. |
| No. 6. | 2 Feb. 1785. | Resolution of Congress respecting the publick Certificates. |
| No. 7. | 4 Feb. 1785. | Appointment of the Executive Council of <i>Pennsylvania</i> of Commissioners for settling the Jurisdiction of the River <i>Delaware</i> . |
| No. 8. | 17 Mar. 1785. | Act of Congress respecting the ascertaining the publick Debts. |

- No. 9. 18 *March*, Letter from Secretary *Thomson* accompanying the said
1785. Act.
- No. 10. 31 *March*, Ordinance of Congress for the Regulation of the Office of
1785. the Secretary of Congress.
- No. 11. 13 *April*, Resolution of Congress empowering the States which shall
1785. have settled with their respective Lines on the Principles of the Act of the 1st of *June*, 1784, to charge the United States with the Payments made, provided, &c. together with a Copy of the said Resolution of the 1st of *June*, 1784.
- No. 12. 1 *Nov.* 1783, Report of a Committee of Congress of 1st *November*, 1783,
19 *April*, 1784. and Resolution of 19 *April*, 1784, relative to a proper Representation in Congress.
- No. 13. 25 *April*, Letter from the War-Office respecting the Officers to be
1785. appointed by the State of *New-Jersey*, to command its Quota of Troops, &c.
- No. 14. 29 *April*, Resolve of Congress respecting a fuller Representation in
1785. Congress.
- No. 15. 30 *April*, Resolution of Congress recommending it to the Legisla-
1785. tures of the several States to vest Congress, for fifteen Years, with certain Powers for the Regulation of Commerce.
- No. 16. 19 *May*, Letter from the War-Office requesting what Measures have
1785. been taken by the State of *New-Jersey* to raise their Proportion of Troops required by the Act of Congress of the 12th of *April* last.
- No. 17. 27 *May*, The Election of Congress of several Surveyors, in Confor-
1785. mity to the Ordinance for ascertaining the Mode of disposing of Lands in the Western Territory, &c.
- No. 18. 31 *May*, Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson*, enclosing Resolutions of
1785. Congress of 3d *November*, 1783, and 27th *May*, 1785.
- No. 19. 3 *Nov.* Resolution of Congress directing the Paymaster-General to
1783. deposit in the Hands of the regimental Agents the Certificates of Pay due to the Officers and Soldiers of the respective Lines of the late Army, &c.
- No. 20. 27 *May*, Resolution of Congress requesting the Legislatures of the
1785. several States to cause the Services of the regimental Agents to be examined, and to make them such Allowance as they may think them entitled to; and that such Agents deposit the Certificates with the Supreme Executives of the States to which they belong.
- No. 21. 7 *June*, Resolution of Congress recommending it to the several
1785. States to make Provision for Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States.
- No. 22. 9 *June*, Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson* accompanying the said
1785. Resolution.
- No. 23. 15 *June*, Resolutions of the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, re-
1785. specting the furnishing their Delegates in Congress with certain Acts of their Legislature; and for transmitting to the several Executives of the United States, certain

Acts and Doings of that Commonwealth ; and requesting of them similar Communications.

- No. 24. 23 *June*, Act of the Legislature of the *Massachusetts* for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.
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- No. 25. 20 *July*, Act of Congress respecting the retaining in Service the Militia of *New-Jersey*, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel *Harmer*, till the Meeting of the Legislature.
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- No. 26. 27 *July*, Resolution of Congress, that the Secretary of Congress apply to the Executives of the several States for thirteen Copies of the Legislative Acts thereof, since the 1st of *September* 1774, inclusive, &c.
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- No. 27. 28 *July*, Circular Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson*, accompanying the said Resolution.
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- No. 28. 28 *July*, Circular Letter from Governor *Bowdoin*, enclosing an Act of the *Massachusetts* for the regulating of Navigation and Commerce, viz. No. 24.
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- No. 29. Abstract of the Attendance of the States in Congress from the first *Monday* in *November* 1784, to the 29th *July* 1785.
- No. 30. 3 *August*, Letter from Secretary *Thomson* with a Duplicate of his Letter of the 28th *July*, and two Copies of the Continuation of the Journals of Congress, the one for the Legislative, and the other for the Executive Branch of Government ; and an Act of Congress of 1st *November* 1783, and 19th *April* 1784.
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- No. 31. 17 *August*, Resolution of Congress respecting the Representation in Congress.
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- No. 32. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of *August* 1785, pursuant to the 17th of *August* 1785.
- No. 35. 24 *August*, Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson*, accompanying the Act of Congress of the 20th *February* 1782, one of the 17th *February* 1783, and another of the 18th *April* 1783, viz. No. 4 and No. 5 in this List.
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- No. 36. Postmaster's Bill of Rates.
- No. 37. 29 *August*, Letter from Secretary *Thomson* accompanying several Acts of Congress respecting the Representation.
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- No. 38. 29 *August*, Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson*, in which he says that he encloses the Act of Congress of the 30th *April* 1784, but which I have not received, and requests a Copy of the Acts of our Legislature in Pursuance thereof, if it has been complied with.
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- No. 39. 6 *Sept.* Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson* accompanying two Copies of the Continuation of the Journals of Congress.
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- No. 40. 27 *Sept.* Resolution of Congress respecting the Sum to be raised for the Services of the present Year, and for the Payment of other Debts, &c.
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- No. 41. 30 *Sept.* Resolution of Congress relative to the Commissioners of the Continental Loan-Offices.
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- No. 42. The Quota of *New-Jersey* of 8,000,000 Dollars required by Act of Congress 30th *October* 1781.

- No. 43. The Quota of *New-Jersey* of 1,200,000 Dollars required by Congress 4th *September* 1782.
- No. 44. The Quota of *New-Jersey* of 2,000,000 Dollars required by Congress 16th *October* 1782.
- No. 45. The Quota of *New-Jersey* of 3,000,000 Dollars required by Congress 27th *September* 1785.
- No. 46. Settlement of the Requisitions of Congress of 27th *April* 1784, and 27th *September* 1785.
- No. 47. 7 *October*, Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson* requesting the Acts of our Legislature in return for those of *Massachusetts* and *South-Carolina*.
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- No. 48. 10 *October*, Letter from Messrs. *Osgood* and *Lee*, respecting the State of the publick Debt, and the Arrearages of *New-Jersey*.
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- No. 49. 14 *October*, Circular Letter from Mr. *Jay*, Secretary for foreign Affairs, enclosing Copies of a Letter from Chevalier *Paul Jones* to him, and of a Letter from Mr. *Soulanges* to the Judges and Consuls at *Nantz*, advising that *Algiers* had declared War against the United States.
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- No. 50. 6 *Aug.* and Copies of the said two Letters last mentioned.
14 *July*, 1785.
- No. 51. 15 *October*, Circular Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson*, accompanying the Acts of Congress of the 27th and 28th *April*, 1784, respecting the Arrears of Interest on the national Debt, &c. and also of the 12th *October* 1785, and the 4th of *September* 1782.
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- No. 52. 27 and 28 Resolves of Congress respecting the Arrears of Interest on the national Debt, &c.
April, 1784.
- No. 53. 12 *Oct.* Resolves of Congress, the first earnestly calling upon the several States to complete, without Delay, the Whole of their Quotas of the Requisitions of *September* and *April* 1784, and the second for quotaing *One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars* on the States, &c.
1785, and 4 *September*, 1782.
- No. 54. Journals of Congress that have been transmitted to the Governor of *New-Jersey*, by the Secretary of Congress, for the Use of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the foregoing Papers be severally read.

The foregoing Papers, from No. 1 to No. 14, inclusive, were severally read, and ordered to be filed.

The Paper marked No. 15 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Papers marked No. 16, No. 17 and No. 18, were severally read, and ordered to be filed.

The Paper marked No. 21 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Papers marked No. 22, No. 23 and No. 25, were read, and ordered to be filed.

The Papers marked No. 26 and No. 27, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Paper marked No. 28 was read, and ordered to be filed.

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

Friday,

Friday, October 28, 1785.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Papers accompanying his Excellency's Message of Yesterday.

The Papers marked No. 19 and No. 20 were read, and committed to Messrs. *A. Clark* and *Sharp*, to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

The Papers marked No. 29, No. 30, No. 31, No. 32, No. 35, No. 36, No. 37, No. 38, and No. 39, were severally read, and ordered to be filed.

The Papers marked No. 40 and No. 41 were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Papers from No. 42 to No. 50, inclusive, being read, were ordered to be filed.

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

The Papers marked No. 51 and No. 53 were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Paper marked No. 52 was read, and ordered to be filed.

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

The House met.

Henry Garrisse, *Jacob Terbune*, *Abraham Blauvelt*, and *James Schuurman*, Esquires, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were severally read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House; and each having rendered to the House an Excuse for Non-Attendance before this Time,

Resolved, That the same are satisfactory.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and informed the House that the Joint-Meeting had elected his Excellency *William Livingston*, Esquire, Governor of this State; and the Honourable *Lambert Cadwalader*, *John-Cleves Symmes*, and *Josiah Hornblower*, Esquires, to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for the ensuing Year.

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

Saturday, October 29, 1785.

The House met.

Two Petitions from the County of *Hunterdon*, praying for a Revision and Alteration of the Law for regulating Roads, &c. were read; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Biddle*, and Mr. *Houghton*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jeseph Smith*, Mr. *Sheppard* and Mr. *Richard S. Smith*, be a Committee to inspect and correct the Journals of the House; and that the Clerk do furnish *Isaac Collins*, Printer, weekly, with a Copy of the Minutes, and that he do publish the same.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Combs* and Mr. *Starke*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to direct the Mode of Proceedings in the Courts of Law; and to restrain excessive Costs in the same.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same Committee do bring in a Bill to enlarge the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court; and also to enlarge the Jurisdiction of Courts established for the Trial of small Causes.

The Resolution of Congress directing Application to be made to the Executives of the several States, for thirteen Copies of the legislative Acts thereof, since the first of *September* 1774; one Set to be retained for the Use of Congress, and one other Set for the Delegates of each State, exclusive of its own Acts, for the Use of the Legislature thereof, was read the second Time; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to purchase of *Isaac Collins*, Printer, thirteen Volumes of the last Edition of the legislative Acts of this State, and forward the same to the Secretary of Congress, agreeably to, and for the Use in their Resolution above-mentioned; and that the Treasurer pay for the same out of the publick Money in the Treasury; and that the Treasurer for the Time being be directed from Time to Time to forward to the Secretary of Congress the like Number of the Acts of the Legislature of this State, as soon as the same shall be published; and that the Printer print thirteen Copies of the said Acts over and above the Number printed for the Use of this State.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terbune* do carry to the Council the above Resolution, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooper* have Leave of Absence the ensuing Week.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor of the 21st of *December*, accompanied with a Resolution of Congress of the 16th, referred to this Sitting, was read, and ordered to be filed.

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

The Petition from *Mercy Hawkins*, of the County of *Essex*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that she may be divorced from her Husband, referred to this Sitting, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Repairs of a certain Causeway and Bridge, on the main Road leading from Paulus-Hook to Hackinsack, in the County of Bergen*, referred to this Sitting, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Courad Ten-Eyck* and *George Thompson*, referred to this Sitting, was read; and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem*, referred to this Sitting, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *Tallman Smith*; as also the Petition from *Jacob Warren*, referred to this Sitting, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying that a Law may pass to enable them yet to bring forward their Accounts against the Estates of those Fugitives whose Estates have been forfeited to, and vested in this State, referred to this Sitting, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *A. Clark* and Mr. *Combs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for altering the Time of holding Town-Meetings in certain Counties.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, October 31, 1785.

The House met.

Ellis Cook and *Edward Hall*, Esquires, appeared in the House and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn and affirmed by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House; and each having rendered to the House an Excuse for Non-Attendance before this Time,

Resolved, That the same are satisfactory.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Lambert*, *Schuurman* and *Cook*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising *Ten Thousand Pounds* for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences thereof.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Council-Chamber, October 29, 1785.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing the Treasurer to purchase thirteen Volumes of the last Edition of the legislative Acts of this State, for the Use of Congress and the different States, &c.

Resolved, That the House concur therein.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sbarp*, seconded by Mr. *Hankinson*, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for emitting a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to be put out on Loan in the different Counties in this State, and directing the Mode for sinking the same: Whereupon it was moved by Mr. *A. Clark*, seconded by Mr. *Combs*, that the Consideration of the said Question be postponed until *Wednesday* next, which was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.

Yeas.

Nays.

Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,		Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,		Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> .

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

The House met.

Daniel Marfb, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat, and gave the Reasons of his Non-Attendance, which were deemed satisfactory.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Lee*, of the County of *Burlington*, praying Leave to be permitted to bring in a Bill to appoint Commissioners to inspect and adjust the Debts due from the Estate of *John Hind*, deceased; and also to sell and dispose of any Part of the Share or Shares of Propriety, and the Rights thereto belonging, so as the said Debts may be paid and fully discharged, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Hannah Garrison*, praying the House would adopt a Method to enable her to recover a Sum of Money put in the Hands of *James Stillwell*, whose Estate has been confiscated, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Marfb*, Mr. *Walton*, Mr. *Schuurman* and Mr. *Blair*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to call in all the Contractors' and Surplus Certificates, and to issue State Notes to the Holders thereof.

The Memorial from the Auditor of Accounts, referred to this Sitting, was read, and referred to Mr. *A. Clark*, Mr. *Burgin* and Mr. *Beardslee*, to make Report thereon.

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The Memorial of *Jonathan Elmer*, referred to this Sitting, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition of *John Perine*, praying a repeal of the Treason Law, so far as the said Law may affect him, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, November 1, 1785.

The House met.

Nexer Swain, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat, and gave the Reasons of his Non-Attendance, which were deemed satisfactory.

A Petition from the *Trenton School Company* was read, praying that the Legislature will pass a Law to incorporate the said Company, the better to enable them to conduct the Business of the said School.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from *Benjamin Thompson*, Esquire, Commissioner appointed to settle the Accounts of the United States with the State of *New-Jersey*, and desiring that the Accounts of this State may be prepared and made ready for Settlement, was read,

Ordered, That the said Letter be read a second Time.

Mr. T. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, and to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphans' Court in the several Counties of this State*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
<i>Mr. Terhune,</i>	<i>Mr. Blair,</i>	<i>Mr. Lambert,</i>	<i>Mr. Arnold.</i>
<i>Mr. Blayvelt,</i>	<i>Mr. Kelly,</i>	<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>	
<i>Mr. Garritse,</i>	<i>Mr. R. S. Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Cook,</i>	
<i>Mr. A. Clark,</i>	<i>Mr. Biddle,</i>	<i>Mr. Starke,</i>	
<i>Mr. Marfb,</i>	<i>Mr. J. Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Burgin,</i>	
<i>Mr. Combs,</i>	<i>Mr. T. Clark,</i>	<i>Mr. Bowen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Schuurman,</i>	<i>Mr. Hall,</i>	<i>Mr. Sheppard,</i>	
<i>Mr. Bouney,</i>	<i>Mr. Sharp,</i>	<i>Mr. Hankinson,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hendrickson,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>	<i>Mr. Beardslee,</i>	
<i>Mr. Walton,</i>	<i>Mr. Swain,</i>	<i>Mr. Longstreet.</i>	
<i>Mr. Bunn,</i>			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That *Mr. Garritse* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from a great Number of Inhabitants of this State was read, praying that the Legislature would adopt proper Measures for the gradual Abolition of Slavery, and to prevent the future Importation of Slaves.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Hendrickson*, *Starke* and *Hall*, be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired since the last Session, as also what Laws are near expiring, and make Report thereof to the House.

A Letter from *John Stevens*, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, was read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Marsh*, *Cook*, *Schnurman*, *Hendrickson* and *Combs*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, to determine the true Balance due to the State from *John Stevens*, jun. Esquire, late Treasurer, and to make a final Settlement with Mr. *Stevens* ; and that Mr. *Marsh* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

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

Mr. *R. S. Smith*, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose* ; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Petition from Colonel *Joseph Beavers* was read, accompanied with Accounts of Expences at Court-Martials, and praying Provision may be made for discharging the same.

Ordered, That the said Accounts and Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to bring forward the Incidental Bill.

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

The House met.

A Petition from *John Butler* ; as also one from *Samuel Hough*, praying to be released from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money depreciated in their Hands, were read, and referred to Mr. *Sheppard*, Mr. *Marsh* and Mr. *Cook*, to make Report thereon.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions of Congress of the 3d November 1783, and of the 27th of May 1785, reported as follows :

THAT in the Opinion of the Committee, the Matters recommended in said Resolutions requires the Interposition of the Legislature ; and that the same cannot be effected otherwise than by a Law to be passed, and thereupon have prepared a Bill for that Purpose, which they beg Leave to offer to the House.

By Order of the Committee,

ABRAHAM CLARK.

To which the House agreed.

Whereupon Mr. *A. Clark* presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State, to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services* ; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Joseph Borden*, Esquire, of the County of *Burlington*, was read, praying to be released from the Depreciation of a Sum of Continental Money received by him as Paymaster to the six Month's Men in 1778 ; in Support of which Prayer the said *Joseph Borden* appeared in the House and was heard ;

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

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, November 2, 1785.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Ann Pemberton*, Widow and Relict of *Joseph Pemberton*, late of the County of *Ann-Arundel*, in the State of *Maryland*, deceased, praying that a Law may pass to enable her to make Sale of all the Real Estate of the same *Joseph Pemberton*, deceased, in the State of *New-Jersey*, for the Payment of his just Debts, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That she have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition.

Mr. J. Smith, on Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Pursuance of Leave given, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating the Trenton School Company, by the Name of the Proprietors of the Trenton Academy*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Burgin, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Motion made by *Mr. Sharp*, seconded by *Mr. Hankinson*, on Monday last, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for emitting a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to be put out on Loan in the different Counties in this State, and directing the Mode for sinking the same; on the Question, Whether the House will appoint a Committee for that Purpose? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
<i>Mr. Garritse,</i>	<i>Mr. Bunn,</i>	<i>Mr. Cook,</i>	<i>Mr. Terhune,</i>
<i>Mr. A. Clark,</i>	<i>Mr. Blair,</i>	<i>Mr. Starke,</i>	<i>Mr. Blawvelt,</i>
<i>Mr. Marsh,</i>	<i>Mr. Kelly,</i>	<i>Mr. Arnold,</i>	<i>Mr. R. S. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Combs,</i>	<i>Mr. Sharp,</i>	<i>Mr. Hankinson,</i>	<i>Mr. Biddle,</i>
<i>Mr. Schuurman,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>	<i>Mr. Beardlee,</i>	<i>Mr. J. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Bonney,</i>	<i>Mr. Swain,</i>	<i>Mr. Longstreet.</i>	<i>Mr. T. Clark,</i>
<i>Mr. Hendrickson,</i>	<i>Mr. Lambert,</i>		<i>Mr. Hall,</i>
<i>Mr. Walton,</i>	<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>		<i>Mr. Burgin,</i>
			<i>Mr. Bowen,</i>
			<i>Mr. Sheppard.</i>

Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Hendrickson*, *Sharp*, *Marsh*, *Blair* and *Starke*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for striking £. 100,000 for that Purpose.

A Petition from *Samuel Vickers*, late a Physician and Surgeon in the Hospital of the Continental Army, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. R. S. Smith, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower Ann Pemberton, the Widow of Joseph Pemberton, deceased, late of the State of Maryland, to sell and dispose of the Real Estate of the said Joseph Pemberton, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Payment of his Debts, and other Purposes in the same mentioned*; which Bill was read; on the Question, Whether the same be read a second Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Terbune,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sbarp,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hendrickson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Biddle,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. J. Smith,	
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Lambert,	

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

The House met.

Isaac Nicoll, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat, and gave the Reasons of his Non-Attendance, which were deemed satisfactory.

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Haring*.

‘Ordered,
‘ **T**HAT Messrs. *M. Ogden* and *Newbold*, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the late Treasurer, *James Mott*, Esquire, and that *Mr. Haring* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

‘Ordered, That Messrs. *Clark* and *Randolph*, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Publick Accounts, and that *Mr. Haring* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

‘Ordered, That Messrs. *Forman* and *S. Ogden*, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of *John Stevens, jun.* Esquire, late Treasurer, and that *Mr. Haring* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.’

The Speaker laid before the House the following Report:

“**W**HE the Subscribers, Commissioners appointed in a Resolution of the Legislature, passed *August 30th, 1784*, to examine and count all Certificates received by *John Stevens, jun.* Esquire, late Treasurer of this State, in Payment of Taxes, &c. beg Leave to report,

That we have spent a considerable Time in examining the said Certificates, and the Books said to contain an Account of the same, and do find, that although it might be possible to make out an Account of the said Certificates, which would shew the Amount of them, yet it would be absolutely impossible to ascertain the Sum which they have paid in Taxes, or the Amount of the Balance Certificates which were issued on receiving them, as Nothing on the Face of the Certificates will discover either the one or the other, and the Books are so irregular that Nothing can be learned from them, many of them neither shewing the Sum received in Taxes, nor the Amount of the Balance Certificates; and some neither shew the Person, Township nor County from which they were received; this being the true State of the Case, we conceive it would be only burthening the State with a considerable Expence without answering the Design of the Legislature, if we were to proceed in the Business.

GEORGE ANDERSON,
JAMES EWING,
BENJAMIN SMITH.”

Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *R. S. Smith, Combs, Swain, Arnold* and *Walton*, or any three

three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to deface, by making a Crofs with a Pen in the Face of the Surplus Certificates received by *John Stevens*, jun. and *James Mott*, jun. late Treafurers of this State, in Payment of Taxes, &c. and that Mr. *Combs* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The Speaker laid before the House the following Accounts :

An Account of Monies counted and burned at the Treasury, in Purfuanee of a Resolution of the Legislature passed *December 24, 1784*, being of the Emiffion iffued agreeably to a Law passed *January 9, 1781*.

From what County received.	When destroyed.	Number and Denominations of the Bills.											Amount.	
		7s6	5s	4s	3s9	3s6	2s6	1s6	1s	9d	6d	£.	s.	d.
Burlington, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Suffex, Morris, Monmouth, Burlington, Cumberland, Cape-May, Sundries,	} December 30 & 31, 1784.	167	336	175	167	173	136	166	228	263	161	297	19	0
		226	425	259	209	254	244	300	312	273	248	411	9	6
		361	278	307	359	379	389	417	446	386	342	525	2	9
		46	64	90	70	91	71	79	70	67	94	103	9	3
		54	87	58	62	42	64	49	42	54	52	89	13	6
}	} January 1, 1785.	542	470	470	447	510	582	405	428	450	514	742	1	3
		752	812	763	664	754	671	673	611	631	576	1097	0	3
		278	329	355	429	305	415	365	466	281	267	511	1	6
		49	56	79	82	123	72	72	71	61	43	106	7	9
		27	12	12	7	20	7	22	22	16	18	25	0	3
		2502	2869	2568	2496	2651	2651	2548	2696	2482	2315	3909	5	0

SAMUEL TUCKER,

JAMES EWING.

Account of Monies of the Emillion of June 9, 1780, counted and burned in the Treasury pursuant to a Resolution of
December 24, 1784.

From what County received.	When burned.	Number and Denominations of the Bills.							Amount with- out Interest.	Interest.	Amount.
		20 D.	8 D.	7 D.	5 D.	4 D.	3 D.	2 D.	1 D.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Burlington,	} December 30 ^{es} 31, 1784.	59	64	57	66	63	70	82	83	1173 15 0	68 17 10
Middlesex,		8	15	12	16	10	19	11	24	220 2 6	5 3 5
Hunterdon,		16	20	10	12	19	16	22	26	301 10 0	2 6 6
Suffex,		3	10	1	5	7	6	6	18	93 0 0	4 16 11
Morris,		5	4	4	4	3	6	6	11	87 7 6	1 14 9
Monmouth,	} January 1, 1785.	32	22	31	24	13	56	59	40	574 2 6	19 12 4
Burlington,		18	23	42	30	31	43	47	21	508 10 0	593 14 10
Cumberland,		1	8	4	12	7	10	8	4	93 15 0	508 10 0
Cape-May,			22	1		2	2	5		77 12 6	94 6 8
Sundries,		8	3	2	2	5	2		1	88 2 6	88 2 6

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JAMES EWING.

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Account of Monies of the Emission of *January 9, 1781*, burned at the Treasury *August 30* and *September 3, 1785*, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 22d *December, 1784*.

No. of Bund.	Bills of 7s6	Bills of 5s	Bills of 4s	Bills of 3s9	Bills of 3s6	Bills of 2s6	Bills of 1s6	Bills of 1s	Bills of 9d	Bills of 6d	Amount.
No. 1	444	546	387	374	420	459	433	449	453	421	£. 663 16 9
2	110	110	104	98	143	131	142	118	133	138	174 6 3
3	78	67	95	80	89	68	90	112	141	134	125 1 3
4	243	216	241	209	211	222	203	171	174	180	331 19 9
5	46	45	30	23	19	45	20	30	43	37	53 6 0
6	272	298	342	314	232	229	329	288	271	294	429 11 9
7	10	25	27	32	42	19	27	34	28	13	36 4 6
8	57	10	20	32	29	19	12	8	5	10	43 1 3
9	10	6	11	15	25	4	15	23	24	34	19 3 3
10		2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1 13 9
11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	3 1 6
12	118	243	44	62	66	57	205	49	69	117	167 8 9
											£. 2048 14 9

Burned *November 1, 1785*.

13	21	59	23	21	19	105	37	34	26	33	£. 53 17 9
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1411	1629	1327	1263	1298	1362	1517	1320	1373	1415	£. 2102 12 6
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SAMUEL TUCKER,
JAMES EWING.

Account of Monies burned at the Treasury on the 30th *August, 1785*, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature dated *December 22, 1784*, of the Emission of *June 9, 1780*.

No. of Bund.	Bills of 20 d	Bills of 8 d	Bills of 7 d	Bills of 5 d	Bills of 4 d	Bills of 3 d	Bills of 2 d	Bills of 1 d	Amount in dol.	Interest. dol. 90.	Amo. in £. s. d.
No. 1	34	41	49	44	46	38	57	91	2074		777 15 0
2	33	15	32	21	23	57	57	51	1537	116 86	620 4 8
3	18	17	14	18	10	11	17	12	803	120 58	346 7 4

Burned *November 1, 1785*.

4	5	2	2	6	15	8	15	33	307	24 68	124 8 2
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90	75	97	89	94	114	146	187	4721	262 32	1868 15 2
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SAMUEL TUCKER,
JAMES EWING.

Account of Certificates received at the Treasury of this State in Payment for forfeited Estates, counted and endorsed agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 22d *December, 1784*.

Names of Agents.	Counties.	Amount of Certificates.
<i>George Warne,</i>	<i>Suffex,</i>	325 16 6½
<i>Cornelius Haring,</i>	<i>Bergen,</i>	421 5 0
<i>John Stilwell,</i>	<i>Monmouth,</i>	245 7 7
<i>David Olden,</i>	<i>Middlesex,</i>	14,080 0 8½
<i>Cornelius Haring,</i>	<i>Bergen,</i>	39,040 15 2

£. 54,113 5 0½
SAMUEL TUCKER,
JAMES EWING.

Account of Certificates received at the Treasury of this State in the Payment of Taxes, counted and examined agreeably to Resolution of the Legislature of the 22d December, 1784.

From whom received.	Collector of	Amount of Certificates.	Amount of Taxes paid.	Amount of Bal. Certificates.
<i>Peter Vredenburg, Esq.</i>	<i>Middlesex,</i>	1030 17 1	276 19 0	753 18 1
<i>John Armstrong, Esq.</i>	<i>Suffex,</i>	20,177 6 0	6362 4 9	13,815 1 3
<i>Kenneth Hankinson, Esq.</i>	<i>Monmouth,</i>	878 9 0	67 2 4	811 6 8
<i>William Abbot, Esq.</i>	<i>Hunterdon,</i>	7177 8 3	2011 3 0	5,166 5 3
<i>Jonathan Stiles, Esq.</i>	<i>Morris,</i>	9588 10 1	388 2 10	9,200 7 3
<i>Thomas Fenimore, Esq.</i>	<i>Burlington,</i>	234 19 11	159 18 11	75 1 0

£. 39,087 10 4 9265 10 10 29,821 19 6

Continental Certificates.

Thomas Fenimore, Esq. *Burlington,* 63,525 4 0 33,394 18 4 30,130 5 8

SAMUEL TUCKER,
JAMES EWING.

N. B. £. 697 10 6 of the above £. 30,130 5 8 is liquidated.

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

Thursday, November 3, 1785.

The House met.

Mr. *Hendrickson*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report to the House such Publick Laws as have expired since the last Sitting of the Legislature, as well as those Laws that are near expiring, reported as follows, to wit,

1. *AN Act to erect an establish in the several Counties in this State, then Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose*, hath expired the 11th February, 1785.

2. *An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick*, passed the 24th December, 1784, expires the 24th Day of December, 1785.

3. *An Act for the further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State, and for appointing an Agent in the County of Suffex*, passed the 20th December, 1784, expires the first Day of March 1786.

DANIEL HENDRICKSON,
JOHN STARKE.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Report be postponed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor of this Day, accompanied with a Copy of the Continuation of the Journals of Congress, and a List of the States represented, and the Members who have appeared in Congress during the Month of *September* last, which were ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition from *John Sparks*, Esquire, of the County of *Gloucester*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from *John Porch*, of the County of *Gloucester*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Lee*, of the County of *Burlington*, read on the 31st October last, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Biddle*, *Combs* and *T. Clark*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to make Shares of Propriety subject to the Payment of Debts.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of The City of Trenton, and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, complaining of sundry illegal Proceedings had at the late annual Election in the said County, were read a second Time; and the Parties attending pursuant to the Order of the House, they were called in and heard, and sundry Witnesses being sworn and examined touching the Proceedings of the said Election,

Ordered, That the further Consideration and Examination of Witnesses be postponed.

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

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbunc</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> .
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> .	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schnurman* do carry the said Bill to Council, and request their Concurrence thereto.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Examination of Witnesses on the Hearing before them, relative to illegal Proceedings had at the late annual Election in the County of *Monmouth*; and, having gone through the Examination of the Witnesses,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Friday, November 4, 1785.

The House met.

A Petition from *Caleb Brewin*, of *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may pass to discharge him from the Payment of a Fine of £. 100 laid by the Court of Oyer and Terminer in the said County, for going into the Enemy's Lines without a Permission or Passport.

Ordered,

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

The House took into Consideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, complaining of an undue Election in the Choice of Members to serve in General Assembly, and the Examination of Witnesses had thereon Yesterday; and on the Question, Whether the late Election in said County for the Choice of Representatives in General Assembly was legal or not? It was carried in the Negative unanimously.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Election of Messrs. *Walton*, *Hendrickson* and *Henderson*, as Members of this House, was illegal, and that the same thereupon be void.

Resolved, That in the Opinion of this House the late annual Election in the County of *Monmouth* was illegal, as well in the Choice of a Sheriff as of the Members of this House; and no Coroners having been chosen at said Election, and Doubts arising whether there is any Officer in said County to whom a Writ for a new Election can be properly directed, a Law ought to be passed for holding a new Election in said County,

Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *A. Clark*, *J. Smith* and *Schuurman*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the above Purpose.

A Memorial from *John Lloyd*, late Contractor for supplying the Troops stationed on the Frontiers of *Monmouth* County, accompanied with an Order from *Azariah Dunbam* on the Treasurer for Six Hundred Pounds, was read, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the same;

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be postponed till the Accounts of *Azariah Dunbam* are settled.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to prosecute the said *Azariah Dunbam* for the Penalty incurred by his Neglect in settling his Accounts.

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

The House met.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth* was read, praying that the said County may be divided, and that a new County may be set off.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon* and elsewhere was read, praying that the Legislature would provide for the gradual Abolition of Slavery;

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

Mr. *Sheppard*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of *John Butler* and *Samuel Hough*, reported as follows:

THAT we find in the Journals of the House of Assembly a Report of a Committee of the House made the 14th of *December* 1782, that the Depreciation on £. 5360 17 6, that stands charged against the said *John Butler*, ought to be paid by the Person who had the Use of said Money.

To which Report the House agreed.

That on examining the Proofs and Vouchers produced by the said *John Butler*, we find that £. 7607 2 6 of the Publick Money that came into the Hands of said *Butler* was lent by him to Colonel *William Shreve* for a short Time, in order to pay the Bounty and Wages to sundry Militiamen that were to march immediately on a Tour of Duty; that said *Shreve* did not return the said Money according to Agreement; but that the said Money was out of the Hands of said *Butler* from the 20th Day of *July* 1779 until the 12th Day of *December* 1780; that immediately on the said *Butler's* receiving the Money from said *Shreve* he paid the same into the Treasury.

Your

Your Committee beg Leave further to report, that on Examination we find that the Case of *William Hough* is nearly similar to the Case of *Joseph Borden*, that was decided a few Days ago.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN SHEPPARD.

Whereupon the House took into Consideration so much of the above Report as relates to *John Butler*, and thereupon

Resolved, That although the Money mentioned in said Report might be in the Hands of Colonel *William Shreve* therein mentioned, it appears to be the Act of said *Butler* in his private Capacity, and cannot excuse him from accounting to the Publick for the same.

To the last Paragraph of the said Report the House agreed.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Samuel Hough*, Executor of the Testament and Last Will of *William Hough*, do lie on the Table.

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

Saturday, November 5, 1785.

The House met.

Mr. *A. Clark*, with Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Caleb Brewin, of the County of Essex*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating the Trenton School Company by the Name of the Proprietors of the Trenton Academy*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Schuurman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of Thursday last.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *A. Clark*, Mr. *Sheppard*, Mr. *J. Smith* and Mr. *Schuurman*, be a Committee to bring in a Supplement to the Election Law.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Caleb Brewin, of the County of Essex*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *M. Ogden*.

Council-Chamber, Nov. 5, 1785.

‘ *Ordered*,
‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Maybew*, Mr. *Hoops* and Mr. *Martin*, or either of them, be
‘ a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the
‘ Purpose of defacing the Surplus Certificates received by *John Stevens, jun.*
‘ and *James Mott, jun.* late Treasurers of this State, in Payment of Taxes, &c.
‘ and that Mr. *M. Ogden* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint
‘ them therewith.

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‘ *Ordered*,

Oracred,

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, November 7, 1785.

The House met.

Thomas Sinnickson, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat, and gave the Reasons of his Non-Attendance, which were deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Marsh, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cooper returned and took his Seat.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating the Trenton School Company, by the Name of the Proprietors of the Trenton Academy*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Terbune,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Blair,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon* was read, praying that the Bill for regulating the Fisheries in the River *Delaware* may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Messrs. T. Clark, Hall, Houghton and Hankinson, and that they bring in a Bill to amend the said Law.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Caleb Brewin, of the County of Essex*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terbune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,		

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

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

The House met.

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

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from the War-Office of the 3d Instant, relative to the raising of our Quota of Troops required by the Act of Congress of April last; which Message and Letter were read, and committed to Messrs. *A. Clark*, *Sinnickson* and *Cook*, and that they bring in a Bill to direct the raising of Troops agreeably to the said Act of Congress.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Newbold*.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, November 7, 1785.*
THAT Mr. *Newbold* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Baskenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morris*, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. *Newbold* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Baptist Congregation at Dividing-Creeks, in the County of Cumberland*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Biddle*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act subjecting every Part of any Share of Propriety and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Mode of Proceedings thereon*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Baskenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morris*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, November 7, 1785.*
THAT Mr. *Clark* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for holding an Election in the County of Monmouth*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Petition of *Conrad Ten-Eyck* was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, November 8, 1785.

The House met.

The Paper which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 27th Ultimo, marked

marked No. 21, was read a second Time, and referred to Messrs. *Sinnickson*, *Houghton* and *Nicoll*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Balkenridge, in the Counties of Somerset and Morristis*, was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Jurors*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> .
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hall* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. *A. Clark*, *Marsh* and *Kelly*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick.

The Resolution of Congress of the 27th September last, which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 27th Ultimo, marked No. 40, was read a second Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *A. Clark*, seconded by Mr. *Sharp*, that the said Resolution be referred to the next Sitting; and the Question being proposed, the previous Question was called for and carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .		

Whereupon the main Question being now put, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	

The House adjourned till To-morrow Afternoon three of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 9, 1785.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with a Copy of the Acts and Laws of the State of *Connecticut*, was read, and ordered to be filed.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House the State of the Claim of *John Peck*, for his Services as Agent for the late *Jersey* Battalion and 2d Regiment, which was read, and ordered to be read a second Time with the Bill for making Compensation to the Regimental Agents for their Services.

The Petition of *Tallman Smith* and the Petition of *Jacob Warren* were read a second Time ; and a Petition from the said *Tallman Smith* presented this Day was read, and committed to Messrs. *Schuurman*, *Sinnickson* and *Nicoll*, who are directed to bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Petitioners.

The Memorial from *Matthew Gill*, of the County of *Gloucester*, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from the Legatees of *Benjamin Doty*, deceased, was read, setting forth that the said *Benjamin Doty* made his Testament and Last Will in the Presence of two Witnesses only, for which Reason the Executors have not Authority to dispose of the Lands agreeably to the Intention of the Testator, and praying a Law may pass to confirm and establish the said Will ;

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

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating*

lating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 9, 1785.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Caleb Brewin, of the County of Essex*, is rejected by this House.’

Mr. Schuurman, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th day of October 1785, and to end the 12th day of October 1786; and to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Joseph Ellis, Esquire, elected one of the Representatives of the County of Gloucester, having forwarded the Certificate of his Election, and declined accepting his Seat in the House,

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the High Sheriff of the County of Gloucester, to hold an Election agreeably to Law for the Choice of a Representative for the said County in General Assembly, in the Room and Stead of the said Joseph Ellis, during the Remainder of the present Session.

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

Thursday, November 10, 1785.

The House met.

Mr. Terhune, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to vacate all Roads leading to Bergen-Point, in the County of Bergen; and to provide for the laying out and establishing of a new Road or Roads to the said Point*. Mr. Terhune also presented several Petitions from the Inhabitants of the County of Bergen, praying that the Legislature would reject the said Bill;

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

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey, to serve for three Years, unless sooner discharged*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of Elizabeth, with a Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of Elizabeth-Town, were read, praying a Confirmation of, and certain Alterations to, their Charter of Incorporation;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Messrs. A. Clark, Schuurman and Sinnickson, be a Committee to prepare a Bill for the more speedy and effectual Collection of Taxes.

A Message from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, November 10, 1785.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating the Trenton School-Company, by the Name of the Proprietors of the Trenton Academy*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Petition from sundry Persons in Behalf of themselves and others, Owners of

of the Tract of Bog-Meadow, on the west Side of a Tract of Land between *Pequannack* and *Passaick* Rivers, was read, praying Leave to present a Bill to vest the said Bog-Meadow in *Elias Boudinot*, *Richard Kemble* and *Samuel Bayard*, for the Purpose of draining and dividing the same into three equal Parts, one for the Heirs of *Anthony Brockbolst*, another for the Heirs of *Arent Schuyler*, and a third for the Heirs of *Nicholas Bayard*, or those interested in Right of them, and of setting apart such a Portion of the same to be sold as they may find sufficient for defraying the Expences of the Drains and Division;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport thereof, and a Copy of this Order, in the *Political Intelligencer of New-Jersey*, and in two of the Newspapers printed in *New-York*, at least six Weeks previous thereto.

The Petition from the Legatees of *Benjamin Doty*, deceased, read Yesterday, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition on the second *Tuesday* of the next Sitting, on advertising the Purport of their Petition and a Copy of this Order in at least four of the most publick Places in the County of *Somerset*, and in the *New-Jersey Gazette*, for at least six Weeks previous thereto.

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

The House met.

A Petition from *Reuben Buckler*, of the County of *Suffex*, praying that all Actions commenced against him, or to be commenced against him, may be stayed until he can receive the Monies due him from *Anthony Broderick*, was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Benjamin Williams*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of *Essex*, was read, praying that the Legislature would take some Measures to release him from Confinement;

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

The Petition of *John Sparks* was read a second Time; and Mr. *Sparks* being called in, was heard before the House in Support of his Petition.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed till To-morrow Morning.

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

Friday, November 11, 1785.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from the Board of Treasury, of the 25th of *October*, relative to the national Debt; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from *Martha Vanscuyver*, Widow and Relict of *William Vanscuyver*, late of the County of *Burlington*, deceased, setting forth, that the said Deceased made his Testament and Last Will in the Presence of three Witnesses; but that, through Ignorance of the Law, two only signed the same, and the Heir at Law refuses to comply with the Intention of the Testator, and praying Leave to present a Bill to establish and confirm the said Will as effectually as if there had been three subscribing Witnesses to the same;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition, on the second *Wednesday* of the next Sitting, on advertising

verifying the Purport of the Petition and a Copy of this Order in at least three of the publick Places in the Township of *Willingborough*, and County of *Burlington*, as also in the *New-Jersey* and *Pennsylvania* Gazettes, at least six Weeks previous thereto.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to vacate all Roads leading to Bergen-Point, in the County of Bergen, and to provide for the laying out and Establishment of a new Road or Roads to the said Point*, was read a second Time, together with the Petition for and against the said Bill.

Ordered, That they be referred to the next Sitting.

The Treasurer laid before the House an Account of Costs on taking Inquisitions in the County of *Monmouth*, taxed by *Elisha Lawrence*, Esquire, and praying the Direction of the House relative to the Payment of the same.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer discharge the same according to the Scale of Depreciation.

A Petition from *Lucas Van Beverboudt*, of the County of *Morris*, was read, setting forth that he was born under the Dominion of a foreign Power, and praying that he may have Leave to present a Bill to naturalize him.

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

A Petition from *Robert Maxwell*, of the County of *Suffex*, was presented and read, setting forth that he was appointed a Commissioner for the purchasing of Clothing for the Use of the Troops; that by Accident he received a Hurt which disabled him from executing the Business assigned him, upon which, by the Persuasion of some of the Members of the Legislature, his aged Father undertook to do the same, and in Consequence thereof delivered to the Use of the Army a considerable Quantity of Clothing and Blankets, to the Amount of all the Money by him received; but that the Vouchers proving the same were burned by a Party of Men who broke into the House, robbed and dangerously wounded the Petitioner and his said Father, for which Crime two of the Offenders were condemned and executed; that upon the Settlement of his Accounts he could not, for the above Reasons, produce Vouchers of Expenditures to the Amount of £. 44 17 5, which stands charged against him, for the Recovery whereof an Action at the Suit of the State hath been commenced, and is now depending, praying that, on Account of the Loss of Vouchers at the Time of the said Robbery, he may be discharged from said Action; whereupon the Facts set forth in the Petition being ascertained, as far as the Nature of the Case would admit, it was moved and thereupon

Resolved, That *Robert Maxwell* be discharged from the aforesaid Balance of £. 44 17 5, with which he now stands charged to the State, upon his paying the Costs accrued in the said Action against him, and that the Treasurer be directed and required thereupon to withdraw the aforesaid Action against the said *Robert Maxwell*.

Ordered, That *Mr. Sharp* do wait on the Council with the above Resolution, and request their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts for the Trial of small Causes in the State of New-Jersey, and to repeal all former Laws for that Purpose*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, praying the House will pass an Act for the more easy and expeditious Division of Real Estates among Tenants in common, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Zabriskie*, praying he may have free Recourse, Ingress and Regress, and to become a Citizen in this State, without being exposed to the Severity of the Laws, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *T. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstruction of the Navigation of the River Delaware*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more speedy and effectual Collection of Taxes*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *John Sparks*, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of *Gloucester*, and it appearing that said *Sparks*, out of the publick Money in his Hands, had, in the Year 1780, purchased Supplies for the Army by Advice of the then House of Assembly, for which he obtained in his own Name a Certificate from the Contractor of said County, dated *January 19, 1780*, for £. 3800, Continental Money; that said *Sparks* and *Samuel Kaighn*, the other Commissioner of said County, stand charged in the Auditor's Books with fundry Sums of Money for certain Lands by them sold to Persons who it is alleged has never paid for or obtained Deeds for the same; to wit, one Tract forfeited by *Daniel Cozens*, sold to *James Tallman* for £. 556; one forfeited by *Joseph Long*, sold to *Thomas Hewett* for £. 351; one forfeited by *John Hinchman*, sold to *James Tallman* for £. 401; one forfeited by said *John Hinchman*, sold to said *James Tallman* for £. 1525; one forfeited by *William Fushman*, sold to *Garret Cavener* for £. 227; and one belonging to *Abraham Fenimore*, where no Inquisition was taken, sold for £. 120: And whereas it appears by a Settlement made the fifth Day of *June 1784*, between the said *John Sparks* and *Samuel Kaighn*, under their Hands, duly attested, that said *Sparks* had in his Hands and was accountable for £. 42,940 8 3, Continental Money, and *Samuel Kaighn* for £. 36,988 10 6, of said Money; and that the aforesaid Lands are charged to said *Samuel Kaighn* in the said Settlement;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed and required to receive from said *John Sparks*, Esquire, the Contractor's Certificate above-mentioned, and credit him for the Amount thereof in Specie Value, in Part of Payment of the Debt due from him to the State; and that the Auditor be directed to examine the Circumstances of the above-mentioned Sales, and, if upon such Examination, the Matters set forth as above shall appear to be true; and that the said Tracts of Land, or either of them, are in the same Situation as though no Sales had been made, and the Title of the State thereto in nowise invalidated thereby; that the Auditor shall thereupon certify the same under his Hand with Regard to the Whole or either of the said Tracts, with the Amount of such Sale or Sales charged as aforesaid; which Certificate the Treasurer for the Time being is hereby required to receive, and credit the Estate of the said *Samuel Kaighn* for the same, in Part of Payment of the Debt due from the Estate of the said *Samuel Kaighn* to this State;

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* do carry the foregoing Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

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

Saturday, November 12, 1785.

The House met.

Mr. Cook, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, of the County of Morris, and to confirm to him the Title to his Lands within the State of New-Jersey*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Abraham Ogden*, Esquire, of the County of *Essex*, was read, setting forth, that *David Ogden*, Esquire, whose Estate has been forfeited to this State, took with him all his Bonds, Notes and Mortgages, for Money due him from the Citizens of this State; that large Sums of Money are yet supposed to be due, and not known to the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, nor at present to the Petitioner; but that he is willing to pay to the Treasurer, for the Use of this State, 3000 Dollars in Publick Securities, if the Legislature will pass a Law assigning to him all the Debts due from any Person or Persons in this State to the said *David Ogden*, at the Time of finding the Inquisition aforesaid, and which have not since been paid.

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, praying an Impost may be laid on all Foreign Merchandize imported into this State from the neighbouring States, which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of The City of Trenton, and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, and confirm to him a Title to his Lands within the State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition praying that the Legislature would take into Consideration the Situation of the Negroes who are Slaves in the State, and prevent the Importation of any more of them, and provide for the gradual Abolition of Slavery, was read a second Time;

Whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. R. S. Smith, seconded by Mr. T. Clark, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing the Importation of Slaves, and for the gradual Abolition of Slavery.

To which Motion an Amendment was moved by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the Motion do read as follows: That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing the Importation of Slaves into this State, and to authorize the Manumission of Slaves under certain Regulations; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion as amended? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garrise,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardslee,
Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Speaker.	Mr. Kelly,	Where-

Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *A. Clark, J. Smith* and *Cooper*, be a Committee for that Purpose.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act subjecting every Part of any Share of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Mode of Proceeding thereon*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *A. Clark* and *J. Smith*.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 14, 1785.

