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G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y
O F T H E
Province of NEW-JERSEY:

At a SESSIONS begun and holden at *PERTH-AMBOY*,
October 1, 1754.



WOODBRIIDGE, in NEW-JERSEY:
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V O T E S

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Representatives Names.

<i>Perth-Amboy,</i>	John Stevens,	John Johnston.
<i>Middlesex,</i>	Samuel Nevill,	John Wetherill.
<i>Monmouth,</i>	Robert Lawrence, <i>Speaker,</i>	James Holmes.
<i>Essex,</i>	Jacob Dehart,	Richard Bradbury,
<i>Somerset,</i>	Hendrick Fisher,	John Hogland.
<i>Bergen,</i>	George Vrelandt,	Rinear Vangeson.
<i>City of Burlington,</i>	Charles Read,	Samuel Smith.
<i>County of Burlington,</i>	Barzillia Newbold,	Henry Paxson.
<i>Gloucester,</i>	John Ladd,	Samuel Clement.
<i>Salem and Cumberland,</i>	William Hancock,	Ebenezer Miller.
<i>Cape May,</i>	Aaron Leaming,	Jacob Spicer.
<i>Hunterdon, Morris & Suffex,</i>	Joseph Yard,	Peter Middagh.

19th Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY. TUESDAY, October 1. 1754.

PU RSUANT to His Majesty's Writs for electing Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, to serve in General Assembly, returnable at *Burlington* the Sixth of *August* last, and sundry Prorogations since to this Day, Seventeen of the Members met.

Mr. Secretary produced a Dedimus from his Excellency, appointing the Honourable *Andrew Johnston*, *James Hude*, *Samuel Nevill*, and *Charles Read*, Esquires, or any two of them, to qualify the Members.

And accordingly the Members present, being Seventeen in Number, were qualified, Mr. *Hude* and Mr. *Read* being present.

And then the Members adjourn'd themselves till To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, October 2. 1754.

The Members met.

Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Lawrence* were qualified before Mr. *Hude* and Mr. *Nevill*, in the Presence of the Members,

And then Mr. Secretary informed the Members, that they were directed by His Excellency, to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

And they proceeded accordingly, and chose ROBERT LAWRENCE, Esq; who was placed in the Chair accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown lay the Writs for electing Representatives, with their Returns, before the House immediately.

According to Order, the Writs for Election, and Returns, were laid before the House.

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

Thursday, October 3. 1754.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Excellency, and desire that he will be pleased to let the House know when they may attend him to present their Speaker.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the above Message, who was pleased to say, the House might attend him as soon as they see fit.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency.

And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That the House had presented him to his Excellency, who was pleased to approve of their Choice; that he had requested his Excellency, that the House might be protected in their usual Privileges; and that the Speaker, or any of the Members, might by Order of the House have free Access to his Excellency, as often as the publick Affairs requires it: To which his Excellency was pleased to answer, *That the House might be assured, he would protect them in all their usual Privileges.*

A Message from His Excellency by the Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which was ordered to be read; and it was read accordingly, and is as follows:

Gentlemen

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ **T**HE bold and unwarrantable Incroachments of the *French*, (with their
 ‘ Indians) upon His Majesty’s Lands, on the River *Ohio*, with their
 ‘ invading the King’s Territories, even from *South-Carolina* to *Nova-Scotia*,
 ‘ together with their barbarous Depredations, and Murders of his Majesty’s
 ‘ Subjects, has been the chief Reason of my calling you together at this Time,
 ‘ when I hope you will see the absolute Necessity of the strictest Union
 ‘ among all his Majesty’s Provinces and Colonies, not only for the common
 ‘ Defence, but also for the better Safety and Welfare of each particular
 ‘ Province; and that you will now join with the neighbouring Governments,
 ‘ and cheerfully exert your selves, in raising Men and Money for repelling the
 ‘ *French*, and for driving them from the continual Inroads they are making
 ‘ upon the King’s Lands and People: And these Things you can be no Stran-
 ‘ gers to, while we have repeated undoubted Accounts of their constantly
 ‘ alarming the Frontiers of his Majesty’s Provinces, from their most Southerly
 ‘ to their most Northerly Bounds: I therefore hope, and have no Doubt, but
 ‘ that these Things will fire you, (and every true *English* Heart) with a
 ‘ becoming Indignation, against the very extraordinary Proceedings of the
 ‘ *French*, contrary to the Law of Nations, and in open Violation of the Treaties
 ‘ of Peace between the Crown of *Great-Britain* and the *French* King, and
 ‘ to which the *French* ought to have a just and sacred Regard.