The House met.

A Petition from *Samuel Meeker*, of the County of *Suffex*, was read, accompanied with fundry Accounts and a Bill of Costs taxed at £. 23 16 3, and praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Legislature would provide for the Discharge of the said Bill of Costs and Accounts;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Auditor's Statement of Difficulties arising in the Settlement of the Accounts against forfeited Estates reported, that in their Opinion a Law ought to be passed for the Purpose mentioned in said Auditor's Representation, and that said Committee have prepared a Bill accordingly, which they now present, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from *Cornelius Haring*, Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of *Bergen*, was read, praying that he may be authorized to draw from the Treasury a Sum of Money sufficient to employ Council to support and defend certain Actions in which he, as Agent, in Behalf of the State, is concerned.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Representation from *Cornelius Haring*, Agent of confiscated Estates in the County of *Bergen*, was read, setting forth, that on the first of *April* last, he made Sale of the Estate late of *John Zabriskie*, agreeably to a Law of this State, to *Benjamin Walker*, for the Sum of £. 1500; that the said *Benjamin Walker* has not complied with the Articles of Sale, and, as the Law expressly says that the said Lands shall be sold the said first Day of *April*, he is advised that he has not Authority to expose the same again to Sale; that if he prosecutes the said *Walker*, he will be obliged to accept of Publick Securities for the said Consideration Money, as he has been advised, and praying the Direction of the Legislature;

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

The Petition of *Reuben Buckler*, read on the 10th Instant, was read a second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition of *Abraham Ogden*, Esquire, read on *Saturday* last, was read a second Time;

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

The Petition from the County of *Middlesex*, read the 11th Instant, with the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, and to regulate the Jurisdiction of*

of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties in this State, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

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

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory to this House.

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

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

The House met.

The Paper marked No. 6, which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 6th of *August* 1784, containing a Proclamation of Congress of the Ratification of the definitive Articles between the United States and *Great-Britain*, was ordered to be filed in the Secretary's Office among the Archives of the State, and that the Clerk of this House deliver the same to the Secretary for that Purpose.

Mr. A. Clark, according to Leave given, and agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for transferring the Residue of the confiscated Personal Property, late of David Ogden, Esquire* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts for the Trial of small Causes in the State of New-Jersey, and to repeal all former Laws for that Purpose*, was read a second Time, and referred for further Consideration.

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

The Paper which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 27th Ultimo, marked No. 15, containing a Resolution of Congress recommending it to the Legislatures of the several States to vest Congress, for fifteen Years, with certain Powers for the Regulation of Commerce, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Sinnickson*, *J. Smith* and *Sheppard*, to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The Papers marked No. 41, No. 51 and No. 53, which accompanied his Excellency's Message of the 27th Ultimo, were read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act subjecting every Part of any Share of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Mode of proceeding thereon*, reported the same with fundry Amendments, and the following Title: *An Act directing the Mode by which Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, may be sold for the Payment of Debts*, which, after having been further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Tuesday, November 15, 1785.

The House met.

A Memorial from *Enos Seeley* and *William Kelsey*, late Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of *Cumberland*, was read, setting forth, that they are prosecuted by the Attorney-General for Monies due from them to the State; that they hold Certificates payable to them by the State, and praying they may have Credit for the Interest due them on said Certificates towards the Discharge of the said Action;

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

A Petition from the County of *Essex*, praying an Amendment to the Election Law, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from the County of *Essex*, praying that Money may be emitted on Loan; also a Petition from the County of *Gloucester*, praying that the Legislature would not emit a further Sum of Paper-Money, were read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to emit a Sum of Money on Loan.

A Petition from *John Schuyler*, of *New-Barbados Neck*, in the County of *Bergen*, was read, setting forth, that through Losses and Misfortunes he is unable to pay his Debts, and praying that, upon his assigning over and giving up his Estate to certain Persons for the Use of his Creditors, that his Person may not be subject to Confinement;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *John Hoff* was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Benjamin Shotwell*, of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that he has expended his Substance in purchasing Supplies for the Use of the Army, for which he holds Certificates for Money due from the Publick, and praying that some Measures may be taken for his Relief;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Alexander Thompson*, late a Waggonmaster in the Service of the United States, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Proprietors and legal Representatives of Proprietors of the western Division of *New-Jersey*, praying the Aid of the Legislature towards running and ascertaining the Line of Partition between the eastern and western Divisions of the said State; and that their former Petition on that Subject, now on the Files of the House, may be referred to and taken up, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Rabway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was read, praying that *John Thorp* may have Leave to present a Bill to authorize him to erect such Banks, Dams, and other Works at or near the new Bridge lately built across the south Branch of *Rabway* River, near the Mouth thereof, as will enable him to raise a Head of Water as high as the Tide usually flows;

Ordered, That the said *John Thorp* have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition, on advertising the Purport thereof and a Copy of this Order in four of the most publick Places in the Township of *Woodbridge*, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon* was read, setting forth, that they entered into the Service of this State, with an Engagement from the State of receiving £. 4 10 0 per Month, for three Months in the Year 1781; that the Paymaster will not now give them Notes for more than *Fifty Shillings* per Month, and praying Relief;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, and to confirm to him a Title to his Lands within the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Mode by which Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, may be sold for the Payment of Debts*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson.	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of The City of Trenton, and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,		Mr. Baker,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,		Mr. Swain,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,		Mr. Starke,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard,		Mr. Arnold.

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

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

A Petition from *Rachel Wells*, of the County of *Burlington*, was read, setting forth that she owns Loan-Office Certificates for Money due her from the United States; that owing to her having removed to *Philadelphia* in the Year 1783, and her having resided there for some Time, she is deprived by a Law of this State of the Opportunity of receiving the Interest due her on her said Certificates, and praying Measures may be taken for her Relief;

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

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

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for transferring of the confiscated Personal Property, late of David Ogden, Esquire*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

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

Wednesday, November 16, 1785.

The House met.

A Petition from the Honourable *Robert Hoops*, accompanied with an Account of Monies due him from the State, and praying an Order on the Treasurer for Payment;

Ordered, That the said Petition and Account be referred to Messrs. *R. S. Smith, A. Clark* and *Sinnickson*, to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Memorial from *Thomas Rodman* and *Daniel Ellis*, Executors of the Testament and Last Will of *William Skeeles*, deceased, and Agent for the Devisees of the said *William Skeeles*, setting forth, that by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature for taking Charge of and leasing the Real Estates of the Subjects of the King of *Great-Britain*, the Agent of the County of *Burlington* has received Monies for Rents, &c. of Lands belonging to their Constituents; that since the Repeal of the said Act they have not been accounted to for the said Monies, and praying that the House would give Order for the said Agent to render Account of what Rents he may have received, and if any Monies have been paid into the Treasury of the State, that they may have an Order upon the Treasury for the Amount of the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more speedy and effectual Collection of Taxes*, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *A. Clark* and Mr. *Schuurman* to report the next Sitting.

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

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey, to serve for three Years, unless sooner discharged*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Cooper, Lambert* and *Biddle*.

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

The House met.

A Petition from *John Adams*, late a Commissary of Prisoners, praying Allowance for his Services, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hoops*.

Council-Chamber, November 16, 1785.

‘THE Council having taken into Consideration the Bond given by *James Mott*, Esquire, Treasurer,
‘*Resolved*, That the same is satisfactory.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1785, and to end the 12th Day of October 1786, and to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, and for defraying other contingent Expences of Government*, was read a second Time; on the Question, what the Chief-Justice shall have per Annum, it was carried for £. 300, as follows:

For £. 300.	For £. 300.	For £. 300.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,		Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,		Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .

On the Question, Whether the Attorney-General be allowed £. 30 per Annum or not? It was carried as follows :

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Biddle*, seconded by Mr. *Swain*.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .
Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Speaker</i> .	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	

A Motion was made by Mr. *A. Clark*, seconded by Mr. *Nicoll*, that the following be inserted in the Bill :

To *James Ewing*, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts of this State, or to the Auditor of Accounts for the Time being, such Sum as shall be agreed to by a Resolution of both Houses hereafter ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	

Mr. *Combs* returned and took his Seat.

The House having gone through the said Bill, and further amended the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *R. S. Smith*, from the Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to deface, by making a Cross with a Pen on the Face of the Surplus Certificates received by *John Stevens*, jun. late Treasurer, and *James Mott*, jun. the present Treasurer, reported as follows :

THAT the Auditor produced to the Committee a large Box, said to contain all the Certificates that were received from Mr. *Stevens*, which they opened ; that they took out and defaced 13,800 Surplus Certificates in the Manner above directed, being the whole of that Kind therein contained, and delivered them again to the Auditor :

That among them they found 41, amounting to £. 1336 10 8 in Continental Money, and £. 206 6 7½ in Bills of Credit issued on the Faith of this State, which appear to have been received by Mr. *Stevens* without having been signed

by any Collector or other Person whatever, and one Promissory-Note from a certain *Moses Munson* to *Benjamin Holcy*, of the County of *Morris*, dated 21st *April*, no Year, for 1075 Dollars, which does not appear to have been given by any Publick Officer, or for any Publick Use, the Propriety of receiving and defacing such Vouchers in Discharge of so much Money, we submit to the Determination of the Legislature :

That they also found in the said Box a large Number of Contractors and other Certificates from the Commissary and Quartermasters' Departments, which they have bundled up and delivered to the Auditor, together with a Number of Books said to contain an Account of the Certificates received by the different Collectors :

That they conceive it would be proper to appoint a Committee to separate and report an Account of such as should be charged to the United States to the Legislature at their next Sitting :

That they have examined the Certificates in the Auditor's Office, which were received by him from Mr. *Mott*, the present Treasurer, and find they have all been endorsed, "examined and allowed—*Samuel Tucker, James Ewing*"—which your Committee conceive will answer every Purpose designed by defacing in the Manner above directed :

That the Auditor has informed your Committee, that there are a Number of Certificates lodged in his Office by Contractors, and others, the Property of the State, and which have never been cancelled, defaced or endorsed—which not being within their Commission, they have not examined.

By Order of the Joint-Committee,

JOHN MAYHEW,
R. S. SMITH.

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

Thursday, November 17, 1785.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from *John Case*, of the County of *Suffex*, was read, praying Leave to present a Bill to confirm unto him the Lands by him purchased of *John Arrents*, which the said *John Arrents* purchased of *Joseph Barton*, whose Estate has been confiscated to, and vested in this State ;

Ordered, That the said Petition, and the several Papers accompanying the same, be read a second Time.

Sundry Petitions from Inhabitants of the Counties of *Effex, Middlesex, Somerset* and *Morris*, were read, praying that Money may be emitted on Loan ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time when the Bill shall be reported for that Purpose by the Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex* was read, praying that the Remainder of the Bills in Circulation, which were emitted on the Faith of this State in the Year 1781, may be called into the Treasury in some Method by which one Dollar in Specie may be received for three Dollars in the said Paper ;

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

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Roads and Ferries leading from *Newark* to the Road that leads from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, was read, praying for a Law to vest the Ferries between *Newark* and the Town of *Bergen* in the Trustees, on their paying a certain annual Rent, or on their being accountable for the net Revenues to the Proprietors, or at least until the Trustees are repaid the Monies they have expended in repairing the Causeways, and putting the Ferries in good Condition; and also the Monies that may hereafter be expended by the Trustees for the said Purposes.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport thereof, and a Copy of this Order, in one of the *New-Jersey* and in one of the *New-York* Newf-papers, for at least six Weeks previous thereto.

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

The House met.

A Message from the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, enclosing a Resolution of Congress of the 2d *November* Instant, limiting the Claims for Services performed in the Military Department to the 2d of *August* next, was read, together with the said Resolution, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from *John Vliet*, of the County of *Suffex*, praying Payment from the State for a Horse by him lost while in the Service in the Year 1777, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Joshua Corbison*, Esquire, Collector of the County of *Hunterdon*, was read, setting forth that he had been fined in the Sum of £. 40 for not prosecuting the Township Collectors, and praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Fine may be remitted;

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,		
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .		
Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terbune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terbune,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Hall,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Sharp,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Longstreet.		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey for three Years, unless sooner discharged*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terbune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, November 17, 1785.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to naturalize Lucas Van Beverhoudt, and to confirm to him a Title to his Lands in the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

‘ Council-Chamber, November 17, 1785.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly, relative to discharging Robert Maxwell from the Payment of the Sum of £. 44 17 5, &c.

‘ Resolved,

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Terbune* have Leave of Absence for two Weeks.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for transferring the Residue of confiscated Personal Property, late of David Ogden, Esquire, and for the Relief of Persons liable to Fines and Forfeitures for concealing Debts and other Property forfeited to this State*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terbune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> .
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

Friday, November 18, 1785.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Woodbridge-Rabway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was read, praying that *John Thorp* may not be indulged with a Law to authorize him to erect a Dam and other Works across the South Branch of *Rabway* River, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition presented the 15th Instant;

Ordered, That the same be referred to the next Sitting, to be read a second Time with the Bill that may be presented by the said *John Thorp*.

A Petition from *Benjamin Williams*, read on the 10th Instant, was read a second Time;

Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* and Mr. *Cook* be a Committee to prepare a Bill for the Relief of the Petitioner.

The Representation from *Cornelius Haring*, read on the 14th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *A. Clark* and Mr. *Combs*, to bring in a Bill to vest the Estate therein referred to in Major-General *Baron Steuben* during his Life, or the Time he may continue in the United States of *America*.

Mr. *Schuurman*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, read on the 10th Instant, praying a Confirmation, with certain Alterations to the Charter of Incorporation of the Borough of *Elisabeth*, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of their Petition, and a Copy of this Order, in six of the most Publick Places in the County of *Essex*, at least six Weeks previous thereto.

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The Petition of *Samuel Meeker*, read on the 14th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Marsh*, *Cook* and *Beardslee*, to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods imported into this State through the neighbouring States*, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition of *John Hoff*, read on the 15th Inst. and the Petition of *Thomas Rodman* and *Daniel Ellis*, read on the 16th November Instant, were severally read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition from *Alexander Thompson*, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time and dismissed.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex and Middlesex*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Proprietors and legal Representatives of Proprietors of the Western Division of *New-Jersey* was read a second Time, praying the Aid of the Legislature towards running and ascertaining the Line of Partition between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the said State, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill to appoint Commissioners for that Purpose; on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition on the first *Thursday* of the next Sitting? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,		
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,		
Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> .		
Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,			

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the *West-Jersey* Proprietors, or some Person for them, do serve the President of the Board of *East-Jersey* Proprietors with a Copy of this Order, and the Bill by them proposed to be presented, at least two Months previous to the said Day; and that they be heard before the House on the second *Thursday* of the next Sitting for and against the Propriety of passing the same.

The Memorial of *Cornelius Haring*, Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of *Bergen*, praying that he may be authorized to draw from the Treasurer a Sum of Money sufficient to employ Counsel to support and defend certain Actions, in which he as Agent, in Behalf of the State, is concerned, was read a second Time;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to *Cornelius Haring*, or Order, any Sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds for the Purpose aforesaid; and the Receipt of the said *Cornelius Haring* shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for so much of the Publick Money.

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

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

The House met.

The Petition of *Rachel Wells*, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Biddle* and *Kelly*, to bring in a Bill for her Relief and others in like Circumstances.

The Petition of *Adam Green* and *John Hull*, praying that they may be relieved from certain Debts contracted as Sureties, &c. was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Houghton*, according to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower John Ely and George Ely, jun. to take Charge of the Estate of George Ely, sen. in Trust for the said George Ely, sen. and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *James Mott*, Esq. Treasurer, informing that there has been a Number of Applications for Notes of Depreciation lately presented by Hospital Officers, in which are included Hospital Commissaries, Paymasters and others, and praying the Direction of the Legislature ;

Ordered, That the said Letter be committed to Messrs. *A. Clark* and *Combs* to report thereon.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Randolph*.

‘ Ordered, ‘ Council-Chamber, November 18, 1785.
‘ THAT Mr. *Randolph* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled,
‘ *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the North Ward of*
‘ *Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of*
‘ *Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of*
‘ *The City of Perth-Amboy, and request their Concurrence therein.*’

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the
‘ House of Assembly of the 11th Instant, relative to directing the Treas-
‘ urer to receive from *John Sparks*, Esquire, a Contractor's Certificate, &c.
‘ Resolved, That the House do concur therein.’

Mr. *A. Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for obliging the Proprietors of the several Stage-Waggons, Coaches, Ferries and Taverns, between Hudson's River and Delaware River, to contribute towards the Expences of Government ;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Saturday, November 19, 1785.

The House met.

A Petition was presented from the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*, which was referred to the next Sitting.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

‘ Council-Chamber, November 19, 1785.
‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House
‘ of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to *Cornelius Har-*
‘ *ing* any Sum not exceeding £. 50 for the Purpose therein mentioned,
‘ Resolved, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blawvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garrisse,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardslee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of The City of Perth-Amboy*, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation at Hanover, Morris County*, was read a second Time, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 21, 1785.

The House met.

The Petition from John Cafe, of the County of Sussex, read on the 17th Instant, was read a second Time, and the several Affidavits and Papers accompanying the same;

Whereupon,

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill to confirm to him the Lands by him purchased of *John Arents*, and which the said *John Arents* purchased of *Joseph Barton*, whose Estate has been confiscated to and vested in this State, and for which the said *John Arents* never received a Title Deed from the said *Joseph Barton*, though he paid the full Consideration Money to the said *Barton* therefor, and that he serve the Agent of the County of *Suffex* with a Copy of this Order three Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying that Paper Money may not be emitted, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time when the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for that Purpose shall report the same.

The Memorial and Petition of *Enos Seeley* and *William Kelsay*, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time and dismissed.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying an Amendment to the Election Law, was read, and ordered a second Reading with the Supplement to the Election Law.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, praying the said County may be divided, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates, in the County of Bergen, to sell, by Publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to and vested in this State, situate, lying and being in the County of Bergen, Township of New-Barbados, and at the New-Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, praying that the Supplement to the Act for incorporating the City of *Pertb-Amboy*, now before the House, may not be enacted into a Law, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time when the said Bill shall be again read.

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

The House met.

Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to Persons employed in the general Hospital*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Rensselaer Williams*, Esq. of *Trenton*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth that *Henry Longfield*, late of *New-Brunswick*, deceased, made his Testament and Last Will, and appointed *Samuel Kemble* and *James Neilson* his Executors; that the said *Samuel Kemble* joined the Enemy, and is not at present within the United States; that the said *James Neilson* is since dead, and that there is no Person duly authorized to take upon them the Execution of the said Testament and Last Will, and praying that a Law may pass to vest him with a Power to take upon him the Execution of the said Testament and Last Will of the said *Henry Longfield*, and to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport thereof, and a Copy of this Order, at least six Weeks previous thereto in the different News-Papers printed in this State.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting. The

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates, of the County of Bergen, to sell by Publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in, this State, situate, lying and being in the County of Bergen, Township of New-Barbados, and at the New-Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The Petition from *Benjamin Shotwell*, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time, and dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting the north Ward of Perth-Amboy, and a Part of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name and Title of The City of Perth-Amboy*, was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blawvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schnurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	
Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,		Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	

And so the Bill was lost.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hankinson* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is not concurred in by this House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> .
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

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

A Representation and Petition of *Thomas Thorn*, setting forth, that on Account of his having removed out of the State for a short Time, he is deprived of an Opportunity of receiving the Interest on Loan-Office Certificates in his Possession;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting, to be read a second Time with the Act for the Relief of Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates.

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

Tuesday, November 22, 1785.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, accompanied with a Petition from *Jonathan Stiles*, Esquire, praying that certain Certificates in his Hands, received in Payment of Taxes, may be received by the Treasurer;

Ordered, That the said Letter and Petition be referred to the Committee, to whom was committed the Petitions of *Tallman Smith* and *Jacob Warren* on the 9th Instant.

A Remonstrance from *Azariab Dunbam*, Esquire, late Superintendent of Purchases, setting forth the Difficulties attending the Settlement of his Accounts, and desiring that this House would stay the Action ordered to be commenced against him, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates, of the County of Bergen, to sell by Publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in, this State, situate, lying and being in the County of Bergen, Township of New-Barbados, and at the new Bridge, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Starke.
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet.		

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Newbold*.

Ordered, That the Council-Chamber, November 22, 1785.
THAT Mr. *Newbold* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled,
An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren,

in this State, certain Privileges heretofore granted them by an Act of the Parliament of Great-Britain, and request their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all Contractors and surplus Certificates, to issue State-Notes to the Holders, and procure a more accurate Estimate of the State-Debt*, was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all the Contractors and surplus Certificates, to issue State-Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State-Debt*; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to Persons employed in the General Hospital*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Township of *Evesham*, and another from the Township of *Chester*, in the County of *Burlington*, praying for a Law to maintain the Publick Roads by Hire, were read, and referred to the Committee appointed for that Purpose.

A Letter from sundry Inhabitants, of the Township of *Manington*, in the County of *Salem*, praying that a Law may pass to maintain their Publick Roads by Tax, and to raise the Causeway leading to the Town of *Salem* above the Flow of the Tide, was read, and committed to Messrs. *Sinnickson*, *Hall* and *Sharp*, to make Report thereon.

Mr. *Biddle*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A supplemental Act to an Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Combs*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt-Meadow, situate in said County*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Auditor appeared in the House, and reported the State of sundry Accounts, by which it appeared, that the Account of *Peter Dumont*, late Agent for forfeited Estates, in the County of *Somerset*; the Account of *Thomas Fenimore*, as Agent for sequestered Estates, in the County of *Burlington*; the Account of the said *Thomas Fenimore*, as a Commissioner for repairing the Gaol in the County of *Burlington*; and the Account of the Executors of *Bodo Otto*, Esquire, deceased, late Agent for the recruiting Service, in the County of *Gloucester*, ought to stand balanced; to which the House agreed.

That there is a Balance due the State from *Benjamin Fenimore*, late Paymaster to the Militia in the County of *Burlington*, of £. 88 7 8, Specie.

From *John Stillwell*, as Agent for sequestered Estates, in the County of *Monmouth*, of £. 106 9 6, Specie.

From *Abraham Kitchel*, Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of *Morris*, the Sum of £. 131 9 5, Specie. And,

From *Cornelius Haring*, Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of *Bergen*, the Sum of £. 143 6 8, Specie.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to collect the same; and,

That

That there is due from the State to *Joseph Ellis*, Esquire, late Commissary and Paymaster to the Western Company of Artillery, the Sum of 7 17 7.

To *Samuel Hugg*, Esq. late Commissary and Paymaster to do. £. 186 15 11.

To *Edward Dunlop*, late Agent for the recruiting Service in *Suffex*, the Sum of £. 65 13 9.

To *Nathaniel Hunt*, late Paymaster to the Militia in *Hunterdon*, the Sum of £. 1 19 10.

To *John Black*, late Agent for the recruiting Service in *Burlington*, the Sum of £. 56 10 4.

To *John Stillwell*, late Agent for forfeited Estates in *Monmouth*, the Sum of £. 73 12 8.

To *Jonathan Stiles*, junior, late Paymaster to the Militia in the County of *Morris*, the Sum of £. 200 7 11.

Resolved, That the Treasurer do discharge the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Longstreet* do carry the Accounts above referred to, and the above Resolutions, to Council for their Concurrence.

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

Wednesday, November 23, 1785.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

‘ *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, November 23, 1785.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Clark* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled,
‘ *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Secu-*
‘ *rity, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and request their Concurrence
‘ therein.’

Mr. *R. S. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Demands of *Robert Hoops*, Esq. upon this State, and report their Opinion thereon, reported as follows:

THAT they find that on the 11th Day of *April* 1780, the United States drew a Warrant on the Treasurer of this State in Favour of Colonel *Blaine* for 1,077,333³/₄ Dollars; that Colonel *Blaine* endorsed an Order on the above Draught in Favour of Mr. *Hoops* for 250,000 Dollars, dated *April* 13, 1780; that Mr. *Stevens*, then Treasurer of this State, by Virtue of a Resolution of the Legislature for that Purpose, appears to have paid unto Mr. *Hoops* 66,775 Dollars; that for Reasons which do not appear to your Committee, the remaining 183,225 Dollars have never been paid.

By Order of the Committee,

R. S. SMITH.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That upon the said *Robert Hoops* giving a Receipt to the Treasurer for the Sum of 183,225 Dollars, with Interest, in Discharge of the aforesaid Warrant, the said Treasurer give unto the said *Robert Hoops*, Esq. a Certificate, certifying that the State of *New-Jersey* is indebted unto *Robert Hoops*, Esq. in the Sum of £. 1305 4 6, which said Sum shall be paid unto the said *Robert Hoops*, Esq. or Bearer, in Specie, or other current Money of this State, with Interest at the Rate of *Six per Centum per Annum* from the first Day of *May* in the Year 1780, and that the Auditor do countersign the same;

Ordered, That Mr. *Blauvelt* do carry the above Report and Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Little Egg-Harbour*, praying that a Law may pass to appoint Inspectors of Lumber, and that a Fine may be imposed on any

any Person who shall attempt to sell any Lumber contrary to Law; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The Petition from *Monmouth*, read on the 4th November Instant, praying a Division of said County, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition of *John Schuyler*, of the County of *Bergen*, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, and a Copy of this Order, in the News-papers printed in this State, and at least two of the News-papers printed in *New-York*.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to Persons employed in the general Hospital*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Ycas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardsee,	Mr. Arnold.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. A. Clark do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize the United States, in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from the County of *Middlesex*, read on the 17th Instant, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition from *John Adams*, read the 16th Instant, was read a second Time, and dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meeting, in the Counties of Essex and Middlesex*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt-Meadow, situate in said County*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for obliging the Proprietors of the several Stage-Waggons, Coaches, Ferries and Taverns, between Hudson's River and Delaware River, to contribute towards the Publick Expences of Government*, was read a

second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Schuurman* and *A. Clark* to report the next Sitting.

Mr. *Schuurman*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of *Jacob Warreu*, *Tallman Smith* and *Jonathan Stiles*; also the Letter from the Treasurer, read the 20th Instant, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorise County-Collectors, and the Treasurer of this State, to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Marsb*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Samuel Meeker, late Commissioner*

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
£. 7500 Specie,—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the County of <i>Salem</i> ,	State-Money & Certificates.	Specie.
		£. 166 14 10

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
December—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of <i>Burlington</i> , <i>Suffex</i> ,	State-Money & Certificates.
	£. 4608 17 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
	578 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£. 5187 16 8

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
April 1,—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the County of <i>Suffex</i> ,	Specie.
	£. 473 15 3

missioner of forfeited Estates, of the County of Suffex; which Bill was ordered a second Reading.

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

Thursday, November 24, 1785.

The House met.

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

count of Tax for raising £. 100,000 in State-Money and Certificates, and CR.
due *September 10, 1781.*

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the County of <i>Salem,</i>	State-Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Trenton, November 1, 1785.</i>		£. 166 14 10

By Order of the Committee,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

count of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State-Money and Certificates, due CR.
1, 1781.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the Counties of <i>Burlington,</i>	State-Money & Certificates.
<i>Suffex,</i>	£. 4608 17 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	578 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

£. 5187 16 8

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

count of Tax for raising £. 7500 Specie, for Support of Government, due CR.
1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the County of <i>Suffex,</i>	Specie.
<i>Trenton, November 1, 1785.</i>	£. 473 15 3

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
 £. 25,000, Specie,—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State-Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Effex,</i>		£. 210 9 4
<i>Monmouth,</i>	£. 34 0 7½	
<i>Burlington,</i>		1049 0 2
<i>Morris,</i>	658 9 2½	
<i>Suffex,</i>	1338 11 0½	1405 5 2½
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	£. 2031 0 11	£. 2664 14 8½

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
 £. 25,000, Specie,—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State-Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Effex,</i>		£. 839 15 9
<i>Monmouth,</i>	£. 2451 5 7½	
<i>Burlington,</i>	1684 3 7	2433 10 6½
<i>Salem,</i>		150 10 10
<i>Cape-May,</i>	173 9 9	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	2277 9 6	963 4 1
<i>Morris,</i>	1832 2 5½	383 5 2½
<i>Cumberland,</i>	324 18 1½	
<i>Suffex,</i>	1140 12 5	1948 6 7
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	£. 9884 1 5½	£. 6718 13 0

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
 due July—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	Specie.
<i>Effex,</i>	£. 180 9 4½
<i>Burlington,</i>	173 4 7
<i>Suffex,</i>	600
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	£. 953 13 11½

count of Tax for raising £. 50,000 in State-Money and Certificates, and Cr.
due *April* 1, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State-Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Effex,</i>		£. 23 1 1
<i>Burlington,</i>		1049 0 2
<i>Morris,</i>	£. 499 19 6½	
<i>Suffex,</i>	1338 11 0¼	1405 5 2¼
Balance carried to Account Current,	192 10 3½	187 8 3
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	£. 2031 0 11	£. 2664 14 8½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

count of Tax for raising £. 50,000 in State-Money and Certificates, and Cr.
due *July* 1, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	State-Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Effex,</i>		£. 839 15 9
<i>Monmouth,</i>	£. 2104 6 9½	
<i>Burlington,</i>	898 17 11	2433 10 6½
<i>Salem,</i>		110 18 6
<i>Cape-May,</i>	159 1 6	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	2277 9 6	158 1 2
<i>Morris,</i>	1832 2 5½	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	298 12 1½	
<i>Suffex,</i>	1090 12 5	1948 6 7
Balance carried to Account Current,	1222 18 9	1228 0 5½
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	£. 9884 1 5½	£. 6718 13

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

count of Tax for raising £. 7500, Specie, for Support of Government, Cr.
1, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of	Specie.
<i>Effex,</i>	£. 53 0 9½
<i>Suffex,</i>	600
Balance carried to Account Current,	300 13 2
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	£. 953 13 11½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
due *October*—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

	State-Money.	Specie.
<i>Burlington,</i>		£. 545 12 0½
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	£. 691 5 2	354 2 2
<i>Morris,</i>		619 13 4
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337 15 0	
<i>Suffex,</i>	228 5 0	400 0 0
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	£. 1257 5 2	£. 1919 7 6½

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
due *January*—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

	State-Money.	Specie.
<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 272 16 4	
<i>Essex,</i>		£. 46 2 11
<i>Middlesex,</i>	450 3 2	
<i>Monmouth,</i>	50 12 1	
<i>Burlington,</i>	275 14 11	
<i>Salem,</i>		86 7 5
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	1012 9 0	771 7 10
<i>Morris,</i>	362 9 11½	524 18 0
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337 10 0	
<i>Suffex,</i>	600 0 0	242 9 9
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	£. 3361 15 5½	£. 1671 5 11

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
due *October*—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

	Specie.
<i>Essex,</i>	£. 1379 8 0
<i>Middlesex,</i>	1074 4 11½
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	1108 8 5½
<i>Suffex,</i>	175 12 8½
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	£. 3737 14 1½

count of the Proportion of the first Payment of Tax for raising £. 90,000, Cr.
1, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

State-Money.

Specie.

<i>Burlington,</i>		£. 352 7 7
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	£. 412 2 5	354 2 2
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337 15	
<i>Suffex,</i>	228 5	276 13 4
Balance carried to Account Current,	279 2 9	936 4 5½
	£. 1257 5 2	£. 1919 7 6½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

count of the Proportion of the second Payment of Tax for raising £. 90,000, Cr.
1, 1783.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

State-Money.

Specie.

<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 203 8 10	
<i>Middlesex,</i>	254 15 5	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	556 11 10	£. 298 16
<i>Morris,</i>	182 6 9½	505 8 2
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337 10	
<i>Suffex,</i>	568 14 9	242 9 9
Balance carried to Account Current,	1258 7 10	624 12

£. 3361 15 5½ £. 1671 5 11

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

count of the Proportion of the first Payment of Tax for raising £. 90,930, Cr.
1, 1783.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

Specie.

<i>Middlesex,</i>	£. 286 13 10½
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	32 6 4½
Balance carried to Account Current,	3418 13 10½

£. 3737 14 1½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

Dr.

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
due *January*—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

	Specie.		
<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 315	3	0
<i>Essex,</i>	1828	6	11
<i>Middlesex,</i>	1402	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Monmouth,</i>	608	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Somerset,</i>	94	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Burlington,</i>	805	17	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Gloucester,</i>	521	19	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Salem,</i>	620	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Cape-May,</i>	119	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	2476	9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Morris,</i>	2478	13	4
<i>Cumberland,</i>	920	16	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Suffex,</i>	1997	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	£. 14,159	3	3 $\frac{1}{4}$

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
due *October*—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

	Specie.		
<i>Essex,</i>	£. 522	8	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Middlesex,</i>	400	0	0
<i>Monmouth,</i>	808	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Somerset,</i>	403	19	6
<i>Cape-May,</i>	187	9	0
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	958	9	6
<i>Morris,</i>	614	4	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Suffex,</i>	543	12	8
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	£. 4438	10	8

count of the Proportion of the second Payment of Tax for raising £. 90,930, CR.
1, 1784.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

	Specie.
<i>Middlesex,</i>	£. 1186 4 4½
<i>Burlington,</i>	475 6 3½
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	2082 3 1½
<i>Morris,</i>	2157 19 3
<i>Cumberland,</i>	351 14 9½
<i>Suffex,</i>	1600 3 10½
Balance carried to Account Current,	6305 11 7½

Trenton, November 1, 1785. £. 14,159 3 3½

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
Jos. SMITH.

count of Tax for raising £. 10,000, Specie, for Support of Government, CR.
1, 1784.

By Deficiencies not yet paid
in by the County of

	Specie.
<i>Suffex,</i>	£. 105 5 7
Balance carried to Account Current,	4333 5 1

£. 4438 10 8

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
Jos. SMITH.

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Ac—
due October—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the feveral Counties of

<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 703	0	2½
<i>Effex,</i>	1510	19	0½
<i>Middlefex,</i>	1839	3	0
<i>Monmouth,</i>	2365	13	1½
<i>Somerfet,</i>	379	17	1½
<i>Burlington,</i>	740	16	7½
<i>Gloucefter,</i>	476	3	0½
<i>Salem,</i>	655	13	10
<i>Cape-May,</i>	278	2	6
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	3123	0	9½
<i>Morris,</i>	1993	16	10½
<i>Cumberland,</i>	115	16	6
<i>Suffex,</i>	1944	17	5
	£. 16,127	0	1½

AMOUNT of DEFICIENCIES due from the feveral COUNTIES.

	State-Money.	Revenue-Money.	Specie.
<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 203 8 10	£. 0 0 0	0 0 0
<i>Effex,</i>	0 0 0	0 0 0	£. 915 17 7½
<i>Middlefex,</i>	254 15 5	0 0 0	1472 18 2½
<i>Monmouth,</i>	2104 6 9½	0 0 0	0 0 0
<i>Somerfet,</i>	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
<i>Burlington,</i>	5507 14 11½	0 0 0	4319 4 7½
<i>Gloucefter,</i>	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
<i>Salem,</i>	0 0 0	0 0 0	277 13 4
<i>Cape-May,</i>	159 1 6	0 0 0	0 0 0
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	3246 3 9	935 11 6½	2925 8 10½
<i>Morris,</i>	2514 8 9½	0 0 0	2663 7 5
<i>Cumberland,</i>	973 17 1½	0 0 0	351 14 9½
<i>Suffex,</i>	3805 2 10½	1086 11 10	6651 19 6½
	£. 18,769 0 0½	£. 2022 3 4½	£. 19,569 4 5

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of Cash in Specie received of fundry Perfons.

1784.	Received of <i>Thomas Denny</i> , Esq. late Sheriff of <i>Gloucester</i>	
Nov. 12.	County, on Account of Fines,	£. 23 15 0
Dec. 10.	<i>Peter Dumont</i> , Agent of forfeited Estates for <i>Somerfet</i>	
	County,	32 16 2
1785.	<i>Nathaniel Hunt</i> , Esq. late Agent for the recruiting Ser-	
Jan. 4.	vice for <i>Hunterdon</i> County,	83 10 10
April 5.	<i>William Garrison</i> , on Account of the Balance due from	
	him and <i>Thomas Sayre</i> , as late Commissioners of for-	
	feited Estates for <i>Salem</i> ,	1 12 10

Amount carried forward,

£. 141 14 10

count of Tax for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5, in Bills of Credit, Cr.
1, 1784.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

Hunterdon,

Suffex,

Balance carried to Account Current,

£. 935 11 6½

1086 11 10

14,104 16 8½

£. 16,127 0 1½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

	Amount brought forward,	£.	141	14	10
April 6.	John Burrowes, Esquire, late Sheriff of Monmouth, on Account of Fines,	58	0	3	
13.	Jaques Voorbies, Collector of Somerset, on Account of Prize-Goods,	41	8	8	
28.	Isaac Wheaton, Esquire, Commissioner of the Loan-Office for Cumberland,	15	0	0	
May 9.	Philip Hand, Executor to Nathaniel Hand, Esq. deceased, former Sheriff of Cape-May, on Account of Fines,	0	7	7	
19.	Peter I. Schenck, Esquire, late Sheriff of Somerset, on Account of Fines,	0	15	2	
20.	Benjamin Holme, late Commissary to the Western Artillery,	5	19	8	
July 11.	William Kerr, Esquire, late Sheriff of Suffex, on Account of Fines,	50	0	0	
20.	Jonathan Hildreth, Esquire, late Sheriff of Cape-May, on Account of Fines,	5	15	0	
1785.	Received of John Wilkins, Esquire, Collector of Gloucester, on Account of Prize-Goods,	97	13	7	
August 2.	Ditto, Ditto, being Money he received of Joseph Hugg, Esq. Commissioner of the Loan-Office for said County,	177	8	1½	
	Ditto, Executor of Bodo Otto, Esq. late Agent for the recruiting Service in the said County,	35	0	0	
Sept. 2.	William Kerr, Esquire, late Sheriff of Suffex, on Account of Fines,	15	0	5	
3.	John Rodman, Esquire, former Sheriff of Burlington, on Account of Fines,	5	10	10	
23.	Israel Hedden, Esquire, former Sheriff of Effex, on Account of Fines,	56	13	9	

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

£. 706 7 10½
M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of New-Jersey,		DR.
On Account of State-Money received of fundry Persons.		
1784.	Received of <i>Kenneth Hankinſon</i> , Collector of <i>Mon-</i>	
Nov. 25.	<i>mouth</i> , on Account of Arrearages of Continental Taxes,	£. 222 3 6
1785.	Ditto,	207 11 3
Feb. 2.		
April 6.	<i>Iſrael Hedden</i> , Eſquire, former Sheriff of <i>Effex</i> , on Account of Fines,	43 1 3
	<i>Kenneth Hankinſon</i> , Collector of <i>Monmouth</i> , on Account of Fines,	57 10 6
May 9.	<i>Philip Hand</i> , Executor of <i>Nathaniel Hand</i> , Eſquire, former Sheriff of <i>Cape-May</i> , on Account of Fines,	1 13 9
17.	<i>Abraham Manning</i> , Eſquire, late Sheriff of <i>Bergen</i> , on Account of Fines,	387 11 3
19.	<i>Peter I. Schenck</i> , Eſquire, late Sheriff of <i>Somerſet</i> , on Account of Fines,	11 4 9
July 11.	<i>William Kerr</i> , Eſquire, late Sheriff of <i>Suffex</i> , on Account of Fines,	75 5 9
Aug. 12.	<i>John Ogden</i> , former Collector of <i>Effex</i> , on Account of Fines,	40 10 9
Sept. 2.	<i>William Kerr</i> , Eſquire, late Sheriff of <i>Suffex</i> , on Account of Fines,	0 14 0
Oct. 28.	<i>David Forman</i> , Eſquire, former Sheriff of <i>Monmouth</i> , on Account of Fines,	69 19 3
		£. 1117 6 0
Trenton, November 1, 1785:		
By Order of the Committees,		M. OGDEN, JOS. SMITH.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of New-Jersey,		DR.
On Account of Continental Money received on Arrears of Taxes, levied in Continental Currency.		
1785.	Received of <i>Kenneth Hankinſon</i> , Collector of <i>Mon-</i>	
Feb. 2.	<i>mouth</i> ,	£. 168 7 6
March 9.	Ditto, ditto,	2247 7 6
May 14.	<i>Jonatban Stiles</i> , Eſquire, late Collector of <i>Morris</i> ,	1119 8 9
June 22.	<i>Kenneth Hankinſon</i> , Collector of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	778 0 0
Aug. 4.	Ditto, ditto,	415 3 9
Sept. 1.	<i>Isaac Vanderbeck</i> , Eſquire, late Collector of <i>Bergen</i> , being Part of an Order drawn on him by <i>John Stevens</i> , Eſquire, late Treasurer, in Continental Money,	42,435 18 11
	<i>Kenneth Haukinſon</i> , Collector of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	370 17 6
Amount carried to Account current,		£. 47,535 3 11
Trenton, November 1, 1785.		
By Order of the Committees,		M. OGDEN. JOS. SMITH.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of Continental Money.

Received of *Isaac Vanderbeck*, Esquire, late Collector of *Bergen*, on
Account of Fines, being a Part of an Order drawn on him by
John Stevens, late Treasurer, £. 5564 1 1
Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of fundry Persons for Debts due
the State.

1785.	Received of <i>John Burrowes</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of	
April 6.	<i>Monmouth</i> , on Account of Fines,	£. 848 6 5
11.	<i>Samuel Roberts</i> , Commissioner of the Loan-Office, for	
	the County of <i>Morris</i> , - - -	187 0 7
	<i>Peter D. Vroom</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Somerset</i> , on	
	Account of Fines, - - -	106 17 2
May 12.	<i>Abraham Schuyler</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Middlesex</i> , on	
	Account of Fines, - - -	40 10 0
18.	<i>Samuel Roberts</i> , Commissioner of the Loan-Office, for	
	the County of <i>Morris</i> , - - -	165 17 8
June 15.	<i>William C. Houston</i> , Esq. Clerk of the Supreme Court, in	
	Discharge of a Bond given by Dr. <i>Samuel Bard</i> and	
	<i>Jonathan D. Sergeant</i> , Esquire,	676 0 0
Sept. 2.	<i>William Kerr</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Suffex</i> , on Account	
	of Fines levied in State-Money,	58 11 0
6.	<i>Joseph Blackwood</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Gloucester</i> , on Ac-	
	count of Fines, - - -	49 9 0
	<i>David Rhea</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Monmouth</i> , on Account	
	of ditto, - - -	303 11 11
7.	<i>Peter D. Vroom</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Somerset</i> , on Ac-	
	count of ditto, - - -	10 0 0
	<i>Richard Dey</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Bergen</i> , on Account	
	of ditto, - - -	360 6 7
Oct. 21.	<i>Nathaniel Hunt</i> , Esquire, Commissioner of the Loan-	
	Office for <i>Hunterdon</i> , - - -	999 15 7
29.	Received of <i>Jacob Arnold</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Mor-</i>	
	<i>ris</i> , on Account of Fines, - - -	537 17 8

Amount carried to Account current, £. 4344 3 7
Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of the several Agents of for-
feited Estates.

1784.	Received of <i>Samuel Hayes</i> , Agent for <i>Effex</i> ,	£. 1001 4 9
Nov. 27.	<i>Peter Dumont</i> , Agent for <i>Somerset</i> , -	2828 3 10
14.	<i>Cornelius Haring</i> , Agent for <i>Bergen</i> , - -	6131 2 9
16.	<i>David Olden</i> , Agent for <i>Middlesex</i> , - -	2861 16 8

Amount carried forward, £. 12,822 8 0

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of the several Agents of forfeited Estates.

	Amount brought forward,	£.	12,822	8	0
1784.	<i>John Stilwell</i> , Agent for <i>Monmouth</i> , and omitted in				
May 12.	last Year's Account,	-	-	120	11 2
	Ditto for Articles sold belonging to the <i>Monmouth</i>				
	Artillery,	-	-	25	4 10
Dec. 24.	<i>David Olden</i> , Agent for <i>Middlesex</i> ,	-	-	1509	10 6
1785.	<i>Samuel Hayes</i> , Agent for <i>Essex</i> ,	-	-	2150	11 0
Feb. 24.					
March 5.	<i>Cornelius Haring</i> , Agent for <i>Bergen</i> ,	-	-	7229	1 5
12.	<i>John Stilwell</i> , Agent for <i>Monmouth</i> ,	-	-	6149	8 0
23.	Received of <i>Samuel Forman</i> , one of the late Com-				
	missioners of forfeited Estates for <i>Monmouth</i> ,			839	19 10
25.	<i>George Warn</i> , one of the late Commissioners of for-				
	feited Estates for <i>Suffex</i> ,			475	19 9
	Amount carried forward,	£.	31,322	14	6

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of—				
	To Balance due the State in Continental Currency, on Set-				
	tlement <i>November 10, 1784</i> ,	£.	30,316	6	7½
	To Ditto in Continental Certificates on Ditto,		33,394	18	4
	To Amount received on Arrears of Continental Taxes,		47,535	3	11
	Received of <i>Isaac Vanderbeck</i> , Esq. Collector of <i>Bergen</i> , on				
	Account of Fines, being a Part of an Order drawn on him				
	by <i>John Stevens</i> , Esquire, late Treasurer,		5564	1	1
	Received of <i>Kenneth Hankinson</i> , Collector of <i>Monmouth</i> , omit-				
	ted in last Year's Account,		100	0	0
		£.	116,910	9	11

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.
On Account of Notes and Certificates received of the several Agents of forfeited Estates.

1785.	Amount brought forward,	£. 31,322 14 6
April 2.	Thomas Fenimore, Esquire, Agent for Burlington,	76 2 10
8.	Thomas Anderson, Esquire, one of the late Commissioners for Suffex,	- - 21 3 11
May 9.	Jesse Hand, Esquire, Agent for Cape-May,	- 125 13 4
June 9.	John Stilwell, Agent for Monmouth,	- 1437 7 1
	Ditto, ditto,	- 83 8 6
Aug. 4.	Samuel Hayes, Agent for Effex,	- - 4734 1 10
	Amount carried to Account current,	£. 37,800 12 0

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

By Order of the Committees,

M. OGDEN,
JOS. SMITH.

NEW-JERSEY, Account Current in Continental Money, CR.

By Amount of Continental Certificates counted and examined by Samuel Tucker and James Ewing, Esquires, as per Account and Receipt,	£. 33,394 18 4
By Amount of an Order drawn by John Stevens, Esquire, late Treasurer, on Isaac Vanderbeck, Esquire, Collector of Bergen, which was received of him on Account of Fines and Taxes in Continental Currency,	48,000 0 0
Balance due the State,	35,515 11 7½

£. 116,910 9 11½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

WE, the Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find a Balance of *Thirty-five Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven-pence Three Farthings*, in Continental Money, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. OGDEN,
WM. NEWBOLD,
JOS. SMITH,
J. SHEPPARD,
JNO. LAMBERT.

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW—		
To Balance due the State in Notes and Certificates on Settlement	<i>November 10, 1784,</i>	£. 54,113	5 0½
To Amount received of fundry Persons on Account of Debts due the State,	-	4344	3 7
To Amount received of the several Agents of forfeited Estates,	-	37,800	12 0
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		£. 96,258	0 7½

DR.	JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of—		
To Balance due the State in State-Money and Certificates on Settlement	<i>November 10, 1784,</i>	£. 16,400	11 6½
To Balance on Tax in State-Money and Certificates, due	<i>April 1, 1782,</i>	192	10 3½
To Ditto on Ditto, due	<i>July 1, 1782,</i>	1222	18 9
To Ditto in State-Money, due	<i>October 1, 1782,</i>	279	2 9
To Ditto Ditto, due	<i>January 1, 1783,</i>	1258	7 10
To Amount received of fundry Persons,	-	1117	6 0
Balance due <i>James Mott,</i>	-	0	17 3½
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		£. 20,471	14 5½

JERSEY, Account Current in Notes and Certificates, CR.

By Amount of fundry Notes and Certificates counted and examined by *Samuel Tucker* and *James Ewing*, Esquires, as per Account and Receipt, £. 54,113 5 0½
 By Amount of fundry Notes and Certificates examined and allowed, 42,144 15 7

£. 96,258 0 7½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

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

M. OGDEN,
WM. NEWBOLD,
JOS. SMITH,
J. SHEPPARD,
JNO. LAMBERT.

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NEW-JERSEY, Account Current in State-Money, CR.

By Amount of Certificates counted and examined by *Samuel Tucker* and *James Ewing*, Esquires, as per Account and Receipt, £. 9265 10 10½
 By Amount of State-Money destroyed by *Samuel Tucker* and *James Ewing*, Esquires, *December 30* and *31, 1784*, and *January 1, 1785*, as per Accounts :
 Of the Emission of *June 9, 1780*, 3325 10 11
 Ditto *January 9, 1781*, 3909 5 0 7234 15 11
 By Amount of Ditto destroyed by *Samuel Tucker* and *James Ewing*, Esqrs. *August 30, Sept. 3* and *November 1, 1785* :
 Of the Emission *June 9, 1780*, 1868 15 2
 Ditto *January 9, 1781*, 2102 12 6 3971 7 8

£. 20,471 14 5½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

WE, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find a Balance of *Seventeen Shillings and Three-pence One Farthing*, in State-Money, due to the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. OGDEN,
WM. NEWBOLD,
JOS. SMITH,
J. SHEPPARD,
JNO. LAMBERT.

DR. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State—

To Balance due on Settlement <i>November 10, 1784,</i>	£. 863	4	5½
To Balance on Account of Tax in Specie, due <i>April 1, 1782,</i>	187	8	3
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>July 1, 1782,</i>	1228	0	5½
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>July 1, 1782, for Sup-</i> <i>port of Government,</i>	300	13	2
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>October 1, 1782,</i>	936	4	5½
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>January 1, 1783,</i>	624	12	0
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>October 1, 1783,</i>	3418	13	10½
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>January 1, 1784,</i>	6305	11	7½
To Ditto on Account of Ditto, due <i>October 1, 1784, for Sup-</i> <i>port of Government,</i>	4333	5	1
To Amount received of sundry Persons,	706	7	10½

£. 18,904 1 2½

of NEW-JERSEY, Account current in Specie.

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By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 230, inclusive, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates,	£. 2345	5	7
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 153, inclusive, for Cash paid for Support of Government,	475	6	3 2
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 99, inclusive, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Contractors Certificates,	479	0	11
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 87, inclusive, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on Collectors surplus Certificates,	437	13	9
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 65, inclusive, for Cash paid for Interest on Notes of Depreciation,	1081	6	10
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 51, inclusive, for Cash paid for Principal and Interest on $\frac{1}{2}$ Notes of Depreciation,	1410	11	11
By Amount of Do. from No. 1 to No. 63, inclusive, for Cash paid on Warrants of Half-Pay,	1558	10	10
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 107, inclusive, for Cash paid Invalids,	514	0	0
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 No. 24, inclusive, for Cash paid for one Year's Interest on State-Money,	61	8	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Amount of one ditto, No. 1, for Cash paid in Remittance of a Militia Fine,	11	17	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Amount of fundry ditto from No. 1 to No. 3, inclusive, paid for Wood furnished the Troops stationed on the Frontiers,	7	15	0
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 6, inclusive, for Cash paid to <i>Robert Johnston</i> , Esquire, Agent for the recruiting Service,	131	7	0
By Amount of ditto, No. 1 and No. 2, for Cash paid for taking up Deserters and Prisoners of War,	202	6	0
By Amount of ditto, No. 1 and No. 2, for Cash paid to <i>Azariah Dunham</i> , Esquire, late Superintendent of Purchases,	587	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
By Amount of one ditto, No. 1, for Cash paid to <i>James M'Comb</i> , Esquire, late State Clothier,	367	10	0
By Amount of ditto from No. 1 to No. 4, inclusive, for Cash paid to <i>Nathaniel Hunt</i> , Esquire, Paymaster to the Militia of <i>Hunterdon</i> ,	898	0	0
By Cash paid on six Orders, drawn by <i>John Stevens</i> , Esquire, late Treasurer, on different Collectors, examined and allowed,	4030	19	3
Balance due the State,	23	0	5

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

£. 18,904 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

WE, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the same and the several Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 230, inclusive, from No. 1 to 153, inclusive, from No. 1 to No. 99 Do. from No. 1 to No. 87 Do. from No. 1 to No. 65 Do. from No. 1 to No. 51 Do. from No. 1 to No. 63 Do. from No. 1 to No. 107 Do. from No. 1 to No. 24 Do. No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 3 Do. from No. 1 to No. 6 Do. from No. 1 to No. 2 Do. from No. 1 to No. 2 Do. No. 1 Do. from No. 1 to No. 4 Do. and 6 Do. do find a Balance of *Twenty-three Pounds and Five-pence*, in Specie, due from the said Treasurer, *James Mott*, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. OGDEN,
WM. NEWBOLD,
JOS. SMITH,
J. SHEPPARD,
JNO. LAMBERT.
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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of New—

To Balance due the State on Settlement *November 10, 1784*, £. 23,150 3 6½
 To Balance on the Revenue Tax, due *October 1, 1784*, 14,104 16 8½

£. 37,255 0 3½

Which Settlement being read and examined,

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren in this State, the Privileges of being admitted to take an Affirmation instead of an Oath*, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge*, and County of *Middlesex*, in Behalf of Captain *Matthew Freeman* and Company, who were embodied in the Year 1780, for the Defence of the Frontiers, and received their Pay in State Dollars at a Discount of forty for one, which reduced their Wages to 2/6 per Month, and praying that the House would make good to them their Pay according to Contract, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Younges*, a Soldier in the Corps of Invalids, setting forth that he is deprived of his Pension by Reason of a Mistake in his Discharge, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Mayhew*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, *November 24, 1785*.

‘ THAT Mr. *Mayhew* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive the Orphans’ Court in the County of Gloucester*, and request their Concurrence therein.’

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Mayhew* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of New-Jersey, to serve for three Years unless sooner discharged*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Mayhew* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the following Bills are passed by this House without Amendment:

‘ The Bill, intituled, *An Act for transferring the Residue of the confiscated Personal Property, late of David Ogden, Esquire, &c.*

‘ The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same.*

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JERSEY, Account current in Revenue Bills of Credit.

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By Amount of sundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 368, inclusive, for one Year's Interest paid on Loan-Office Certificates,	£. 1493 15 11
By Amount of do. from No. 1 to No. 1081, inclusive, for the second Year's Interest paid on Loan-Office Certificates,	18,922 5 4
By Amount of do. from No. 1 to No. 856, inclusive, for one Year's Interest paid on final Settlement-Notes, signed by Benjamin Thompson, Esquire, Commissioner,	10,365 12 5
By Amount of do. from No. 1 to No. 367, inclusive, for one Year's Interest paid on final Settlement-Notes, signed by John Pierce, Esquire, Commissioner,	6156 19 5
By Amount of do. No. 1 and No. 2, for one Year's Interest paid on Continental liquidated Certificates,	98 16 3
Balance due the State,	217 10 11½

Trenton, November 1, 1785.

£. 37,255 0 3½

WE, the Committee of Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above and the several Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 368, inclusive, from No. 1 to No. 1081, do. from No. 1 to No. 856, do. from No. 1 to No. 367, do. from No. 1 to No. 2, do. do find a Balance of *Two Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven-pence Farthing*, in Revenue Bills of Credit, due from the said Treasurer, James Mott, agreeably to the above Statement.

M. OGDEN,
WM. NEWBOLD,
JOS. SMITH,
J. SHEPPARD,
JNO. LAMBERT.

' The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons who have purchased Property for the Use of the Publick.*

' The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation of the River Delaware.*

' The Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Mode by which Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands in the State of New-Jersey, may be sold for the Payment of Debts.* And,

' The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the First Presbyterian Congregation in Hanover, Morris County.*

Mr. Sharp, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for striking One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, and directing the Mode for sinking the same*, which was read; and, on the Question, Whether it be read a second Time? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garriffe,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Sharp,			

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt Meadow situate in said County*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mt. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Marck,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

A Petition from Garret Hopper, of Bergen County, was laid before the House and read, setting forth, that he was indicted for a Misdemeanor, and fined in the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, State-Money, for which he is now confined in the Gaol of said County, which fine he is utterly unable to discharge; but that his Friends have offered to advance in his Behalf the Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence*, in State-Certificates, provided he can be released from said Fine and Imprisonment: And whereas it is fully certified from a Number of the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of said County, that the above Sum is all the Petitioner's Friends will advance on his Behalf, and that he is unable to pay any Part thereof without such Assistance;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That upon Condition any Person in Behalf of the said Garret Hopper shall pay into the Treasury of this State, in Notes given to the Officers and Soldiers of the *Jersey Line* for the Depreciation of their Pay, or Notes given to the Militia of this State, the Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence*, with Interest thereon, from the Time the said Fine was laid, and also pay unto the Sheriff of said County, in State-Bills of Credit, in Circulation at the Time such Fine was laid, at their nominal Value, the Costs accrued on such Fine and Imprisonment, the said Garret Hopper shall thereupon, to all Intents and Purposes, be discharged from said Fine and Imprisonment, any Law, Usage or Custom, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

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

Mr. Bowen having informed the House, at the Request of Colonel David Potter, that there are in his Possession a Quantity of Musket-Cartridges in Boxes, the Property of the State;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said David Potter be empowered and directed publicly to advertise and make Sale of the same; and that he shall receive either Gold and Silver, or the Notes given to the Officers and Soldiers of this State for the Depreciation of their Pay, or the Notes given to the Militia of this State, in Payment; and that he render an Account of such Sales to this House at their next Sitting, with the Expences attending the same.

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

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

Friday, November 25, 1785.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all the Contractors' and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt*: An Amendment in the third Section moved for by Mr. *Sinnickson*, seconded by Mr. *Sheppard*, that the following Words be inserted, to come in immediately after the Words 'fraudulently obtained,' or Original Certificates, which do not express the Quantity of the Articles furnished according to Law, was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.

Nays.

Yeas.

Yeas.

Mr. *Nicoll*,

Mr. *Lambert*,

Mr. *Blauvelt*,

Mr. *Baker*,

Mr. *Garrisse*,

Mr. *Houghton*,

Mr. *Combs*,

Mr. *Swain*,

Mr. *A. Clark*,

Mr. *Cook*,

Mr. *R. S. Smith*,

Mr. *Burgin*,

Mr. *Marsh*,

Mr. *Starkc*,

Mr. *J. Smith*,

Mr. *Bowen*,

Mr. *Schuurman*,

Mr. *Arnold*,

Mr. *Cooper*,

Mr. *Sheppard*.

Mr. *Bonney*,

Mr. *Hankinson*,

Mr. *T. Clark*,

Mr. *Bunn*,

Mr. *Beardslee*,

Mr. *Sinnickson*,

Mr. *Kelly*,

Mr. *Longstreet*.

Mr. *Hall*,

Mr. *Biddle*,

Mr. *Sharp*,

And several Amendments being agreed to in the House,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

On Motion,

Resolved, That when this House adjourn the present Sitting, they will adjourn to meet the 15th Day of February next.

Resolved, That when this House meet on the 15th Day of February next, they will meet at Trenton.

Mr. *A. Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State*, which was ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Report:

A GREEABLY to an Order of the House of Assembly of the 28th of October, 1784, we have carefully examined and separated the Papers committed to our Charge, and have put them up in Bundles; that they consist of Petitions, Messages and Letters, from the Agents to the Committees of Correspondence, Copies of Letters from Committees to the Agents, Copies of Laws, Accounts and Certificates for Sheriffs.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
SAMUEL TUCKER.

The above Papers being worthy of Preservation,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House arrange, file and deposit the same in his Office.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm to the Members of the Church of the United Brethren in this State, the Privileges of being admitted to take an Affirmation instead of an Oath*, was read a third Time;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

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

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt, ✓	Mr. R. S. Smith, ✓	Mr. Houghton, ✓	Mr. Sinnickson, ✓
Mr. Nicoll, ✓	Mr. Biddle, ✓	Mr. Cook, ✓	Mr. Burgin, ✓
Mr. Garritse, ✓	Mr. J. Smith, ✓	Mr. Starke, ✓	Mr. Sheppard, ✓
Mr. A. Clark, ✓	Mr. Cooper, ✓	Mr. Arnold, ✓	
Mr. Marsh, ✓	Mr. Hall, ✓	Mr. Bowen, ✓	
Mr. Combs, ✓	Mr. Sharp, ✓	Mr. Hankinson, ✓	
Mr. Schuurman, ✓	Mr. Baker, ✓	Mr. Beardlee, ✓	
Mr. Bunn, ✓	Mr. Swain, ✓	Mr. Longstreet, ✓	
Mr. Blair, ✓	Mr. Lambert, ✓		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Samuel Meeker, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffolk*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Preamble of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Longstreet,		

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates, in this State*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for striking One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, and directing the Mode for sinking the same*, was read a second Time.

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

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Cooper,	

A Motion was made, that instead of the Sum of One Hundred Thousand, in the

the Title, the Sum of *Fifty Thousand* be inserted ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Stark,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hankinsof,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Swain,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,		Mr. Burgin,
			Mr. Bowen,
			Mr. Sheppard.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinsof,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Sharp,			

A Motion was made by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Hall, that the following Words be inserted in the second Section after the Words ' legal Tender ' in all Contracts made and entered into after the Publication of this Act ; ' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Hankinsof,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,		Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,		Mr. Burgin,
			Mr. Bowen,
			Mr. Sheppard.

On the Question, Whether the second Section do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Sharp,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinsof,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Sinnickson,
			Mr. Hall,
			Mr. Swain,
			Mr. Burgin,
			Mr. Bowen,
			Mr. Sheppard.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.
Mr. Nicoll reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

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

Saturday, November 26, 1785.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to emit the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, and directing the Mode for sinking the same*; a Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee to report the same to the next Sitting; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Sharp,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Houghton
Mr. Marlb,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Hall,		Mr. Arnold,
			Mr. Hankinson,
			Mr. Beardsee,
			Mr. Longstreet.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. A. Clark, Cook and Marlb.

Mr. Schuurman, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for selling the Proprieties, Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands, of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to, and vested in this State*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Schuurman, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to limit the Time within which all Accounts or Demands against the State shall be exhibited for Settlement and Allowance*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That Benjamin Smith and Maskell Ewing, junior, be, and they are hereby appointed to examine the Contractors and other Certificates delivered by the Committee of both Houses to the Auditor on the 16th Instant; that they separate and take an Account of such as should be charged to the United States; that they examine the Certificates lodged in the Auditor's Office by the Contractors and others, and make Report thereon at the next Sitting, with an Account of their Time and Expences, for Approbation and Allowance.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

Council-Chamber, November 25, 1785.

- THE Council having taken into Consideration the following Resolutions from the House of Assembly, *to wit*,
- ‘ A Resolution discharging Garret Hopper from his Fine and Imprisonment on certain Conditions.
 - ‘ A Resolution authorizing Colonel David Potter to make Sale of a Quantity of Musket-Cartridges in his Possession, the Property of the State.

‘ A Resolution directing the Treasurer to give a Certificate to *Robert Hoops*, Esquire, for £. 1395 4. 6, on his giving a Receipt, &c.
 ‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower John Ely and George Ely, junior, to take Charge of the Estate of George Ely, senior, in Trust for the said George Ely, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Samuel Meeker, late a Commissioner of forfeited Estates in the County of Sussex*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Garriſe,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Biddle,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. J. Smith,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Sinnickſon,	
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Hall,	
Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Baker,	

And ſo the Bill was loſt.

The engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for further ſuſpending the Sales of forfeited Eſtates in this State*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimouſly, That the ſame do paſs;

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the ſaid Bill to Council for their Concurrence.

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

The Petition from fundry Inhabitants of *Little-Egg-Harbour*, read on the 23^d Inſtant, was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive the Orphans’ Court in the County of Glouceſter*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Three Meſſages from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

‘ Council-Chamber, November 26, 1785.

‘ THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Accounts reported by the Auditor, with the Reſolutions accompanying the ſame from the Houſe of Aſſembly of the 23^d Inſtant,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Houſe do approve of the Statement of the ſaid Accounts, and concur in the ſaid Reſolutions.’

‘ THE Council having taken into Conſideration the Reſolution from the Houſe of Aſſembly relative to appointing Benjamin Smith and Maſkell Ewing to examine Contractors’ Certificates, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the Houſe do concur therein.’

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ THAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to vacate certain Notes given for Depreciation of Pay, to Perſons employed in the general Hoſpital*, is negatived by this Houſe.’

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read a ſecond Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of Nottingham*,

tingham, in the County of Burlington, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive the Orphans' Court in the County of Gloucester*, was read a third Time;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for selling the Proprieties, Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands, of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to, and vested in this State*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 28, 1785.

The House met.

Mr. Marsh, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for making Compensation to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

David Davis, Esquire, appeared in the House and produced the Certificate of his Election,* which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly affirmed by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, November 28, 1785.

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1785, and to end the 12th Day of October 1786, and to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the above Purposes, &c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled to regulate foreign Trade*—And

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in the Heirs of James Morgan, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, a certain Tract of Salt-Meadow, situate in said County*, are passed by this House.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Haring do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State-Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State-Debt, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.*

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, and one from the County of Burlington, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Justice of the

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the Peace in the Trial of Causes may by Law be extended to £. 50, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from *Cook Howland*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Combs* and *Bonney* be a Committee to enquire into the Validity of a Certificate given by *Thomson Stelle*, Commissioner, appointed to settle Militia Accounts, for upwards of £. 560 to *John Hampton*, as Lieutenant in the Militia, in the County of *Middlesex*, and make Report thereof to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all Contractors' and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt*, was read a second Time with the Amendments, which were agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State, for the Purpose of taking Titles for Lots of Land on which the Court-houses, Gaols and other Publick Buildings, belonging to the said respective Counties, are now or hereafter may be erected*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize County Collectors and the Treasurer of this State to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes*, was read and compared,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal Part of an Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for making Compensation to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass;

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

Ordered, That Mr. *R. S. Smith* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Four Petitions from the County of *Burlington*, praying that Paper-Money may not be emitted; and two Petitions from the same County, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted on Loan, were severally read, and referred to the next Sitting.

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

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to call in all Contractors' and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garriſe</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .
Mr. <i>Marſh</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sharp</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Swain</i> ,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Mr. R. S. Smith reported, that he had obeyed the Orders of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered; That Mr. Lambert do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to limit the Time within which all Accounts or Demands against the State shall be exhibited for Settlement and Allowance*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

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

Tuesday, November 29, 1785.

The House met.

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

A Memorial from William T. Franklin was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, November 29, 1785.

THAT Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize County Collectors and the Treasurer of this State to receive certain Certificates in Payment of Taxes—And*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal Part of the Act, intituled, A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for making Compensation to the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, for the Depreciation of their Pay*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Resolved, That the late Auditor of Accounts be directed to deliver the unsigned Surplus Certificates in his Possession to Mr. Stevens, he receipting for the Amount of the same, in order that he may have an Opportunity of procuring them authenticated by the several Collectors who have issued them;

Ordered, That Mr. Sheppard do carry the above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

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

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to delay paying any Interest on Contractors' and Surplus Certificates from the Date hereof, and on Loan-Office Certificates and other liquidated Debts of the United States, after the first Day of January next, until the further Order of the Legislature;

Ordered, That Mr. Swain do carry the above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

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

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, November 29, 1785.

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, is passed by this House.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the
 ‘ House of Assembly, relative to directing the late Auditor of Accounts
 ‘ to deliver the unsigned surplus Certificates to Mr. *Stevens* ;
 ‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. *F. Randolph*.

‘ *Council-Chamber, November 29, 1785.*

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the
 ‘ House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to delay paying
 ‘ Interest on Contractors and surplus Certificates, &c.
 ‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The House adjourned to meet at *Trenton* on *Wednesday* the 15th Day of
February next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 of the State of *New-Jersey*, I do hereby appoint *Isaac Collins*,
 of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.

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TRENTON, *Wednesday*, February 15, 1786.

PURSUANT to the Adjournment at the last Sitting the House met.

P R E S E N T,

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Blauvelt, <i>Bergen</i>	Mr. Biddle, <i>Bergen</i>
Mr. Nicoll, <i>—</i>	Mr. J. Smith, <i>—</i>
Mr. A. Clark, <i>Essex</i>	Mr. T. Clark, <i>Essex</i>
Mr. Marth, <i>—</i>	Mr. Davis, <i>—</i>
Mr. Schuurman, <i>Mid.</i>	Mr. Hall, <i>—</i>
Mr. Bonney, <i>—</i>	Mr. Burgin, <i>—</i>
Mr. Bunn, <i>Somerset</i>	Mr. Sheppard, <i>—</i>
Mr. Blaire, <i>—</i>	Mr. Hankinon, <i>Somerset</i>
Mr. Kelley, <i>—</i>	Mr. Beardlee, <i>—</i>
Mr. R. S. Smith, <i>Bergen</i>	

Ordered, That Mr. Blauvelt do wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Members of the Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.

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

Thursday, February 16, 1786.

The above-mentioned Members met, together with Mr. Terhune, Mr. Garritse, Mr. Combs and Mr. Houghton.

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Elisba Walton and Joseph Stillwell, returned as Members from the County of Monmouth, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Council-Chamber, February 16, 1786.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, and proceeded to Business.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders and Electors of the County of Monmouth was read, praying that the Election Law may be altered, and that the said County may be enabled to vote by Ballot, which Mode they also desire the State may uniformly adopt.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth was read, setting forth, that a more particular Mode of Procedure than the Statute of England respecting Landlords and Tenants would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of this State, and praying that the Legislature will take it under their Consideration:

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

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

A Petition from Mary Ashfield was read, praying that she may have Leave to present a Bill appointing Commissioners to partition and divide a certain Tract of Land in the County of Essex, held by her and others as Tenants in common among the several Persons entitled thereto, in Proportion to their respective Rights, and to dispose of a Part thereof for defraying the Expence of such Partition:

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill she means to present, and a Copy of this Order, six Weeks previous thereto, in one of the News-Papers printed in New-York, and in the News-Paper printed at Elizabeth-Town.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States,' which was read, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark and Schuurman.

A Petition from Joseph Lippincott, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying that a Law may pass to exempt his Body from Confinement for Debt;

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may pass to increase the Sum cognizable before a Justice of the Peace to £. 50;

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

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

The House met.

Agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting a Bill was presented, intitled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New-Jersey; and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same; and for securing to the General Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Possessions, Rights and just Claims;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading on Thursday the 23d Day of this Instant.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit:

- No. 1. 23 June, 1785. An Act of the Legislature of the State of New-Hampshire for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.
- No. 1 a. Letter from Governor Langdon accompanying the same.
- No. 2. Nov. 1785. A State of the Representation in Congress for this Month.
- No. 3. 3 Dec. 1785. Mr. Secretary Thomson's Letter accompanying the same.
- No. 4. 18 Nov. 1785. Letter from Secretary Thomson respecting the Representation in Congress.
- No. 5. 18 Nov. 1785. Copy of a Letter from the Secretary for foreign Affairs to the Secretary of Congress respecting the Representation in Congress.
- No. 6. 24 Nov. 1785. Request of the Executive-Council of Pennsylvania, that our Legislature would pass an Act for securing an additional Beacon, intended to be erected on Cape-May, as well as the Buoys and Beacons in the Bay of Delaware, from Injury.
- No. 7. 29 Nov. 1785. An Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, intituled, 'An Act for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.'
- No. 7 a. Letter from Governor Bowdoin accompanying the said Act.
- No. 8. Statement of the Accounts of several States, with the United States, so far as they relate to the several Requisitions for Money and specifick Supplies.
- No. 9. 3 Dec. 1785. Letter from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.
- No. 10. Dec. 1785. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of December 1785.
- No. 11. 3 Jan. 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the State of the Representation.
- No. 12. Jan. 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of January 1786.
- No. 12 a. 1 Feb. 1786. Mr. Secretary Thomson's Letter enclosing the same.
- No. 13. 2 Jan. 1786. Report of the Secretary of Congress concerning the Number of States which have complied in Whole or in Part with the Revenue System of April 18, 1783; the Recommendation of Congress of the same Date for an Alteration of the 8th of the Articles of Confederation; and the Act of the 30th of April 1784, recommending the vesting of certain commercial Powers in Congress.
- No. 14. General Account of Receipts and Expenditures of the United States from the 1st of November 1784, to the 1st of November 1785.
- No. 15. 17 Dec. 1785. Letter from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.

The above-mentioned papers which accompanied His Excellency the Governor's Message of this Day, were severally read, and ordered to be filed, except No. 8, which was ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, read
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on the 17th November last, praying that the Remainder of the Bills in Circulation, which were emitted on the Faith of this State in the Year 1781, may be called into the Treasury in some Method by which One Dollar in Specie may be received for Three Dollars of the said Paper, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey,' which was ordered a second Reading.

Matthew Whilden, Esquire, returned as a Member for the County of Cape-May, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

Mr. Lambert, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Whilden, Mr. Baker, Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Swain, attended, and took their Seats in the House.

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

Friday, February 17, 1786.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Report made by Moore Furman, Esq. appointed a Commissioner to join such Commissioners as were appointed on the Part of the State of Pennsylvania to settle, agree, and accurately to describe, which of the Islands, Eylots, and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th of April 1783, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement;

Ordered, That the said Report be read a second Time.

A Memorial was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying a Law might not be passed to grant to John Thorp the Privilege of erecting a Gristmill near the Mouth of Rahway River, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading when the Bill is brought in.

A Petition was presented to the House from Abraham Scott and Jonathan Scott, of the County of Burlington, praying a Law to remedy a Defect which they apprehend in the Last Will and Testament of their Father, which was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose at the last Sitting, brought in a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Members of the Baptist Church, in the County of Cape-May, praying a Law to incorporate the said Church, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Eight Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, and four from the County of Middlesex, were read, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and loaned on landed Security; and that the said Paper be declared a legal Tender for the Discharge of all Contracts whatsoever;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the State was read, praying that Paper-Money may be made, and declared by Law a legal Tender, and issued in such Way as the Legislature shall think proper;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

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Two Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth were read, praying that One Hundred Thousand Pounds may be emitted in Paper-Money, to be sunk in twenty-one Years, and to be let out on landed Security, and declared by Law a legal Tender ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex were read, praying that Paper-Money may by Law be emitted on Loan, and made a legal Tender in all Cases whatsoever

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, setting forth the Scarcity of Gold and Silver, and praying that Paper-Money, to the Amount of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, may be issued on Loan, and made payable equal to Gold and Silver in all Cases whatever ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May, praying that Paper-Money may be made and put in Circulation, and made a legal Tender ;

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

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and issued on Loan upon the same Principles as the Paper-Money issued previous to the late War ;

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

Six Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Suffex were read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on the same Principles as the Loan-Office Money previous to the late War ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan on the same Principles as the Loan-Office Money let out before the War ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

One Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the State ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester ; one Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May ; four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex ; and three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington ; all remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein severally expressed, that Paper-Money may not be made :

Ordered, That the said Petitions be severally read a second Time.

A Petition was presented from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying that a Law may pass to permit the Petitioners to build a Bridge over Mantua Creek, by Subscription, at Smith's Landing ;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in each of the Townships of Deptford and Greenwich, and also the same Length of Time in the New-Jersey Gazette.

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

The House met.

Peter Schenck, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn, he took his Seat in the House. Mr.

Mr. Bowen attended, and took his Seat.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from Mr. Otto, Chargé de Affairs of France, dated New-York, 28th December, 1785, requesting Liberty for a Botanist of His Most Christian Majesty to purchase a Piece of thirty Acres of Land for the Purpose of facilitating the mutual Exchange of Trees and Plants, &c. of both Countries, which was read, and committed to Mr. Schenck and Mr. Hall to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that there may be a severe Penalty inflicted on Persons attempting to stop or prevent the natural Course of the Fish in South River and in Raritan River, &c. and another Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the same County, praying the first-mentioned Petition may not be granted; both which Petitions were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, praying the Jurisdiction of the Courts for the Trial of small Causes may be extended to the Amount of Fifty Pounds, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Widow and Legatees of James Sexton, setting forth, that by the unadvised Neglect of one Evidence, the Last Will of the said James Sexton is rendered not valid in the Law as to the Real Estate, and praying the said Will may be confirmed, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House by Richard Rogers, setting forth, that he had purchased a Plantation at the Sale of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and is in Danger of losing One-Third Part of the Use of the said Plantation during the Life of the Widow, whose Husband formerly owned the same, and praying the Legislature will protect him in the said Purchase, which was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, and one Petition from Cumberland, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted, and put out on Loan, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Four Petitions from 435 Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, and nine Petitions from the County of Middlesex, were severally read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Currency, and praying that no Paper-Money may be emitted to be put out on Loan agreeably to many Petitions circulating for that Purpose;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed on the 28th of November last, to enquire into the Validity of a Certificate given by Thomson Stelle, as Commissioner to settle Militia Accounts, to John Hampton for upwards of £. 560, as Lieutenant in the Militia in the County of Middlesex, and paid into the Treasury, reported as follows:

THAT we have made Enquiry into the Matter, and find, by sundry Certificates from the Officers of the Battalion in which said Hampton must have served, that the said Hampton never did hold a Lieutenant's Commission in the aforesaid Battalion, and of Course the said Certificate was fraudulently obtained.

JOHN COMBS,
JAMES BONNEY.

The House having taken into Consideration the above Report,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to bring an Action against said John Hampton, at the Suit of the State, for recovering the Amount of the Note to him given and paid into the Treasury, as mentioned in the said Report, and prosecute the same to Effect:

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

Two Petitions from the County of Suffex were read, praying that an additional Sum of Money may be made on the same Principles with that in Circulation called Revenue-Money, and appropriated towards the Discharge of the Interest on the domestick Debt, and remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be put out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

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

Saturday, February 18, 1786.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House the following Report:

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

WE the Subscribers, Commissioners appointed in a Resolution of the 26th November last, beg Leave to Report;

“That we have examined the Contractors’ and other Certificates delivered by the Committee of the Legislature to the Auditor on the 16th of November last; have separated and made a Registry of such as should be charged to the United States; and have examined the Contractors’ Certificates which were received in Payment of Taxes by John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer; have endorsed, filed and registered them.

“That among the said Certificates we find ten Papers containing Accounts against the United States; Appraisements of Things taken by the American Army, and Receipts given to Persons who have furnished the said Army with Supplies amounting to £. 18 in Specie, and £. 1465 7 6 in Continental Currency; and one Surplus Certificate not signed by any Person, received for £. 108, Specie; which Papers we conceive to be improper Vouchers, and therefore have not registered, but lay them before the House for their Perusal and Direction.

“They further represent, that among the said Certificates were intermixed Receipts from the several Contractors to the County-Collectors for Contractors’ Certificates by them received agreeably to Law, which Receipts it appears have been handed forward in Discharge of the Taxes due from the several Counties, and the Certificates yet remain in the Hands of the Contractors: The Propriety of their continuing with the Contractors your Commissioners submit to the Legislature, at the same Time suggesting it as their Opinion, that they ought to be brought forward and registered with those already on Hand, the more effectually to check the Accounts of the said Contractors. With the above Papers they found also a Number of Surplus Certificates, which they endorsed and filed.

“Your Commissioners further beg Leave to report, that they have examined the Certificates lodged in the Auditor’s Office by the present Treasurer and others; have separated, registered and filed such as ought to be charged to the United States; and registered, endorsed and filed the Contractors’ Certificates; and separated, filed and marked the Surplus Certificates; they having already been endorsed and signed by Samuel Tucker and James Ewing, Esquires.

Feb. 18, 1786.

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BENJAMIN SMITH,
MASKELL EWING, jun.”

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Lambert Cadwalader, Esquire, in Behalf of himself and others, was read, praying that the Legislature will not pass the Bill prayed for at the last Sitting to vest the Bog-Meadow, on the West Side of a Tract of Land between Pequannock and Passaic Rivers, in Persons for the Purpose of draining and dividing the same among the Heirs of Anthony Brockholst, Arent Schuyler and Nicholas Bayard, and for selling a Part of the same for defraying the Expences of dividing and improving the said Bog-Meadow, alleging that such a Law may very materially affect the Legality of his Title, and others claiming the same ;

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

A Petition from John Bowne and others, praying that the Real Estate of David Provost, deceased, in this State, may be vested in George Remsen and Daniel Ludlow, with Powers to sell the same, and appropriate the Proceeds thereof, as directed by the Testament and Last Will of the said David Provost, deceased, the Executor to the said Testament and Last Will having been attainted and banished ;

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph :

‘ Council-Chamber, February 18, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to bring an Action against John Hampton, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The Petition from Cook Howland, praying that an Act may be passed to direct the Sheriff, of the County of Monmouth, to make Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of said County, deceased, or of such Parts thereof as may satisfy such Executions as have been levied thereon, and that he may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last ; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next at three o’Clock, P. M.

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

The House met.

A Petition was presented from Sheppard Kollock and read, praying that he may be appointed Printer to the State of New-Jersey ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth was read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be put out on Loan, and praying that no Paper-Money may be emitted ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon was read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan with a lawful Tender in all Payments whatsoever ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The Petition from John Bowne and others, read this Morning, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

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The Bill, intituled, ' A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. R. S. Smith, Mr. Cook and Mr. Schuurman.

The Petition in Favour of a Company of Troops, late in the Service of this State, commanded by Captain Matthew Freeman, with the Vouchers accompanying the same, was read the second Time, and it appearing that no adequate Compensation has been received by them for their Services, therefore,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Accounts be, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue, under his Signature, Notes similar as nearly as may be to the Militia-Notes heretofore issued in this State, in Discharge of the Payrolls of said Company for their Services, from the first Day of August 1780, to the first Day of January 1781, and from the third Day of July 1780, to the first Day of August following, deducting from the Sums respectively due to each Officer and Soldier, as stated in said Payrolls, the One-Fortieth Part, being the Part advanced in Cash to the said Company by Isaac Halfey, late Paymaster to the Militia ;

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

Mr. Schuurman, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Servants or Slaves,' was read a second Time ; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Monday, February 20, 1786,

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, praying that a Law may pass more effectually to prevent trespassing with Guns, and hunting Deer with Dogs ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time,

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Title: ' An Act to enable the several Townships, in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire ;' which Bill was read by Paragraphs, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That Messrs. J. Smith, Sheppard and Sinnickson, be added to the Committee of this House, appointed at the last Sitting, finally to make a Settlement with John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer ; and that Mr. Garritse do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint an additional Number of Members of their House to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The Report of Benjamin Smith and Maskell Ewing, junior, entered on Saturday last, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Papers described in the second Paragraph of said Report be committed to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of Mr. John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer; and that the Contractors' Receipts, mentioned in the above Report, be delivered to the Auditor of Accounts, and that he be directed immediately to write to the Superintendent of Purchases, requiring him, on or before the first Day of June next, to transmit or deliver to him all the Certificates in the Hands of the Contractors which they have received from the County-Collectors; and that upon receiving the said Certificates the Auditor do deliver up to him the aforesaid Receipts; and that the Auditor, on receiving those Certificates, do register them in the Books provided by, and in the Manner in which such Certificates have been registered by the above Commissioners:

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

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

The House met:

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

Council-Chamber, February 20, 1786.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the better regulating of Juries,'" sent to this House at the last Sitting, 'is passed without Amendment.'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last; and, after some Time spent thereon,

A Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, in the following Words:

That notwithstanding the Legislature of this State, to give Efficacy to the Opposition made against Great-Britain in their Attempts to subjugate these United States, did assent to the general Confederation agreed to by Congress; yet this was done upon a Remonstrance to Congress against the Injustice and Inequality of the same, and a confident Reliance upon the Wisdom, Justice and Magnanimity of the several States to make such Alterations as upon more mature Deliberation might appear equitable: Such Alterations, though often in Part recommended by Congress, have not yet been obtained; nor hath the Requisition of Congress of April 1783, for a general Impost and Revenue, been complied with by all the States, especially by the States of New-York and Georgia: Though the Requisition is founded upon the most just and equal Principles, urged by Congress in the most forcible and persuasive Language; and the same being a Measure in the general Opinion absolutely necessary to the Existence of the United States in their confederated Capacity: While our neighbouring States, by their State-Imposts, are draining this State of Sums annually to a much larger Amount, as we have Reason to suppose, than our Quota of Specie called for by the late Requisition: That although this State hath at all Times manifested a Readiness to contribute a just Proportion towards the Publick Expence of the Union; yet cannot agree to Expenditures for the Promotion of Commerce of which we have no Participation, and at the same Time submit to contribute so largely as we now do to raise Revenues for the commercial States, while we share no Part of such Revenues; and over and above such Exactions to pay our full Proportion of Publick Debts into the Treasury of the United States; especially as nearly our whole Quota of the Publick Debt is due to citizens of this State for which it is our Duty to provide: And moreover the present Requisition of Congress directs Certificates for Payment of all Arrears of Interest to be issued, which will probably amount to a much larger

larger Sum than the Taxes called for will sink in a considerable Time; and if the Mode directed in the said Requisition for issuing Interest-Certificates should be continued in succeeding Years, those Certificates which may happen to be a Surplus over and above the Sum called for by Taxes in any one Year, as they draw no Interest, must be reduced to little or no Value, to the great Loss and Injury of most of the Publick Creditors, especially those of this State, by Reason of the large Proportion they hold of Publick Securities: For all which and many other Reasons which might be offered,

Resolved, That this House cannot, consistent with the Duty they owe to their Constituents, comply with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th of September last in the Mode therein directed, or agreeable to the Spirit thereof, or any other of a similar Nature requiring Specie, until all the States in the Union shall comply with the Requisition of April 1783 for an Impost and Revenue; or at least until the several States, having the Advantage of Commerce which they now enjoy solely from the joint Exertions of the United States, shall forbear exacting Duties or Imposts upon Goods and Merchandise for the particular Benefit of their respective States, thereby drawing Revenues from other States whose local Situations and Circumstances will not admit their enjoying similar Advantages from Commerce.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion and Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,		

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, were read, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and put out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that Paper-Money may not be emitted;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, remonstrating against the Inequality of the present Mode of Taxation, and praying that two or more Freeholders may, at the Town-Meetings, be appointed to assist the Assessor or Assessors, with extensive discretionary Powers; and that the Town-Meetings in said County may by Law be directed to be held on the second Monday in April, instead of the second Tuesday in March;

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

Ordered, That Mr. Starke and Mr. Stillwell be a Committee to examine and report what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, since the last Sitting.

A Petition from Benjamin Shotwell was read, praying that the Interest due him on Certificates in his Possession may be paid by the Treasurer, or that he might be empowered to pledge Certificates for Money equal to Lands, if a Loan-Office should take Place;

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

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings of the Courts of Law;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, February 20, 1786.

THAT Mr. Holmes be added to the Committee appointed by the House at the last Sitting for finally making a Settlement with John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer; and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith;

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves;' and, after having gone through the same by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, February 21, 1786.

The House met

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the several Townships in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire,' was read and compared; *Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardfleec,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,		
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in John Cafe, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title, late of Joseph Barton, to One Hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland was read, remonstrating

remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that no Paper-Money may be emitted;

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

Four Petitions from the County of Morris, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and let out on Loan, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

A Petition from Theodocia and William Norcross, Executrix and Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, praying that an Act may pass to enable them, or the Survivor of them, to make a Title to a Lot of Land, with the Appurtenances, situate at the New-Mills, in the County of Burlington, to comply with an Article of Agreement and Obligation entered into by the said Testator;

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

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset were read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that no Paper-Money may be emitted;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Morris, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be emitted on Loan, and praying that an additional Sum of Money may be emitted on the same Principles with the Money now in Circulation called Revenue-Money;

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

Five Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Morris; two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset; and one Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon; all praying that Paper-Money may be issued on Loan, were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Petition from Stephen Kent and Phebe his Wife was read, praying that a Law may pass to authorize them to dispose of, and make a good and sufficient Deed of Conveyance in Fee-simple for a Tract of Land belonging to the two Daughters of the Wife of the said Stephen Kent;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

A Petition from Frederick King, Coroner of the County of Morris, was read, setting forth, that he hath several Bills of Costs for Inquisitions taken before him, upon which he can get no Fees; nor will the Justices and Freeholders allow him any, and praying that a Law may pass to provide for the Discharge of the said Bills of Costs;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. Sinnickson, seconded by Mr. Swain, that on Tuesday next the Doors of the House be open; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows;

Yeas,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Blaire,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Whilden,		
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Burgin,		
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardlee.		
Mr. T. Clark,			

The Petition from Theodosia and William Norcross, Executrix and Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, was read a second Time ;

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. R. S. Smith, J. Smith and Biddle, who are directed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and make Report thereon.

A Petition from 450 Inhabitants of this State, lying near the Line of Partition between the Eastern and Western Part thereof, was read, setting forth, that a Dispute has long subsisted between the East and West-Jersey Proprietors, and praying that Commissioners may be appointed to settle all Disputes between the General Proprietors of East and West-Jersey by a Law of the State, that the general Peace of the State may be the better established, and all further Disturbances prevented ;

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

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex and Somerset,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

‘ Council-Chamber, February 21, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Commissioners appointed in a Resolution of the 26th November last, and also the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 20th Instant accompanying the same ;

‘ *Resolved,* That the House do approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.’

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

Wednesday, February 22, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Theodosia and William Norcross, reported as follows :

THAT having examined the Papers, as Vouchers accompanying the said Petition, we do find the several Matters therein set forth to be true.

By Order of the Committee,

R. S. SMITH.

Whereupon,

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Theodosia and William Norcross have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon was read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be issued on Loan, and praying that no such Paper may be emitted;

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in John Case, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton, to One Hundred Acres of Land which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor of this Day was laid before the House by the Speaker, accompanied with an Act of the United States in Congress respecting the System of general Revenue recommended in the Act of the 18th April 1783, and a Schedule of the French and Dutch Loans, shewing the Periods of their Redemption, and the annual Interest payable thereon until their final Extinction, for which Provision is yet to be made; also a Copy of the Act of the 18th April 1783, and a Letter from General Knox of the 16th Instant, informing that Captain Derick Lane had declined to act on his Appointment; which Message and Papers were read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the two first-mentioned Papers be referred to Messrs. Schuurman, A. Clark and Combs, to report thereon; and that the Letter from General Knox be laid before the Joint-Meeting by the Speaker.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be emitted on Loan, and praying that no such Paper may be issued;

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

On Motion of Mr Walton, seconded by Mr. Combs,

Resolved, That the Resolution of this House of the 29th November last, and concurred in by Council the same Day, directing the Treasurer to delay paying the Interest on certain Certificates therein described be, and the same is hereby repealed so far only as it respects Loan-Office Certificates and other liquidated Debts of the United States.

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

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex and Somerset,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Blaire,			

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington was read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein contained, that Paper-Money may not be issued and let out on Loan;

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

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

A Petition from John Butler, late a Commissioner of forfeited Estates in the County of Burlington, was read, praying that he may be excused from making up the Depreciation on £. 5360 17 6, belonging to the State, which he lent to Colonel William Shreve in July 1779.

A Motion was made by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, that the said Petition be read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	

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

A Petition from Kenneth Hankinson, Collector of the County of Monmouth, was read, setting forth, that he had received a large Sum of Money in Payment of Taxes in Coppers, at twelve to the Shilling, and Half-pence as Pence; that the Treasurer and Loan-Officer of this State refuses to receive the said Money in any other Way than that of thirty Half-pence or fifteen Coppers to the Shilling;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

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

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

Thursday, February 23, 1786.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of "The City of Trenton," and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years," is rejected by this House.

Council-Chamber, February 22, 1786.

APETITION from the Honourable Robert Hoops, Esquire, setting forth, that the Legislature, at their last Sitting, by their Resolution, ordered the Treasurer to give unto the said Mr. Hoops a Certificate, certifying

‘fying that the State of New-Jersey was indebted unto him in the Sum of £. 1305 4 6, which Certificate he has refused to accept, on Account of his being dissatisfied with the Settlement of his Demand, and praying that the Legislature would direct the Attorney-General to enter the Appearance of the State to an Action, to be by him instituted, whereby the Matter may be tried by a Jury of the Country, was read; whereupon,

‘*Resolved*, That the Attorney-General of this State be authorized, and he is hereby directed, in case the said Robert Hoops, Esquire, should commence an Action for the Purpose mentioned in his said Petition, to enter the Appearance of this State to the said Action.’

Which Petition and Resolution were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Bergen;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New-Jersey, and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same, and for securing to the General Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Rights and just Claims,’ was read a second Time.

The Petition against the same from the East-Jersey Proprietors was read.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors then proceeded in Favour of the said Bill, until the House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met,

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors proceeded in their Arguments in Favour of the Bill before the House, until the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, February 24, 1786.

The House met.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors proceeded in their Arguments in Favour of the Bill before the House; and, after having gone through the same,

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

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘*Ordered*, Council-Chamber, February 24, 1786.

‘**T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “An Act to vest in John Case, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton, to One Hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

‘*Ordered*,

‘**T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, “An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Effex, Middlesex and Somersfet,” with the Amendments

'ments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors began with their Arguments in Opposition to the Bill before the House.

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

Saturday, February 25, 1786.

The House met.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors proceeded until the House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors continued their Objections to the Bill before the House, until the House adjourned to Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, February 27, 1786.

The House met.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors went through their Objections to the Bill before the House, and then the House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors were heard in Reply to the Objections made by the Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors; and, after having completed their Reply,

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

Tuesday, February 28, 1786.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New-Jersey, and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same, and for securing to the General Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Possessions, Rights and just Claims; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Bunn,			

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Speaker laid before the House the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator;' which Bill was read; and the Petitioners in Favour of the said Bill were heard, and a Person appearing in Opposition thereto was also heard;

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

Mr. Hall, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase a certain Tract of Land;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

One Petition from the County of Suffex; six Petitions from the County of Burlington; eight Petitions from the County of Somerset; eleven Petitions from the County of Hunterdon; three Petitions from the County of Middlesex; and three Petitions from different Parts of the State; all praying that Paper-Money may be issued and let out on Loan, with a legal Tender, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Bergen; a Petition from the County of Burlington; a Petition from the County of Salem; and a Petition from the County of Hunterdon; all remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying that no such Paper may be emitted, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

One Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, and three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, all praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and let out on Loan, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current £. 100,000 in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

A Motion was made by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to amend the Title of the Bill by striking out the Words, 'to be let out on Loan,' and inserting in Lieu thereof the following Words: 'To be appropriated towards paying the Interest and Principal on the State-Debt, and to direct the Mode for sinking the same;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Kelley,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardslee,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.
		Mr. Blaire,	

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardslee,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Blaire,			

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

Mr. Starke, from the Committee appointed to examine, and report to the House, such Publick Laws as have expired since the last Sitting of the Legislature, as well as those Laws that are near expiring, reported as follows, to wit :

AN ACT to erect and establish in the several Counties in this State, then Colony, Courts for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, passed February 11, 1775, expires at the End of this Session.

JOHN STARKE,
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

A Petition from the Administrators of the Estate of David Rodgers, deceased, and the Heirs of Joseph Rodgers, deceased, lately Proprietors of the Ferry erected on the West Side of the Passaick River, on the Road leading from Newark to the Road that leads from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, and a Memorial from Archibald Kennedy by Robert Watts his Attorney, were read, praying that the Legislature will not pass a Law on the Petition of the Trustees of the Roads and Ferries leading from Newark to the Road that leads from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, agreeably to their Prayer at the last Sitting :

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, February 28, 1786.

THAT Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates of the County of Bergen to sell, by Publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year of our LORD 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in this State," &c. is passed by this House without Amendment ; and that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the several Townships, in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire," is rejected by this House.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Eldredge do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves ;" with the Amendments made thereto, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, March 1, 1786.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex, Somerset and 'Morris,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Garritte,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Longfreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land, agreeable to Contract entered into by said Norcross;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Princeton was read, praying that the said Congregation may have the Benefit of a Corporation;

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

A Petition from Joseph Hugg, Esquire, of the County of Gloucester, was read, praying that the State would make Provision for paying the Interest on Certificates given by Jonathan Burrell, Esquire, to the Inhabitants of this State, of which he is possessed to a large Amount;

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

Three Petitions from the County of Essex were read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex was read, praying that Freeholders may be appointed, at the annual Town-Meetings, with extensive discretionary Power, to assist the Assessors in laying Taxes;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of this State was read, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to lay an Impost-Duty on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this State from the neighbouring States;

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, remonstrating

ing against the Emission of Paper-Money to be issued on Loan, and praying that an additional Sum of Revenue-Money may be made and paid out towards the Discharge of the Interest on the national Debt, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

A Motion was made by Mr. Whilden, seconded by Mr. Schuurman, to strike out, in the Form of the Bill, in the second Section, after the Words 'in all Payments,' the following Words: 'Equal to Gold or Silver;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Blaire,			

A Motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. T. Clark, that in quotaing the Sums to be let out on Loan to each of the Counties in the State, the County of Gloucester may not have any of the said Bills quotaed to them, but that their Proportion may be quotaed upon the other Counties, and that none of the Advantages nor Disadvantages arising thereon may be extended to the said County of Gloucester; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Houghton,		
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Blaire,			

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

A Petition from Derick Vreeland, of the County of Bergen, was read, setting forth, that at an early Period of the War the Enemy of the United States took seven Horses and twenty-nine Neat-Cattle, the whole Stock of his Farm; that he went to the Enemy in order to procure from them Compensation for the Property they had taken from him; that he was afterwards indicted for the same, and fined, which Fine, and the Fees of the Prosecution, he paid; that afterwards the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, in the County of Bergen, took an Inquisition and proceeded to final Judgment against his Real Estate for having joined the Enemy; and that the same is now liable to be sold with

with other forfeited Estates by the Agent of said County whenever the Legislature shall see Cause to order the same, and praying that, instead of being fold for the Benefit of the State, the Legislature would pass a Law to confirm to him the said Estate, and set aside the Inquisition had;

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,' with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read a second Time;

Resolved, That the House agree to all the said Amendments, except the last, and in that Respect do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Blairst do carry the said Bill and Amendments to Council, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, 'intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blairst,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritle,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Four Petitions from different Parts of this State were read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from Thomas Little was read, praying that in the Bill prayed for by John and George Ely a Clause may be inserted to compel the said John and George Ely to make good all Contracts and Settlements heretofore made by them, or either of them, in Behalf of their Father; also a Petition from sundry other Persons desiring the like Provision may be made in the Bill:

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. R. S. Smith, to insert in the 15th Section, after the Words 'lying and being in the same County,' the following Words: 'Or by a Deposit of State-Securities agreeably to the Directions herein after contained;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Longstreet.		

A Motion was made by Mr. Whilden, seconded by Mr. Swain, to insert, after the several Blanks for the periodical Payments in the Form of the Mortgage-Deed, in the 20th Section, the following Words: ‘ In Gold or Silver, or such a Sum of Money emitted by this Act as shall be the Exchange thereof passing at that Time;’ on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,		
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Houghton,		
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelley,			

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

‘ *Ordered*,
THAT Mr. Kitchel do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,” with the Amendments, and acquaint them that this House recede from the Amendment disagreed to by the House of Assembly.’

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

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

Thursday, March 2, 1786.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,’ was read and compared;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Kelley do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

A Motion was made by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to insert, after the Words 'Gold or Silver,' in the 33d Section, the following Words, to wit:

'For which Suits or Actions at Law shall hereafter be commenced, or for which such Suits may, before the Publication hereof, have been commenced, and the Plaintiff shall refuse to withdraw the same, or to stay Proceedings thereon.'

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,
		Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,
		Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said 33d Section? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase a certain Tract of Land,' was read a second Time, and the Title amended to read as follows: 'An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions.'

The Bill was also further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation in Hopewell, in the County of Hunterdon, was read, praying that the same Congregation may have the Benefit of a Corporation;

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

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions,' was read and compared;

compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon was read, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to lay a Duty or Impost on all Goods, Wares or Merchandize imported into this State from the neighbouring States ;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Townships of Nottingham and Trenton was read, praying that a Part of the Township of Trenton, and a Part of the Township of Nottingham, may have the Benefit of a Corporation, with the Power of making By-Laws for their internal Police and Government ;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from John Fitch was read, setting forth his Proposal of applying the Force of a Steam-Engine to the Use of Navigation by impelling Vessels to go through the Water with considerable Rapidity without the Assistance of Wind or Current, and many other useful Purposes, and praying that a Committee may be appointed to examine his proposed Plan, and grant him such Encouragement, on the Report of the Committee, as his Proposals may appear to deserve ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

A Petition from Joseph Borden, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying that he may be permitted to pay forward Continental Money in Discharge of an Action commenced against him at the Suit of the State, and that the said Action be discontinued ;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, of the County of Middlesex, praying that Paper-Money may be made and put out on Loan, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Daniel Peirson, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of Essex, was read, setting forth, that he became Security for Benjamin Williams to a Person in New-York for upwards of £. 700, for which Money he is now confined in Gaol ; that all his other Creditors are willing that he should take the Benefit of the insolvent Act but the Person to whom he became Security for the aforesaid Sum in New-York ; that without the Interposition of the Legislature he must languish in a loathsome Gaol the Remainder of his Life, and praying that a Law may pass to release him from Confinement ;

Ordered,

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

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for draining and making 'Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on Pequannuck River, 'in the County of Bergen, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Report of Moore Furman, Esquire, read on the 17th February last, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Cooper, Biddle, Lambert and Hankinson, to report thereon to the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating 'the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs 'and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and Delegates to represent the said 'State in the Congress of the United States,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Cook, Sinnickson and Blaire.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the following Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in the Congress of the United States:

To the Honourable Lambert Cadwalader, John Cleves-Symmes and Josiah Hornblower, Delegates representing the State of New-Jersey in Congress.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the Representatives of the State of New-Jersey in Council and Assembly met, think it a Duty we owe to our Constituents, particularly at the present Crisis, to apprize you of our Sentiments on certain Subjects of high Publick Concern.

The Legislature of this State, early in the late Revolution, represented to Congress their Ideas on sundry Parts of the Confederation, and, among the Rest, on the general Subject of Commerce and Duties upon Trade. You observe them entered on the Journals of the 25th of June 1778. At that Time the Publick Debt was not an Object of so great Attention, otherwise doubtless it would have been first in their Thoughts upon the Appropriation of those Duties. When the Revenue-System of 18th April 1783 was passed in Congress, we were then in Hopes that our Situation, between two commercial States, would no longer operate to our Detriment; and that those States, and others in their Predicament, were at Length convinced of the selfish and palpable Injustice of subjecting others to their Exactions, and then applying those Exactions to the Augmentation of their respective private Revenues.

The same contracted and destructive Policy that hath long subsisted still continues; and as we are convinced that neither Publick Credit can be supported, the Publick Debts paid, or the Existence of the Union maintained, without the Impost-Revenue in some beneficial, effective Manner, it has become our Duty to instruct you,

To vote against each and every Ordinance, Resolution and Proceeding whatsoever, which shall produce any Expence to New-Jersey, for the Promotion or Security of the Commerce of these States, or any of them, from which neither the Union in general, nor this State in particular, derives any Advantage, until all the States shall effectually and substantially adopt and carry into Execution the Impost above mentioned.

You will see, by the above Representation, that the Legislature of this State have uniformly held the same Justice of Sentiment respecting the Vacant or Crown Lands, as they were formerly called; relative to which you are instructed,

To vote against each and every Ordinance, Resolution and Proceeding whatsoever, which shall tend to charge this State with any Expence for acquiring, gaining Possession of, or defending such Territory claimed by, or which

is to accrue to, the exclusive Benefit of any particular State or States, and not to the Union at large.

The Legislature has beheld, with much Concern, Gratuities, Advances of Money, and partial Payments, made by Congress to importuning Creditors and others, not regulated by any general and equal System, which not only impoverish the Treasury, but produce Discontents, and furnish bad Precedents;

You are therefore instructed not to assent to any such Payments, or to the Payment of any particular Debts, other than foreign Loans, in Preference to others of a like Nature, whereby a Discrimination of Creditors may take Place. It were well if the Publick could pay all promptly, but as that is impracticable, it is absolutely necessary to act upon settled uniform Plans in paying as far as the Revenue can extend.

The above Instructions were read, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Friday, March 3, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in the Congress of the United States was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. R. S. Smith do carry the said Instructions to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. R. S. Smith reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from Ezekiel Johnson, of the County of Monmouth, was read, accompanied with an Agreement between him and John Williams for the exchanging Titles to certain Lands in said County, and setting forth, that before he had made a Title to the said John Williams, or the said John Williams had made a Title to him for the said Lands, the said John Williams took Refuge with the British Army, by which his Estate has become forfeited to this State, and praying that a Law may pass to confirm the said Agreement;

Ordered, That the said Petition and Article of Agreement be read a second Time.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, in the 34th Section, after the Words 'shall lose,' strike out the Words, 'the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so refused,' and insert in Lieu thereof the following: 'The Interest which may accrue on the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so refused after the Tender as aforesaid, for and during the Term for which the Bills emitted by this Act are made current between Man and Man. *Provided always*, That if the Creditor shall at any Time after such Tender and Refusal declare to the Debtor his Willingness to receive the said Bills, that in such Case Interest shall again commence from and after the Willingness of the Creditor to receive said Bills signified as aforesaid.'

On which a Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Walton, that the further Consideration of the said Motion be postponed in order to take up the following to be inserted in the Room thereof:

'And for-ever be excluded from recovering any Interest which may arise or accrue on the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so tendered by
'or

‘ or in Behalf of the Debtor, and refused by the Creditor after Tender made as aforesaid, for and during the Term for which the Bills emitted by this Act shall by Law be current between Man and Man: And every Creditor, who shall refuse the said Bills upon Tender thereof as aforesaid, shall, over and above the Loss of Interest, be precluded and barred from bringing his, her or their Action or Actions, or prosecuting or carrying on any such Action or Actions for Recovery of the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so refused, for and during the Term for which the Bills emitted by this Act shall by Law be current between Man and Man as aforesaid: And all Judgments and Executions which have been or shall be obtained or issued against any Debtor or Debtors, remaining unpaid at the Time Tender may be made in said Bills for discharging the same, shall be vacated, and the same is and are hereby declared to be void to all Intents and Purposes as though no such Judgment had been obtained or Execution issued.

‘ Provided always, any Thing herein contained before to the contrary notwithstanding, that if any Creditor, refusing said Bills of Credit upon Tender made of any Debt or Demand as aforesaid, shall, in the Presence of two credible Witnesses, at any Time after such Tender during the Currency of said Bills, inform the Debtor who made such Tender, or his or her Executors or Administrators, that he or she having so refused is willing to receive the Bills tendered as aforesaid, the Debtor who made the Tender, and his and her Executors and Administrators, shall be allowed one Year after such Information to pay the said Debt or Demand before tendered; until the Expiration of which said Year no Interest shall be allowed from the Time of Tender, or any Action or Suit be commenced or prosecuted for such Debt or Demand; and if any such Action shall be brought or prosecuted, the Defendant may plead this Act in Bar to the same, and Judgment shall thereupon be entered in his or her Favour accordingly.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to postpone the Motion of Mr. Schuurman, to give Place to the Motion of Mr. A. Clark? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion of Mr. A. Clark? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to insert the following Words after the foregoing Amendment, to wit :

‘ And provided also, That Nothing herein contained shall prevent any Person from prosecuting for any Debt due, or that shall or may hereafter become due, unless such Debtor shall give Security to the Creditor for the Payment of such Debt, agreeable to their Engagements at such Time as they are hereby made payable.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

On the Question, Whether the 35th Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Bunn,			

On the Question, Whether the 36th Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

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

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

The House met.

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at New-Brunswick was read, praying that the said Congregation may have the Benefit of a Lottery, the better to enable them to finish their House which they are building for the Publick Worship of God ;

Ordered,

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

A Petition from Captain Nathaniel Porter, of Colonel Frelinghuysen's Regiment, of Somerset Militia, accompanied with an Account against the United States, and praying Payment from this State, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Abraham Johnston, of the County of Sussex, was read, praying that the Legislature would remit to him £. 10 10 0, Money by him paid to an Attorney to defend him at the Suit of the Administrators of William Wiggins, who brought an Action against him for taking Cattle, by Order of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of the County of Sussex, from the said William Wiggins ;

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same : '

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. R. S. Smith, to insert the following Section at the End of the Bill :

' And be it further Enacted, That any one or more of such Mortgages, herein directed to be taken by the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, shall at any Time hereafter be transferred and assigned over by the Commissioners of any County who shall be applied to for the Purpose, to any Person or Persons applying for such Assignment of any one or more of the said Mortgages, and tendering to such Commissioners, or any one of them, the full Amount due thereon at the Time of such Application ; which Mortgage or Mortgages, thus assigned over, shall vest the Assignee or Assignees with as good a Title to the mortgaged Premises in his, her or their own Right, as was by this Act vested in such Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the Use of the State before such Assignment ; and, on Failure of the Mortgagor to comply with the Conditions of the Mortgage, it shall and may be lawful for any such Assignee or Assignees to apply to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office in the County where the mortgaged Premises are situated, who are hereby required to proceed to the Sale of the mortgaged Premises in Manner and Form herein before directed, and shall pay the whole Sum due on the Mortgage into the Hands of such Assignee or Assignees, or his, her or their lawful Representative, and the Remainder, if any, agreeably to the Provision herein before contained. '

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Section ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.		Yeas.		Nays.		Nays.	
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Bunn,	
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Bunn,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Bunn,	
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Bunn,	
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Bunn,	

A Motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Biddle, that the following be inserted at the End of the Bill :

' Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That if the Justices and Freeholders of any County in this State, when met agreeably to the Directions of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to appoint a Commissioner of the Loan-Office

‘ Office for said County, and shall certify the same to the Treasurer under the Hands of a Majority of all the chosen Freeholders, and at least three of the Justices of the said County, within one Month after such Meeting, then and in such Case the Treasurer shall deliver the Bills of Credit for such County to the Commissioners of the other Counties, appointed agreeably to the Directions of this Act, in just Proportions agreeably to their Quota of Tax, which Commissioners shall loan out such Bills of Credit in the same Manner and under the same Regulations and Restrictions as the Quota of such County before assigned them by this Act, and then in such Case Nothing in this Act contained shall farther affect any of the Inhabitants of such County so neglecting or refusing.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Section? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Burgin.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,			

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

‘ *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 3, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,” is rejected by this House; and that the two following Bills, to wit, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act incorporating the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State for the Purpose of taking Titles for Lots of Land on which the Courthouses, Gaols and other Publick Buildings belonging to the said respective Counties are now or hereafter may be erected;” and the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable André Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions,” are passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 3, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of the 18th of last Month, relative to authorizing the Auditor of Accounts to issue State-Notes, simlar as may be to the Militia-Notes heretofore issued, in Discharge of the Payrolls of Captain Freeman’s Company, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 3, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Instructions to the Delegates of this State in Congress, sent from the House of Assembly for Concurrence,

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Saturday, March 4, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Nottingham was read, praying that if a Charter of Incorporation should be given to the Inhabitants of Trenton, the Township of Nottingham may not be included;

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

A Petition from William Arnold, of the County of Monmouth, setting forth, that he had lost his Deeds for a certain Tract of Land by the Devastation of the Enemy, and praying that some Mode may by a Law be established to confirm the Lands by him held by Virtue of the said Deed to him, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Part of the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth, praying that a new County may be set off from the Counties of Monmouth and Burlington, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; and the same being further amended in the House,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at New-Brunswick read Yesterday, was read a second Time; and, on Motion of Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Marsh,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill so far agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition as to appropriate the Money to be raised equally between the Society of New-Brunswick and the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town.

Mr. Starke, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for quieting the Titles of sundry Persons therein described,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 6, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State, to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their

' their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Sea-men, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States,' was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Garritle,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardslee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Sinnickson, R. S. Smith, A. Clark and Garritle.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower John and George Ely, junior, to take Charge of the Estate of George Ely, senior, in Trust for the said George Ely, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

The House met.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Last Will and Testament of William Van-Scuver, late of the Township of Willingborough, County of Burlington, and State of New-Jersey, deceased ;' which Bill was read, and the Parties for and against the same were heard with their Witnesses before the House ;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying that Paper-Money may be made, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marsh, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize John Thorp to erect a Bank, Dam and Waterworks in and across the South Branch of Rahway River ;' which Bill was read ; and the Petitions both for and against the said Bill were also read ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a second Time ? It was carried in the Negative ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Last Will and Testament of William Van-Scuver, late of the Township of Willingborough, County of Burlington, and State of New-Jersey, deceased,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Minister, Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Andrew's Church, in Mount-Holly, was read, praying that a Law may pass to alter and confirm their Charter of Incorporation ;

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

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadow, Marsh and Swamp, on Oldman's Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, praying that a Law may pass to compel every Owner and Holder to keep and maintain their Part of such Banks, Sluices and Works in good Repair, as are or may hereafter be erected; and that Managers, chosen annually by the Owners and Possessors, may have Power to assess and recover the Expences necessary on the Delinquents;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting to answer the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in five of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood.

The Message from the Council by Mr. Clark, of the 22d February last, with the Resolution therein contained, authorizing the Attorney-General to enter the Appearance of the State to an Action to be instituted by the Honourable Robert Hoops, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do not concur in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the Council, and acquaint them thereof.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that the Doors of this House may be kept open, and that the Citizens of the State may be permitted to attend to hear the important Debates of the House, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On Motion,

Resolved, That Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, be allowed, at the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum, for his Services in that Appointment the present Year, and also the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds for hiring a Clerk to assist him whenever he may find such Assistance necessary; and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham to the Treasurer of the State for the said Sums shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts;

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

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was laid before the House by the Speaker, accompanied with,

1. A Letter from the Commissioner for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States, of the 25th of February last, requesting that the Time to which he is limited may be extended for three Months.

2. A Letter from Secretary Thomson of the 28th February last, on the Subject of the Act of Congress of the 7th June last, recommending to the several States to make Provision for Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States, with a Copy of the said Act.

3. A Letter from Secretary Thomson of the 3d Instant, respecting the Representation in Congress. And,

4. A State of such Representation for the Month of February last.

Which Message and Papers were severally read;

Ordered, That the first-mentioned Paper be by the Speaker delivered to His Excellency, and that he be requested to apply to Congress to get the Time prolonged agreeably to the Contents of the said Letter; and that the other three do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday.

Tuesday, March 7, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen,' was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Mr. Cooper, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Memorial from John Beatty and William Shute, praying that Provision may be made by the State for paying the Interest on Notes given by Jonathan Burrell, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein contained;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark, Schuurman, Sheppard, Nicoll, Cooper, Biddle and Lambert.

The Petition from Derick Vreeland, of the County of Bergen, read the first Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen, read on the 16th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vacate all Roads leading to Bergen Point, in the County of Bergen, and to provide for the laying out and Establishment of a new Road or Roads to the said Point,' was read a second Time :

An Amendment was moved to the Title of the said Bill to read as follows :

'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned, and also to authorize the Overseers of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay in said County;' and, sundry other Amendments having been made,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Petition from the Legatees, named in the Last Will and Testament of James Sexton, setting forth, that there is but two subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, by which Means they are deprived of an Opportunity of carrying into Effect the said Testament and Last Will, and praying that a Law may pass to confirm and establish the said Will, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading. The

The Petition from Captain Abraham Johnston, read the 3d Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned, and also to authorize the Surveyors of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay in said County,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Bowen.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Lambert,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. T. Clark do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

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

The House met.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with an Act of Congress of the 3d Instant, relative to Commerce, and giving an Account of the several States that have passed Laws in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress of the 30th of April 1784; which Message, and the Paper accompanying the same, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Members of the First Presbyterian Congregation at Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill for incorporating the said Society, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may not pass to authorize the erecting a Bridge over Mantua Creek at Smith's Landing, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Abraham Hewlings, President of the Board of West-Jersey Proprietors, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Bill before the House, intitled, 'An Act for quieting the Titles of sundry Persons therein described,' may not pass, and that they may be heard by their Council to shew the Impropriety of passing the same, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the City of Burlington, praying that the Charter of Incorporation, granted to the City of Burlington, may by Law be abolished, was read; a Petition was also presented from the Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Burlington, in common Council assembled, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that their Charter may not be abolished, which was also read, and the said Petitions were ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, 'An Act to erect and establish Courts for the Trial of small Causes in the State of New-Jersey, and to repeal all former Laws for that Purpose,' reported the same

same with sundry Amendments; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Speaker.	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Hankinon.
Mr. Sinnickson,			

Whereupon,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 7, 1786.

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 7, 1786.

THAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased," and request their Concurrence therein; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States," is passed by this House without Amendment.

Which first-mentioned Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings of the Courts of Law,' was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the first Section? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. J. Smith,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Hankinon,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Davis,			

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

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, March 8, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Sinnickson, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into the said Township, above the Flow of the Tide, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for those Purposes;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' with the Amendment made thereto by Council, was read a second Time;

Resolved, That the House do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Davis do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law;' and, after having gone through the said Bill by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 8, 1786.
THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned, and also to authorize the Surveyors of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay in said County," is rejected by this House.'

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Hall,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelley,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in
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‘every religious Society or Congregation in this State for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,’ was read a second Time, and the Title was amended to read as follows: ‘An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire;’ and the said Bill being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Richard Wister, setting forth, that he has Demands against fundry Estates which have been confiscated to this State; that at the Time those Demands were called for by the State of New-Jersey, he was beyond Sea, and praying that his Demands may be attended to, and discharged by the State;

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

Two Petitions from the County of Hunterdon, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace may be extended, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, ‘An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 8, 1786.

THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House recede from the Amendment made to the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services.”

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen,” is passed by this House without Amendment.”

A Petition from Thomas Stevenson, of the City of New-York, stating Demands against Estates which have been forfeited to this State, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Isaac Vanderbeck, late Collector of the County of Bergen, was read, setting forth, that he had paid several Orders agreeably to Law, which the Treasurer refuses to accept, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to receive the same;

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

A Petition from fundry Owners and Possessors of drained Meadow, lying on Mill Creek, in the Townships of Salem and Marnington, in the County of Salem,

Salem, was read, praying that a Law may pass to oblige each and every Owner and Possessor of the Meadows on the said Creek to contribute a just Proportion of the Expence of keeping up the Dams, Banks and Waterworks, for the effectual Improvement of the said Meadow, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition was also presented and read, from Samuel Nicholson, for himself and others, Owners of Lands and Meadows on Mill Creek, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the Petitioners in the foregoing Petition may not have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer contained in their Petition, or that if they have Leave to present a Bill, he may be heard by his Council against the passing the same into a Law; whereupon,

Ordered, That the first-mentioned Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in at least three of the most publick Places in each of the Townships of Salem and Mannington, three Weeks previous thereto.

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

Thursday, March 9, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from Benjamin Williams, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, setting forth, that his Creditors will not permit him to take the Benefit of the insolvent Act; and that, without the Interposition of the Legislature, he must continue the Remainder of his Life in a loathsome Gaol, and praying Leave to present a Bill to release him from Confinement;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Newark was read, setting forth, that the Academy in the said Town was built by Subscription, and has been by the Enemy destroyed by Fire in the Course of the late War; that the Trustees who superintended the Building the said Academy owe a considerable Sum of Money more than the Money by them received on Subscription, and praying that Auditors may be appointed by the Legislature to audit and settle all Accounts due to and from the Trustees for Materials found and provided, and Work and Labour done and performed; that the Auditors may be empowered to sell and dispose of the Stone, Iron, Brick, and whatever else remain of the said Academy, and out of the Money arising therefrom to pay off the Debts contracted by the Trustees; and that the Auditors may be directed to appropriate the Money that may remain in their Hands as the Legislature shall direct;

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

Mr. Schenck, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and of applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions both for and against Money to be emitted on Loan were read a second Time; and the engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longftreet.		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longftreet,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Speaker.		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire,’ was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

The House met.

Mr. Bowen laid before the House an Account of Ammunition sold by Colonel David Potter agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the last Sitting, which was read, and, with the Balance due the State in Publick Securities, directed to be delivered to the Treasurer by Mr. Bowen.

A Memorial from John Adam, late Commissary of Prisoners, was read, praying the Legislature would make him Compensation for his Services as a Commissary of Prisoners to this State ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

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

The Petition from Richard Wister, read Yesterday, was read a second Time, and referred to Messrs. Sinnickson and Arnold to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petitioner, and others in like Circumstances.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading
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‘ from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson’s River, in the County of Bergen, and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, and to the supplementary Act thereto, and for increasing and extending the Power of the said Trustees ;’ which Bill was read ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a second Time ? It was carried in the Negative.

A Petition from Charles Coxe, praying that some Person may be appointed by the State to run the Lines and make Partition of a Tract of Land formerly held in common by Daniel Coxe, Grace Kemp, the Wife of John-Taber Kemp, and himself ; the Part of the said Tract of Land, belonging to the said Daniel Coxe and the said Grace Kemp, having been confiscated to, and vested in the State ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. Biddle, Cook and Hankinson, to report their Opinion thereon.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land, agreeable to Contract entered into by said Norcross,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Letter from the Treasurer was presented to the House and read, informing that, upon receiving the final Settlement Notes remaining in the Hands of the regimental Agents, agreeably to the Direction of the Law lately passed for that Purpose, he finds John Peck, one of the said Agents, hath received one Year’s Interest on most of the Notes remaining in his Hands, which he is willing to discount in Part of the Allowance made to him by the Legislature ; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the said Notes, and deduct out of the Allowance made to said Peck the Sums he may have received for Interest as aforesaid ; and that upon the Application for the said Notes by the respective Proprietors thereof, the said Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed to deliver said Notes, and also pay to the said Proprietors the Interest which hath been received as aforesaid by the said John Peck on the same.

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 9, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive certain Notes of Mr. Peck, whereon one Year’s Interest has been paid him, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Friday, March 10, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from Joshua Bush, setting forth, that he had been indicted and fined for a Misdemeanor, and praying that he may be relieved from the Payment of the Fine, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, Owners and Possessors of Meadow-Ground in the County of Gloucester, lying on the

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River Delaware and Clonmell Creek, praying that an Article of Agreement, entered into by the Owners, may be made void, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill to compel each and every Owner to bear their Proportion of the Expence of keeping up the Banks and Dams belonging to said Meadow, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land agreeably to Contract entered into by said Norcross,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, praying that Certificates, given for Supplies furnished the Army, in the Possession of the original Holders, may by Law be made a legal Tender in the Discharge of all Debts, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Council-Chamber, March 10, 1786.

‘*Ordered,*
THAT Mr. Clark do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, “An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,” and request their Concurrence therein.’

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Garriffe,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Kelley.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardslee,	
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and of applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Garriffe,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardslee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain, the Bank, Dam and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse open and clear,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garriffe,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Beardslee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

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

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Mr. Cooper, from the Committee to whom was committed the Report of Moore Furman, Esquire, on the 2d Instant, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April 1783, belonging to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,' 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 Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Blauvelt, .	Mr. Swain, .	Mr. Terhune, ✓	Mr. T. Clark, .
Mr. Nicoll, .	Mr. Houghton, .	Mr. Combs, .	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garritse, .	Mr. Cook, .	Mr. Schuurman, .	Mr. Sinnickson, .
Mr. A. Clark, .	Mr. Starke, .	Mr. Schenck, .	Mr. Hall, .
Mr. Bonney, .	Mr. Arnold, .	Mr. R. S. Smith, .	Mr. Lambert, .
Mr. Walton, .	Mr. Hankinson, .	Mr. Biddle, .	Mr. Burgin, .
Mr. Bunn, .	Mr. Beardlee, .	Mr. J. Smith, .	Mr. Bowen, .
Mr. Kelley, .	Mr. Longstreet. .	Mr. Cooper, .	Mr. Sheppard. .
Mr. Baker, .			

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is not concurred in by this House.

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

Two Petitions from the County of Middlesex, read on the 17th Ultimo, relative to the Fisheries on South River, were read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Saturday, March 11, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Charles Coxe, reported as follows :

THAT upon examining the Papers exhibited to them by said Coxe, they are of Opinion, that there is due to him a Quantity of Land out of the Tract commonly called the Great Meadow, or Six Thousand Acre Tract, in the last Indian-Purchase, in Suffex County, Part of which ought to be made up to him out of such Parts of said Tract, late the Property of Daniel Coxe and Grace Kemp, whose Estates have been forfeited to, and vested in this State ; and that Measures should be taken to do Justice in the Premises.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSEPH BIDDLE.

March 10, 1786.

To which Report the House agreed ; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffex, be directed, at the Expence of said Charles Coxe, to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of said Coxe's Demand, by examining how much, or whether any of the Tract of Land he now holds, in the County of Suffex, being Part of said Tract

Tract of Six Thousand Acres, is included in a prior Survey; and, upon such Enquiry, if the said Agent shall find that any Part of the Land, formerly allotted to said Coxe, is included in such prior Survey, that he report the Value of the Land so included and taken off; and also in such Report describe and ascertain the Bounds of some other Land, Part of the Lands in said Six Thousand Acres Tract, late the Property of Daniel Coxe or Grace Kemp, forfeited to, and vested in this State, as shall be equal in Value to the Part of the Land deficient in said Charles Coxe's Division, as the said Daniel Coxe and Grace Kemp ought to have made up of such Deficiency had not their Estates been forfeited; and that said Agent make Report as aforesaid to the next Sitting of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Davis, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendors and Taverns;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of the State,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark and Bonney.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh, beginning at Job Shreve's Cross-Bank, on Salem Creek, and thence up the several Courses of the said Creek to the Plantation late of Jonathan Roberts, deceased, and now in the Tenure of James Holliday;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Mannington, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The Petition from Ezekiel Johnson, read on the 3d Instant, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That he have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting to answer the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport thereof, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Vicinity of the Place where the Lands are situated.

The Petitions for and against a Bill to repeal the Act to incorporate the City of Burlington were read a second Time, on which a Motion was made by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, that the Petitioners for and against a Bill to repeal the Act to incorporate the City of Burlington be heard before this House on Wednesday next; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin.
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Sheppard,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardslee.		

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor,

vernor, informing that the Honourable Charles Pinckney, Nathaniel Gorham and William Grayson, Esquires, Delegates in Congress, having received Instruction from the United States in Congress assembled, to proceed to this Place for the Purpose of remonstrating to the Assembly on their Act of the 20th Ultimo, respecting the Requisition of September last, and that they wish to have an Audience of them on Monday Morning, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker be requested to inform His Excellency the Governor, that this House will be ready to give the Honourable the Committee of Congress an Audience on Monday next at eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, agreeably to their Request.

The Auditor of Accounts having certified to the Legislature, that in settling the Pay-Rolls exhibited by Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster to the Militia in the County of Burlington, the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence was, through Error, deducted out of said Fenimore's Account more than ought to have been;

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Fenimore be credited the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence, in Part of the Balance due from him to this State.

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

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

The House met.

The Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying a Division of the County, and that a new County may be set off; and that the Townships of Galloway, Great Egg-Harbour and Tuckahoe, may be the Boundaries and Extent of the new County, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Little Egg-Harbour, praying that a Law may pass to appoint Inspectors of Lumber, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from Joseph Borden, Esquire, read on the 2d Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from Middlesex, read on the 11th November last, praying a Supplement to the Act for establishing the Orphan's Court, was read a second Time, and referred to the Committee to whom a Bill for that Purpose is committed.

The Petition from Monmouth, read on the 23d November last, praying that the said County may be divided, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The several Petitions from different Parts of the State, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace in the Trial of small Causes may be extended, were read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, reported as follows:

THAT a final Adjustment of the Accounts, directed to be settled by your Committee, cannot, at present, be accomplished, for the following Reasons:

A Number of Orders have been drawn by the late Treasurer on different Collectors, the Payment whereof this State has, by a Resolution of both Houses, assumed; that some of these are yet out-standing, the Amount of which, as it is not ascertained, cannot, by your Committee, be charged against the said Mr. Stevens, until they are produced in the Treasury for Payment. The

The unsigned Certificates, described in the Report of a Committee the 16th of November last, have been delivered by the Auditor into the Hands of Mr. Stevens, and their Authenticity has not yet been proven. Some of the Papers, committed to your Committee the 20th of February last, are not authenticated, and the Validity of others must, in the Opinion of your Committee, depend on the Authority the Persons signing them might have had to issue Certificates, and which must be submitted to the Commissioners appointed to settle the Accounts of this with the United States.

Your Committee therefore, not having the Means of investigating the preceding Articles with Certainty and Precision, submit them to the farther Direction of the Legislature, and have proceeded to settle the Balance now due to the State from the said Mr. Stevens, on Cash Accounts hitherto unsettled, including such Orders, above alluded to, as have been received in the Treasury, and are of Opinion the same ought to stand as follows :

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JOHN STEVENS, junior, late—

To Amount of Orders, drawn by John Stevens, junior,
late Treasurer, on the County Collectors, which have
been received by the present Treasurer,

£. 19,642 11 10

To the Balance, as above stated, due Dec. 23, 1783,
To Interest thereon to March 10, 1786,

£. 4068 17 11½
623 0 10

£. 4691 18 9½

Treasurer to the State of New-Jersey,

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By Balance, reported in the Treasurer's Favour, December 23, 1783, -

£. 11,507 13 8½

By the following Orders and Payments made by the late Treasurer previous to the above Settlement, and for which he was not credited, viz.

An Order in Favour of Abraham Brewer, Paymaster of the Militia of Bergen,

£. 2429 7 6

An Order in Favour of Peter Covenhoven, Paymaster of the Militia of Monmouth,

110 12 2

An Order in Favour of Ditto, -

37 10 0

An Order on Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of Bergen, in Favour of Colonel Azariah Dunham, for £. 48,000 Continental Currency, for which Order it appears said Vanderbeek has been heretofore credited by said Stevens in the Payment of the Quota of said County, of Tax due April 1, 1780, -

1200 0 0

Cash paid by Henry Garritse, jun. late Collector of Essex, on an Order drawn on the Collector of Essex, in Favour of Daniel Marsh, for £. 179 3 4, for which it appears said Garritse has been credited by said Stevens, -

51 12 1

Cash paid on sundry Warrants, as appears by Endorsements thereon, amounting to, -

£. 236 18 5

4066 0 2

£. 15,573 13 10½

Balance which appears to have been due to the State Dec. 23, 1783, provided all the Orders he may have given as Treasurer, for which the State is answerable, have been brought into the Treasury, -

4068 17 11½

£. 19,642 11 10

By Cash paid the present Treasurer June 5, 1784, -

102 0 2½

By Interest thereon to March 10, 1786, one Year and nine Months, -

12 9 9

114 9 11½

By Ditto paid Ditto January 3, 1786,

734 0 0

By Interest thereon to March 10, 1786,

9 12 7

743 12 7

By Ditto paid Ditto February 27, 1786,

530 7 9

By Interest thereon to 10th March 1786,

1 5 6

531 13 3

Balance due to the State 10th March 1786, -

£. 1389 15 9½

3302 3 0

March 11, 1786.

£. 4691 18 9½

By Order of the Committees,

SAMUEL OGDEN,
ELLIS COOK.

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Your

Your Committee farther report, that in the Credit allowed Mr. Stevens, in the preceding Account, is included an Order drawn by said Stevens on Isaac Vanderbeek, Collector of the County of Bergen, in Favour of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, Superintendent of Purchases, for £. 48,000 Continental Currency, which Order has been received by the present Treasurer in Discharge of Arrears of Fines and Taxes due from said County: But it appearing to the Satisfaction of your Committee, and of the said Vanderbeek, that the said Order had been previously credited to the said County by Mr. Stevens; that there is also credited, in the above Account, the Sum of £. 51 12 1, by said Stevens to Henry Garritse, Collector of the County of Essex, on an Order drawn on said Garritse in Favour of Daniel Marsh, Esquire, for £. 179 3 4, which has also been credited by the present Treasurer; your Committee therefore submit to the House the Propriety of admitting the Charge made by Mr. Stevens for the Credits he has given on the above Orders.

March 11, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

SAMUEL OGDEN,
ELLIS COOK.

Ordered, That the said Report be read a second Time.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen, praying that a Law may pass more effectually to prevent the hunting Deer with Dogs, and trespassing with Guns, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset was read, praying that a Law may pass to oblige every Person who shall hereafter take a Mortgage upon Land in Security of Money lent to get the same immediately recorded in the Clerk's Office, otherwise the Mortgage to be void and of none Effect;

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

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Newark, read the 9th Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, praying that Freeholders may be appointed to assist the Assessors in the levying of Taxes, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, presented Yesterday, praying that State-Notes, from the original Holders, may be made a legal Tender in the Discharge of all Debts, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition of Shepard Kollock, read on the 18th February last, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, read on the 16th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Memorial of Captain Nathaniel Porter, read the 3d Instant, was read a second Time with the Account accompanying the same, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

The Petition from Benjamin Pierfon, of the County of Essex, read on the 2d Instant, was read a second Time;

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

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, March 13, 1786.

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Honourable the Committee of Congress attended the House, and remonstrated against the Resolution of the House of the 20th Ultimo, and having laid before the House the Report of the Committee of Congress of the 15th Ultimo, concerning the System of general Revenue recommended by Congress on the 18th of April 1783, and a Schedule of the French and Dutch Loans shewing the Periods of their Redemption, with the annual Interests payable thereon until their final Extinction, for which Provision is yet to be made.

The Committee, after having urged the Impropriety of the Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, and requesting that the said Resolution might be rescinded, withdrew, and then

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

The House met.

A Memorial from John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer, setting forth, that on a Settlement of his Accounts with a Committee of the Legislature, there is a considerable Balance due from him to the State, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to give him Credit for the Demands which he has against the State; and that the Treasurer may be directed also to receive from him Bills of Credit of the 9th June 1780, and the 9th January 1781, in the Proportion of Three Dollars of the said Bills in Lieu of One Dollar in Specie; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer for this State be, and he is hereby directed to receive from the said Mr. Stevens the Bills of Credit of the 9th June 1780, and of the 9th January 1781, in Discharge of the Balance due from him to the State, or such Part thereof as he may choose to pay in said Bills in the Proportion in which they are made payable in the Treasury by the Act, intituled, 'An Act for raising the Sum of £. 10,000 to be applied towards sinking 'the Bills of Credit of this State.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from 'Salem Bridge into the said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair 'their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for those Purposes,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, read on the 6th Instant, praying that the Doors of the House may be opened, and that the Citizens of the State may be permitted to attend, was read a second Time; whereupon

A Motion was made that the Doors be opened agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.		
Mr. T. Clark,			

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The Report of Mr. Cook, from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, reported to this House on Saturday last, was read a second Time, and agreed to by the House.—And whereas the Order drawn by John Stevens, Esquire, late Treasurer, in Favour of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, on Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of Bergen County, for Forty-eight Thousand Pounds Continental Money, dated March 17, 1780, has been received by James Mott, Esquire, present Treasurer, and credited to the Account of the said County of Bergen, and charged to the Account of the said John Stevens, Esquire, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature, passed December 23, 1783; and as it appears, on Examination of the Accounts of the said John Stevens and Isaac Vanderbeek, that the County of Bergen has been credited for the said Sum in the Year 1780, on issuing the said Order, therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer for the Time being be, and he is hereby directed to charge the said County of Bergen with the Amount of the said Order, viz. £. 5564 1 1 on Account of Fines, and £. 42,435 18 11 on Account of Taxes, making in the Whole £. 48,000 in Continental Money, or so much thereof as shall appear to be due, and that the Accounts stand in the same Manner as they were previous to the Receipt of the said Order; and that the Sum of £. 51 12 1, which is in the same Situation, be in like Manner charged to the County of Essex.

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

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April 1783, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

Tuesday, March 14, 1786.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘*Ordered*, Council-Chamber, March 13, 1786.
‘**T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Petition from William Roberts and others, in the County of Salem, praying that a Law may not be passed for draining a large Body of Marsh and Swamp, in the Township of Mannington, lying on Salem Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Lambert, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute

‘ execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Jonas Ward, and a Petition from Mercelas Post, Prisoners confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, were read, praying that a Law may be passed to release them from Confinement ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from Nicholas Lezier, of the County of Bergen, was read, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable him to maintain a Mill, and the necessary Waterworks for improving the same, on and near the River Hackinsack, in the County of Bergen ; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Communications made by the Honourable the Committee of Congress Yesterday ; whereupon

A Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Schenck, that the House agree to the following Order :

That the Honourable Committee of Congress be informed, that this House, anxiously desirous of promoting among all the States a lasting Union established upon Principles of Justice and Equality, are ready to accede to any Measures founded on such a Basis.

That the present Confederation, in whatever Light the same may be considered with Regard to Equality, hath not been strictly adhered to in the Requisition of September last.

The Valuation of the Land and Buildings have not been taken by any State, nor the Mode recommended by Congress for settling the Quotas by the Number of Inhabitants, which superceded the Requisition for such a Valuation, been agreed to by all the States so far as to become a federal Rule, on which Account the Requisition of September last can be considered only as recommendatory, and therefore, for the Reasons contained in the Resolution of this House of the 20th of February last, cannot be complied with further than by providing for the annual Payment of Interest due to our Citizens, which it is supposed will nearly amount to the whole Quota of this State on the national Debt.

This House entertains the most grateful Sense of the liberal Assistance afforded by the friendly Powers in Europe, by loaning Money to the United States ; and sincerely regret the Want of proper Funds to discharge the Interest. This, it must be acknowledged, is not owing to any Neglect of Congress ; they have done all in their Power to raise the Sums necessary for that Purpose, and their present Inability to make prompt Payment must be charged only to those States which have refused to grant the United States the Duties and Imposts which they now collect, as well from States destitute of any foreign Commerce, as from their own Citizens, and which, if paid into the common Treasury at the Disposal of Congress, will probably be more than sufficient to raise the Specie required.

The above Motion was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulatiug the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,’ reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

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

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The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-three, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from Samuel Meeker, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffex, praying an Indemnification for certain Losses by him sustained in the due Administration of his Office, was read; and the House judging the same to be reasonable and just, therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto the said Samuel Meeker the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, to indemnify him for the Damages and Costs sustained in an Action brought by James Sproul against Noadiah Wade, for which the said Meeker, as Commissioner of forfeited Estates, is accountable to the said Wade.

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

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

The Auditor appeared in the House, and reported the State of sundry Accounts, by which it appeared that the Account of Jesse Hand, Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Cape-May, ought to stand balanced; to which the House agreed.

That there is due from the State to David Olden, Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Middlesex, in State Securities, the Sum of £. 604 6 6.

That there is a Balance due the State from David Olden, Agent for sequestered Estates, in the County of Middlesex, of £. 8 16 10 Specie.

✓ From James Ewing, Moore Furman and Conrad Kotts, £. 0 8 9 Specie. And, From Abraham Brewer, Paymaster to the Militia in the County of Bergen, of £. 189 5 6 State Money.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to collect the above Balances due the State.

That there is due from the State to William Tucker, late Barrack-Master, Trenton, the Sum of £. 1 5 8 Specie;

Resolved, That the Treasurer do discharge the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Accounts and Resolutions to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with a Resolution of the Honourable the Delegates of Virginia, of the 25th of January last, to appoint Commissioners to meet Commissioners to be appointed by the other States to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States.

A Letter from Edmund Randolph, Esquire, of the 19th February, respecting the Time and Place of the Meeting of the Commissioners for the Purpose of framing such Regulations of Trade as may be judged necessary to promote the general Interest. And,

A Letter from His Excellency Governor Henry, of the 25th February, respecting the above Appointment.

Which

Which Message, and the several Papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same ;' and, after having gone through the said Bill by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, March 15, 1786.

The House met.

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

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

A Petition from the Second Presbyterian Congregation of Hopewell, in the County of Hunterdon, was read, praying that the said Congregation may have the Benefit of a Corporation;

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

A Petition from Barnes Bennet, of the County of Monmouth, was read, praying that the Real Estate of Moses Fowler, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, may be vested in certain Persons with Power to convey the same, and out of the Proceeds thereof to discharge the just Debts of the said Deceased;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the County of Monmouth, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from John Fitch, setting forth, that he had formed a Plan for the Construction of Boats to be impelled by the Force of Steam, and praying Leave to present a Bill which may invest in him the exclusive Privilege of constructing Boats to be so impelled by the Force of Steam for such Length of Time as the Legislature may think proper;

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

The Petition from Nicholas Lezier, of the County of Bergen, read Yesterday, was read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That he have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Vicinity of the Place where he means to erect his Mill.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

' Council-Chamber, March 14, 1786.

' **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay Samuel Meeker, Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffex, £. 36 15 8, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

' Council-Chamber, March 15, 1786.

' **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, the Bills of Credit of the
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' 9th June 1780, and of the 9th January 1781, in Discharge of the Balance due from him to the State, &c.

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

A Petition from Alexander Thomson, of the County of Hunterdon, praying that the Legislature would make Provision for the Discharge of certain Publick Securities given to him for his Services as a Waggonmaster in the Service of the United States, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth ;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

' *Ordered*, Council-Chamber, March 15, 1786.

' **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, " An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned," is passed by this House without Amendment.'

' *Ordered*,

' **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, " An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased," is passed by this House without Amendment.'

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to revive and to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark, Biddle and R. S. Smith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

' *Ordered*, Council-Chamber, March 15, 1786.

' **T**HAT Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, " An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same," is rejected by this House.'

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Security, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' 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 :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Sheppard do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

A Memorial from John Hampton was read, praying that he may be heard before the House, or that the House would appoint a proper Jurisdiction, before whom he may justify himself against the Charges contained in the Report of Mr. Combs and Mr. Bonney of the 17th February last;

Ordered, That the said Memorial be committed to Mr. Combs and Mr. Bonney to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Thursday, March 16, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil Actions for a limited Time;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Land and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marth, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Schuyler, an insolvent Debtor,' which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Abraham Winner and others, praying for the Reward of £. 50, according to the Governor's Proclamation, for the apprehending of certain atrocious Villains and Robbers, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Stillwell,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States;' and, after having gone through the said Bill by Paragraphs, *Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from William Tucker was read, setting forth, that his Vouchers and Receipts for Monies by him expended for Arms, Tents and Accoutrements, for arming the Militia in the Year 1776, had been taken or destroyed by the British Army when they were in Possession of his House, and praying that his Day-Book, in which are regular Entries, may by the Auditor be received, and his Account be audited according to the same, was read, and committed to Mr. Combs and Mr. Bunn to report thereon to the House.

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

The House met.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Gloucester, praying that a Law may be passed for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the Town of Woodbury, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Terhune.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Marth,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longfreet.	

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in the County of Essex, in Favour of Mary the Wife of Joseph Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel, deceased, who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, for the Sum of Twenty-five Shillings per Month, from the 4th Day of October 1777, to the 14th Day of February 1779.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in the County of Essex, in Favour of Mary Hays, Wife of John Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs, deceased, who was killed while a Corporal in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, for the Sum of Twenty-seven Shillings and Six-pence per Month, from the 2d Day of July 1779, to the 4th Day of December 1780.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck, who was wounded in the Service of the United States, and died of his Wounds, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Elizabeth Ten Eyck for the Sum of Five Pounds per Month, from the 17th of June 1777, to the 6th Day of January 1778.

A Petition from Archibald Stewart, late Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, was read, setting forth, that he had levied Executions on the Estates of Joseph Barton and John Smith, and returned them to the Court: "Levied on the Defendants' Goods and Chattels to the Value of Debt and Costs;" that thereby he made himself accountable on the Suit against Joseph Barton for £. 111 16 5 Specie, and on the Suit against John Smith for £. 37 10 11 Specie; that after the said Returns the Defendants went to the Enemy, and their Estates being confiscated were taken and sold by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in said County, and the Money paid into the Treasury, since which he has discharged the Actions from his own private Fortune, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to re-imburse him the said Sums;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Arnold and Mr. Bowen, to report thereon to the House.

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

Mr. Biddle, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators, and directing the Mode of appealing from Awards by them made;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, were read, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Roads in the said Township to be repaired by Hire;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of the State;' and, after having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Petition from Edward Dunlop, late Collector of the County of Suffex, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that he may be released from the Payment of a Fine inflicted upon him by the Honourable the Chief-Justice for not rendering the Monies at the Treasury due on certain Taxes, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act 'to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the 'Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,' was read a second Time :

An Amendment was moved to the Title to add the following Words : 'And 'to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the 'Amount of Twelve Pounds ;' which was agreed to, and the Bill being further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 16, 1786.

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the following Bills are passed by this House without Amendment :

'The Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in "every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof."

'The Bill, intituled, "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made "between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing "which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date the 26th Day of April 1783, "belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement."

'The Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the "Meadow and Swamp lying on the West Side of South River, in the County "of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Dam and other Water-works, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear."

'And the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will "and Testament of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances "for two Houses and Lots of Land, agreeable to Contract entered into by "said Norcross."

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

Friday, March 17, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office,' was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the Amount of Twelve Pounds,' was read and compared ; on the Question,

Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Blair,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same,' was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

A Petition from the Owners of drained Meadow lying on Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and known by the Name of the Fork Meadow, setting forth, that the Law now in Force for maintaining the Banks that keep out the Tide from the said Meadow is insufficient to answer the Intentions thereby designed, and praying Leave to present a Bill to amend the said Law ;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The Petition from Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of the County of Bergen, setting forth, that he had paid several Orders agreeably to Law, which the Treasurer refuses to accept, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to receive the same, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the said Orders, and credit the said Isaac Vanderbeek with the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Motion made by Mr. A. Clark on the 14th Instant ; whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. T. Clark, seconded by Mr. R. S. Smith, to postpone the Motion of Mr. A. Clark in order to take up the following, to wit,

Whereas this House, apprehensive that a Compliance with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last would have a Tendency to confirm the States who have not complied with the Resolutions of Congress of the 18th April 1783 for a general Impost and Revenue in their Opposition to the Plan therein recommended, and considering all temporary Expedients inadequate to raise a Fund sufficient to discharge the Interest on the national Debt, and to provide for other Expenditures necessary for the Support of the federal Government, and for other Reasons assigned in the Preamble to the Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, did resolve, that this House cannot, consistent with the Duty they owe their Constituents, comply with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last, until all the States in the Union shall comply with the Requisition of the 18th April 1783, or until the several States having the Advantage of Commerce shall forbear exacting Duties from other States for their own particular Benefit : And whereas a Deputation from Congress to this

House have, by Order of Congress, communicated sundry Evils which may arise to the Union by the Determination of this House if adhered to;

The House therefore, having re-considered the said Resolution, are of Opinion, that, although the said Requisition, from a Want of Conformity to the Rule of adjusting the Quotas of the several States contained in the 8th Article of the Confederation, the Alteration of which Rule not having been acceded to by all the States can of Course be binding upon none, must be considered only as recommendatory; notwithstanding which, being willing to remove as far as in their Power every Embarrassment from the Councils of the Union, and that the Failure of Supplies from temporary Demands, though clearly evinced from Experience, may not be imputed to the State of New-Jersey only, do therefore

Resolve, That the said Resolution of the 20th February last be, and the same is hereby rescinded and made void.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to postpone the Motion of Mr. A. Clark of the 14th Instant? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion made by Mr. T. Clark? It was carried in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Archibald Stewart, reported as follows:

THAT we find, upon examining the Auditor's Books, that there was Property sold by the Commissioners of Suffex, and paid into the Treasury, sufficient to discharge the Execution that said Stewart had against Joseph Barton, referred to in his Petition; that the Part of the Petition which respects John Smith, your Committee cannot find by the Auditor's Books, that his Property was taken by the Commissioners.

JACOB ARNOLD,
JONATHAN BOWEN.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Archibald Stewart have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, and that he then prove to the House by the Records of the Court and other authentick Vouchers, that the Facts set forth in his Petition are true.

A Petition from James Woodmansee, Collector of the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth, was read, setting forth, that he had been robbed of the Sum of £. 7 12 6 Specie, and £. 11 13 9 State Money, and praying that the County-Collector may be directed to credit the said Township with the said Sums, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of this State,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

A Petition was presented from John Sparks, of the County of Gloucester, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Treasurer may be directed to receive from him a certain Certificate given to him by Silas Condict, Esquire,

in the Discharge of an Action which has been instituted against him by the Attorney-General at the Suit of the State;

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

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

Saturday, March 18, 1786.

The House met.

A Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade in Lieu of one given to her dated March 16, 1780; a Warrant in Favour of Lydia Whitlock in Lieu of one given to her dated September 29, 1780; a Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck; a Warrant in Favour of Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs; and a Warrant in Favour of Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel; entitling them severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-pay, were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Terhune do carry the said Warrants to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Stillwell,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. Marth, seconded by Mr. A. Clark, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Revenue Act to increase the Revenue to Fifty Thousand Pounds for the Payment of Interest due to Citizens of this State; whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that the said Motion be amended by striking out the Words 'to Fifty Thousand Pounds;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Hankinſon,
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardſlee,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longſtreet.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.		
Mr. Cooper,			

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Motion as amended ?
It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickſon,
Mr. Garritſe,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardſlee,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longſtreet.	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Kelley,			

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of Middleſex, praying that Magiſtrates may not be permitted to hold their Courts at Publick Houſes, was read, and ordered to be diſmiſſed.

Three Petitions from ſundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that Duties may be impoſed on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize brought into this State from the neighbouring States, and propoſing that the State ſhould loan the Sum of £. 50,000 to certain Adventurers, on giving adequate Security, to be ſtruck for the Purpoſes of encouraging foreign Commerce and domeſtick Manufactures, on a reaſonable Intereſt ; accompanied with a Plan for the Introduction of Trade and Manufactures for the Benefit of the State of New-Jerſey by eſta- bliſhing a trading Company to proſecute Buſineſs at Perth-Amboy, were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of Middleſex, praying that no Alteration may be made to the Charter of Incorporation granted to the City of Perth-Amboy, were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 18, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the following Bills are paſſed by this Houſe without Amend-
‘ ment :

‘ The Bill, intituled, “ An Act for granting and ſecuring to John Fitch the
“ ſole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him
“ lately invented for a limited Time.”

‘ The Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize and empower Renſſelaer Williams,
“ Eſquire, to execute and fulfil the Purpoſes of the Teſtament and Laſt Will
“ of Henry Longfield, deceased.”

‘ The Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the Sale of the Eſtate of Joel White, late
“ of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of ſuch Part thereof as may ſatis-
“ fy certain Executions levied thereon.”

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, praying for a Revision of the Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, passed December 11, 1778, and that the 11th Section thereof may be explained so as to secure the Purchasers from certain Claims that might be exhibited, especially if the Persons claiming had taken Sanctuary within the British Lines, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Whereas the Legislature, at the Time of passing the Act, intituled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' intended the said Act, and the Compensation therein made, to extend only to John Blair and John Peck, the two Agents appointed to settle with the Regiments of this State, and not to Agents of any separate Corps of the Army; in order, therefore, to remove any Doubts which may arise by other Claims,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to make Payment of the Compensation allowed by said Act to no other Agents than the two Persons above named.

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

A Petition from Adam Green and John Hull, of the County of Suffex, accompanied with sundry Papers, were read, and referred to Messrs. Cook and Sinnickson, to report their Opinion thereon.

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

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

Whereas the House have been informed by Letter from the Treasurer, that there are Arrearages of Taxes, levied in Continental Money and Certificates, due from several Counties in this State, which have not been stated in any Account hitherto exhibited for the last two Years that Mr. Stevens was Treasurer, which Accounts the present Treasurer hath not been able to procure in order to make a Statement of the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That, in the Opinion of this House, the late Treasurer, John Stevens, junior, Esquire, stands bound, and in Consequence thereof that he be required to deliver to the present Treasurer all Books or Accounts of the Treasury remaining unsettled.

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

The House met.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey,' reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title: 'An Act to raise a Revenue from Practitioners of the Law, Proprietors of Stages, and Keepers of Ferries and Taverns within the State of New-Jersey;' and, after some Time debating thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Petition from Edward Dunlop, read on the 16th Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Message from His Excellency the Governor of the 14th Instant was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Sinnickson and R. S. Smith, to report thereon.

A Representation from William C. Houston and James Ewing, Esquires,
S Commissioners

Commissioners appointed to settle the Depreciation of Pay due to the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line, particularly stating the Case of the Honourable the Chief-Justice who was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the late Jersey Line, and desiring the Direction of the House, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Honourable the Chief-Justice is not entitled to Depreciation of his Pay as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Service of the United States.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, read on the 11th Instant, respecting Mortgages, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Marsh, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Williams, Daniel Pierfon, 'Merseillas Post and Jonas Ward, insolvent Debtors, now confined in the Gaol 'of the County of Essex;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by 'certain Devices in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of certain Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. R. S. Smith and Walton.

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

Whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature, that there is due from this State a Note or Notes for Depreciation of Pay given to Major-General Lord Stirling, deceased, upon which Interest hath been demanded of the Treasurer; that Lord Stirling owed, and was bound to this State by a Bond secured by Mortgage to a larger Amount than the Note or Notes of Depreciation, which Bond remains unpaid; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to forbear paying any Money on the above-said Note or Notes, until the Bond given by Lord Stirling to this State shall be fully discharged; and that the said Treasurer be authorized to accept said Note or Notes in Part of Payment of said Bond.

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

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 18, 1786.

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect "and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of "small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to amend "the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the Amount of "Twelve Pounds," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and 'request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read; and, the Amendments being read in their Places, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the said Amendments.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office," is passed 'by this House without Amendment.'

A Petition from sundry Officers of the Militia, in the County of Morris, praying

praying that a third Regiment may be set off from the two Regiments of the Militia in said County, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Memorial from Colonel John Beatty, and the Memorial from William Shute, read on the 7th Instant; the Memorial from Colonel Joseph Hugg, read on the 1st Instant, and the Memorial from John Hoff, were severally read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petitions from the County of Gloucester, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 20, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Adam Green and John Hull, together with the Papers relative to the same, reported as follows :

THAT they have examined the Accounts of confiscated Property in the County of Suffex, and find that the Estate of William Green, mentioned in the said Petition, has been confiscated, and the Proceeds thereof amounting, on the 16th December 1779, to £. 3992 2 6, in the Hands of William Hankinson and Thomas Anderson, Commissioners of forfeited Estates, which has been paid into the Treasury.

That it appears to your Committee, that the Bond given by William Green and Adam Green, mentioned in the said Petition, has been paid by the said Adam Green in the Year 1784.

That, as to the other Bond given by the said William Green and John Hull, it does not appear by any Voucher that the same is discharged.

That admitting the Matters stated in the said Petition to be true, it was out of the Power of the said Petitioners to exhibit their Demands against the Estate of the said William Green within the Time limited by Law.

ELLIS COOK,
THOMAS SINICKSON.

A Motion was made by Mr. Beardlee, seconded by Mr. Burgin, that the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition at the next Sitting; to which the House agreed.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Relief of certain Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates,' reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title: 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay Interest upon Loan-Office Certificates that have been registered and endorsed without further Attestation.'

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

Mr. Bunn, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such Publick Accounts as might be referred to them this Sitting of the Legislature, reported that there are due to the several Persons under named the Sums annexed to their several Names:

1. To Daniel Marsh, Esquire, for the Administrators of David Craig, deceased, for Medicines and Attendance for the Men under the Command of Capt. Matthew Freeman, when on Duty at Woodbridge in the Months of August, September and November in the Year 1780; £. 12 17 0.

2. To Elizabeth Smith, Widow of Robert Smith, for his signing One Hundred Five Thousand Eighty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings, in Pursuance of the Loan-Office Act, passed 1774, wherein he was authorized to receive £. 60 for signing £. 125,000 of the said Loan-Office Bills, £. 50 0 0. The

The House having considered the said Report,
Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Persons above named the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

Ordered, That Mr. Marsh do carry the above Report and Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. R. S. Smith, the Committee to whom was referred the Message from His Excellency the Governor of the 14th Instant, reported as follows :

That the Matter recommended in His Excellency's Letter, and the several Papers accompanying the same, requires the Attention of the Legislature, and thereupon submit the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Legislature, in a Joint-Meeting of both Houses, will appoint Commissioners who, or any one of whom, shall meet such Commissioners as may be appointed by the other States in the Union at a Time and Place to be agreed on, to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States ; to examine the relative Situation and Trade of the said States ; to consider how far an uniform System in their commercial Regulations and other important Matters may be necessary to their common Interest and permanent Harmony ; and to report to the several States such an Act relative to this great Object, as when unanimously ratified by them will enable the United States in Congress assembled effectually to provide for the Exigencies of the Union, which was read, and unanimously agreed to.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

' Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

' **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the following Warrants, with the Papers accompanying the same, sent from the House of Assembly for Concurrence :

' A Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade in Lieu of one given to her dated March 16, 1780.

' A Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck.

' A Warrant in Favour of Lydia Whitlock in Lieu of one given to her dated September 29, 1780.

' A Warrant in Favour of Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs.

' And a Warrant in Favour of Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel ; entitling them severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-pay ;

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that an Impost may be laid upon all Goods imported into this State through the neighbouring States, were read, and ordered a second Reading, with the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods,' &c.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, ' An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,' was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Clark.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Accounts reported by the Auditor, and also the Resolutions accompanying the same;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do approve of the Statement of the said Accounts, and concur in the Resolutions accompanying the same.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to forbear paying any Money on Notes belonging to the Estate of Lord Stirling, until a Bond given by said Lord Stirling in his Lifetime to this State is discharged, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Petition from Samuel Hunt and Ralph Hunt, praying that Bonds and Obligations may have the Priority of Book-Accounts in the Discharge of Debts due from the Estates of Fugitives and Offenders, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘ *Ordered*, Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, “An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port,” and request their Concurrence therein.’

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

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

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to requesting the Treasurer to make Payment of the Compensation allowed by an Act of the Legislature to no other Persons than John Blair and John Peck, Agents to the Regiments of this State;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to charge the County of Bergen with £. 48,000 Continental Money, and the County of Essex with £. 51 12 1, having been credited to them twice;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to crediting the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence to Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster of the Militia in the County of Burlington;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Blair,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to raise a Revenue from Practitioners of the Law, Proprietors of Stages, and Keepers of Ferries and Taverns within the State.'

An Amendment was moved to the Title and agreed to, that the same read as follows: 'An Act to raise a Revenue from certain Professions, Offices, Occupations, and from Proprietors of Stages and Keepers of Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

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

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

Tuesday, March 21, 1786.

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. Sinnickson, seconded by Mr. Swain, that a Committee be appointed to consider of Ways and Means to enable this State to comply with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September 1785, and make Provision for the Payment of one Year's Interest on the State Debt, and to report the same to this House; on which the previous Question was moved by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Starke; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the previous Question? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Bunn,			

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

A Petition from Ebenezer Cowell, accompanied with an Account against the State, and praying an Allowance, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devises in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates

' Estates in Tail,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 21, 1786.

THAT Mr. Kitchel do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' and to request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devises in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Garrtse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Stillwell,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions in the County of Morris, in Favour of Deborah Minthorn, Widow of William Minthorn, who was killed in the Service of the United States while a Soldier in the first Regiment of this State, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Deborah Minthorn for the Sum of Twenty-five Shillings per Month, from the first Day of November, 1781, for and during her Widowhood.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Williams, Daniel Pierson, Mercellus Post and Jonas Ward, insolvent Debtors now confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex,' was read a second Time, and the Title amended to read as follows: ' An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the several Counties of this State upon the Conditions therein mentioned;' and, being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions in the County of Morris, in Favour of Sarah Hathaway, the Widow of Joseph Hathaway, who died while in the Service of the United States, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the several Counties of this State upon the Conditions therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Beardslee,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

Council-Chamber, March 21, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to appointing Commissioners to meet Commissioners to be appointed by the other States to examine the relative Situation and Trade of the said States, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

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

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

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying certain incidental Charges,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. A. Clark, that a Committee may be appointed to devise Ways and Means for discharging the Principal and Interest of the State Debt, and to report their Opinion thereon to the House; to which the House agreed; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. A. Clark, Schuurman and R. S. Smith, be the Committee.

The House taking into Consideration, that when they passed the Act for the Support of Government, from November 1784 to November 1785, it was the Expectation of the Legislature, that the Congress of the United States would have continued at Trenton, and that in Consideration thereof they allowed the Delegates of this State Three Dollars per Day; but that Honourable Body having, on the Day after the passing of that Act, resolved, that they would remove to New-York, where our Delegates were obliged to attend at a much greater Expence than was expected; therefore,

Resolved, That each of them be allowed the additional Sum of One Dollar per Day for each Day they attended in Congress during their Appointment, which the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay; and their or either of their Receipts for the same shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts with this State.

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

Whereas the Mode for Contractors to transmit Certificates in their Possession into the Treasury, directed by a Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, and concurred in by Council, will probably be attended with Difficulty and Delay, and it being necessary that the State should be possessed of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That the Auditor be, and he is hereby directed to procure the said Certificates from the several Contractors by sending a Person or Persons duly authorized to demand the same; and the respective Contractors are hereby required

quired to deliver the Certificates aforesaid to the Person thus authorized to draw from the Treasurer any Sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds to defray the Expence thereof, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure of so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

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

The Memorial of John Sparks was read the second Time, and it appearing that said Sparks stands charged in the Auditor's Office with a Balance due to this State in the Sum of £. 42 0 8; and it also appearing that said Sparks, encouraged thereto by the House of Assembly at that Time, had expended Part of the Publick Money, then in his Hands, in purchasing Forage for the Army at the Time they were in great Distress for Want of the same, for which Expenditure the said Sparks received Publick Securities; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive of said John Sparks Publick Securities to the Amount of the above Balance, upon his paying the Costs accrued on a Prosecution against him at the Suit of the State; and that said Sparks, upon such Payment, be discharged of the above-said Balance against him.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

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

Wednesday, March 22, 1786.

The House met.

A Warrant in Favour of Martha Hathaway, in Lieu of one given to her dated June 17, 1780, and a Warrant in Favour of Deborah Minthorn, Widow of William Minthorn, entitling her to receive the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

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

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

Whereas a Warrant, of the 16th of March, 1780, was granted to Elizabeth Horton, Widow of Doctor Jonathan Horton, deceased, for her said Husband's Half-pay; and a Warrant, of the 21st December, 1781, was granted to Catharine Piatt, Widow of Major Daniel Piatt, deceased, for her said Husband's Half-pay; and also a Warrant of the 6th of December, 1781, was granted to Rachel Shores, Widow of Peleg Shores, deceased, a late Soldier in Colonel Wind's Regiment, for her said Husband's Half-pay; upon which Warrants, especially the first, large Sums of Money from Time to Time have been paid; and it now appearing, that the said Horton, Piatt and Shores died by Sicknefs, and not in Consequence of any Wounds they received in the Service or otherwise, in such a Manner as to entitle their Widows, or either of them, to Half-pay of their deceased Husbands; whereupon,

Resolved, That the aforesaid Warrants to Elizabeth Horton, Catharine Piatt and Rachel Shores, be, and they and each of them are hereby revoked and made void.

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

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed to devise Ways and Means for discharging the Principal and Interest of the State Debt, reported as follows:

THAT they find the State Debt may be ranked in five Classes, viz.
Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line.

Notes given to the Militia.

Contractors' Certificates.

Surplus Certificates.

And a few Certificates given by Commissioners appointed to loan Money.

That the two first are already liquidated, and the three last are now under Liquidation by a Commissioner, and will not be completed before October: That it is necessary that the Creditors of the State should be on a perfect Equality, and that when Provision shall be made for any one Species of Debts, the like Provision should be made for all, and this cannot be done until the Whole are liquidated; at which Time it is the Opinion of the Committee, that all the confiscated Estates and Publick Barracks in this State should be sold, and that the State Debts of every Kind should be received in Payment: That the remaining Debts of the State should be then discharged by Taxes, in which the State Securities should be taken in Payment.

By Order of the Committee,

To which Report the House agreed.

ABRAHAM CLARK.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,
		Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Burgin,
		Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Bowen,
		Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.

Ordered, That Mr. Blair do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Walton, for Leave to present a Bill with the following Title: 'An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode of sinking the same;' on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Which

Which being read,

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for those Purposes,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

MR. Combs, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Circumstance of the Memorial of William Tucker, Commissioner, appointed by the Provincial Congress for the Purpose of purchasing Arms and military Stores, did, at sundry Times, draw Money for that Purpose; for the Expenditure of which he did keep regular Day-Books; Part of which your Committee has examined, and find them regular; but it appears to your Committee, that Part of the Books, together with the Vouchers, was destroyed or taken by the Enemy in December 1776, by which Means said Tucker hath it not in his Power to produce proper Vouchers: And also it appears to your Committee, that the Account of £. 100 10 0, charged to said Tucker by the then Treasurer, did unavoidably fall into the Hands of the Enemy, and therefore said Tucker ought not to be charged therewith; and also, in the Opinion of your Committee, said Tucker's Accounts ought to stand balanced with the State, and the said Tucker be discharged.

JOHN COMBS,
EDWARD BUNN.

To which the House agreed.

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

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

The House met.

A Representation and Petition from James Parker, Esquire, setting forth, that by the Election Law he is not eligible to any Appointment of Trust or Profit in the State, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed to admit of his being chosen or appointed to such Offices as it may be the Pleasure of any elective Body to appoint him to; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Combs and Mr. Schuurman be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for that Purpose.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode of sinking the same,' was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Sinnickfon,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardſlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longſtreet.		
Mr. Blair,			

A Motion was made by Mr. Sinnickſon, ſeconded by Mr. Cooper, that the following Proviſo be inſerted after the Words ‘ paſſing an Act for that Purpoſe,’ in the Proviſo to the 18th Section, to wit, ‘ *And provided alſo,* That the ſaid ‘ Bills ſhall not be a Tender after the paſſing of the ſaid Act calling the ſame in ‘ as aforeſaid,’ on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickſon,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardſlee,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longſtreet.		

A Motion was made by Mr. Cook, ſeconded by Mr. Marfh, to inſert, after the Words ‘ between Man and Man as aforeſaid,’ in the 34th Section, the following Words : ‘ And all Judgments and Executions, which have been or ſhall be obtained or iſſued againſt any Debtor or Debtors remaining unpaid at the ‘ Time Tender may be made in ſaid Bills for diſcharging the ſame, ſhall be va- ‘ cated, and the ſame is and are hereby declared to be void to all Intents and ‘ Purpoſes as though no ſuch Judgment had been obtained or Execution iſſued.’

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickſon,
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardſlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longſtreet.		

The Houſe having gone through the ſaid Bill,
Ordered, That the ſame be engroſſed.

Three Messages from Council by Mr. Hoops.

Council-Chamber, March 22, 1786.

‘THE Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee on Publick Accounts, with the Resolution from the House of Assembly accompanying the same,

‘Resolved, That the House approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.’

‘THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to allowing Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, at the Rate of £. 150 per Annum, and £. 25 for a Clerk, &c.

‘Resolved, That the House do not concur therein.’

‘Ordered,

‘THAT Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the same,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Two Messages from Council by Mr. Haring.

‘Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 22, 1786.

‘THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, “A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan’s Court in the several Counties in this State,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

‘Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 22, 1786.

‘THAT Mr. Haring do carry the Bill, intitled, “A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Elections of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey,” &c. with the Amendment made thereto by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence to the said Amendment.’

Which Bill, with the Amendment, being read, was ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, be allowed at the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum for his Services in that Appointment the present Year, and also such a Sum, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as he may expend for hiring a Clerk whenever he may find such Assistance necessary; and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham to the Treasurer of the State for the Sums he may charge, not exceeding the Sums aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. R. S. Smith do carry the above Resolve to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to call in all the Contractors’ and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,’ was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Schuurman and Starke.

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

Thursday, March 23, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation

'ration of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading. »

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The Memorial of Daniel Ellis, Attorney to the late Governor Franklin, and of Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, Executors of the Last Will of William Skeeles, deceased, were read the second Time ; and it appearing that the Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Burlington, hath paid into the Treasury, for Rents received of the Estate of William Franklin, the Sum of £. 158 5 4, and of the Estate of William Skeeles the Sum of £. 39 9 2, both of which Sums were paid in Publick Securities. It further appears that said Agent had paid into the Treasury the Sum of £. 52 2 11 in Specie, received for Rents of both the aforesaid Estates, not ascertaining the Sum received from each ; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman the aforesaid Sum of £. 52 2 11, to be divided by them for each Estate in such Proportion as shall appear by the Agent's Accounts were received from the respective Estates : And that the said Treasurer give unto the said Daniel Ellis a Certificate, certifying that the State of New-Jersey is indebted unto Daniel Ellis, Attorney to William Franklin, Esquire, in the Sum of £. 158 5 4 ; and a like Certificate to Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of the Last Will of William Skeeles, deceased, in the Sum of £. 39 9 2 ; and that the Auditor do countersign the said Certificates ; which said Sums shall be respectively paid in Specie, or other current Money of this State, with Interest from the Date thereof at the Rate of Six per Cent per Annum. And that the aforesaid Agent, and also the late Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of Burlington, and each of them, are hereby required to render Accounts of all the Rents, Issues and Profits of the aforesaid Estates by them or either of them respectively received, unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, and pay all Monies yet remaining in their or either of their Hands of the Rents or other Profits received from said Estates respectively, and to assign to the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, of the Estates they are respectively authorized to receive, all Rents remaining unpaid, and other Demands which the said Agent or Commissioner or either of them by Law might or could have against any Person or Persons for Damages done on the aforesaid Estates or either of them.

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Newbold do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments."

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendments? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Sheppard.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendments? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,			

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Bills to the Council, and inform them that this House do adhere to their said Bills.

A Message from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same," is rejected by this House."

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

Mr. Schuurman, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to call in all the Contractors' and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' reported the same with sundry 'Amendments,' and, being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to call in all Contractors' and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

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

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Blair.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil Actions for a limited Time,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Burgin.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. T. Clark do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

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

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil Actions for a limited Time,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Sinnickſon,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longſtreet.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

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

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the ſeveral Counties of this State, upon the Conditions therein mentioned,” is rejected by this Houſe.”

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,” with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.”

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read; and, the Amendments being read in their Places, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe adhere to their Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, “ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and ſhortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law;” and the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Aſſembly,” &c. That the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to paſs Eſtates in Fee by certain Deviſes in Wills and Teſtaments, and to limit Eſtates in Tail,” is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.”

The re-engroſſed Bill, intituled, “ An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Land and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,” was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

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

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

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Inhabitants in the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raiſe the Cauſeway, leading from Salem Bridge into ſaid Township, above the Flow of the Tide;

“to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,” is passed by this House without Amendment; and that the Bill, intituled, “A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors’ and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,” is rejected by this House.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to each of the Commissioners, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States upon commercial and other Matters, the Sum of Four Dollars per Day for every Day they or either of them shall be employed in this Service, upon Accounts by them to be exhibited upon Oath, certifying the Time they have been so employed; and that the Treasurer do advance to each of the Commissioners, on their setting out upon this Business, the Sum of One Hundred Dollars in Specie.

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

Resolved, That when the House rise they will rise without Day; and that if the Speaker should have Occasion to call the House again before the End of this Session, he direct them to meet at New-Brunswick.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.
THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation;” and the Bill, intituled, “An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges;” are passed by this House without Amendment.

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

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

Friday, March 24, 1786,

The House met.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Silas Condict, Esq. any Sum he may find necessary, not exceeding £. 40, for hiring a Clerk to assist him in transacting the Business to which he is appointed.

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

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

Nine Messages from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.
THE Council having taken into Consideration the Warrants in Favour of Martha Hathaway and Deborah Minthorn, entitling them to draw their late Husbands’ Half-pay;

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to allowing the Delegates to Congress in the Year 1785 One Dollar per Day in Addition, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to the Commissioners appointed to meet the Commissioners of other States upon commercial Matters Four Dollars per Day;

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

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THAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill "for Stay of Executions in civil Actions for a limited Time," is rejected by this House.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Auditor to procure from the Contractors Certificates by sending a Person to demand the same, &c.

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Sparks Publick Securities ;

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly relative to allowing Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts £. 150 per Annum, and £. 50 for a Clerk, &c.

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman £. 52 2 11, &c.

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to repealing a Resolution of the Legislature of the 29th November last, directing the Treasurer to delay paying Interest on certain Certificates ;

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

' Council-Chamber, March 24, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to Silas Condict, Esquire, any Sum he may find necessary, not exceeding £. 40, for hiring a Clerk, &c.

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

The House rose without Day.

BY *Virtue* of an *Order* of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of New-Jersey, I do hereby appoint Isaac Collins, of Trenton, to print these Votes.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.



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TRENTON, Wednesday, February 15, 1786.

PURSUANT to the Adjournment at the last Sitting the House met.

P R E S E N T,

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bouney,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. R. S. Smith,	

Ordered, That Mr. Blauvelt do wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Members of the Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.

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

Thursday, February 16, 1786.

The above-mentioned Members met, together with Mr. Terhune, Mr. Garriffe, Mr. Combs and Mr. Houghton.

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Elisha Walton and Joseph Stillwell, returned as Members from the County of Monmouth, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

Council-Chamber, February 16, 1786.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, and proceeded 'to Business.'

A Petition from sundry Freeholders and Electors of the County of Monmouth was read, praying that the Election Law may be altered, and that the said County may be enabled to vote by Ballot, which Mode they also desire the State may uniformly adopt.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth was read, setting forth, that a more particular Mode of Procedure than the Statute of England respecting Landlords and Tenants would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of this State, and praying that the Legislature will take it under their Consideration:

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

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

A Petition from Mary Ashfield was read, praying that she may have Leave to present a Bill appointing Commissioners to partition and divide a certain Tract of Land in the County of Essex, held by her and others as Tenants in common among the several Persons entitled thereto, in Proportion to their respective Rights, and to dispose of a Part thereof for defraying the Expence of such Partition:

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill she means to present, and a Copy of this Order, six Weeks previous thereto, in one of the News-Papers printed in New-York, and in the News-Paper printed at Elizabeth-Town.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States,' which was read, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark and Schuurman.

A Petition from Joseph Lippincott, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying that a Law may pass to exempt his Body from Confinement for Debt;

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may pass to increase the Sum cognizable before a Justice of the Peace to £. 50;

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

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

The House met.

Agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting a Bill was presented, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New-Jersey; and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same; and for securing to the General Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Possessions, Rights and just Claims;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading on Thursday the 23d Day of this Instant.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit:

- No. 1. 23 June, 1785. An Act of the Legislature of the State of New-Hampshire for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.
- No. 1 a. Letter from Governor Langdon accompanying the same.
- No. 2. Nov. 1785. A State of the Representation in Congress for this Month.
- No. 3. 3 Dec. 1785. Mr. Secretary Thomson's Letter accompanying the same.
- No. 4. 18 Nov. 1785. Letter from Secretary Thomson respecting the Representation in Congress.
- No. 5. 18 Nov. 1785. Copy of a Letter from the Secretary for foreign Affairs to the Secretary of Congress respecting the Representation in Congress.
- No. 6. 24 Nov. 1785. Request of the Executive-Council of Pennsylvania, that our Legislature would pass an Act for securing an additional Beacon, intended to be erected on Cape-May, as well as the Buoys and Beacons in the Bay of Delaware, from Injury.
- No. 7. 29 Nov. 1785. An Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, intituled, 'An Act for the Regulation of Navigation and Commerce.'
- No. 7 a. Letter from Governor Bowdoin accompanying the said Act.
- No. 8. Statement of the Accounts of several States, with the United States, so far as they relate to the several Requisitions for Money and specifick Supplies.
- No. 9. 3 Dec. 1785. Letter from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.
- No. 10. Dec. 1785. A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of December 1785.
- No. 11. 3 Jan. 1786. Letter from Mr. Secretary Thomson accompanying the State of the Representation.
- No. 12. Jan. 1786. State of the Representation in Congress for the Month of January 1786.
- No. 12 a. 1 Feb. 1786. Mr. Secretary Thomson's Letter enclosing the same.
- No. 13. 2 Jan. 1786. Report of the Secretary of Congress concerning the Number of States which have complied in Whole or in Part with the Revenue System of April 18, 1783; the Recommendation of Congress of the same Date for an Alteration of the 8th of the Articles of Confederation; and the Act of the 30th of April 1784, recommending the vesting of certain commercial Powers in Congress.
- No. 14. General Account of Receipts and Expenditures of the United States from the 1st of November 1784, to the 1st of November 1785.
- No. 15. 17 Dec. 1785. Letter from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same.

The above-mentioned papers which accompanied His Excellency the Governor's Message of this Day, were severally read, and ordered to be filed, except No. 8, which was ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, read
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on the 17th November last, praying that the Remainder of the Bills in Circulation, which were emitted on the Faith of this State in the Year 1781, may be called into the Treasury in some Method by which One Dollar in Specie may be received for Three Dollars of the said Paper, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, ' Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey,' which was ordered a second Reading.

Matthew Whilden, Esquire, returned as a Member for the County of Cape-May, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

Mr. Lambert, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Whilden, Mr. Baker, Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. Swain, attended, and took their Seats in the House.

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

Friday, February 17, 1786.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Report made by Moore Furman, Esq. appointed a Commissioner to join such Commissioners as were appointed on the Part of the State of Pennsylvania to settle, agree, and accurately to describe, which of the Islands, Eylots, and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th of April 1783, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement ;

Ordered, That the said Report be read a second Time.

A Memorial was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying a Law might not be passed to grant to John Thorp the Privilege of erecting a Gristmill near the Mouth of Rahway River, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading when the Bill is brought in.

A Petition was presented to the House from Abraham Scott and Jonathan Scott, of the County of Burlington, praying a Law to remedy a Defect which they apprehend in the Last Will and Testament of their Father, which was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose at the last Sitting, brought in a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves ' into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Members of the Baptist Church, in the County of Cape-May, praying a Law to incorporate the said Church, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Eight Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, and four from the County of Middlesex, were read, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and loaned on landed Security ; and that the said Paper be declared a legal Tender for the Discharge of all Contracts whatsoever ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State was read, praying that Paper-Money may be made, and declared by Law a legal Tender, and issued in such Way as the Legislature shall think proper ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

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Two Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth were read, praying that One Hundred Thousand Pounds may be emitted in Paper-Money, to be sunk in twenty-one Years, and to be let out on landed Security, and declared by Law a legal Tender ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex were read, praying that Paper-Money may by Law be emitted on Loan, and made a legal Tender in all Cases whatsoever

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, setting forth the Scarcity of Gold and Silver, and praying that Paper-Money, to the Amount of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, may be issued on Loan, and made payable equal to Gold and Silver in all Cases whatever ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May, praying that Paper-Money may be made and put in Circulation, and made a legal Tender ;

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

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and issued on Loan upon the same Principles as the Paper-Money issued previous to the late War ;

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

Six Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Suffex were read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on the same Principles as the Loan-Office Money previous to the late War ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan on the same Principles as the Loan-Office Money let out before the War ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

One Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the State ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester ; one Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth ; three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Cape-May ; four Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex ; and three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington ; all remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein severally expressed, that Paper-Money may not be made :

Ordered, That the said Petitions be severally read a second Time.

A Petition was presented from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying that a Law may pass to permit the Petitioners to build a Bridge over Mantua Creek, by Subscription, at Smith's Landing ;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in each of the Townships of Deptford and Greenwich, and also the same Length of Time in the New-Jersey Gazette.

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

The House met.

Peter Schenck, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn, he took his Seat in the House. Mr.

Mr. Bowen attended, and took his Seat.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a Letter from Mr. Otto, Chargé de Affairs of France, dated New-York, 28th December, 1785, requesting Liberty for a Botanist of His Most Christian Majesty to purchase a Piece of thirty Acres of Land for the Purpose of facilitating the mutual Exchange of Trees and Plants, &c. of both Countries, which was read, and committed to Mr. Schenck and Mr. Hall to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that there may be a severe Penalty inflicted on Persons attempting to stop or prevent the natural Course of the Fish in South River and in Raritan River, &c. and another Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the same County, praying the first-mentioned Petition may not be granted; both which Petitions were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, praying the Jurisdiction of the Courts for the Trial of small Causes may be extended to the Amount of Fifty Pounds, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Widow and Legatees of James Sexton, setting forth, that by the unadvised Neglect of one Evidence, the Last Will of the said James Sexton is rendered not valid in the Law as to the Real Estate, and praying the said Will may be confirmed, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House by Richard Rogers, setting forth, that he had purchased a Plantation at the Sale of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and is in Danger of losing One-Third Part of the Use of the said Plantation during the Life of the Widow, whose Husband formerly owned the same, and praying the Legislature will protect him in the said Purchase, which was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, and one Petition from Cumberland, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted, and put out on Loan, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Four Petitions from 435 Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, and nine Petitions from the County of Middlesex, were severally read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Currency, and praying that no Paper-Money may be emitted to be put out on Loan agreeably to many Petitions circulating for that Purpose;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed on the 28th of November last, to enquire into the Validity of a Certificate given by Thomson Stelle, as Commissioner to settle Militia Accounts, to John Hampton for upwards of £. 560, as Lieutenant in the Militia in the County of Middlesex, and paid into the Treasury, reported as follows:

THAT we have made Enquiry into the Matter, and find, by sundry Certificates from the Officers of the Battalion in which said Hampton must have served, that the said Hampton never did hold a Lieutenant's Commission in the aforesaid Battalion, and of Course the said Certificate was fraudulently obtained.

JOHN COMBS;
JAMES BONNEY.

The House having taken into Consideration the above Report,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to bring an Action against said John Hampton, at the Suit of the State, for recovering the Amount of the Note to him given and paid into the Treasury, as mentioned in the said Report, and prosecute the same to Effect:

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

Two Petitions from the County of Suffex were read, praying that an additional Sum of Money may be made on the same Principles with that in Circulation called Revenue-Money, and appropriated towards the Discharge of the Interest on the domestick Debt, and remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be put out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

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

Saturday, February 18, 1786.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House the following Report:

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

“**W**E the Subscribers, Commissioners appointed in a Resolution of the 26th November last, beg Leave to Report,

“That we have examined the Contractors’ and other Certificates delivered by the Committee of the Legislature to the Auditor on the 16th of November last; have separated and made a Registry of such as should be charged to the United States; and have examined the Contractors’ Certificates which were received in Payment of Taxes by John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer; have endorsed, filed and registered them.

“That among the said Certificates we find ten Papers containing Accounts against the United States, Appraisements of Things taken by the American Army, and Receipts given to Persons who have furnished the said Army with Supplies amounting to £. 18 in Specie, and £. 1465 7 6 in Continental Currency; and one Surplus Certificate not signed by any Person, received for £. 108, Specie; which Papers we conceive to be improper Vouchers, and therefore have not registered, but lay them before the House for their Perusal and Direction.

“They further represent, that among the said Certificates were intermixed Receipts from the several Contractors to the County-Collectors for Contractors’ Certificates by them received agreeably to Law, which Receipts it appears have been handed forward in Discharge of the Taxes due from the several Counties, and the Certificates yet remain in the Hands of the Contractors: The Propriety of their continuing with the Contractors your Commissioners submit to the Legislature, at the same Time suggesting it as their Opinion, that they ought to be brought forward and registered with those already on Hand, the more effectually to check the Accounts of the said Contractors. With the above Papers they found also a Number of Surplus Certificates, which they endorsed and filed.

“Your Commissioners further beg Leave to report, that they have examined the Certificates lodged in the Auditor’s Office by the present Treasurer and others; have separated, registered and filed such as ought to be charged to the United States; and registered, endorsed and filed the Contractors’ Certificates; and separated, filed and marked the Surplus Certificates; they having already been endorsed and signed by Samuel Tucker and James Ewing, Esquires.

BENJAMIN SMITH,
MASKELL EWING, jun.”

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Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Lambert Cadwalader, Esquire, in Behalf of himself and others, was read, praying that the Legislature will not pass the Bill prayed for at the last Sitting to vest the Bog-Meadow, on the West Side of a Tract of Land between Pequannock and Passaic Rivers, in Persons for the Purpose of draining and dividing the same among the Heirs of Anthony Brockholst, Arent Schuyler and Nicholas Bayard, and for selling a Part of the same for defraying the Expences of dividing and improving the said Bog-Meadow, alleging that such a Law may very materially affect the Legality of his Title, and others claiming the same ;

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

A Petition from John Bowne and others, praying that the Real Estate of David Provost, deceased, in this State, may be vested in George Remsen and Daniel Ludlow, with Powers to sell the same, and appropriate the Proceeds thereof, as directed by the Testament and Last Will of the said David Provost, deceased, the Executor to the said Testament and Last Will having been attainted and banished ;

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph :

‘ Council-Chamber, February 18, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to bring an Action against John Hampton, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The Petition from Cook Howland, praying that an Act may be passed to direct the Sheriff, of the County of Monmouth, to make Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of said County, deceased, or of such Parts thereof as may satisfy such Executions as have been levied thereon, and that he may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last ; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next at three o’Clock, P. M.

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

The House met.

A Petition was presented from Sheppard Kollock and read, praying that he may be appointed Printer to the State of New-Jersey ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth was read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be put out on Loan, and praying that no Paper-Money may be emitted ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon was read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan with a lawful Tender in all Payments whatsoever ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The Petition from John Bowne and others, read this Morning, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

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The Bill, intitled, 'A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. R. S. Smith, Mr. Cook and Mr. Schuurman.

The Petition in Favour of a Company of Troops, late in the Service of this State, commanded by Captain Matthew Freeman, with the Vouchers accompanying the same, was read the second Time, and it appearing that no adequate Compensation has been received by them for their Services, therefore,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Accounts be, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue, under his Signature, Notes similar as nearly as may be to the Militia-Notes heretofore issued in this State, in Discharge of the Payrolls of said Company for their Services, from the first Day of August 1780, to the first Day of January 1781, and from the third Day of July 1780, to the first Day of August following, deducting from the Sums respectively due to each Officer and Soldier, as stated in said Payrolls, the One-Fortieth Part, being the Part advanced in Cash to the said Company by Isaac Halfey, late Paymaster to the Militia;

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

Mr. Schuurman, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Servants or Slaves,' was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Monday, February 20, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen was read, praying that a Law may pass more effectually to prevent trespassing with Guns, and hunting Deer with Dogs;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, 'A supplemental Act to the Act, intitled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Title: 'An Act to enable the several Townships, in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire;' which Bill was read by Paragraphs, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That Messrs. J. Smith, Sheppard and Sinnickson, be added to the Committee of this House, appointed at the last Sitting, finally to make a Settlement with John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer; and that Mr. Garritse do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint an additional Number of Members of their House to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The Report of Benjamin Smith and Maskell Ewing, junior, entered on Saturday last, was read a second Time; whereupon,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Papers described in the second Paragraph of said Report be committed to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of Mr. John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer; and that the Contractors' Receipts, mentioned in the above Report, be delivered to the Auditor of Accounts, and that he be directed immediately to write to the Superintendent of Purchases, requiring him, on or before the first Day of June next, to transmit or deliver to him all the Certificates in the Hands of the Contractors which they have received from the County-Collectors; and that upon receiving the said Certificates the Auditor do deliver up to him the aforesaid Receipts; and that the Auditor, on receiving those Certificates, do register them in the Books provided by, and in the Manner in which such Certificates have been registered by the above Commissioners:

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

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

The House met.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

'Ordered, Council-Chamber, February 20, 1786.

THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, An Act for the better regulating of Juries," sent to this House at the last Sitting, is passed without Amendment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last; and, after some Time spent thereon,

A Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Nicoll, in the following Words:

That notwithstanding the Legislature of this State, to give Efficacy to the Opposition made against Great-Britain in their Attempts to subjugate these United States, did assent to the general Confederation agreed to by Congress; yet this was done upon a Remonstrance to Congress against the Injustice and Inequality of the same, and a confident Reliance upon the Wisdom, Justice and Magnanimity of the several States to make such Alterations as upon more mature Deliberation might appear equitable: Such Alterations, though often in Part recommended by Congress, have not yet been obtained; nor hath the Requisition of Congress of April 1783, for a general Impost and Revenue, been complied with by all the States, especially by the States of New-York and Georgia: Though the Requisition is founded upon the most just and equal Principles, urged by Congress in the most forcible and persuasive Language; and the same being a Measure in the general Opinion absolutely necessary to the Existence of the United States in their confederated Capacity: While our neighbouring States, by their State-Imposts, are draining this State of Sums annually to a much larger Amount, as we have Reason to suppose, than our Quota of Specie called for by the late Requisition: That although this State hath at all Times manifested a Readiness to contribute a just Proportion towards the Publick Expence of the Union; yet cannot agree to Expenditures for the Promotion of Commerce of which we have no Participation, and at the same Time submit to contribute so largely as we now do to raise Revenues for the commercial States, while we share no Part of such Revenues, and over and above such Exactions to pay our full Proportion of Publick Debts into the Treasury of the United States, especially as nearly our whole Quota of the Publick Debt is due to citizens of this State for which it is our Duty to provide: And moreover the present Requisition of Congress directs Certificates for Payment of all Arrears of Interest to be issued, which will probably amount to a much larger

larger Sum than the Taxes called for will sink in a considerable Time; and if the Mode directed in the said Requisition for issuing Interest-Certificates should be continued in succeeding Years, those Certificates, which may happen to be a Surplus over and above the Sum called for by Taxes in any one Year, as they draw no Interest, must be reduced to little or no Value, to the great Loss and Injury of most of the Publick Creditors, especially those of this State, by Reason of the large Proportion they hold of Publick Securities: For all which and many other Reasons which might be offered,

Resolved, That this House cannot, consistent with the Duty they owe to their Constituents, comply with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th of September last in the Mode therein directed, or agreeable to the Spirit thereof, or any other of a similar Nature requiring Specie, until all the States in the Union shall comply with the Requisition of April 1783 for an Impost and Revenue; or at least until the several States, having the Advantage of Commerce which they now enjoy solely from the joint Exertions of the United States, shall forbear exacting Duties or Imposts upon Goods and Merchandise for the particular Benefit of their respective States, thereby drawing Revenues from other States whose local Situations and Circumstances will not admit their enjoying similar Advantages from Commerce.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion and Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,		

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, were read, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and put out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that Paper-Money may not be emitted;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, remonstrating against the Inequality of the present Mode of Taxation, and praying that two or more Freeholders may, at the Town-Meetings, be appointed to assist the Assessor or Assessors, with extensive discretionary Powers; and that the Town-Meetings in said County may by Law be directed to be held on the second Monday in April, instead of the second Tuesday in March;

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

Ordered, That Mr. Starke and Mr. Stillwell be a Committee to examine and report what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, since the last Sitting.

A Petition from Benjamin Shotwell was read, praying that the Interest due him on Certificates in his Possession may be paid by the Treasurer, or that he might be empowered to pledge Certificates for Money equal to Lands, if a Loan-Office should take Place;

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

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings of the Courts of Law;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Council-Chamber, February 20, 1786.

'*Ordered*,
THAT Mr. Holmes be added to the Committee appointed by the House at the last Sitting for finally making a Settlement with John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer; and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith,'

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves;' and, after having gone through the same by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, February 21, 1786.

The House met

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the several Townships in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire,' was read and compared; *Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,		
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in John Cafe, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title, late of Joseph Barton, to One Hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland was read, remonstrating

remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that no Paper-Money may be emitted ;

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

Four Petitions from the County of Morris, praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and let out on Loan, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

A Petition from Theodocia and William Norcross, Executrix and Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, praying that an Act may pass to enable them, or the Survivor of them, to make a Title to a Lot of Land, with the Appurtenances, situate at the New-Mills, in the County of Burlington, to comply with an Article of Agreement and Obligation entered into by the said Testator ;

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

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset were read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that no Paper-Money may be emitted ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Morris, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be emitted on Loan, and praying that an additional Sum of Money may be emitted on the same Principles with the Money now in Circulation called Revenue-Money ;

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

Five Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Morris ; two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset ; and one Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon ; all praying that Paper-Money may be issued on Loan, were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Petition from Stephen Kent and Phebe his Wife was read, praying that a Law may pass to authorize them to dispose of, and make a good and sufficient Deed of Conveyance in Fee-simple for a Tract of Land belonging to the two Daughters of the Wife of the said Stephen Kent ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

A Petition from Frederick King, Coroner of the County of Morris, was read, setting forth, that he hath several Bills of Costs for Inquisitions taken before him, upon which he can get no Fees ; nor will the Justices and Freeholders allow him any, and praying that a Law may pass to provide for the Discharge of the said Bills of Costs ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, ' An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' reported the same with sundry Amendments ; which Bill, as amended, was read, and the further Consideration ordered to be resumed on Tuesday next.

A Motion was made by Mr. Sinnickson, seconded by Mr. Swain, that on Tuesday next the Doors of the House be open ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Blaire,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Whilden,		
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Burgin,		
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sheppard,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardslee.		
Mr. T. Clark,			

The Petition from Theodosia and William Norcross, Executrix and Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, was read a second Time ;

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. R. S. Smith, J. Smith and Biddle, who are directed to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and make Report thereon.

A Petition from 450 Inhabitants of this State, lying near the Line of Partition between the Eastern and Western Part thereof, was read, setting forth, that a Dispute has long subsisted between the East and West-Jersey Proprietors, and praying that Commissioners may be appointed to settle all Disputes between the General Proprietors of East and West-Jersey by a Law of the State, that the general Peace of the State may be the better established, and all further Disturbances prevented ;

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

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex and Somerset,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

' Council-Chamber, February 21, 1786.

' **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Commissioners appointed in a Resolution of the 26th November last, and also the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 20th Instant accompanying the same ;

' *Resolved*, That the House do approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.'

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

Wednesday, February 22, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Theodosia and William Norcross, reported as follows :

THAT having examined the Papers, as Vouchers accompanying the said Petition, we do find the several Matters therein set forth to be true.

By Order of the Committee,

R. S. SMITH.

Whereupon,

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Theodofia and William Norcrofts have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon was read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be issued on Loan, and praying that no such Paper may be emitted;

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vest in John Cafe, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton, to One Hundred Acres of Land which has been confiscated to this State, 'situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor of this Day was laid before the House by the Speaker, accompanied with an Act of the United States in Congress respecting the System of general Revenue recommended in the Act of the 18th April 1783, and a Schedule of the French and Dutch Loans, shewing the Periods of their Redemption, and the annual Interest payable thereon until their final Extinction, for which Provision is yet to be made; also a Copy of the Act of the 18th April 1783, and a Letter from General Knox of the 16th Instant, informing that Captain Derick Lane had declined to act on his Appointment; which Message and Papers were read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the two first-mentioned Papers be referred to Messrs. Schuurman, A. Clark and Combs, to report thereon; and that the Letter from General Knox be laid before the Joint-Meeting by the Speaker.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money to be emitted on Loan, and praying that no such Paper may be issued;

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

On Motion of Mr Walton, seconded by Mr. Combs,

Resolved, That the Resolution of this House of the 29th November last, and concurred in by Council the same Day, directing the Treasurer to delay paying the Interest on certain Certificates therein described be, and the same is hereby repealed so far only as it respects Loan-Office Certificates and other liquidated Debts of the United States.

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

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Time of holding the 'annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Effex, Middlefex and Somersfet,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Garriste,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Blaire,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Burlington was read, remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying, for Reasons therein contained, that Paper-Money may not be issued and let out on Loan;

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

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

A Petition from John Butler, late a Commissioner of forfeited Estates in the County of Burlington, was read, praying that he may be excused from making up the Depreciation on £. 5360 17 6, belonging to the State, which he lent to Colonel William Shreve in July 1779.

A Motion was made by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, that the said Petition be read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	

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

A Petition from Kenneth Hankinson, Collector of the County of Monmouth, was read, setting forth, that he had received a large Sum of Money in Payment of Taxes in Coppers, at twelve to the Shilling, and Half-pence as Pence; that the Treasurer and Loan-Officer of this State refuses to receive the said Money in any other Way than that of thirty Half-pence or fifteen Coppers to the Shilling;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

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

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

Thursday, February 23, 1786.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, February 22, 1786.

THAT Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, and Part of the Township of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, into a City, and for incorporating the same by the Name of "The City of Trenton," and for declaring the same a free City and Port for the Term of twenty-five Years," is rejected by this House.

Council-Chamber, February 22, 1786.

APETITION from the Honourable Robert Hoops, Esquire, setting forth, that the Legislature, at their last Sitting, by their Resolution, ordered the Treasurer to give unto the said Mr. Hoops a Certificate, certifying

‘fying that the State of New-Jersey was indebted unto him in the Sum of £. 1305 4 6, which Certificate he has refused to accept, on Account of his being dissatisfied with the Settlement of his Demand, and praying that the Legislature would direct the Attorney-General to enter the Appearance of the State to an Action, to be by him instituted, whereby the Matter may be tried by a Jury of the Country, was read ; whereupon,

‘*Resolved*, That the Attorney-General of this State be authorized, and he is hereby directed, in case the said Robert Hoops, Esquire, should commence an Action for the Purpose mentioned in his said Petition, to enter the Appearance of this State to the said Action.’

Which Petition and Resolution were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Bergen ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New-Jersey, and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same, and for securing to the General Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Rights and just Claims,’ was read a second Time.

The Petition against the same from the East-Jersey Proprietors was read.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors then proceeded in Favour of the said Bill, until the House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors proceeded in their Arguments in Favour of the Bill before the House, until the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, February 24, 1786.

The House met.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors proceeded in their Arguments in Favour of the Bill before the House ; and, after having gone through the same,

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

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘*Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, February 24, 1786.

‘**T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to vest in John Case, of the County of Suffex, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right and Title of Joseph Barton, to One Hundred Acres of Land, which has been confiscated to this State, situate in New-Town, in the County of Suffex,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

‘*Ordered*,

‘**T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, “An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Effex, Middlesex and Somerset,” with the Amendments

ments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors began with their Arguments in Opposition to the Bill before the House.

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

Saturday, February 25, 1786.

The House met.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors proceeded until the House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors continued their Objections to the Bill before the House, until the House adjourned to Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, February 27, 1786.

The House met.

The Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors went through their Objections to the Bill before the House, and then the House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Council for the West-Jersey Proprietors were heard in Reply to the Objections made by the Council for the East-Jersey Proprietors; and, after having completed their Reply,

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

Tuesday, February 28, 1786.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New-Jersey, and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same, and for securing to the General Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Possessions, Rights and just Claims; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardslee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Bunn,			

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Speaker laid before the House the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of ' Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the ' said Testator ;' which Bill was read ; and the Petitioners in Favour of the said Bill were heard, and a Person appearing in Opposition thereto was also heard ;

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

Mr. Hall, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable Andrè Michauz to purchase a ' certain Tract of Land ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

One Petition from the County of Suffex ; six Petitions from the County of Burlington ; eight Petitions from the County of Somerset ; eleven Petitions from the County of Hunterdon ; three Petitions from the County of Middlesex ; and three Petitions from different Parts of the State ; all praying that Paper-Money may be issued and let out on Loan, with a legal Tender, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Bergen ; a Petition from the County of Burlington ; a Petition from the County of Salem ; and a Petition from the County of Hunterdon ; all remonstrating against the Emission of Paper-Money, and praying that no such Paper may be emitted, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

One Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, and three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, all praying that Paper-Money may be emitted and let out on Loan, were severally read, and ordered a second Reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for making current £. 100,000 in Bills of Credit, ' to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

A Motion was made by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to amend the Title of the Bill by striking out the Words, ' to be let out on Loan,' and inserting in Lieu thereof the following Words : ' To be appropriated towards ' paying the Interest and Principal on the State-Debt, and to direct the Mode ' for sinking the same ;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Kelley,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.
		Mr. Blaie,	

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinon,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Blaire,			

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

Mr. Starke, from the Committee appointed to examine, and report to the House, such Publick Laws as have expired since the last Sitting of the Legislature, as well as those Laws that are near expiring, reported as follows, to wit :

AN ACT to erect and establish in the several Counties in this State, then Colony, Courts for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former ACT for that Purpose, passed February 11, 1775, expires at the End of this Session.

JOHN STARKE,
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

A Petition from the Administrators of the Estate of David Rodgers, deceased, and the Heirs of Joseph Rodgers, deceased, lately Proprietors of the Ferry erected on the West Side of the Passaic River, on the Road leading from Newark to the Road that leads from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, and a Memorial from Archibald Kennedy by Robert Watts his Attorney, were read, praying that the Legislature will not pass a Law on the Petition of the Trustees of the Roads and Ferries leading from Newark to the Road that leads from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, agreeably to their Prayer at the last Sitting :

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

Council-Chamber, February 28, 1786.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, " A Supplement to an ACT, intitled, An ACT to empower the Agent for forfeited Estates of the County of Bergen to sell, by Publick Auction, on the Premises, on the first Day of April next ensuing, which will be in the Year of our LORD 1785, that Part of the Real Estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in this State," &c. is passed by this House without Amendment ; and that the Bill, intitled, " An ACT to enable the several Townships, in the Counties of Middlesex, Burlington and Gloucester, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing the Roads by Hire," is rejected by this House.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Eldredge do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, " An ACT to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves ;" with the Amendments made thereto, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, March 1, 1786.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Counties of Essex, Middlesex, Somerset and Morris,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Garritte,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land, agreeable to Contract entered into by said Norcross;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Princeton was read, praying that the said Congregation may have the Benefit of a Corporation;

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

A Petition from Joseph Hugg, Esquire, of the County of Gloucester, was read, praying that the State would make Provision for paying the Interest on Certificates given by Jonathan Burrell, Esquire, to the Inhabitants of this State, of which he is possessed to a large Amount;

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

Three Petitions from the County of Essex were read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex was read, praying that Freeholders may be appointed, at the annual Town-Meetings, with extensive discretionary Power, to assist the Assessors in laying Taxes;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of this State was read, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to lay an Impost-Duty on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this State from the neighbouring States;

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, remonstrating

ing against the Emission of Paper-Money to be issued on Loan, and praying that an additional Sum of Revenue-Money may be made and paid out towards the Discharge of the Interest on the national Debt, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

A Motion was made by Mr. Whilden, seconded by Mr. Schuurman, to strike out, in the Form of the Bill, in the second Section, after the Words 'in all Payments,' the following Words: 'Equal to Gold or Silver;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Blaire,			

A Motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. T. Clark, that in quotaing the Sums to be let out on Loan to each of the Counties in the State, the County of Gloucester may not have any of the said Bills quotaed to them, but that their Proportion may be quotaed upon the other Counties, and that none of the Advantages nor Disadvantages arising thereon may be extended to the said County of Gloucester; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Houghton,		
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Blaire,			

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

A Petition from Derick Vreeland, of the County of Bergen, was read, setting forth, that at an early Period of the War the Enemy of the United States took seven Horses and twenty-nine Neat-Cattle, the whole Stock of his Farm; that he went to the Enemy in order to procure from them Compensation for the Property they had taken from him; that he was afterwards indicted for the same, and fined, which Fine, and the Fees of the Prosecution, he paid; that afterwards the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, in the County of Bergen, took an Inquisition and proceeded to final Judgment against his Real Estate for having joined the Enemy; and that the same is now liable to be sold with

with other forfeited Estates by the Agent of said County whenever the Legislature shall see Cause to order the same, and praying that, instead of being sold for the Benefit of the State, the Legislature would pass a Law to confirm to him the said Estate, and set aside the Inquisition had;

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,' with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read a second Time;

Resolved, That the House agree to all the said Amendments, except the last, and in that Respect do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Blaire do carry the said Bill and Amendments to Council, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, 'intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the said Testator,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Walfon,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Four Petitions from different Parts of this State were read, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from Thomas Little was read, praying that in the Bill prayed for by John and George Ely a Clause may be inserted to compel the said John and George Ely to make good all Contracts and Settlements heretofore made by them, or either of them, in Behalf of their Father; also a Petition from sundry other Persons desiring the like Provision may be made in the Bill:

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. R. S. Smith, to insert in the 15th Section, after the Words 'lying and being in the same County,' the following Words: 'Or by a Deposit of State-Securities agreeably to the Directions herein after contained;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Longstreet.		

A Motion was made by Mr. Whilden, seconded by Mr. Swain, to insert, after the several Blanks for the periodical Payments in the Form of the Mortgage-Deed, in the 20th Section, the following Words: ‘ In Gold or Silver, or such a Sum of Money emitted by this Act as shall be the Exchange thereof passing at that Time;’ on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,		
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Houghton,		
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelley,			

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

Council-Chamber, March 1, 1786.

‘ *Ordered*,
THAT Mr. Kitchel do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled,
 “ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions,
 “ and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,” with the Amendments, and acquaint
 ‘ them that this House recede from the Amendment disagreed to by the House
 ‘ of Assembly.’

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

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

Thursday, March 2, 1786.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,’ was read and compared;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Kelley do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

A Motion was made by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to insert, after the Words 'Gold or Silver,' in the 33d Section, the following Words, to wit:

'For which Suits or Actions at Law shall hereafter be commenced, or for which such Suits may, before the Publication hereof, have been commenced, and the Plaintiff shall refuse to withdraw the same, or to stay Proceedings thereon.'

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,
		Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,
		Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said 33d Section? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable Andrè Michaux to purchase a certain Tract of Land,' was read a second Time, and the Title amended to read as follows: 'An Act to enable Andrè Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions.'

The Bill was also further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation in Hopewell, in the County of Hunterdon, was read, praying that the same Congregation may have the Benefit of a Corporation;

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

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable Andrè Michaux to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions,' was read and compared;

compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blairst,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon was read, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to lay a Duty or Impost on all Goods, Wares or Merchandize imported into this State from the neighbouring States ;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Townships of Nottingham and Trenton was read, praying that a Part of the Township of Trenton, and a Part of the Township of Nottingham, may have the Benefit of a Corporation, with the Power of making By-Laws for their internal Police and Government ;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from John Fitch was read, setting forth his Proposal of applying the Force of a Steam-Engine to the Use of Navigation by impelling Vessels to go through the Water with considerable Rapidity without the Assistance of Wind or Current, and many other useful Purposes, and praying that a Committee may be appointed to examine his proposed Plan, and grant him such Encouragement, on the Report of the Committee, as his Proposals may appear to deserve ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be dismissed.

A Petition from Joseph Borden, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying that he may be permitted to pay forward Continental Money in Discharge of an Action commenced against him at the Suit of the State, and that the said Action be discontinued ;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, of the County of Middlesex, praying that Paper-Money may be made and put out on Loan, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Daniel Peirson, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of Essex, was read, setting forth, that he became Security for Benjamin Williams to a Person in New-York for upwards of £. 700, for which Money he is now confined in Gaol ; that all his other Creditors are willing that he should take the Benefit of the insolvent Act but the Person to whom he became Security for the aforesaid Sum in New-York ; that without the Interposition of the Legislature he must languish in a loathsome Gaol the Remainder of his Life, and praying that a Law may pass to release him from Confinement ;

Ordered,

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

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for draining and making 'Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on Pequannuck River, 'in the County of Bergen, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Report of Moore Furman, Esquire, read on the 17th February last, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Cooper, Biddle, Lambert and Hankinson, to report thereon to the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating 'the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs 'and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and Delegates to represent the said 'State in the Congress of the United States,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Cook, Sinnickson and Blaire.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the following Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in the Congress of the United States:

To the Honourable Lambert Cadwalader, John Cleves-Symmes and Josiah Hornblower, Delegates representing the State of New-Jersey in Congress.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the Representatives of the State of New-Jersey in Council and Assembly met, think it a Duty we owe to our Constituents, particularly at the present Crisis, to apprize you of our Sentiments on certain Subjects of high Publick Concern.

The Legislature of this State, early in the late Revolution, represented to Congress their Ideas on sundry Parts of the Confederation, and, among the Rest, on the general Subject of Commerce and Duties upon Trade. You observe them entered on the Journals of the 25th of June 1778. At that Time the Publick Debt was not an Object of so great Attention, otherwise doubtless it would have been first in their Thoughts upon the Appropriation of those Duties. When the Revenue-System of 18th April 1783 was passed in Congress, we were then in Hopes that our Situation, between two commercial States, would no longer operate to our Detriment; and that those States, and others in their Predicament, were at Length convinced of the selfish and palpable Injustice of subjecting others to their Exactions, and then applying those Exactions to the Augmentation of their respective private Revenues.

The same contracted and destructive Policy that hath long subsisted still continues; and as we are convinced that neither Publick Credit can be supported, the Publick Debts paid, or the Existence of the Union maintained, without the Impost-Revenue in some beneficial, effective Manner, it has become our Duty to instruct you,

To vote against each and every Ordinance, Resolution and Proceeding whatsoever, which shall produce any Expence to New-Jersey, for the Promotion or Security of the Commerce of these States, or any of them, from which neither the Union in general, nor this State in particular, derives any Advantage, until all the States shall effectually and substantially adopt and carry into Execution the Impost above mentioned.

You will see, by the above Representation, that the Legislature of this State have uniformly held the same Justice of Sentiment respecting the Vacant or Crown Lands, as they were formerly called; relative to which you are instructed,

To vote against each and every Ordinance, Resolution and Proceeding whatsoever, which shall tend to charge this State with any Expence for acquiring, gaining Possession of, or defending such Territory claimed by, or which

is to accrue to, the exclusive Benefit of any particular State or States, and not to the Union at large.

The Legislature has beheld, with much Concern, Gratuities, Advances of Money, and partial Payments, made by Congress to importuning Creditors and others, not regulated by any general and equal System, which not only impoverish the Treasury, but produce Discontents, and furnish bad Precedents;

You are therefore instructed not to assent to any such Payments, or to the Payment of any particular Debts, other than foreign Loans, in Preference to others of a like Nature, whereby a Discrimination of Creditors may take Place. It were well if the Publick could pay all promptly, but as that is impracticable, it is absolutely necessary to act upon settled uniform Plans in paying as far as the Revenue can extend.

The above Instructions were read, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Friday, March 3, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in the Congress of the United States was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. R. S. Smith do carry the said Instructions to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. R. S. Smith reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from Ezekiel Johnson, of the County of Monmouth, was read, accompanied with an Agreement between him and John Williams for the exchanging Titles to certain Lands in said County, and setting forth, that before he had made a Title to the said John Williams, or the said John Williams had made a Title to him for the said Lands, the said John Williams took Refuge with the British Army, by which his Estate has become forfeited to this State, and praying that a Law may pass to confirm the said Agreement;

Ordered, That the said Petition and Article of Agreement be read a second Time.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.'

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, in the 34th Section, after the Words 'shall lose,' strike out the Words, 'the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so refused,' and insert in Lieu thereof the following: 'The Interest which may accrue on the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so refused after the Tender as aforesaid, for and during the Term for which the Bills emitted by this Act are made current between Man and Man. *Provided always,* That if the Creditor shall at any Time after such Tender and Refusal declare to the Debtor his Willingness to receive the said Bills, that in such Case Interest shall again commence from and after the Willingness of the Creditor to receive said Bills signified as aforesaid.'

On which a Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Walton, that the further Consideration of the said Motion be postponed in order to take up the following to be inserted in the Room thereof:

'And for-ever be excluded from recovering any Interest which may arise or accrue on the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money so tendered by
'or

‘ or in Behalf of the Debtor, and refused by the Creditor after Tender made
‘ as aforesaid, for and during the Term for which the Bills emitted by this
‘ Act shall by Law be current between Man and Man: And every Creditor,
‘ who shall refuse the said Bills upon Tender thereof as aforesaid, shall, over
‘ and above the Loss of Interest, be precluded and barred from bringing his,
‘ her or their Action or Actions, or prosecuting or carrying on any such Action
‘ or Actions for Recovery of the said Debt or Debts, Sum or Sums of Money
‘ so refused, for and during the Term for which the Bills emitted by this Act
‘ shall by Law be current between Man and Man as aforesaid: And all Judg-
‘ ments and Executions which have been or shall be obtained or issued against
‘ any Debtor or Debtors, remaining unpaid at the Time Tender may be made
‘ in said Bills for discharging the same, shall be vacated, and the same is and
‘ are hereby declared to be void to all Intents and Purposes as though no such
‘ Judgment had been obtained or Execution issued.

‘ Provided always, any Thing herein contained before to the contrary notwith-
‘ standing, that if any Creditor, refusing said Bills of Credit upon Tender made of
‘ any Debt or Demand as aforesaid, shall, in the Presence of two credible Witnesses,
‘ at any Time after such Tender during the Currency of said Bills, inform
‘ the Debtor who made such Tender, or his or her Executors or Administra-
‘ tors, that he or she having so refused is willing to receive the Bills tendered
‘ as aforesaid, the Debtor who made the Tender, and his and her Executors
‘ and Administrators, shall be allowed one Year after such Information to pay
‘ the said Debt or Demand before tendered; until the Expiration of which
‘ said Year no Interest shall be allowed from the Time of Tender, or any Acti-
‘ on or Suit be commenced or prosecuted for such Debt or Demand; and if
‘ any such Action shall be brought or prosecuted, the Defendant may plead this
‘ Act in Bar to the same, and Judgment shall thereupon be entered in his or
‘ her Favour accordingly.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to postpone the Motion of Mr. Schuurman, to give Place to the Motion of Mr. A. Clark? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion of Mr. A. Clark? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Bowen, to insert the following Words after the foregoing Amendment, to wit :

‘ And provided also, That Nothing herein contained shall prevent any Person from prosecuting for any Debt due, or that shall or may hereafter become due, unless such Debtor shall give Security to the Creditor for the Payment of such Debt, agreeable to their Engagements at such Time as they are hereby made payable.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

On the Question, Whether the 35th Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Bunn,			

On the Question, Whether the 36th Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blaire,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

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

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

The House met.

A Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at New-Brunswick was read, praying that the said Congregation may have the Benefit of a Lottery, the better to enable them to finish their House which they are building for the Publick Worship of God ;

Ordered,

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

A Petition from Captain Nathaniel Porter, of Colonel Frelinghuyfen's Regiment, of Somerset Militia, accompanied with an Account against the United States, and praying Payment from this State, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Abraham Johnston, of the County of Suffex, was read, praying that the Legislature would remit to him £. 10 10 0, Money by him paid to an Attorney to defend him at the Suit of the Administrators of William Wiggins, who brought an Action against him for taking Cattle, by Order of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of the County of Suffex, from the said William Wiggins ;

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same : '

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. R. S. Smith, to insert the following Section at the End of the Bill :

' And be it further Enacted, That any one or more of such Mortgages, herein directed to be taken by the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, shall at any Time hereafter be transferred and assigned over by the Commissioners of any County who shall be applied to for the Purpose, to any Person or Persons applying for such Assignment of any one or more of the said Mortgages, and tendering to such Commissioners, or any one of them, the full Amount due thereon at the Time of such Application ; which Mortgage or Mortgages, thus assigned over, shall vest the Assignee or Assignees with as good a Title to the mortgaged Premises in his, her or their own Right, as was by this Act vested in such Commissioners of the Loan-Office for the Use of the State before such Assignment ; and, on Failure of the Mortgagor to comply with the Conditions of the Mortgage, it shall and may be lawful for any such Assignee or Assignees to apply to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office in the County where the mortgaged Premises are situated, who are hereby required to proceed to the Sale of the mortgaged Premises in Manner and Form herein before directed, and shall pay the whole Sum due on the Mortgage into the Hands of such Assignee or Assignees, or his, her or their lawful Representative, and the Remainder, if any, agreeably to the Provision herein before contained.'

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Section ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Marth,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,
		Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,
		Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.
		Mr. Bunn,	

A Motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Biddle, that the following be inserted at the End of the Bill :

' Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That if the Justices and Freeholders of any County in this State, when met agreeable to the Directions of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to appoint a Commissioner of the Loan-Office

‘ Office for said County, and shall certify the same to the Treasurer under the
 ‘ Hands of a Majority of all the chosen Freeholders, and at least three of the
 ‘ Justices of the said County, within one Month after such Meeting, then and in
 ‘ such Case the Treasurer shall deliver the Bills of Credit for such County to
 ‘ the Commissioners of the other Counties, appointed agreeably to the Directi-
 ‘ ons of this Act, in just Proportions agreeably to their Quota of Tax, which
 ‘ Commissioners shall loan out such Bills of Credit in the same Manner and
 ‘ under the same Regulations and Restrictions as the Quota of such County
 ‘ before assigned them by this Act, and then in such Case Nothing in this
 ‘ Act contained shall farther affect any of the Inhabitants of such County so
 ‘ neglecting or refusing.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Section? It was car-
 ried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Burgin.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,			

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

‘ *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 3, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint
 ‘ them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize and empower the Ex-
 ‘ cutors of the Testament and Last Will of Benjamin Doty, late of the County
 ‘ of Somerset, deceased, or the Survivor of them, to fulfil the Intention of the
 ‘ said Testator,” is rejected by this House; and that the two following Bills,
 ‘ to wit, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act incorporating the Justices and chosen
 ‘ Freeholders in the several Counties in this State for the Purpose of taking
 ‘ Titles for Lots of Land on which the Courthouses, Gaols and other Publick
 ‘ Buildings belonging to the said respective Counties are now or hereafter
 ‘ may be erected;” and the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable André Michaux
 ‘ to purchase Lands in the State of New-Jersey under certain Restrictions,”
 ‘ are passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 3, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the
 ‘ House of Assembly of the 18th of last Month, relative to authorizing
 ‘ the Auditor of Accounts to issue State-Notes, similar as may be to the Militia-
 ‘ Notes heretofore issued, in Discharge of the Payrolls of Captain Freeman’s
 ‘ Company, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 3, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Instructions to the De-
 ‘ legates of this State in Congress, sent from the House of Assembly for
 ‘ Concurrence,

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Saturday, March 4, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Nottingham was read, praying that if a Charter of Incorporation should be given to the Inhabitants of Trenton, the Township of Nottingham may not be included;

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

A Petition from William Arnold, of the County of Monmouth, setting forth, that he had lost his Deeds for a certain Tract of Land by the Devastation of the Enemy, and praying that some Mode may by a Law be established to confirm the Lands by him held by Virtue of the said Deed to him, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Part of the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth, praying that a new County may be set off from the Counties of Monmouth and Burlington, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, 'An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States,' reported the same with sundry Amendments; and the same being further amended in the House,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at New-Brunswick read Yesterday, was read a second Time; and, on Motion of Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Marsh,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill so far agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition as to appropriate the Money to be raised equally between the Society of New-Brunswick and the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town.

Mr. Starke, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act for quieting the Titles of sundry Persons therein described,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 6, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State, to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their

' their Hands, and for making Compensafion for their Services,' was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the fame do pafs.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States,' was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the fame do pafs ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Sinnickson, R. S. Smith, A. Clark and Garritse.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower John and George Ely, junior, to take Charge of the Estate of George Ely, senior, in Trust for the said George Ely, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

The House met.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Last Will and Testament of William Van-Scuyver, late of the Township of Willingborough, County of Burlington, and State of New-Jersey, deceased ;' which Bill was read, and the Parties for and against the same were heard with their Witnesses before the House ;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying that Paper-Money may be made, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marsh, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize John Thorp to erect a Bank, Dam and Waterworks in and across the South Branch of Rahway River ;' which Bill was read ; and the Petitions both for and against the said Bill were also read ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a second Time ? It was carried in the Negative ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to establish and confirm the Last Will and Testament of William Van-Scuyver, late of the Township of Willingborough, County of Burlington, and State of New-Jersey, deceased,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Minister, Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of St. Andrew's Church, in Mount-Holly, was read, praying that a Law may pass to alter and confirm their Charter of Incorporation ;

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

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadow, Marsh and Swamp, on Oldman's Creek, in the County of Salein, was read, praying that a Law may pass to compel every Owner and Holder to keep and maintain their Part of such Banks, Sluices and Works in good Repair, as are or may hereafter be erected; and that Managers, chosen annually by the Owners and Possessors, may have Power to assess and recover the Expences necessary on the Delinquents;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting to answer the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in five of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood.

The Message from the Council by Mr. Clark, of the 22d February last, with the Resolution therein contained, authorizing the Attorney-General to enter the Appearance of the State to an Action to be instituted by the Honourable Robert Hoops, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do not concur in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the Council, and acquaint them thereof.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that the Doors of this House may be kept open, and that the Citizens of the State may be permitted to attend to hear the important Debates of the House, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On Motion,

Resolved, That Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, be allowed, at the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum, for his Services in that Appointment the present Year, and also the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds for hiring a Clerk to assist him whenever he may find such Assistance necessary; and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham to the Treasurer of the State for the said Sums shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts;

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

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was laid before the House by the Speaker, accompanied with,

1. A Letter from the Commissioner for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States, of the 25th of February last, requesting that the Time to which he is limited may be extended for three Months.

2. A Letter from Secretary Thomson of the 28th February last, on the Subject of the Act of Congress of the 7th June last, recommending to the several States to make Provision for Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States, with a Copy of the said Act.

3. A Letter from Secretary Thomson of the 3d Instant, respecting the Representation in Congress. And,

4. A State of such Representation for the Month of February last.

Which Message and Papers were severally read;

Ordered, That the first-mentioned Paper be by the Speaker delivered to His Excellency, and that he be requested to apply to Congress to get the Time prolonged agreeably to the Contents of the said Letter; and that the other three do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, March 7, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen,' was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Mr. Cooper, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Memorial from John Beatty and William Shute, praying that Provision may be made by the State for paying the Interest on Notes given by Jonathan Burrell, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein contained ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark, Schuurman, Sheppard, Nicoll, Cooper, Biddle and Lambert.

The Petition from Derick Vreeland, of the County of Bergen, read the first Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen, read on the 16th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to vacate all Roads leading to Bergen Point, in the County of Bergen, and to provide for the laying out and Establishment of a new Road or Roads to the said Point,' was read a second Time :

An Amendment was moved to the Title of the said Bill to read as follows :

'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned, and also to authorize the Overseers of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay in said County ;' and, fundry other Amendments having been made,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Petition from the Legatees, named in the Last Will and Testament of James Sexton, setting forth, that there is but two subscribing Witnesses to the said Will, by which Means they are deprived of an Opportunity of carrying into Effect the said Testament and Last Will, and praying that a Law may pass to confirm and establish the said Will, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for incorporating certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading. The

The Petition from Captain Abraham Johnston, read the 3d Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, hercin after mentioned, and also to authorize the Surveyors of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay in said County,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunni,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet,	
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Lambert,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. T. Clark do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

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

The House met.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with an Act of Congress of the 3d Instant, relative to Commerce, and giving an Account of the several States that have passed Laws in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress of the 30th of April 1784; which Message, and the Paper accompanying the same, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Members of the First Presbyterian Congregation at Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill for incorporating the said Society, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may not pass to authorize the erecting a Bridge over Mantua Creek at Smith's Landing, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Abraham Hewlings, President of the Board of West-Jersey Proprietors, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Bill before the House, intituled, 'An Act for quieting the Titles of sundry Persons therein described,' may not pass, and that they may be heard by their Council to shew the Impropriety of passing the same, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the City of Burlington, praying that the Charter of Incorporation, granted to the City of Burlington, may by Law be abolished, was read; a Petition was also presented from the Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Burlington, in common Council assembled, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that their Charter may not be abolished, which was also read, and the said Petitions were ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to erect and establish Courts for the Trial of small Causes in the State of New-Jersey, and to repeal all former Laws for that Purpose,' reported the same

same with fundry Amendments; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Speaker.	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Hankinon.
Mr. Sinnickson,			

Whereupon,

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Council-Chamber, March 7, 1786.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. M. Ogden do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments."

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Council-Chamber, March 7, 1786.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased," and request their Concurrence therein; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for Officers, Soldiers or Seamen, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States," is passed by this House without Amendment."

Which first-mentioned Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings of the Courts of Law,' was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the first Section? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. J. Smith,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Hankinon,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Davis,			

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

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, March 8, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Sinnickson, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into the said Township, above the Flow of the Tide, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for those Purposes;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' with the Amendment made thereto by Council, was read a second Time;

Resolved, That the House do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Davis do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law;' and, after having gone through the said Bill by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 8, 1786.

THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned, and also to authorize the Surveyors of the Highways to stop or alter the Road along Newark Bay in said County," is rejected by this House.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the constituting and appointing of Trustees to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Last Wills and Testaments of Henry Cuyler the elder, and Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hankinson.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Hall,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelley,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every

‘ every religious Society or Congregation in this State for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,’ was read a second Time, and the Title was amended to read as follows: ‘ An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire;’ and the said Bill being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Richard Wister, setting forth, that he has Demands against sundry Estates which have been confiscated to this State; that at the Time those Demands were called for by the State of New-Jersey, he was beyond Sea, and praying that his Demands may be attended to, and discharged by the State;

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

Two Petitions from the County of Hunterdon, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace may be extended, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose;’ which Bill was read; and ordered a second Reading.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 8, 1786.

THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House recede from the Amendment made to the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services.”

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for altering the Place of holding the Inferior Court of Common-Pleas and Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen,” is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Petition from Thomas Stevenson, of the City of New-York, stating Demands against Estates which have been forfeited to this State, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from Isaac Vanderbeck, late Collector of the County of Bergen, was read, setting forth, that he had paid several Orders agreeably to Law, which the Treasurer refuses to accept, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to receive the same;

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

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of drained Meadow, lying on Mill Creek, in the Townships of Salem and Mannington, in the County of Salem,

Salem, was read, praying that a Law may pass to oblige each and every Owner and Possessor of the Meadows on the said Creek to contribute a just Proportion of the Expence of keeping up the Dams, Banks and Waterworks, for the effectual Improvement of the said Meadow, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition was also presented and read, from Samuel Nicholson, for himself and others, Owners of Lands and Meadows on Mill Creek, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the Petitioners in the foregoing Petition may not have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer contained in their Petition, or that if they have Leave to present a Bill, he may be heard by his Council against the passing the same into a Law; whereupon,

Ordered, That the first-mentioned Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in at least three of the most publick Places in each of the Townships of Salem and Mannington, three Weeks previous thereto.

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

Thursday, March 9, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from Benjamin Williams, an insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, setting forth, that his Creditors will not permit him to take the Benefit of the insolvent Act; and that, without the Interposition of the Legislature, he must continue the Remainder of his Life in a loathsome Gaol, and praying Leave to present a Bill to release him from Confinement;

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Newark was read, setting forth, that the Academy in the said Town was built by Subscription, and has been by the Enemy destroyed by Fire in the Course of the late War; that the Trustees who superintended the Building the said Academy owe a considerable Sum of Money more than the Money by them received on Subscription, and praying that Auditors may be appointed by the Legislature to audit and settle all Accounts due to and from the Trustees for Materials found and provided, and Work and Labour done and performed; that the Auditors may be empowered to sell and dispose of the Stone, Iron, Brick, and whatever else remain of the said Academy, and out of the Money arising therefrom to pay off the Debts contracted by the Trustees; and that the Auditors may be directed to appropriate the Money that may remain in their Hands as the Legislature shall direct;

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

Mr. Schenck, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and of applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions both for and against Money to be emitted on Loan were read a second Time; and the engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Speaker.		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

The House met.

Mr. Bowen laid before the House an Account of Ammunition sold by Colonel David Potter agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the last Sitting, which was read, and, with the Balance due the State in Publick Securities, directed to be delivered to the Treasurer by Mr. Bowen.

A Memorial from John Adam, late Commissary of Prisoners, was read, praying the Legislature would make him Compensation for his Services as a Commissary of Prisoners to this State;

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

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

The Petition from Richard Wister, read Yesterday, was read a second Time, and referred to Messrs. Sinnickson and Arnold to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petitioner, and others in like Circumstances.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the publick Road leading from

‘ from Bergen Point to Paulus-Hook, on Hudson’s River, in the County of Bergen, and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinsack, and to the supplementary Act thereto, and for increasing and extending the Power of the said Trustees;’ which Bill was read; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be read a second Time? It was carried in the Negative.

A Petition from Charles Coxe, praying that some Person may be appointed by the State to run the Lines and make Partition of a Tract of Land formerly held in common by Daniel Coxe, Grace Kemp, the Wife of John-Taber Kemp, and himself; the Part of the said Tract of Land, belonging to the said Daniel Coxe and the said Grace Kemp, having been confiscated to, and vested in the State;

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. Biddle, Cook and Hankinson, to report their Opinion thereon.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land, agreeable to Contract entered into by said Norcross,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Letter from the Treasurer was presented to the House and read, informing that, upon receiving the final Settlement Notes remaining in the Hands of the regimental Agents, agreeably to the Direction of the Law lately passed for that Purpose, he finds John Peck, one of the said Agents, hath received one Year’s Interest on most of the Notes remaining in his Hands, which he is willing to discount in Part of the Allowance made to him by the Legislature; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the said Notes, and deduct out of the Allowance made to said Peck the Sums he may have received for Interest as aforesaid; and that upon the Application for the said Notes by the respective Proprietors thereof, the said Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized and directed to deliver said Notes, and also pay to the said Proprietors the Interest which hath been received as aforesaid by the said John Peck on the same.

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

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 9, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive certain Notes of Mr. Peck, whereon one Year’s Interest has been paid him, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Friday, March 10, 1786.

The House met,

A Petition from Joshua Bush, setting forth, that he had been indicted and fined for a Misdemeanor, and praying that he may be relieved from the Payment of the Fine, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, Owners and Possessors of Meadow-Ground in the County of Gloucester, lying on the
M River

River Delaware and Clonmell Creek, praying that an Article of Agreement, entered into by the Owners, may be made void, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill to compel each and every Owner to bear their Proportion of the Expence of keeping up the Banks and Dams belonging to said Meadow, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intitled, 'An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances for two Houses and Lots of Land agreeably to Contract entered into by said Norcross,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, praying that Certificates, given for Supplies furnished the Army, in the Possession of the original Holders, may by Law be made a legal Tender in the Discharge of all Debts, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

'*Ordered,*

Council-Chamber, March 10, 1786.

'**T**HAT Mr. Clark do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intitled, "An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing," and request their Concurrence therein.'

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Kelley.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and of applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp, lying on the West Side of South River, in the County of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain, the Bank, Dam and other Waterworks, to keep the Watercourse open and clear,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Beardflee.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

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

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Mr. Cooper, from the Committee to whom was committed the Report of Moore Furman, Esquire, on the 2d Instant, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April 1783, belonging to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act for more effectually preventing Horse-Stealing,' 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 Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardslee,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Baker,			

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is not concurred in by this House.

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

Two Petitions from the County of Middlesex, read on the 17th Ultimo, relative to the Fisheries on South River, were read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Saturday, March 11, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Charles Coxé, reported as follows:

THAT upon examining the Papers exhibited to them by said Coxé, they are of Opinion, that there is due to him a Quantity of Land out of the Tract commonly called the Great Meadow, or Six Thousand Acre Tract, in the last Indian-Purchase, in Suffex County, Part of which ought to be made up to him out of such Parts of said Tract, late the Property of Daniel Coxé and Grace Kemp, whose Estates have been forfeited to, and vested in this State; and that Measures should be taken to do Justice in the Premises.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSEPH BIDDLE.

March 10, 1786.

To which Report the House agreed; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffex, be directed, at the Expence of said Charles Coxé, to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of said Coxé's Demand, by examining how much, or whether any of the Tract of Land he now holds, in the County of Suffex, being Part of said Tract

Tract of Six Thousand Acres, is included in a prior Survey; and, upon such Enquiry, if the said Agent shall find that any Part of the Land, formerly allotted to said Coxe, is included in such prior Survey, that he report the Value of the Land so included and taken off; and also in such Report describe and ascertain the Bounds of some other Land, Part of the Lands in said Six Thousand Acres Tract, late the Property of Daniel Coxe or Grace Kemp, forfeited to, and vested in this State, as shall be equal in Value to the Part of the Land deficient in said Charles Coxe's Division, as the said Daniel Coxe and Grace Kemp ought to have made up of such Deficiency had not their Estates been forfeited; and that said Agent make Report as aforesaid to the next Sitting of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Davis, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendors and Taverns,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of the State,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark and Bonney.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh, beginning at Job Shreve's Cross-Bank, on Salem Creek, and thence up the several Courses of the said Creek to the Plantation late of Jonathan Roberts, deceased, and now in the Tenure of James Holliday;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Mannington, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The Petition from Ezekiel Johnson, read on the 3d Instant, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That he have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting to answer the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport thereof, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Vicinity of the Place where the Lands are situated.

The Petitions for and against a Bill to repeal the Act to incorporate the City of Burlington were read a second Time, on which a Motion was made by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, that the Petitioners for and against a Bill to repeal the Act to incorporate the City of Burlington be heard before this House on Wednesday next; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin.
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Sheppard,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardflee.		

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor,

vernor, informing that the Honourable Charles Pinckney, Nathaniel Gorham and William Grayson, Esquires, Delegates in Congress, having received Instruction from the United States in Congress assembled, to proceed to this Place for the Purpose of remonstrating to the Assembly on their Act of the 20th Ultimo, respecting the Requisition of September last, and that they wish to have an Audience of them on Monday Morning, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker be requested to inform His Excellency the Governor, that this House will be ready to give the Honourable the Committee of Congress an Audience on Monday next at eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, agreeably to their Request.

The Auditor of Accounts having certified to the Legislature, that in settling the Pay-Rolls exhibited by Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster to the Militia in the County of Burlington, the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence was, through Error, deducted out of said Fenimore's Account more than ought to have been;

Resolved, That the said Benjamin Fenimore be credited the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence, in Part of the Balance due from him to this State.

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

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

The House met.

The Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying a Division of the County, and that a new County may be set off; and that the Townships of Galloway, Great Egg-Harbour and Tuckahæ, may be the Boundaries and Extent of the new County, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Little Egg-Harbour, praying that a Law may pass to appoint Inspectors of Lumber, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from Joseph Borden, Esquire, read on the 2d Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from Middlesex, read on the 11th November last, praying a Supplement to the Act for establishing the Orphan's Court, was read a second Time, and referred to the Committee to whom a Bill for that Purpose is committed.

The Petition from Monmouth, read on the 23d November last, praying that the said County may be divided, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The several Petitions from different Parts of the State, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace in the Trial of small Causes may be extended, were read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, reported as follows:

THAT a final Adjustment of the Accounts, directed to be settled by your Committee, cannot, at present, be accomplished, for the following Reasons:

A Number of Orders have been drawn by the late Treasurer on different Collectors, the Payment whereof this State has, by a Resolution of both Houses, assumed; that some of these are yet out-standing, the Amount of which, as it is not ascertained, cannot, by your Committee, be charged against the said Mr. Stevens, until they are produced in the Treasury for Payment. The

The unsigned Certificates, described in the Report of a Committee the 16th of November last, have been delivered by the Auditor into the Hands of Mr. Stevens, and their Authenticity has not yet been proven. Some of the Papers, committed to your Committee the 20th of February last, are not authenticated, and the Validity of others must, in the Opinion of your Committee, depend on the Authority the Persons signing them might have had to issue Certificates, and which must be submitted to the Commissioners appointed to settle the Accounts of this with the United States.

Your Committee therefore, not having the Means of investigating the preceding Articles with Certainty and Precision, submit them to the farther Direction of the Legislature, and have proceeded to settle the Balance now due to the State from the said Mr. Stevens, on Cash Accounts hitherto unsettled, including such Orders, above alluded to, as have been received in the Treasury, and are of Opinion the same ought to stand as follows :

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JOHN STEVENS, junior, late—

To Amount of Orders, drawn by John Stevens, junior,
late Treafurer, on the County Collectors, which have
been received by the present Treafurer,

£. 19,642 11 10

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To the Balance, as above stated, due Dec. 23, 1783,

£. 4068 17 11½

To Interest thereon to March 10, 1786,

623 0 10

- £. 4691 18 9½

Treasurer to the State of New-Jersey,

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By Balance, reported in the Treasurer's Favour, December 23, 1783, -

£. 11,507 13 8½

By the following Orders and Payments made by the late Treasurer previous to the above Settlement, and for which he was not credited, viz.

An Order in Favour of Abraham Brewer, Paymaster of the Militia of Bergen,

£. 2429 7 6

An Order in Favour of Peter Covenhoven, Paymaster of the Militia of Monmouth,

110 12 2

An Order in Favour of Ditto, -

37 10 0

An Order on Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of Bergen, in Favour of Colonel Azariah Dunham, for £. 48,000 Continental Currency, for which Order it appears said Vanderbeek has been heretofore credited by said Stevens in the Payment of the Quota of said County, of Tax due April 1, 1780, -

1200 0 0

Cash paid by Henry Garritse, jun. late Collector of Essex, on an Order drawn on the Collector of Essex, in Favour of Daniel Marsh, for £. 179 3 4, for which it appears said Garritse has been credited by said Stevens, -

51 12 1

Cash paid on fundry Warrants, as appears by Endorsements thereon, amounting to,

£. 236 18 5

4066 0 2

£. 15,573 13 10½

Balance which appears to have been due to the State Dec. 23, 1783, provided all the Orders he may have given as Treasurer, for which the State is answerable, have been brought into the Treasury, -

4068 17 11½

£. 19,642 11 10

By Cash paid the present Treasurer June 5, 1784, -

102 0 2½

By Interest thereon to March 10, 1786, one Year and nine Months, -

12 9 9

114 9 11½

By Ditto paid Ditto January 3, 1786,

734 0 0

By Interest thereon to March 10, 1786,

9 12 7

743 12 7

By Ditto paid Ditto February 27, 1786,

530 7 9

By Interest thereon to 10th March 1786,

1 5 6

531 13 3

Balance due to the State 10th March 1786, -

£. 1389 15 9½

3302 3 0

March 11, 1786.

£. 4691 18 9½

By Order of the Committees,

SAMUEL OGDEN,
ELLIS COOK.

Your Committee farther report, that in the Credit allowed Mr. Stevens, in the preceding Account, is included an Order drawn by said Stevens on Isaac Vanderbeek, Collector of the County of Bergen, in Favour of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, Superintendent of Purchases, for £. 48,000 Continental Currency, which Order has been received by the present Treasurer in Discharge of Arrears of Fines and Taxes due from said County: But it appearing to the Satisfaction of your Committee, and of the said Vanderbeek, that the said Order had been previously credited to the said County by Mr. Stevens; that there is also credited, in the above Account, the Sum of £. 51 12 1, by said Stevens to Henry Garritse, Collector of the County of Essex, on an Order drawn on said Garritse in Favour of Daniel Marsh, Esquire, for £. 179 3 4, which has also been credited by the present Treasurer; your Committee therefore submit to the Houses the Propriety of admitting the Charge made by Mr. Stevens for the Credits he has given on the above Orders.

March 11, 1786.

By Order of the Committees,

SAMUEL OGDEN,
ELLIS COOK.

Ordered, That the said Report be read a second Time.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Bergen, praying that a Law may pass more effectually to prevent the hunting Deer with Dogs, and trespassing with Guns, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset was read, praying that a Law may pass to oblige every Person who shall hereafter take a Mortgage upon Land in Security of Money lent to get the same immediately recorded in the Clerk's Office, otherwise the Mortgage to be void and of none Effect;

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

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Newark, read the 9th Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, praying that Freeholders may be appointed to assist the Assessors in the levying of Taxes, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, presented Yesterday, praying that State-Notes, from the original Holders, may be made a legal Tender in the Discharge of all Debts, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Petition of Shepard Kollock, read on the 18th February last, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, read on the 16th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Memorial of Captain Nathaniel Porter, read the 3d Instant, was read a second Time with the Account accompanying the same, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

The Petition from Benjamin Pierfon, of the County of Essex, read on the 2d Instant, was read a second Time;

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

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, March 13, 1786.

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the Honourable the Committee of Congress attended the House, and remonstrated against the Resolution of the House of the 20th Ultimo, and having laid before the House the Report of the Committee of Congress of the 15th Ultimo, concerning the System of general Revenue recommended by Congress on the 18th of April 1783, and a Schedule of the French and Dutch Loans shewing the Periods of their Redemption, with the annual Interests payable thereon until their final Extinction, for which Provision is yet to be made.

The Committee, after having urged the Impropriety of the Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, and requesting that the said Resolution might be rescinded, withdrew, and then

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

The House met.

A Memorial from John Stevens, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer, setting forth, that on a Settlement of his Accounts with a Committee of the Legislature, there is a considerable Balance due from him to the State, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to give him Credit for the Demands which he has against the State; and that the Treasurer may be directed also to receive from him Bills of Credit of the 9th June 1780, and the 9th January 1781, in the Proportion of Three Dollars of the said Bills in Lieu of One Dollar in Specie; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer for this State be, and he is hereby directed to receive from the said Mr. Stevens the Bills of Credit of the 9th June 1780, and of the 9th January 1781, in Discharge of the Balance due from him to the State, or such Part thereof as he may choose to pay in said Bills in the Proportion in which they are made payable in the Treasury by the Act, intituled, 'An Act for raising the Sum of £. 10,000 to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of 'Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from 'Salem Bridge into the said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair 'their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for those Purposes,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, read on the 6th Instant, praying that the Doors of the House may be opened, and that the Citizens of the State may be permitted to attend, was read a second Time; whereupon

A Motion was made that the Doors be opened agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.		
Mr. T. Clark,			

The Report of Mr. Cook, from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to settle and ascertain the Balance due the State from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, reported to this House on Saturday last, was read a second Time, and agreed to by the House.—And whereas the Order drawn by John Stevens, Esquire, late Treasurer, in Favour of Azariah Dunham, Esquire, on Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of Bergen County, for Forty-eight Thousand Pounds Continental Money, dated March 17, 1780, has been received by James Mott, Esquire, present Treasurer, and credited to the Account of the said County of Bergen, and charged to the Account of the said John Stevens, Esquire, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature, passed December 23, 1783; and as it appears, on Examination of the Accounts of the said John Stevens and Isaac Vanderbeek, that the County of Bergen has been credited for the said Sum in the Year 1780, on issuing the said Order, therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer for the Time being be, and he is hereby directed to charge the said County of Bergen with the Amount of the said Order, viz. £. 5564 1 1 on Account of Fines, and £. 42,435 18 11 on Account of Taxes, making in the Whole £. 48,000 in Continental Money, or so much thereof as shall appear to be due, and that the Accounts stand in the same Manner as they were previous to the Receipt of the said Order; and that the Sum of £. 51 12 1, which is in the same Situation, be in like Manner charged to the County of Essex.

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

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April 1783, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating Constables, Vendues and Taverns,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

Tuesday, March 14, 1786.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘*Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 13, 1786.

‘**T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Townships of Nottingham and Chester, in the County of Burlington, to raise Money by Tax for the Purpose of repairing their Roads by Hire,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

A Petition from William Roberts and others, in the County of Salem, praying that a Law may not be passed for draining a large Body of Marsh and Swamp, in the Township of Mannington, lying on Salem Creek, in the County of Salem, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Lambert, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to
‘execute

‘ execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry ‘ Longfield, deceased ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Jonas Ward, and a Petition from Mercelas Post, Prisoners confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex, were read, praying that a Law may be passed to release them from Confinement ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from Nicholas Lezier, of the County of Bergen, was read, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable him to maintain a Mill, and the necessary Waterworks for improving the same, on and near the River Hackinsack, in the County of Bergen ; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Communications made by the Honourable the Committee of Congress Yesterday ; whereupon

A Motion was made by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Schenck, that the House agree to the following Order :

That the Honourable Committee of Congress be informed, that this House, anxiously desirous of promoting among all the States a lasting Union established upon Principles of Justice and Equality, are ready to accede to any Measures founded on such a Basis.

That the present Confederation, in whatever Light the same may be considered with Regard to Equality, hath not been strictly adhered to in the Requisition of September last.

The Valuation of the Land and Buildings have not been taken by any State, nor the Mode recommended by Congress for settling the Quotas by the Number of Inhabitants, which superceded the Requisition for such a Valuation, been agreed to by all the States so far as to become a federal Rule, on which Account the Requisition of September last can be considered only as recommendatory, and therefore, for the Reasons contained in the Resolution of this House of the 20th of February last, cannot be complied with further than by providing for the annual Payment of Interest due to our Citizens, which it is supposed will nearly amount to the whole Quota of this State on the national Debt.

This House entertains the most grateful Sense of the liberal Assistance afforded by the friendly Powers in Europe, by loaning Money to the United States ; and sincerely regret the Want of proper Funds to discharge the Interest. This, it must be acknowledged, is not owing to any Neglect of Congress ; they have done all in their Power to raise the Sums necessary for that Purpose, and their present Inability to make prompt Payment must be charged only to those States which have refused to grant the United States the Duties and Imposts which they now collect, as well from States destitute of any foreign Commerce, as from their own Citizens, and which, if paid into the common Treasury at the Disposal of Congress, will probably be more than sufficient to raise the Specie required.

The above Motion was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulatiug the Election of ‘ Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of ‘ the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the ‘ Congress of the United States,’ reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, 'An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date on the 26th Day of April, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-three, belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement,' was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from Samuel Meeker, late Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Suffex, praying an Indemnification for certain Losses by him sustained in the due Administration of his Office, was read ; and the House judging the same to be reasonable and just, therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto the said Samuel Meeker the Sum of Thirty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Eightpence, to indemnify him for the Damages and Costs sustained in an Action brought by James Sproul against Noadiah Wade, for which the said Meeker, as Commissioner of forfeited Estates, is accountable to the said Wade.

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

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

The Auditor appeared in the House, and reported the State of fundry Accounts, by which it appeared that the Account of Jesse Hand, Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Cape-May, ought to stand balanced ; to which the House agreed.

That there is due from the State to David Olden, Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Middlesex, in State Securities, the Sum of £. 604 6 6.

That there is a Balance due the State from David Olden, Agent for sequestered Estates, in the County of Middlesex, of £. 8 16 10 Specie.

From James Ewing, Moore Furman and Conrad Kotts, £. 0 8 9 Specie. And, From Abraham Brewer, Paymaster to the Militia in the County of Bergen, of £. 189 5 6 State Money.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to collect the above Balances due the State.

That there is due from the State to William Tucker, late Barrack-Master, Trenton, the Sum of £. 1 5 8 Specie ;

Resolved, That the Treasurer, do discharge the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Accounts and Resolutions to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary Reed, accompanied with a Resolution of the Honourable the Delegates of Virginia, of the 25th of January last, to appoint Commissioners to meet Commissioners to be appointed by the other States to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States.

A Letter from Edmund Randolph, Esquire, of the 19th February, respecting the Time and Place of the Meeting of the Commissioners for the Purpose of framing such Regulations of Trade as may be judged necessary to promote the general Interest. And,

A Letter from His Excellency Governor Henry, of the 25th February, respecting the above Appointment.

Which

Which Message, and the several Papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same;' and, after having gone through the said Bill by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, March 15, 1786.

The House met.

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

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

A Petition from the Second Presbyterian Congregation of Hopewell, in the County of Hunterdon, was read, praying that the said Congregation may have the Benefit of a Corporation;

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

A Petition from Barnes Bennet, of the County of Monmouth, was read, praying that the Real Estate of Moses Fowler, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, may be vested in certain Persons with Power to convey the same, and out of the Proceeds thereof to discharge the just Debts of the said Deceased;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the County of Monmouth, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from John Fitch, setting forth, that he had formed a Plan for the Construction of Boats to be impelled by the Force of Steam, and praying Leave to present a Bill which may invest in him the exclusive Privilege of constructing Boats to be so impelled by the Force of Steam for such Length of Time as the Legislature may think proper;

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

The Petition from Nicholas Lezier, of the County of Bergen, read Yesterday, was read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That he have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto in three of the most publick Places in the Vicinity of the Place where he means to erect his Mill.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

Council-Chamber, March 14, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay Samuel Meeker, Commissioner of forfeited Estates, in the County of Sussex, £. 36 15 8, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

Council-Chamber, March 15, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Stevens, junior, late Treasurer, the Bills of Credit of the

‘ 9th June 1780, and of the 9th January 1781, in Discharge of the Balance due from him to the State, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Petition from Alexander Thomson, of the County of Hunterdon, praying that the Legislature would make Provision for the Discharge of certain Publick Securities given to him for his Services as a Waggonmaster in the Service of the United States, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to establish and confirm the Charter, Rights and Privileges of the Borough of Elizabeth;’ and, after some Time spent thereon;

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

‘ *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 15, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act empowering the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in New-Brunswick, and the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Elizabeth-Town, to erect a Lottery for the Purposes therein mentioned,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. S. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to vest the Real Estate of David Provost, late of the City of New-York, deceased, situate in this State, in Trustees, for the Purpose of making Sale thereof, and applying the Proceeds according to the Will of the said Deceased,” is passed by this House without Amendment.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,’ was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. A. Clark, Biddle and R. S. Smith.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hoops.

‘ *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 15, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,” is rejected by this House.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to require Sheriffs to give Security, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ 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:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Sheppard do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

A Memorial from John Hampton was read, praying that he may be heard before the House, or that the House would appoint a proper Jurisdiction, before whom he may justify himself against the Charges contained in the Report of Mr. Combs and Mr. Bonney of the 17th February last;

Ordered, That the said Memorial be committed to Mr. Combs and Mr. Bonney to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Thursday, March 16, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil Actions for a limited Time;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Land and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Marth, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of John Schuyler, an insolvent Debtor,' which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from Abraham Winner and others, praying for the Reward of £. 50, according to the Governor's Proclamation, for the apprehending of certain atrocious Villains and Robbers, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet,	
Mr. Stillwell,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States;' and, after having gone through the said Bill by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. A. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from William Tucker was read, setting forth, that his Vouchers and Receipts for Monies by him expended for Arms, Tents and Accoutrements, for arming the Militia in the Year 1776, had been taken or destroyed by the British Army when they were in Possession of his House, and praying that his Day-Book, in which are regular Entries, may by the Auditor be received, and his Account be audited according to the same, was read, and committed to Mr. Combs and Mr. Bunn to report thereon to the House.

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

The House met.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Gloucester, praying that a Law may be passed for building a Courthouse and Gaol in the Town of Woodbury, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Terhune.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Houghton,	
Mr. Garriffe,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardfleec,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in the County of Essex, in Favour of Mary the Wife of Joseph Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel, deceased, who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, for the Sum of Twenty-five Shillings per Month, from the 4th Day of October 1777, to the 14th Day of February 1779.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in the County of Essex, in Favour of Mary Hays, Wife of John Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs, deceased, who was killed while a Corporal in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, for the Sum of Twenty-seven Shillings and Six-pence per Month, from the 2d Day of July 1779, to the 4th Day of December 1780.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Somerset, in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck, who was wounded in the Service of the United States, and died of his Wounds, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Elizabeth Ten Eyck for the Sum of Five Pounds per Month, from the 17th of June 1777, to the 6th Day of January 1778.

A Petition from Archibald Stewart, late Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, was read, setting forth, that he had levied Executions on the Estates of Joseph Barton and John Smith, and returned them to the Court: "Levied on the Defendants' Goods and Chattels to the Value of Debt and Costs;" that thereby he made himself accountable on the Suit against Joseph Barton for £. 111 16 5 Specie, and on the Suit against John Smith for £. 37 10 11 Specie; that after the said Returns the Defendants went to the Enemy, and their Estates being confiscated were taken and sold by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in said County, and the Money paid into the Treasury, since which he has discharged the Actions from his own private Fortune, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to re-imburse him the said Sums;

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Mr. Arnold and Mr. Bowen, to report thereon to the House.

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

Mr. Biddle, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act describing the Authority which shall hereafter be legally exercised by Arbitrators, and directing the Mode of appealing from Awards by them made;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, were read, praying that a Law may be passed to direct the Roads in the said Township to be repaired by Hire;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office,' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of the State;' and, after having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Petition from Edward Dunlop, late Collector of the County of Suffex, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that he may be released from the Payment of a Fine inflicted upon him by the Honourable the Chief-Justice for not rendering the Monies at the Treasury due on certain Taxes, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act ‘ to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the ‘ Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,’ was read a second Time :

An Amendment was moved to the Title to add the following Words : ‘ And ‘ to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the ‘ Amount of Twelve Pounds ;’ which was agreed to, and the Bill being further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haring.

‘ *Ordered*, Council-Chamber, March 16, 1786.
‘ **T**HAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the following Bills are passed by this House without Amendment :

‘ The Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate certain Persons as Trustees in “ every religious Society or Congregation in this State, for transacting the temporal Concerns thereof.”

‘ The Bill, intituled, “ An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement made “ between the Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, and Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, for the Purpose of agreeing upon, and accurately describing “ which of the Islands, Eylots and insulated dry Land, mentioned in the Agreement between the two States, bearing Date the 26th Day of April 1783, “ belong to each of the said States according to the Purport of that Agreement.”

‘ The Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the “ Meadow and Swamp lying on the West Side of South River, in the County “ of Gloucester, to finish, keep up and maintain the Dam and other Water-works, to keep the Watercourse thereof open and clear.”

‘ And the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Executors of the Last Will “ and Testament of Joshua Norcross, deceased, to make proper Conveyances “ for two Houses and Lots of Land, agreeable to Contract entered into by “ said Norcross.”

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

Friday, March 17, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting ‘ Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office,’ was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this ‘ Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that ‘ Purpose, and to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the ‘ Peace to the Amount of Twelve Pounds,’ was read and compared ; on the
Question,

Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Blair,			

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the Collection of the same,’ was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

A Petition from the Owners of drained Meadow lying on Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and known by the Name of the Fork Meadow, setting forth, that the Law now in Force for maintaining the Banks that keep out the Tide from the said Meadow is insufficient to answer the Intentions thereby designed, and praying Leave to present a Bill to amend the said Law ;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The Petition from Isaac Vanderbeek, late Collector of the County of Bergen, setting forth, that he had paid several Orders agreeably to Law, which the Treasurer refuses to accept, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to receive the same, was read a second Time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the said Orders, and credit the said Isaac Vanderbeek with the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Motion made by Mr. A. Clark on the 14th Instant ; whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. T. Clark, seconded by Mr. R. S. Smith, to postpone the Motion of Mr. A. Clark in order to take up the following, to wit,

Whereas this House, apprehensive that a Compliance with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last would have a Tendency to confirm the States who have not complied with the Resolutions of Congress of the 18th April 1783 for a general Impost and Revenue in their Opposition to the Plan therein recommended, and considering all temporary Expedients inadequate to raise a Fund sufficient to discharge the Interest on the national Debt, and to provide for other Expenditures necessary for the Support of the federal Government, and for other Reasons assigned in the Preamble to the Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, did resolve, that this House cannot, consistent with the Duty they owe their Constituents, comply with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September last, until all the States in the Union shall comply with the Requisition of the 18th April 1783, or until the several States having the Advantage of Commerce shall forbear exacting Duties from other States for their own particular Benefit : And whereas a Deputation from Congress to this

House have, by Order of Congress, communicated sundry Evils which may arise to the Union by the Determination of this House if adhered to;

The House therefore, having re-considered the said Resolution, are of Opinion, that, although the said Requisition, from a Want of Conformity to the Rule of adjusting the Quotas of the several States contained in the 8th Article of the Confederation, the Alteration of which Rule not having been acceded to by all the States can of Course be binding upon none, must be considered only as recommendatory; notwithstanding which, being willing to remove as far as in their Power every Embarrassment from the Counsels of the Union, and that the Failure of Supplies from temporary Demands, though clearly evinced from Experience, may not be imputed to the State of New-Jersey only, do therefore

Resolve, That the said Resolution of the 20th February last be, and the same is hereby rescinded and made void.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to postpone the Motion of Mr. A. Clark of the 14th Instant? It was carried in the Affirmative.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion made by Mr. T. Clark? It was carried in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Arnold, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Archibald Stewart, reported as follows:

THAT we find, upon examining the Auditor's Books, that there was Property sold by the Commissioners of Suffex, and paid into the Treasury, sufficient to discharge the Execution that said Stewart had against Joseph Barton, referred to in his Petition; that the Part of the Petition which respects John Smith, your Committee cannot find by the Auditor's Books, that his Property was taken by the Commissioners.

JACOB ARNOLD,
JONATHAN BOWEN.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Archibald Stewart have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, and that he then prove to the House by the Records of the Court and other authentick Vouchers, that the Facts set forth in his Petition are true.

A Petition from James Woodmansee, Collector of the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth, was read, setting forth, that he had been robbed of the Sum of £. 7 12 6 Specie, and £. 11 13 9 State Money, and praying that the County-Collector may be directed to credit the said Township with the said Sums, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties of this State,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

A Petition was presented from John Sparks, of the County of Gloucester, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Treasurer may be directed to receive from him a certain Certificate given to him by Silas Condict, Esquire,

in the Discharge of an Action which has been instituted against him by the Attorney-General at the Suit of the State;

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

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

Saturday, March 18, 1786.

The House met.

A Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade in Lieu of one given to her dated March 16, 1780; a Warrant in Favour of Lydia Whitlock in Lieu of one given to her dated September 29, 1780; a Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck; a Warrant in Favour of Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs; and a Warrant in Favour of Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel; entitling them severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-pay, were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Terhune do carry the said Warrants to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Stillwell,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. A. Clark, that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Revenue Act to increase the Revenue to Fifty Thousand Pounds for the Payment of Interest due to Citizens of this State; whereupon,

A Motion was made by Mr. Schuurman, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that the said Motion be amended by striking out the Words 'to Fifty Thousand Pounds;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardflee,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.		
Mr. Cooper,			

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion as amended?
It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Kelley,			

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that Magistrates may not be permitted to hold their Courts at Publick Houses, was read, and ordered to be dismissed.

Three Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that Duties may be imposed on all Goods, Wares and Merchandize brought into this State from the neighbouring States, and proposing that the State should loan the Sum of £. 50,000 to certain Adventurers, on giving adequate Security, to be struck for the Purposes of encouraging foreign Commerce and domestick Manufactures, on a reasonable Interest; accompanied with a Plan for the Introduction of Trade and Manufactures for the Benefit of the State of New-Jersey by establishing a trading Company to prosecute Business at Perth-Amboy, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that no Alteration may be made to the Charter of Incorporation granted to the City of Perth-Amboy, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 18, 1786.
‘**T**HAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the following Bills are passed by this House without Amendment:

‘The Bill, intituled, “An Act for granting and securing to John Fitch the sole Right and Advantage of making and employing the Steam Boat by him lately invented for a limited Time.”

‘The Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize and empower Rensselaer Williams, Esquire, to execute and fulfil the Purposes of the Testament and Last Will of Henry Longfield, deceased.”

‘The Bill, intituled, “An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Joel White, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may satisfy certain Executions levied thereon.”

Three Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, praying for a Revision of the Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in the State of New-Jersey the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, passed December 11, 1778, and that the 11th Section thereof may be explained so as to secure the Purchasers from certain Claims that might be exhibited, especially if the Persons claiming had taken Sanctuary within the British Lines, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Whereas the Legislature, at the Time of passing the Act, intituled, ' An Act to oblige the regimental Agents of the Troops of this State to deposit in the Treasury the Certificates remaining in their Hands, and for making Compensation for their Services,' intended the said Act, and the Compensation therein made, to extend only to John Blair and John Peck, the two Agents appointed to settle with the Regiments of this State, and not to Agents of any separate Corps of the Army; in order, therefore, to remove any Doubts which may arise by other Claims,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to make Payment of the Compensation allowed by said Act to no other Agents than the two Persons above named.

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

A Petition from Adam Green and John Hull, of the County of Suffex, accompanied with sundry Papers, were read, and referred to Messrs. Cook and Sinnickson, to report their Opinion thereon.

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

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

Whereas the House have been informed by Letter from the Treasurer, that there are Arrearages of Taxes, levied in Continental Money and Certificates, due from several Counties in this State, which have not been stated in any Account hitherto exhibited for the last two Years that Mr. Stevens was Treasurer, which Accounts the present Treasurer hath not been able to procure in order to make a Statement of the same; whereupon,

Resolved, That, in the Opinion of this House, the late Treasurer, John Stevens, junior, Esquire, stands bound, and in Consequence thereof that he be required to deliver to the present Treasurer all Books or Accounts of the Treasury remaining unsettled.

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

The House met.

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey,' reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title: ' An Act to raise a Revenue from Practitioners of the Law, Proprietors of Stages, and Keepers of Ferries and Taverns within the State of New-Jersey;' and, after some Time debating thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Petition from Edward Dunlop, read on the 16th Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be dismissed.

The Message from His Excellency the Governor of the 14th Instant was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Sinnickson and R. S. Smith, to report thereon.

A Representation from William C. Houston and James Ewing, Esquires,
S Commissioners

Commissioners appointed to settle the Depreciation of Pay due to the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line, particularly stating the Case of the Honourable the Chief-Justice who was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the late Jersey Line, and desiring the Direction of the House, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Honourable the Chief-Justice is not entitled to Depreciation of his Pay as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Service of the United States.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, read on the 11th Instant, respecting Mortgages, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Marsh, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Williams, Daniel Pierfon, Merfeillas Post and Jonas Ward, insolvent Debtors, now confined in the Gaol of the County of Essex;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devises in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of certain Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. R. S. Smith and Walton.

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

Whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature, that there is due from this State a Note or Notes for Depreciation of Pay given to Major-General Lord Stirling, deceased, upon which Interest hath been demanded of the Treasurer; that Lord Stirling owed, and was bound to this State by a Bond secured by Mortgage to a larger Amount than the Note or Notes of Depreciation, which Bond remains unpaid; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to forbear paying any Money on the above-said Note or Notes, until the Bond given by Lord Stirling to this State shall be fully discharged; and that the said Treasurer be authorized to accept said Note or Notes in Part of Payment of said Bond.

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

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 18, 1786.

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to amend the Act for trying Causes before a Justice of the Peace to the Amount of Twelve Pounds," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.'

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read; and, the Amendments being read in their Places, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the said Amendments.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to direct the Mode of prosecuting Bonds given by Sheriffs for the due Execution of their Office," is passed by this House without Amendment.'

A Petition from sundry Officers of the Militia, in the County of Morris, praying

praying that a third Regiment may be set off from the two Regiments of the Militia in said County, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Memorial from Colonel John Beatty, and the Memorial from William Shute, read on the 7th Instant; the Memorial from Colonel Joseph Hugg, read on the 1st Instant, and the Memorial from John Hoff, were severally read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petitions from the County of Gloucester, read on the 15th Instant, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 20, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Adam Green and John Hull, together with the Papers relative to the same, reported as follows :

THAT they have examined the Accounts of confiscated Property in the County of Suffex, and find that the Estate of William Green, mentioned in the said Petition, has been confiscated, and the Proceeds thereof amounting, on the 16th December 1779, to £. 3992 2 6, in the Hands of William Hankinson and Thomas Anderson, Commissioners of forfeited Estates, which has been paid into the Treasury.

That it appears to your Committee, that the Bond given by William Green and Adam Green, mentioned in the said Petition, has been paid by the said Adam Green in the Year 1784.

That, as to the other Bond given by the said William Green and John Hull, it does not appear by any Voucher that the same is discharged.

That admitting the Matters stated in the said Petition to be true, it was out of the Power of the said Petitioners to exhibit their Demands against the Estate of the said William Green within the Time limited by Law.

ELLIS COOK,
THOMAS SINICKSON.

A Motion was made by Mr. Beardlee, seconded by Mr. Burgin, that the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition at the next Sitting; to which the House agreed.

Mr. R. S. Smith, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Relief of certain Persons holding Loan-Office Certificates,' reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title: 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay Interest upon Loan-Office Certificates that have been registered and endorsed without further Attestation.'

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

Mr. Bunn, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such Publick Accounts as might be referred to them this Sitting of the Legislature, reported that there are due to the several Persons under named the Sums annexed to their several Names :

1. To Daniel Marsh, Esquire, for the Administrators of David Craig, deceased, for Medicines and Attendance for the Men under the Command of Capt. Matthew Freeman, when on Duty at Woodbridge in the Months of August, September and November in the Year 1780, £. 12 17 0.

2. To Elizabeth Smith, Widow of Robert Smith, for his signing One Hundred Five Thousand Eighty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings, in Pursuance of the Loan-Office Act, passed 1774, wherein he was authorized to receive £. 60 for signing £. 125,000 of the said Loan-Office Bills, £. 50 0 0. The

The House having considered the said Report,
Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Persons above named the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

Ordered, That Mr. Marsh do carry the above Report and Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Sinnickson and Mr. R. S. Smith, the Committee to whom was referred the Message from His Excellency the Governor of the 14th Instant, reported as follows :

That the Matter recommended in His Excellency's Letter, and the several Papers accompanying the same, requires the Attention of the Legislature, and thereupon submit the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Legislature, in a Joint-Meeting of both Houses, will appoint Commissioners who, or any one of whom, shall meet such Commissioners as may be appointed by the other States in the Union at a Time and Place to be agreed on, to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States ; to examine the relative Situation and Trade of the said States ; to consider how far an uniform System in their commercial Regulations and other important Matters may be necessary to their common Interest and permanent Harmony ; and to report to the several States such an Act relative to this great Object, as when unanimously ratified by them will enable the United States in Congress assembled effectually to provide for the Exigencies of the Union, which was read, and unanimously agreed to.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

' Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

' **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the following Warrants, with the Papers accompanying the same, sent from the House of Assembly for Concurrence :

' A Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade in Lieu of one given to her dated March 16, 1780.

' A Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Ten Eyck, late Widow of Lieutenant Jacob Ten Eyck.

' A Warrant in Favour of Lydia Whitlock in Lieu of one given to her dated September 29, 1780.

' A Warrant in Favour of Mary Hays, late Mary Rofs, Widow of Eliakim Rofs.

' And a Warrant in Favour of Mary Badcock, late Mary Jewel, Widow of Hubbard Jewel ; entitling them severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-pay ;

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

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that an Impost may be laid upon all Goods imported into this State through the neighbouring States, were read, and ordered a second Reading, with the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to promote the Commerce of New-Jersey by imposing Duties on all foreign Goods,' &c.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, ' An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose,' was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Clark.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Accounts reported by the Auditor, and also the Resolutions accompanying the same ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do approve of the Statement of the said Accounts, and concur in the Resolutions accompanying the same.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to forbear paying any Money on Notes belonging to the Estate of Lord Stirling, until a Bond given by said Lord Stirling in his Lifetime to this State is discharged, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Petition from Samuel Hunt and Ralph Hunt, praying that Bonds and Obligations may have the Priority of Book-Accounts in the Discharge of Debts due from the Estates of Fugitives and Offenders, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Mayhew.

‘ *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Mayhew do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port,” and request their Concurrence therein.’

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

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

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. Eldredge.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 20, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to requesting the Treasurer to make Payment of the Compensation allowed by an Act of the Legislature to no other Persons than John Blair and John Peck, Agents to the Regiments of this State ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to charge the County of Bergen with £. 48,000 Continental Money, and the County of Essex with £. 51 12 1, having been credited to them twice ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to crediting the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence to Benjamin Fenimore, late Paymaster of the Militia in the County of Burlington ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Blair,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to raise a Revenue from Practitioners of the Law, Proprietors of Stages, and Keepers of Ferries and Taverns within the State.’

An Amendment was moved to the Title and agreed to, that the same read as follows: ‘ An Act to raise a Revenue from certain Professions, Offices, Occupations, and from Proprietors of Stages and Keepers of Ferries and Taverns, within the State of New-Jersey;’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

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

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

Tuesday, March 21, 1786.

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. Sinnickson, seconded by Mr. Swain, that a Committee be appointed to consider of Ways and Means to enable this State to comply with the Requisition of Congress of the 27th September 1785, and make Provision for the Payment of one Year’s Interest on the State Debt, and to report the same to this House; on which the previous Question was moved by Mr. A. Clark, seconded by Mr. Starke; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the previous Question? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Garritfe,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Bunn,			

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

A Petition from Ebenezer Cowell, accompanied with an Account against the State, and praying an Allowance, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devices in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates

‘ Estates in Tail,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kitchel.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 21, 1786.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Kitchel do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,” and to request their Concurrence therein.’

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devices in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilden.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Marth,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Beardflee,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Stillwell,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions in the County of Morris, in Favour of Deborah Minthorn, Widow of William Minthorn, who was killed in the Service of the United States while a Soldier in the first Regiment of this State, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Deborah Minthorn for the Sum of Twenty-five Shillings per Month, from the first Day of November, 1781, for and during her Widowhood.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Williams, Daniel Pierfon, Mercellas Post and Jonas Ward, insolvent Debtors now confined in ‘ the Gaol of the County of Essex,’ was read a second Time, and the Title amended to read as follows: ‘ An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the several Counties of this State upon the Conditions therein ‘ mentioned;’ and, being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions in the County of Morris, in Favour of Sarah Hathaway, the Widow of Joseph Hathaway, who died while in the Service of the United States, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors ‘ confined in Gaol in the several Counties of this State upon the Conditions ‘ therein mentioned,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Beardflee,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Hankinson.	
Mr. Schenck,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. S. Ogden.

‘ Council-Chamber, March 21, 1786.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to appointing Commissioners to meet Commissioners to be appointed by the other States to examine the relative Situation and Trade of the said States, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

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

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

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for defraying certain incidental Charges,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Motion was made by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. A. Clark, that a Committee may be appointed to devise Ways and Means for discharging the Principal and Interest of the State Debt, and to report their Opinion thereon to the House; to which the House agreed; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. A. Clark, Schuurman and R. S. Smith, be the Committee.

The House taking into Consideration, that when they passed the Act for the Support of Government, from November 1784 to November 1785, it was the Expectation of the Legislature, that the Congress of the United States would have continued at Trenton, and that in Consideration thereof they allowed the Delegates of this State Three Dollars per Day; but that Honourable Body having, on the Day after the passing of that Act, resolved, that they would remove to New-York, where our Delegates were obliged to attend at a much greater Expence than was expected; therefore,

Resolved, That each of them be allowed the additional Sum of One Dollar per Day for each Day they attended in Congress during their Appointment, which the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay; and their or either of their Receipts for the same shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts with this State.

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

Whereas the Mode for Contractors to transmit Certificates in their Possession into the Treasury, directed by a Resolution of this House of the 20th Ultimo, and concurred in by Council, will probably be attended with Difficulty and Delay, and it being necessary that the State should be possessed of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That the Auditor be, and he is hereby directed to procure the said Certificates from the several Contractors by sending a Person or Persons duly authorized to demand the same; and the respective Contractors are hereby required

quired to deliver the Certificates aforesaid to the Person thus authorized to draw from the Treasurer any Sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds to defray the Expence thereof, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure of so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

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

The Memorial of John Sparks was read the second Time, and it appearing that said Sparks stands charged in the Auditor's Office with a Balance due to this State in the Sum of £. 42 0 8; and it also appearing that said Sparks, encouraged thereto by the House of Assembly at that Time, had expended Part of the Publick Money, then in his Hands, in purchasing Forage for the Army at the Time they were in great Distress for Want of the same, for which Expenditure the said Sparks received Publick Securities; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive of said John Sparks Publick Securities to the Amount of the above Balance, upon his paying the Costs accrued on a Prosecution against him at the Suit of the State; and that said Sparks, upon such Payment, be discharged of the above-said Balance against him.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for erecting Paulus-Hook, in the County of Bergen, into a free Port,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

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

Wednesday, March 22, 1786.

The House met.

A Warrant in Favour of Martha Hathaway, in Lieu of one given to her dated June 17, 1780, and a Warrant in Favour of Deborah Minthorn, Widow of William Minthorn, entitling her to receive the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

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

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

Whereas a Warrant, of the 16th of March, 1780, was granted to Elizabeth Horton, Widow of Doctor Jonathan Horton, deceased, for her said Husband's Half-pay; and a Warrant, of the 21st December, 1781, was granted to Catharine Piatt, Widow of Major Daniel Piatt, deceased, for her said Husband's Half-pay; and also a Warrant of the 6th of December, 1781, was granted to Rachel Shores, Widow of Peleg Shores, deceased, a late Soldier in Colonel Wind's Regiment, for her said Husband's Half-pay; upon which Warrants, especially the first, large Sums of Money from Time to Time have been paid; and it now appearing, that the said Horton, Piatt and Shores died by Sickness, and not in Consequence of any Wounds they received in the Service or otherwise, in such a Manner as to entitle their Widows, or either of them, to Half-pay of their deceased Husbands; whereupon,

Resolved, That the aforesaid Warrants to Elizabeth Horton, Catharine Piatt and Rachel Shores, be, and they and each of them are hereby revoked and made void.

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

Mr. A. Clark, from the Committee appointed to devise Ways and Means for discharging the Principal and Interest of the State Debt, reported as follows:

THAT they find the State Debt may be ranked in five Classes, viz.
 Notes given for Depreciation of Pay to the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line.

Notes given to the Militia.

Contractors' Certificates.

Surplus Certificates.

And a few Certificates given by Commissioners appointed to loan Money.

That the two first are already liquidated, and the three last are now under Liquidation by a Commissioner, and will not be completed before October: That it is necessary that the Creditors of the State should be on a perfect Equality, and that when Provision shall be made for any one Species of Debts, the like Provision should be made for all, and this cannot be done until the Whole are liquidated; at which Time it is the Opinion of the Committee, that all the confiscated Estates and Publick Barracks in this State should be sold, and that the State Debts of every Kind should be received in Payment: That the remaining Debts of the State should be then discharged by Taxes, in which the State Securities should be taken in Payment.

By Order of the Committee,

To which Report the House agreed. A BRAHAM CLARK.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for establishing a Coinage of Copper in this State,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Beardslee,	Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,
		Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Burgin,
		Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Bowen,
		Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.

Ordered, That Mr. Blair do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

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

A Motion was made by Mr. Marfh, seconded by Mr. Walton, for Leave to present a Bill with the following Title: 'An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode of sinking the same;' on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardslee,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Which

Which being read,

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raise the Causeway, leading from Salem Bridge into said Township, above the Flow of the Tide; to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for those Purposes,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

MR. Combs, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Circumstance of the Memorial of William Tucker, Commissioner, appointed by the Provincial Congress for the Purpose of purchasing Arms and military Stores, did, at sundry Times, draw Money for that Purpose; for the Expediture of which he did keep regular Day-Books; Part of which your Committee has examined, and find them regular; but it appears to your Committee, that Part of the Books, together with the Vouchers, was destroyed or taken by the Enemy in December 1776, by which Means said Tucker hath it not in his Power to produce proper Vouchers: And also it appears to your Committee, that the Account of £. 100 10 0, charged to said Tucker by the then Treasurer, did unavoidably fall into the Hands of the Enemy, and therefore said Tucker ought not to be charged therewith; and also, in the Opinion of your Committee, said Tucker's Accounts ought to stand balanced with the State, and the said Tucker be discharged,

JOHN COMBS,
EDWARD BUNN.

To which the House agreed.

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

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

The House met.

A Representation and Petition from James Parker, Esquire, setting forth, that by the Election Law he is not eligible to any Appointment of Trust or Profit in the State, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may be passed to admit of his being chosen or appointed to such Offices as it may be the Pleasure of any elective Body to appoint him to; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Combs and Mr. Schuurman be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for that Purpose.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode of sinking the same,' was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Blair,			

A Motion was made by Mr. Sinnickson, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that the following Proviso be inserted after the Words ‘ passing an Act for that Purpose,’ in the Proviso to the 18th Section, to wit, ‘ *And provided also*, That the said ‘ Bills shall not be a Tender after the passing of the said Act calling the same in ‘ as aforesaid;’ on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

A Motion was made by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Marsh, to insert, after the Words ‘ between Man and Man as aforesaid,’ in the 34th Section, the following Words: ‘ And all Judgments and Executions, which have been or shall ‘ be obtained or issued against any Debtor or Debtors remaining unpaid at the ‘ Time Tender may be made in said Bills for discharging the same, shall be va- ‘ cated, and the same is and are hereby declared to be void to all Intents and ‘ Purposes as though no such Judgment had been obtained or Execution issued.’

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardflee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Three Messages from Council by Mr. Hoops.

Council-Chamber, March 22, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee on Publick Accounts, with the Resolution from the House of Assembly accompanying the same,

Resolved, That the House approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to allowing Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, at the Rate of £. 150 per Annum, and £. 25 for a Clerk, &c.

Resolved, That the House do not concur therein.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Hoops do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, "An Act to direct the Mode of levying Taxes, and to enforce the same," is passed by this House without Amendment.

Two Messages from Council by Mr. Haring.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 22, 1786.

THAT Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intitled, "A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates; to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several Counties in this State," is passed by this House without Amendment.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, March 22, 1786.

THAT Mr. Haring do carry the Bill, intitled, "A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act for regulating the Elections of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey," &c. with the Amendment made thereto by this House, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence to the said Amendment.

Which Bill, with the Amendment, being read, was ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, be allowed at the Rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum for his Services in that Appointment the present Year, and also such a Sum, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as he may expend for hiring a Clerk whenever he may find such Assistance necessary; and the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham to the Treasurer of the State for the Sums he may charge, not exceeding the Sums aforesaid, shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. R. S. Smith do carry the above Resolve to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intitled, An Act to call in all the Contractors' and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Schuurman and Starke.

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

Thursday, March 23, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. Combs, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corpo-

'ration of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Beardflee,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The Memorial of Daniel Ellis, Attorney to the late Governor Franklin, and of Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, Executors of the Last Will of William Skeeles, deceased, were read the second Time; and it appearing that the Agent of forfeited Estates, in the County of Burlington, hath paid into the Treasury, for Rents received of the Estate of William Franklin, the Sum of £. 158 5 4, and of the Estate of William Skeeles the Sum of £. 39 9 2, both of which Sums were paid in Publick Securities. It further appears that said Agent had paid into the Treasury the Sum of £. 52 2 11 in Specie, received for Rents of both the aforesaid Estates, not ascertaining the Sum received from each; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman the aforesaid Sum of £. 52 2 11, to be divided by them for each Estate in such Proportion as shall appear by the Agent's Accounts were received from the respective Estates: And that the said Treasurer give unto the said Daniel Ellis a Certificate, certifying that the State of New-Jersey is indebted unto Daniel Ellis, Attorney to William Franklin, Esquire, in the Sum of £. 158 5 4; and a like Certificate to Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, Executors of the Last Will of William Skeeles, deceased, in the Sum of £. 39 9 2; and that the Auditor do countersign the said Certificates; which said Sums shall be respectively paid in Specie, or other current Money of this State, with Interest from the Date thereof at the Rate of Six per Cent per Annum. And that the aforesaid Agent, and also the late Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of Burlington, and each of them, are hereby required to render Accounts of all the Rents, Issues and Profits of the aforesaid Estates by them or either of them respectively received, unto the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, and pay all Monies yet remaining in their or either of their Hands of the Rents or other Profits received from said Estates respectively, and to assign to the said Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman, of the Estates they are respectively authorized to receive, all Rents remaining unpaid, and other Demands which the said Agent or Commissioner or either of them by Law might or could have against any Person or Persons for Damages done on the aforesaid Estates or either of them.

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Newbold do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, "A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendments? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Sheppard.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States,' with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendments? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Walton,			

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Bills to the Council, and inform them that this House do adhere to their said Bills.

A Message from the Council by Mr. M. Ogden.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. M. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same," is rejected by this House.

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

Mr. Schuurman, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to call in all the Contractors' and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' reported the same with sundry 'Amendments,' and, being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

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

The

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to ' call in all Contractors' and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the ' Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,' was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. J. Smith do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said ' Corporation,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Burgin,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Blair.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Swain,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Houghton,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

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

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil Actions for ' a limited Time,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Burgin.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Hankinson.	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Longstreet.	
Mr. Schenck,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. T. Clark do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

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

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Stay of Executions in civil ' Actions for a limited Time,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Kelley,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Marfh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Swain,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Sinnickſon,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longſtreet.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

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

Two Meſſages from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors confined in Gaol in the ſeveral Counties of this State, upon the Conditions therein mentioned,” is rejected by this Houſe.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, intituled, “An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,” with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments.

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read; and, the Amendments being read in their Places, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. Randolph.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. Randolph do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that this Houſe adhere to their Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, “A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and ſhortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law;” and the Bill, intituled, “An Act to regulate the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Aſſembly,” &c. That the Bill, intituled, “An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to paſs Eſtates in Fee by certain Deviſes in Wills and Teſtaments, and to limit Eſtates in Tail,” is paſſed by this Houſe without Amendment.

The re-engroſſed Bill, intituled, “An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of Fieri Facias, and for transferring of Land and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,” was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

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

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

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Inhabitants in the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to raiſe the Cauſeway, leading from Salem Bridge into ſaid Township, above the Flow of the Tide;

“to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,” is ‘passed by this House without Amendment; and that the Bill, intituled, “A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to call in all Contractors’ and Surplus Certificates; to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt,” is rejected by this House.’

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to each of the Commissioners, appointed to meet the Commissioners of the other States upon commercial and other Matters, the Sum of Four Dollars per Day for every Day they or either of them shall be employed in this Service, upon Accounts by them to be exhibited upon Oath, certifying the Time they have been so employed; and that the Treasurer do advance to each of the Commissioners, on their setting out upon this Business, the Sum of One Hundred Dollars in Specie.

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

Resolved, That when the House rise they will rise without Day; and that if the Speaker should have Occasion to call the House again before the End of this Session, he direct them to meet at New-Brunswick.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

‘*Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

‘**T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, “An Act to qualify James Parker, of the Corporation of Perth-Amboy, to hold any Office he may be elected to in the said Corporation;” and the Bill, intituled, “An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges;” are passed by this House without Amendment.’

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

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

Friday, March 24, 1786.

The House met.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Silas Condict, Esq. any Sum he may find necessary, not exceeding £. 40, for hiring a Clerk to assist him in transacting the Business to which he is appointed.

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

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

Nine Messages from the Council by Mr. Newbold.

‘Council-Chamber, March 23, 1786.

‘**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Warrants in Favour of Martha Hathaway and Deborah Minthorn, entitling them to draw their late Husbands’ Half-pay;

‘*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to allowing the Delegates to Congress in the Year 1785 One Dollar per Day in Addition, &c.

‘*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘**T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to the Commissioners appointed to meet the Commissioners of other States upon commercial Matters Four Dollars per Day;

‘*Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘*Ordered*,

' Ordered,

THAT Mr. Newbold do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill "for Stay of Executions in civil Actions for a limited Time," is rejected by this House.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Auditor to procure from the Contractors Certificates by sending a Person to demand the same, &c.
' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from John Sparks Publick Securities;
' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution of the House of Assembly relative to allowing Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts £. 150 per Annum, and £. 50 for a Clerk, &c.
' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to directing the Treasurer to pay unto Daniel Ellis and Thomas Rodman £. 52 2 11, &c.
' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to repealing a Resolution of the Legislature of the 29th November last, directing the Treasurer to delay paying Interest on certain Certificates;
' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

' Council-Chamber, March 24, 1786.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to authorizing the Treasurer to pay to Silas Condict, Esquire, any Sum he may find necessary, not exceeding £. 40, for hiring a Clerk, &c.

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

The House rose without Day.

BY *Virtue* of an *Order* of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of New-Jersey, I do hereby appoint Isaac Collins, of Trenton, to print these Votes.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.

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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 25th Day of
OCTOBER, 1785, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE THIRD SITTING.

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NEW-BRUNSWICK, Wednesday, May 17, 1786.

PURSUANT to a special Summons of the Honorable the Speaker, the following Members met, to wit,

Mr. *Speaker*;

Mr. <i>Garritse,</i>	Mr. <i>Davis,</i>
Mr. <i>A. Clark,</i>	Mr. <i>Baker,</i>
Mr. <i>Marsh,</i>	Mr. <i>Starke,</i>
Mr. <i>Combs,</i>	Mr. <i>Burgin,</i>
Mr. <i>Schureman,</i>	Mr. <i>Bowen,</i>
Mr. <i>Blair,</i>	Mr. <i>Sheppard,</i>
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith,</i>	Mr. <i>Beardslee,</i>
Mr. <i>Biddle,</i>	Mr. <i>Longstreet;</i>
Mr. <i>J. Smith,</i>	

But not being a Quorum, adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1786.

The above named Persons met, together with Messrs. *Nicoll, Schenck,* and *Stillwell.*

Resolved, That *John Nevius* be Door-keeper to this House during the present Sitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Nicoll* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day met and proceeded to Business.

On Motion,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Nicoll*, *Blair*, and *Combs*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for emitting *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same.

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

The House met.

Messrs. *Bunn*, *Kelly*, *T. Clark*, *Cook*, *Houghton*, *Hankinson*, *Whilden*, and *Bonney*, attended and took their Seats.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Haring*.

Council-Chamber, May 17, 1786.

Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Haring* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met and proceeded to Business.’

Mr. *T. Clark* presented a Petition from the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, accompanied with a Bill, entitled, “An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Gloucester*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” which were read and ordered a second Reading.

The *Speaker* laid before the House a Letter from the Honorable *David Brearly*, Chief Justice; and the Honorable *Isaac Smith*, Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, proposing an Amendment to the “Act for regulating the Practice of Physic and Surgery,” which was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition from *David Olden*, Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that on the Settlement of his Accounts with the State, a Balance was due him of *Six Hundred and Four Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence*, of which he had paid *Fifty-eight Pounds Five Shillings* in Specie for surveying, advertising, and to Clerks; that at the Settlement it is noted, that the Balance should be considered in the same Specie as the Credits, to wit, in State Securities, and praying that the said Sum of *Fifty-eight Pounds Five Shillings* may be paid him in Specie from the Treasury, which was read and ordered to be dismissed.

A Petition from the County of *Monmouth*, praying that Paper-Money may be made, and put out on Loan, was read and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen* was read, praying that a Law may be passed to prohibit the setting of Nets in *Hackinsack River*.

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

A Petition from *Timothy Whitehead*, setting forth, that he owed to *James Jauncey* the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*; that the said *Jauncey*’s Estate has been Confiscated to this State; that he had payed the said Sum to the Rev. Mr. *Caldwell*, of the County of *Effex*, to pay to the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates of the said County; that he has been lately called upon by the Agent to discharge the said Money, and praying that he may be discharged from the Payment of the said Debt to the State.

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

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

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

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the City of *New-Brunswick* was read, praying that a Law may pass to alter the Road called *George's Road*, from the Place where it now is or may be, and establish it in the Course following: Beginning at the South End of *George's-Street*, thence running South 42° West 28 Chains and 80 Links, to a Corner on the Line between the Lots lately purchased by *John Schureman, Esq;* and *James Parker, Esq.*

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The *Speaker* laid before the House a Letter from *Nezer Swain, Esq;* Member of this House, in the County of *Cape-May*, desiring, on Account of the Indisposition of his Family, he may be excused from attending the House this Sitting.

Ordered, That he be excused accordingly.

Sundry Petitions from a great Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, praying that Paper-Money may be made and let out on Loan, were read and committed to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Mendham*, in the County of *Morris*, was read, praying that Money may be made and let out on Loan, and committed to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying that a Law may pass to limit the Size of Dogs, or decrease their Number, or both, on Account of their destroying Sheep.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to Messrs. *T. Clark* and *Marsh*, to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

Mr. *Schureman*, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in *Effex* County, commonly called *Ashfield's* Tract," which was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Hannah Garrison*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying the House would adopt a Method to enable her to receive a Sum of Money put in the Hands of *James Stillwell*, whose Estate has been confiscated, was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Van Buskirk* and others, of the County of *Bergen*, was read, praying that *Nicholas Lezier* may not have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the prayer of his Petition, presented to this House on the 14th March last.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time, when a Bill shall be presented by the said *Nicholas Lezier*, agreeably to Leave given him on the 15th March last.

Mr. *Terhune* attended and took his Seat.

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

The House met.

Mr. *Combs*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for striking and making current *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same."

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading,

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that, for the Convenience of Suiters in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the Court may be held alternately in the Eastern and Western Parts of the State.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, in the words following, accompanied with the several Papers therein referred to, to wit,

“ *Trenton, May 19. 1786.*

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ I Lay before the Honorable House, with this Message, a Number of Public Papers that have been transmitted to me during the Recess of the House, agreeably to the following List, viz.”

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| No. 1. | 3 <i>January</i> , 1786. | A Treaty concluded between the Commissioners Plenipotentiary of the United States and the <i>Chickasaws</i> and <i>Chactaws</i> . |
| No. 2. | 21 <i>January</i> , 1786. | A Treaty concluded between the said Commissioners and the <i>Shawanese</i> and <i>Cherokees</i> . |
| No. 3. | 22 <i>April</i> , 1786. | Letter from Secretary <i>Thomson</i> accompanying the same. |
| No. 4. | 8 <i>March</i> , 1786. | Report of the Board of Treasury respecting an Extension of time to the Commissioner for adjusting Continental Accounts within the State of <i>New-York</i> . |
| No. 5. | 22 <i>March</i> , 1786. | Letter from the Board of Treasury accompanying the same. |
| No. 6. | 24 <i>March</i> , 1786. | Resolution of the Commonwealth of <i>Massachusetts</i> , appointing Commissioners to meet such Commissioners as may be appointed by the other States in the Union, for the Purpose of considering the Trade of the United States, &c. |
| No. 7. | 30 <i>March</i> , 1786. | Governor <i>Bowdoin's</i> Letter accompanying the same. |
| No. 8. | | Journal of the United States from the 7th <i>November</i> , 1785, to the 3d <i>March</i> , 1786. |
| No. 9. | | A State of the Representation in Congress for the Month <i>March</i> , 1786. |
| No. 10. | 12 <i>April</i> , 1786. | Appointment by the State of <i>Pennsylvania</i> of Commissioners, to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States, &c. |
| No. 11. | 12 <i>April</i> , 1786. | Letter from Vice-President <i>Biddle</i> accompanying the same. |

WIL. LIVINGSTON.

Which Message, and the several Papers accompanying the same, were read and ordered severally to be filed.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1786.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for striking and making current *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same,” was read a second Time,

On

On the Question, Whether *Benjamin Van Cleve, Esq;* or *Aaron Dunham, Esq;* be appointed a Signer to the Bills to be emitted by the said Bill? It was carried as follows:

For <i>Benjamin Van Cleve, Esq;</i>		For <i>Aaron Dunham, Esq;</i>	
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. T. Clark,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,		
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,		
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardslee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.		

A Motion was made by Mr. Biddle, seconded by Mr. T. Clark, to insert in the 34th Section after the words: "*Debts, Dues, or Demands whatsoever,*" the following words: "In the Payment of all Debts or Contracts entered into after the Publication of this Act."

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardslee,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longstreet.	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Blair,		

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen* and *Essex*, praying that *Merfeillus Post*, a Prisoner confined in the Gaol of *Essex* County, may be released from his Confinement; also Petitions from *Benjamin Williams* and *Nathaniel Bond*, Prisoners confined in the said Gaol, praying to be released from their Confinement, were read and committed to Messrs. *A. Clark* and *Marsh*, who are directed to report a Supplement to the Act, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors."

Mr. *Schureman*, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter part of the Road called *George's-Road*, in the County of *Middlesex*, leading from *New-Brunswick* to *Cranberry*," which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1786.

The House met.

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

Yeas,

Yeas.

Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Nicoll,
Mr. Garritse,
Mr. A. Clark,
Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Combs,
Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Walton,
Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Bunn,

Yeas.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Starke,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Hinkinson,
Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Longstreet.

Nays.

Mr. Schureman,
Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Biddle,
Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Sheppard.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Terhune* do carry the said Bill to the Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 20, 1785.

THAT Mr. *Kitchel*, Mr. *M. Ogden*, and Mr. *Martin*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in a free Conference, on the following Subjects, to wit, The late Requisition of Congress; the Fulfilment of our Public Engagements; the making Provision for the Payment of Interest on the State Debts, in order to do Justice to State Creditors, and to restore Public Credit; and the adopting Measures to raise a Revenue, by Impost and Excise, in order to make Taxation more equal, by releasing the Land-Holders, in placing the Burthen on Superfluities; and that Mr. *Martin* do wait on the House of Assembly and request them to appoint a Committee for the said Purposes, to meet at the House of Mr. *Drake*, on Tuesday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Which Message was read and considered; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *A. Clark*, *J. Smith*, *Starke*, *Schureman*, and *Sheppard*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee of this House to meet the Committee of Council for the Purposes in the said Message expressed, at the Time and Place appointed, and that Mr. *Terhune* do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Gloucester*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed,

Mr. *T. Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to discourage the keeping of Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

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

On Motion,

Resolved, That *Shepard Kollock* be appointed to print the Votes and Proceedings of this House at the present Sitting, and that the Clerk do furnish him with a Copy of the same weekly for that Purpose.

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

The House met.

Mr. *Sinnickson* and Mr. *Hall* attended and took their Seats.

Benjamin Holme, Esq; appointed a Member of this House in the Place of *Anthony Sharp*, Esq; deceased, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

The

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Gloucester*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

A Petition from the Executors, Widow, and Legatees of *Stephen Hunt*, deceased, late of *Somerset* County, setting forth that the said deceased made his Testament and last Will in the Presence of two Witnesses only, by which Means the Executors therein mentioned are not authorized to convey the real Estate of the Testator, and praying that an Act may be passed to enable the Executors in said Will mentioned to fulfil the Intentions of the said Testator.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition at the next Sitting, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in the *New-Jersey Gazette* and in the Newspaper printed at *Elizabeth Town*, for at least six Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from the Rector, Church-Wardens, and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of *New-Brunswick*, in Behalf of themselves and the Congregation they represent, praying, for Reasons therein mentioned, that a Law may be passed to permit them to raise, by way of Lottery, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, to be appropriated to repair their Church.

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

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in *Essex* County, commonly called *Ashfield's Tract*," was read a second Time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. *A. Clark*, *Marsh*, and *Garrilse*.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of *John Schuyler*, an Insolvent Debtor," was read a second Time, and debated by Paragraphs: On the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holme</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schwareman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garrilse</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,	Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgen</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> .
Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	

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

Mr. *T. Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of *New-Jersey*, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1786.

The House met.

Mr. *Hunkinſon*, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, preſented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of *Adam Green* and *John Hull*, of *Hardwick*, in the County of *Suffex*,” which Bill was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *Freegift Stout*, of the County of *Suffex*, praying a Law may be paſſed to grant him the Liberty of keeping a Ferry acroſs the *Dela-wire*, at *Greenwich*, in the ſaid County, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, That *Garret Voorhies* be Sergeant at Arms to this Houſe during the preſent Sitting.

The *Speaker* laid before the Houſe Propoſals made by *Walter Mould*, *Thomas Goadſby*, and *Albion Cox*, for ſtriking a Copper Coin for the State of *New-Jerſy*, which was read ; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Meſſrs. *A. Clark*, *R. S. Smith*, *Sheppard*, *Marſh*, and *Nicoll*, be a Committee to confer with the ſaid *Walter Mould*, *Thomas Goadſby*, and *Albion Cox* on the Subject of the ſaid Propoſals, and report to the Houſe the Terms they may agree upon.

Information having been given that *Nathaniel Farrand*, late Collector of the Townſhip of *Newark*, in the County of *Effex*, has been guilty of giving Surplus Certificates in ſaid County contrary to Law ; Therefore,

Ordered, That the Sergeant at Arms require and cauſe the ſaid *Nathaniel Farrand* to appear before this Houſe on Friday the twenty-fixth Day of May Inſtant, at three o’Clock in the Afternoon, to answer to Charges exhibited againſt him ; and that the Clerk iſſue Subpœnas to *Aaron Winans*, *Jonas Wade*, *Jacob Winans*, and *John Tucker*, to appear and give ſuch Information and Teſtimony reſpecting the Information given, and Charges preſented againſt the ſaid *Nathaniel Farrand*, as is in their Power to give.

The Bill, entitled, “ A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legiſlative Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of *New-Jerſy*, and of Delegates to represent the ſaid State in the Congreſs of the United States,” was read a ſecond Time ;

On the Queſtion, Whether the ſeventh Section, in the following Words, do paſs ? to wit :

“ *Provided always, and be it further Enacted*, That no Perſon whatever being in, other Reſpects qualified by the Conſtitution of the State to vote at Elections for chooſing Repreſentatives to ſerve in Council and Aſſembly, or for Sheriffs and Coroners, ſhall be diſfranchiſed or deprived of the Privilege of voting at ſaid Election for having been fined or imprifoned for reſuſing to give Teſtimony of their Allegiance by taking the Oath or Affirmation of Abjuration and Allegiance to this State, preſcribed by an Act, entitled, “ An Act for the Security of the Government of *New-Jerſy*.”

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Section ? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritſe</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holme</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marſh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stillwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,
Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardſee</i> .
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .		
Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinſon</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longſtreect</i> .		
Mr. <i>Sinnickſon</i> ,			

On the Question, Whether the following Words be added to the seventh Section ? to wit :

“ Or from being admitted into, holding or exercising any Office of Trust or Profit, either Civil or Military, who shall be duly elected to such Office by the Joint Meeting of the Council and Assembly, any thing in the before recited Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.”

It was carried in the Negative as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Holme,
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Sinnickson,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardlee,		
Mr. Burn,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Blair,			

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

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

The House met.

Mr. Cooper attended and took his Seat.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint Conference, and the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from *Benjamin Shotwell*, of the County of *Middlesex*, praying that Provision may be made to discharge the Arrears of Interest due him on Certificates, in his Possession, for Cattle furnished the Army, &c.

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

A Petition from *William Rockhill*, late a Sergeant in the Army of the United States; setting forth that he has been disabled in the Service of the United States; that a Pension has been adjudged to him by the Court of *Gloucester* County, but that the Commissioner appointed to make Provision for Invalids conceives himself not authorized by Law to make Provision for Time past, and praying that Provision may be made by the State, or that the Commissioner may be authorized to settle and make Provision for all Arrears of Pension due to Invalids.

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

The Bill, entitled, “An Act to alter part of the Road called *George's Road*, in the County of *Middlesex*, leading from *New-Brunswick* to *Cranberry*,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, “A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of *New-Jersey*, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States.

On the Question, Whether the eighth Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.

Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,
Mr. A. Clark,
Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Combs,
Mr. Schureman,
Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Stillwell,

Yeas.

Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Biddle,
Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Baker,

Yeas.

Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Starke,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Beardflee,
Mr. Longstreet.

Nays.

Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Holme,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Houghton,
Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Sheppard.

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Petition from *James Linn*, Esq; of the County of *Somerset*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to Divorce him from his Wife *Mary*, was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *A. Clark* from the Committee appointed to confer with *Walter Mould*, *Thomas Goadsby*, and *Albion Cox*, on the Subject of their Proposals for striking a Copper Coin in the State of *New-Jersey*, reported as follows:

That they have held the Conference for which they were appointed, and have agreed with Mr. *Mould*, in behalf of himself and his Associates, on either of the Conditions following, as may be most agreeable to the Legislature:

First, That said Persons, if authorized to coin a Sum in Coppers, not to exceed *Ten Thousand Pounds*, will engage to coin that Sum and no more, and to pay one eleventh Part thereof to the State; or,

Secondly, If they shall be permitted to coin any greater Sum than the *Ten Thousand Pounds*, to be limited by Persons authorized for that Purpose, who may stop such Coinage whenever a Sum shall be coined to as large an Amount as will pass current without Depreciation, they will engage to coin at least *Ten Thousand Pounds*, and to pay to the State one tenth Part of all the Sums they may coin; which several Conditions are submitted to the House.

By Order of the Committee,

ABRAHAM CLARK.

The House taking the above Report into Consideration,

Ordered, That Mr. *Mould* and his Associates have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the last mentioned Condition.

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter Part of a Road called *George's Road*, in the County of *Middlesex*, leading from *New-Brunswick* to *Cranberry*," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of *New-Jersey*, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States," was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.

Mr. Terhune,
Mr. Blauvelt,
Mr. Garritse,
Mr. A. Clark,
Mr. Combs,
Mr. Schureman,
Mr. Bonney,
Mr. Schenck,
Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Bunn,

Yeas.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. R. S. Smith,
Mr. Biddle,
Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. T. Clark,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Hall,

Yeas.

Mr. Holme,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Starke,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Sheppard,
Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Beardflee,
Mr. Longstreet.

Nays.

Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Houghton.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

The Petition from *James Linn*, Esq; of the County of *Somerset*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that a Law may be passed to Divorce him from *Mary* his Wife, was read a second Time; Whereupon,

Ordered, That he be heard before the House on *Wednesday* next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, with his Witneses, to prove the Charges set forth in his Petition; and that he serve his Wife *Mary* with a Copy of his Petition, and a Copy of this Order, at least four Days previous thereto; and that she have Liberty to appear and defend herself against the Charges in the said Petition exhibited.

Messrs. *Blauvelt*, *Sinnickson*, *Hall*, *Holme*, *Cooper*, and *Lambert*, having been severally called upon by the Speaker for their Reasons for not attending this House at the Time appointed, did give their Reasons accordingly, which were deemed satisfactory.

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

Mr. *Marsh*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Copper in this State;" which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of *Adam Green* and *John Hull*, of *Hardwick*, in the County of *Suffex*," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Perth-Amboy*, *Woodbridge*, and *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, praying that an Impost may be laid upon Goods imported into this State through any of the neighbouring States; and that such Measures may be taken as will most effectually encourage Agriculture, Manufactories, and Trade, was read and ordered a second Reading.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying that Stage Wagons may be taxed, and that the Proceeds of the Taxes may be appropriated to the Repair of the Roads, was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, and its Vicinity, praying, for the Conveniency of Suiters in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, that the Court may be held alternately in the Eastern and Western Parts of the State, was read and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of *Adam Green* and *John Hull*, of *Hardwick*, in the County of *Suffex*," was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holme</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stillwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,		Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

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

A Petition from the Justices and chosen Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, praying that a Law may be passed to make Provision in the several Counties for their necessary Trouble and Expences, in transacting the Business of the County, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Marsh*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in *Effex* County, commonly called *Ashfield's Tract*," reported the same, with sundry Amendments, which were read, and having been further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from *Joseph Lewis*, Esq; of the County of *Morris*, praying that *James Schureman*, *Ellis Cook*, and *Robert Blair*, Esquires, Members of this House, may be appointed as Referees to settle and ascertain the Balance due to the State from him, as a Contractor and Paymaster of the said County, in an Action now depending in the Supreme Court; and that their Report be returned to the Supreme Court, on which Judgment may be entered, and Execution issue accordingly.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *M. Ogden*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 24, 1786.

“ THAT Mr. *M. Ogden* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Gloucester*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in said Amendments.”

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and the Amendments being agreed to,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments.

A Petition from *William Leddle*, Esq; accompanied with Proposals for coining of Coppers, was read; Whereupon,

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Coppers in this State,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of *Gloucester*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*; and a Petition from *Ann Pemberton*, accompanied with a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to enable *Ann Pemberton*, Widow, and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits, of *Joseph Pemberton*, late of *West-River*, in the State of *Maryland*, deceased, who was the eldest Son and Heir at Law of *Israel Pemberton*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, in the Commonwealth of *Pennsylvania*, also deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts severally made by the same *Israel Pemberton* and *Joseph Pemberton*, for the sale of certain Lands in the County of *Cumberland*, in the State of *New-Jersey*,” and praying that the said Bill may be passed; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Isaac Derwit* and others, of the County of *Suffex*, praying that

that a Law may be passed to grant the said *Isaac Dewit* the Liberty of keeping a Ferry across the *Delaware* at *Greenwich*, in the County of *Suffex*, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Marsh* reported that he had obeyed the Orders of the House.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to discourage the Keeping of Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *R. S. Smith* and *Cook*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Randolph*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 25, 1786.

THAT Mr. *Randolph* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter Part of the Road called *George's Road*, in the County of *Middlesex*, leading from *New-Brunswick* to *Cranberry*," is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Petition from Capt. *John Mercer*, in Behalf of himself and the other Officers of the Company he commands, praying that the Officers of his Company may be allowed by the State a reasonable Compensation for their Trouble and Expences in recruiting their Company, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *A. Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act more fully to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State to call to Account County Collectors for Money and other public Property by them received," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Coppers in this State," was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> .
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holme</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Stillwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 26, 1786.

THAT Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for striking and making current *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same," is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *R. S. Smith* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, "An

" An Act to discourage the Keeping of Dogs, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Title, to wit: " An Act to discourage the Keeping of Dogs;" which Bill was debated, further amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Auditor of Accounts, accompanied with a Letter from *Benjamin Thompson*, Commissioner of Accounts of *New-Jersey*, to the Auditor, and a Copy of his Letter to the Commissioner, in Answer thereto, and desiring that one or more Persons be appointed by the State to assist in making a Settlement of the Accounts of this State with the Commissioner of the United States.

Ordered, That the said Letters be committed to Messrs. *R. S. Smith*, *Schureman* and *Marsh*, to report thereon to the House.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to enable *Ann Pemberton*, Widow, and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits, of *Joseph Pemberton*, late of *West-River*, in the State of *Maryland*, deceased, who was the eldest Son and Heir at Law of *Israel Pemberton*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, also deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts severally made by the same *Israel Pemberton* and *Joseph Pemberton*, for the Sale of certain Lands in the County of *Cumberland*, in the State of *New-Jersey*," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Sheppard* and *Bowen*.

A Petition from Capt. *Thomas Combs*, of the County of *Middlesex*, accompanied with an Account against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Isaac Collins*, Printer to the State, was read, praying a permanent Appointment, as Printer by Law, for such a Length of Time, and under such Regulations as to the Legislature should seem meet; and that he may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

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

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

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in *Essex* County, commonly called *Ashfield's* Tract, was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nicoll</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> .
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardjee</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	
Mr. <i>Stillwell</i> ,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

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

Mr. *Nicoll*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to enable *Nicholas Lezier* to erect

erect and maintain a Mill, and the necessary Water-Works for improving the same, on and near *Hackinsack River*, in the County of *Bergen*, and State of *New-Jersey*," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to discourage the Keeping of Dogs," was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Nicoll,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Holme,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wulden,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardjee,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Longstreet.
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Hall,	
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Sheppard.		
Mr. R. S. Smith,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Sergeant at Arms informed the House that he had obeyed their Orders of the 23d Instant; that *Nathaniel Farrand* was in his Custody; and that he had subpoenaed the Witnesses named in the said Order, who were also attending in Town.

Ordered, That the said *Nathaniel Farrand* be brought before the House; who being called appeared, was examined on the Charges exhibited against him, and the following Evidences were called, sworn, and examined, to wit: *John Tucker, Jonas Wade, and Aaron Winans.*

Ordered, That the Consideration of the above Charges be postponed until To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Sergeant at Arms take into his custody, and safely keep, the Bodies of *Nathaniel Farrand, Jacob Winans. and Aaron Winans,* until discharged from his Custody, by Order of this House.

Mr. R. S. Smith, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for appointing a Public Printer to the State of *New-Jersey*, and for declaring the Credit and Authenticity of all such Acts and Proceedings as shall be printed and published by him, under the Direction of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, or of either of them, or of the Joint-Meeting;" which Bill was read and ordered to be referred to the next Session.

A Petition from *Jonas Ward*, an insolvent Debtor, confined in the Gaol of the County of *Essex*, praying that a Law may be passed to relieve him from Confinement, was read and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1786.

The House met.

A Petition from the Justices and Frecholders of the County of *Somerset*, praying that the forty-first Section of the Bill, entitled, "An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges," may be repealed, was read and referred to the next Sitting.

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Mr. *A. Clark*, from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of Council in Joint-Conference, reported, That the said Joint-Committees have had several Conferences, and agreed to report to the respective Houses as follows:

First. That it is the Opinion of the Committee a Tax of *Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings* be levied for the present Year, to be paid into the Treasury on or before the twentieth Day of December next; and when received, to be applied in Addition to the Revenue Money towards discharging the present Year's Interest on the Continental Debt due to the Citizens of this State; and that the Bills now in Circulation, called Revenue Bills, be made a Legal Tender.

Second. That the confiscated Lands, and the Public Barracks in this State be sold, as soon as convenient, towards discharging the State Debt; and that in such Sale Credit be given, and Payment in State Securities be made at executing the Deeds previous to the Purchasers taking Possession of the purchased Premises.

Third. That a Revenue be raised by an Impost and Excise.

By Order of the Committee,

ABRAHAM CLARK.

To which Report the House agreed; Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Schureman* and *Cook* be a Committee to bring in a Bill to raise by Tax the Sum of *Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings*; and for making the present Revenue Money a Legal Tender, agreeably to the first Paragraph in the said Report.

Ordered, That Messrs. *R. S. Smith*, *Sinnickson*, and *Combs*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill agreeably to the second Paragraph in the said Report.

Ordered, That Messrs. *A. Clark*, *Sinnickson*, *Sheppard*, *R. S. Smith*, *Schureman*, and *Blair*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to raise a Revenue agreeably to the third Paragraph in the said Report.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Charges exhibited against *Nathaniel Farrand*; Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Suit be instituted by the Attorney-General of this State against *Jacob Winans*, for recovering the Amount of three Surplus Certificates given by *Nathaniel Farrand* to the Use of said *Jacob Winans*, one of which was to *Nathaniel Pike* for *Six Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence*; the other two payable to *John Tucker* for the above said Sum of *Six Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Two Shillings and Twopence* each, for which it appears the said *Farrand* received no Originals; and that the Auditor deliver the Attorney-General all the Papers in his Possession necessary for the Prosecution.

Ordered, That the Sergeant at Arms attend *Nathaniel Farrand* to his House, and receive from him all the Certificates, with the Books and Vouchers, in his Possession, containing Accounts of the Receipts on Issues of Certificates, giving a Receipt therefor if required, and return the said *Farrand* in Custody to this Place.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Farrand* deliver to the Sergeant at Arms all the Public Certificates and Papers in his Possession.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called the *Great Piece*, in *Horseneck*, in the County of *Effex*, containing Two Thousand Acres, bounded southwardly on the Highway, northwesterly on *Passaick River*, and easterly on the Farms of *John Gould*, *Henry Pierce*, and others, setting forth that the said Tract lies undivided and in common among the Proprietors, and praying that a Law may be passed to empower *Samuel Dod*, *Amos Freeman*, and *James Post*, to direct the said Tract of Land to be divided into three Parts by Lines running from said River to said Farms, as near as can be in Quantity and

and Quality; that when the Division shall be made, the Owners may Ballot for the said three Lots or Divisions, and praying Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, in the *New-Jersey Journal*, and in three of the most public Places in the County of *Effex*, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. *Marsh*, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Division and Partition of Lands and Tenements in *New-Jersey*;" which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from Capt. *John Mercer*, in Behalf of himself and the Officers commanding his Company, was read and referred to Congress, to whom it belongs, to make the necessary Provision for the Troops.

Mr. *Marsh*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of poor and insolvent Debtors;" which was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Peter Dumont*, praying that a Law may pass to vest him with a Title in Fee in certain Lands by him purchased from *David Olden*, Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of *Middlesex*, late the Property of *Peter* and *John Vroom*, of said County, consisting of Two-thirds of Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Acres of Land, for which he paid *Five Hundred and Forty-four Pounds*, and which, for certain Reasons therein contained, it is not in his Power to get Possession of.

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

Mr. *Sheppard*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable *Ann Pemberton*, Widow, and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits, of *Joseph Pemberton*, late of *West-River*, in the State of *Maryland*, deceased, who was eldest Son and Heir at Law of *Israel Pemberton*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, also deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts severally made by the same *Israel Pemberton* and *Joseph Pemberton*, for the sale of certain Lands in the County of *Cumberland*, in the State of *New-Jersey*," reported the same with sundry Amendments; and the same being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1786.

The House met.

Six Petitions from the County of *Gloucester*, praying that said County may be divided, and that a new County may be set off, and that the Part which may be set off for a new County may be at no Expence of building or re-building the Court-House or Gaol of *Gloucester*.

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

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying, that for the Convenience of Suiters in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the Court may be held alternately in the eastern and western Parts of the State, and that *Burlington* may be one of the Places.

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

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

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act more fully to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State, to call to Account County Collectors

Collectors for Money and other Public Property by them received," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of poor and insolvent Debtors," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Schureman, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Additional Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum*, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th April, 1783, and for appropriating the same; and to alter the Time of assessing and collecting the Tax of the current Year, for the Support of Government ;" which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

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

Mr. Sinnickson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to direct the Agent of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties of this State, to proceed to the Sale of said Estates; and to repeal an Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may become, forfeited to and vested in this State," to empower the said Agents to sell the Lands and Public Barracks belonging to this State: and to repeal the Act, entitled, " An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State;" which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Certificate of Half-pay from the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of *Mounmouth*, in Favour of the Child of *Lambert Johnson*, who died while in Captivity, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act more effectually to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties in this State to call to Account County Collectors, for Money and other Public Property by them received," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of poor and insolvent Debtors," was read and compared ;

On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Sheppard,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Beardlee,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. T. Clark,		Mr. Hall,
Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Davis,		Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Baker,		Mr. Starke,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Houghton,		Mr. Longstreet.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to enable *Ann Pemberton*, Widow; and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of *Joseph Pemberton*, late of *West-River*, in the State of *Maryland*, deceased, who was the eldest Son and Heir at Law of *Israel Pemberton*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, in the Commonwealth of *Pennsylvania*, also deceased, to fulfil certain Contracts severally made by the same *Israel Pemberton* and *Joseph Pemberton*, for the sale of certain Lands in the County of *Cumberland*, in the State of *New-Jersey*," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for draining and making Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on *Peguanack* River, in the County of *Morris*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Two Petitions from Sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, praying that for the Conveniency of Suiters in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, the Courts may be held alternately at *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*, was read; and the Petitions heretofore presented, praying that the Supreme Court may be held alternately in *East* and *West Jersey*, was read a second time, and referred to the next Session.

Mr. *R. S. Smith*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Auditor's Letter of the 25th Instant, reported as follows:

That in the Opinion of your Committee it is necessary to make Provision for another Clerk to assist in bringing up the public Accounts; and that two Persons should be appointed on Behalf of the State to assist the Auditor in the Settlement of the Accounts between this State and the United States.

By Order of the Committee,

R. S. S M I T H.

To which Report the House agreed; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to *Aaron Dunham*, Esq; such Sum, not exceeding *Ninety Pounds*, Lawful Money, as he may require, for an Additional Clerk to assist him in preparing the Accounts of this State for Settlement with the Commissioner appointed in Behalf of the United States; and that the Receipt of the said *Aaron Dunham* shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure thereof, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Resolved, That *Moore Furman* and *John Beatty*, or either of them, be, and they are hereby appointed, authorized, and empowered, together with the Auditor of this State for the Time being, to settle Accounts between this State and the United States; that they proceed on this Business as soon as the Commissioner can attend on the same; and that the said *Moore Furman* and *John Beatty* be allowed *Fifteen Shillings* per Day each, for every Day they shall attend upon said Business, which the Treasurer is directed to pay, upon their producing an Account thereof upon Oath; and their Receipts for the same shall be sufficient Vouchers for the Payment of so much Money.

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

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

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for selling the Proprieties Shares of Propriety and Rights to unlocated Lands of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to and vested in this State," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Sergeant at Arms appeared in the House, and delivered a Bundle of Certificates which he received from *Henry Garrise*, Esq; and sundry Books containing a Register of Certificates, Duplicates, and Certificates which he received from *Nathaniel Farrand*, in Virtue of the Order of this House of the 27th Instant.

Ordered, That the said Papers be committed to Messrs. *Sinnickson*, *Cook*, *Marsh*, *Combs*, and *Blair*, to examine the same, and to report thereon to the House.

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

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to facilitate the Division and Partition of Lands and Tenements in *New-Jersey*," was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

Mr. *Marsh*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for making the Bills emitted by the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings* per Annum for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same a Legal Tender in this State;" which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Additional Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings* per Annum, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, and to alter the Time of assessing and collecting the Tax of the current Year, for the Support of Government," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1786.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for draining and making Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate on *Peguanack* River, in the County of *Morris*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared:

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,		Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,		Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,		Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for making the Bills emitted by the Act, entitled,

ted, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings* per Annum, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th April, 1783, and for appropriating the same a Legal Tender in this State," was read a second Time.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Sinnickson*, seconded by Mr. *Bowen*, to add the following Proviso to the Bill, to wit:

"*Provided always*, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that all Public Officers of this State shall account for Monies by them received either for the Use of this State, or any Individuals thereof, to the said State, or Individuals for whose Use the same hath been received, in the same Species of Money which it shall appear they have received ;"

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Negative as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,		Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,		Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,
Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,		Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .

On the Question, Whether the said Bill shall be engrossed? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stillwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .
Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Speaker</i> .	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sales of said Estates; and to repeal an Act to suspend the Sales of real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to and vested in this State, to empower the said Agents to sell the Lands and Public Barracks belonging to this State; and to repeal the Act, entitled, An Act for further suspending the Sales of forfeited Estates in this State," was read and compared;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Biddle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. S. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,
Mr. <i>A. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>J. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>T. Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Longstreet</i> .
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> ,	

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for selling the Proprieties Shares of Propriety and Rights to unlocated Lands of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to and vested in this State," was read and compared ;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Arnold,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Bowen,	
Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Whilden,	Mr. Beardslee,	
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Longstreet.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

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

The House met.

Mr. Schenck reported that he had obeyed the Orders of the House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An additional Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings* per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same ; and to alter the Time of Assessing and collecting the Tax of the current Year for the Support of Government," was read and compared ;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Negative as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Beardslee,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Longstreet.		
Mr. Kelly,			

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for making the Bills emitted by the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings* per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same a Legal Tender in this State," was read and compared ;

On the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garriſe,	Mr. Blair,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Marſh,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Whilden,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Davis,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Hankinſon,	Mr. Sinnickſon,	
Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Beardſlee,		
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Longſtree.		

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

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

Mr. Schureman, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to raiſe the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, and to appropriate the ſame to alter the Time of Aſſeſſing and collecting the third Payment of the Tax to be raiſed for the Purpoſe of paying the Intereſt and Principal of Debts due from the United States; and to alter the Time of Aſſeſſing and collecting the Tax of the current Year for the Support of Government;” which Bill was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of *Fieri Facias*, and for Tranſferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts,” was read a ſecond Time;

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agree to the Title of the ſaid Bill? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garriſe,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Terhune,	Mr. Davis,
Mr. A. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blauvelt,	Mr. Sinnickſon,
Mr. Marſh,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Schureman,	Mr. Hall,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Houghton,	Mr. R. S. Smith,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Bonney,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Burgin,
Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. J. Smith,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Schenck,	Mr. Arnold,	Mr. T. Clark,	Mr. Sheppard.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinſon,		
Mr. Blair,	Mr. Beardſlee.		

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

Mr. Sinnickſon, with Leave, preſented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for fixing and rendering permanent the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court during the Term of their Commiſſions;” which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *John Halſted*, of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, accompanied with a Letter from *John De Hart*, Eſq; a Letter from *David Olden*, and an Affidavit of *Ebenezer Ford*, praying, for Reaſons therein contained, that the Legiſlature would reviſe the eleventh Section of the Act for forfeiting to and veſting in the State of *New-Jerſey* the real Eſtates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. paſſed December 11, 1778, the better to ſecure *bona fide* Purchaſers, was read and referred to the next Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 31, 1786.

THAT Mr. Martin do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Eſtabliſhment of a Coinage of Coppers in this State,” with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and requeſt their Concurrence in the ſaid Amendments,

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Which

Which Bill, with the Amendments, was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be re-engrossed.

A Petition from Col. *Frederick Frelinghuysen*, and the other Field Officers of his Regiment, praying that a Law may be passed authorizing his Excellency the Governor to commission Companies of Grenadiers and Infantry, was read and committed to Messrs. *Blair* and *Walton*, to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer therein contained.

The Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act to direct the Mode of Proceedings on Writs of *Fieri Facias*, and for Transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Sinnickson*, *Schurman*, and *Walton*.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1786.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Establishment of a Coinage of Coppers in this State," was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Mr. *Blair*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to grant Commissions to the Officers of certain Volunteer Companies of Militia ;" which was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *David Edgar*, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the Interest due him on Certificates in his Possession, which was given him for his Services as a Captain in Col. *Sheldon's* Regiment, was read and referred to the next Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Newbold*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, May 31, 1786.

‘ THAT Mr. *Newbold* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly, ‘ Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of *New-Jersey*, and of Delegates to represent ‘ the said State in the Congress of the United States," is rejected by this House.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 1, 1786.

‘ THAT Mr. *Clark* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, " An Act to enable *Ann Pemberton*, Widow, and ‘ Administratrix of *Joseph Pemberton*, late of *West-River*, in the State of *Maryland*, deceased, &c. to fulfil certain Contracts made by *Israel Pemberton* and ‘ *Joseph Pemberton*, for the Sale of certain Lands, &c." The Bill, entitled, " An ‘ Act for the Relief of *Adam Green* and *John Hull*, of *Hardwick*, in the County of *Suffex* ;" and the Bill, entitled, " An Act for making the Bills emitted by the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of *Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings*, for the Purpose ‘ of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, ‘ agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of April, 1783 ; ‘ and for appropriating the same a Legal Tender in this State ;" are passed by ‘ this House without Amendment ; and that the Bill, entitled, " An Act to ‘ discourage the Keeping of Dogs," is rejected by this House.’

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

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Mr. *Schureman*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to raise a Revenue by an Impost and Excise, brought in a Bill, entitled, "An Act to raise a Revenue from certain Professions, Officers, and Occupations within the State of *New-Jersey*," which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for enabling *Nicolas Lezier* to erect and maintain a Mill and the necessary Waterworks for improving the same on and near *Hackinsack River*, in the County of *Bergen*, and State of *New-Jersey*," was read and referred to be read a second Time on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, at which time the parties for and against the Bill may be heard respecting the Propriety or Impropriety of passing the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from his Honor the Chief Justice, informing that the Original Constitution of this State is in the Possession of *Isaac Collins*, Esq; and suggesting the Propriety of having the same recorded and filed in the Secretary's Office among Archives of the State, was read; Whereupon,

Ordered, That *Isaac Collins* do deliver the said Original Constitution to the Secretary of this State, to be by him filed among the Archives of the State.

Mr. *Sinnickson*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, An Act to direct the Mode and Proceedings on Writs of *Fieri Facias*, and for Transferring of Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts," reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title: "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, An Act to direct the Mode of Proceedings on Writs of *Fieri Facias*, and for Transferring Lands and Chattels for the Payment of Debts;" which was read and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for fixing and rendering permanent the Salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Court during the Term of their Commissions," was read a second Time;

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Schureman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Terhune</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kelly</i> ,
Mr. <i>Walton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Whilden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blauvelt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schenck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stillwell</i> ,	Mr. <i>Houghton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Arnold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bonney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Davis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Burgin</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blair</i> ,	Mr. <i>Beardslee</i> .
Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Hall</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sheppard</i> .		

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition of *Peter Dumont*, of the County of *Somerset*, was read a second Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

The House met.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of *Monmouth*, in favor of *Rebecca Dennis*, Widow of Captain *John Dennis*, who died of the wounds he received while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favor of the said *Rebecca Dennis*, for the Sum of *Twenty Dollars* per Month from the 13th Day of January, 1778, for and during her Widowhood.

A Petition from the Widow, Children, and Devisees of *Lucus Nefus*, setting forth that the said *Lucus Nefus*, deceased, made his Testament and last Will in the

the Presence of two Witnesses only, which they are since advised is not sufficient as to the Disposition of the real Estate of the Testator, the Law requiring the Attestation of three; and praying Leave to present a Bill to confirm the said Testament and last Will notwithstanding the Omission referred to;

Ordered, That the said Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting, on advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, and a Copy of this Order, at least four Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most public Places in the County of *Somerset*.

Mr. *Bunn*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such Public Accounts as might be referred to them during this Session, reported as follows:

That there are due to Doctor *Jacobus Hubbard*, for sundry Medicines and Attendance to the Soldiers at *Middletown*, County of *Monmouth*, under the Command of Captain *Moses Sheppard*, as per his Account, dated 1781, £.3 0 0.

To *John Burrowes*, late Sheriff of *Monmouth*, for removing and guarding State Prisoners, £.13 11 9.

To *Henry Denny*, for Nursing, Board, and Loss of Time, while confined with a Wound received in the Service of the United States, £.19 2 6.

By Order of the Committee,

ELIJAH CLARK.
EDWARD BUNN.

The House having taken the said Report into Consideration,

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the Persons therein named, the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

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

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to grant Commissions to the Officers of certain Volunteer Companies of Militia," was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. *Sinnickson*, according to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows and Tide-Marsh, lying on *Salem Creek*, in the Township of *Mannington*, in the County of *Salem*, to make and maintain a Bank, Dams, and other Works, in order to drain and prevent the Tide from overflowing the same;" which was read; whereupon the Speaker laid before the House a Petition from *Abraham Hewlings*, of the County of *Burlington*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the said Bill may not be passed.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting; and that on the second Thursday after the next Sitting of the Legislature, the Parties for and against the said Bill be heard respecting the Propriety or Impropriety of passing the same.

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

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Kitchel*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 1, 1786.

THAT Mr. *Kitchel* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for selling the Proprieties, Shares of Propriety, and Rights to unlocated Lands of Persons whose Estates have become forfeited to and vested in this State;" The Bill, entitled, "An Act for draining and making Partition of a certain Tract of Bog or Meadow, situate

‘ on *Pequanack River*, in the County of *Morris*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;” the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for making Partition of a Tract of Land in *Essex County*, commonly called *Ashfield’s Tract*;” the Bill, entitled, “ An Act more effectually to empower the Justices and chosen Freeholders in the several Counties of this State, to call to Account County Collectors for Money and other Public Property by them received;” the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of poor insolvent Debtors;” and the Bill, entitled, “ A Supplement to an Act, entitled, “ An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State, to proceed to the Sale of the said Estates; and to repeal an Act to suspend the Sales of real Estates, &c. and to empower the said Agents to sell the Lands and Public Barracks belonging to this State;” are passed by this House without Amendment.’

Two Messagés from the Council by *Mr. Mayhew*.

‘ Ordered, *Council-Chamber, June 1, 1785.*

‘ THAT *Mr. Mayhew* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to direct the Treasurer of this State in the Payment of Interest due from the United States to the Inhabitants of this State,” and request their Concurrence therein;’

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of the 22d of March last, relative to revoking certain Warrants given to *Elizabeth Horton*, *Catharine Piatt*, and *Rachel Shores*; ‘ Resolved, That the House do concur in the said Resolution, so far as respects *Elizabeth Horton*, and disagree to it in respect to the two others.’

The Petition from fundry officers of the Militia of the County of *Morris*, praying that a third Regiment may be set off from the two Regiments of the Militia in said County, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning six of the Clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1786.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Beardslee, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to satisfy certain Executions therein mentioned;” which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the Chief Justice for the Time being, in addition to the Salary annexed to his Office by the Act ascertaining the Salaries of the Officers of Government, for the present Year, any Sum at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds* per Annum, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for so much of the Public Money in his Hands in the Settlement of his Accounts;

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
<i>Mr. Terhune,</i>	<i>Mr. Stillwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Houghton,</i>	<i>Mr. Biddle,</i>
<i>Mr. Blauvelt,</i>	<i>Mr. Bunn,</i>	<i>Mr. Cook,</i>	<i>Mr. Beardslee.</i>
<i>Mr. Garrits,</i>	<i>Mr. Blair,</i>	<i>Mr. Starke,</i>	
<i>Mr. Mayjs,</i>	<i>Mr. Sinnichson,</i>	<i>Mr. Arnold,</i>	
<i>Mr. Combs,</i>	<i>Mr. Hall,</i>	<i>Mr. Burgin,</i>	
<i>Mr. Schureman,</i>	<i>Mr. Holmes,</i>	<i>Mr. Bowen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Bonney,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>	<i>Mr. Sheppard,</i>	
<i>Mr. Walton,</i>	<i>Mr. Whilden,</i>	<i>Mr. Longstreet,</i>	
<i>Mr. Schenck,</i>	<i>Mr. Lambert,</i>		

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Ordered,

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

Mr. *Blair*, from the Committee to whom were referred the Certificates and other Papers received from *Henry Garritse*, jun. late Collector for the County of *Essex*: and the Certificates and other Papers received from *Nathaniel Farrand*, Town Collector in said County, reported as follows:

That your Committee have examined the said Certificates, and find that those received from *Garritse* amount to *Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Threepence*, Specie Value; and also find that those received of *Farrand* amount to *Seventy-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ninepence*; out of which two Sums, Taxes that became due in 1782, have been paid to the Amount of *Two Hundred Twenty-five Pounds and One penny*: and that amongst the Certificates received of *Garritse*, there is one given by *Azariah Dunham* to *Benjamin Winans*, jun. for *Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence*, Continental Money, which appears to have been altered in the Time of becoming due from 1st of October, 1779, to the 1st of October, 1778; and that *Farrand* delivered a Return of three Surplus Certificates, amounting to *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence* Specie Value, for which he has not delivered any Original Certificates, and declares that he never received any. There is an Entry in Mr. *Garritse's* Return amounting to *One Hundred Ninety Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Three pence*, Specie Value, for which we can find no Certificate; your Committee are of Opinion, that the above Sum of *Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds and One Penny*, ought to be passed to the Credit of the County of *Essex*, on any Taxes that may remain due on or before the Year 1782; and that the said Certificates from *Garritse* and *Farrand* be delivered by the Speaker of the House to the Auditor of Accounts. Your Committee are further of Opinion, that the Attorney General be directed to prosecute the said *Farrand* for a Misdemeanor against the State.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT BLAIR.

To which Report the House agreed.

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

Mr. *Combs*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Memorial of *John Hampton*, on the 15th of March last, reported as follows:

That by a Certificate from Major *Potter*, who commanded the first Battalion of *Middlesex* Militia, it appears that the said *Hampton* was appointed Ensign, and acted as such, until some Time in the Year 1776, at which Time it appears that he was appointed a Lieutenant, but it does not appear that he ever was commissioned either as Ensign or Lieutenant.

JOHN COMBS,

JAMES BONNEY.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Attorney General proceed against the said *John Hampton* agreeably to the Directions contained in the Resolution of the Legislature of the 17th February last.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Hoops*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, June 2, 1786.

THAT Mr. *Hoops* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, "An Act to defray sundry incidental Charges," is passed by this House without Amendment.

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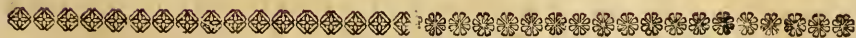
THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, allowing the Chief Justice *Fifty Pounds* per Annum in Addition to his Salary; the Resolution allowing *Aaron Dunham, Esq;* Auditor, any Sum not exceeding *Ninety Pounds, &c.* And the Resolution appointing *Moore Furman* and *John Beatty* to assist the Auditor in settling the Accounts between this State and the United States, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Accounts reported by the Committee appointed to examine Public Accounts, with the Resolution accompanying the same;

Resolved, That the House do approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.

The House rose without day.



BY Virtue of an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, of the State of NEW-JERSEY, I do hereby appoint SHEPARD KOLLOCK, of ELIZABETH TOWN, to print these VOTES.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE, Speaker.

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