‘ THE present melancholly Situation of many of our Neighbours, requires
 ‘ your speedy and humane Regard towards them; nor must you, *Gentlemen*,
 ‘ imagine yourselves exempted from these Cruelties and Barbarities; no! if
 ‘ there be not an effectual Stop put to them, you may soon expect the Enemy
 ‘ on your own Borders: I therefore lately sent, by Express, my Orders to the
 ‘ Colonels of the several Regiments in the Province, to muster them, and to
 ‘ make a thorough Inspection, that Officers and Men be furnished with Arms
 ‘ and Ammunition as the Law directs, and so may be ready for Service upon any
 ‘ sudden Occasion. And here I think proper to say, that it seems necessary
 ‘ to revise the Militia-Act, and to amend and strengthen it, so as to answer the
 ‘ End and Purpose for which it was made; and this to be done more especially
 ‘ at this critical Juncture.

‘ I HAVE now also order’d to be laid before you, a Plan for the Union of
 ‘ the *British* Colonies on the Continent of *America*, as agreed on in the Con-
 ‘ gress of the Commissioners from a good Number of the King’s Provinces,
 ‘ lately held in the City of *Albany*; together with a particular Account of the
 ‘ several Conferences held with the *Six Nations* and other *Indians*, at the said
 ‘ Congress. These Things you will well deliberate upon, and do therein as
 ‘ you shall judge reasonable and necessary.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ **W**HAT I have now mentioned, must of Course be attended with confide-
 ‘ rable Charge; and as the Provision for it most properly originates with you,
 ‘ I hope, not only for the King’s Honour and Interest, but for the Safety and
 ‘ Welfare of the People you represent, you will give the needful Dispatch to
 ‘ every Thing to be done on your Part; and a ready Instance of your Duty in
 ‘ this Respect, will recommend you to the Royal Grace and Favour of the
 ‘ Best of Kings.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ I am sensible it will soon be a very busy Time in your private Affairs ;
 ‘ when you have therefore gone through what I have now laid before you, I
 ‘ shall be willing to give you such reasonable Recess, as you may desire.

*Perth-Amboy,
 October 3d, 1754.*

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
 That His Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders, Inhabitants of *Gloucester* County, was presented to the House, complaining of an undue Election in the Choice of Representatives in the last Election for said County, praying suitable Redress : Which was read.

Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Holmes* attending, were qualified before Mr. *Hude* and Mr. *Read*.

Ordered,
 That they take their Places in the House.

The House taking into Consideration the Petition complaining of an undue Election in the County of *Gloucester* ; and being informed that *Samuel Chivers*, one of the Petitioners, is attending :

Ordered,
 That said *Chivers* attend the House immediately.

Samuel Chivers attending according to Order, was asked sundry Questions ; and then Mr. *Clement* and Mr. *Ladd*, the Members returned for the said County of *Gloucester*, with said *Chivers*, were all ordered to withdraw.

Ordered,
 That the Petitioners, or whom they shall appoint, and the Sheriff of said County, with their respective Evidences, do attend the House on Thursday the 10th Instant, at 10 o' Clock in the Morning ; and that the Petitioners serve the said Sheriff with a Copy of said Petition and this Order.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Friday, October 4. 1754.

The House met.

Mr. *Clement* had Leave to be absent till Thursday next, on urgent Business.

A Petition of *Joseph Bonney*, a Prisoner in *Somerset* Goal, was presented to the House, setting forth, that he has made divers Applications to the Governor and General Assembly of this Province, for Redress in the Affair of *John Riddle*, late pretended Sheriff of *Somerset* ; but has not as yet had any Relief therein ; praying that the House will now take his Case into Consideration, and do what is proper on the Occasion ; which was read in the House, and ordered a second Reading,

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A Petition of *John Hyde*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Somerset Goal*, was presented to the House, setting forth his long Confinement, and Inability to satisfy his Creditors, praying a Revival of the Insolvent Act, or Liberty to make a Lottery for Payment of his said Debts; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Jacob Spicer, Esq; one of the Members returned for the County of *Cape-May*, attending, was qualified before Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Read*.

Ordered,

That he take his Seat in the House accordingly.

A Petition of *Henry Koch*, *Peter Hoffman*, *William Bero*, and others, to the Number of Twenty-four, Foreigners, praying to be naturalized, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Samuel Nevill, Esq; one of the Members returned for the County of *Middlesex*, attending, was qualified before Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Read*.

Ordered,

That he take his Seat in the House accordingly.

Several Petitions, all of one Tenor, from a Number of the Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, were presented to the House, setting forth, that the Electing of the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; a Representative to serve in General Assembly, (he being one of the Judges of the Supreme Court) is contrary to the Laws of *Great Britain*, and an Act of this Province, entitled, *An Act for securing the Freedom of Assemblies*; which were read, and ordered a second Reading at three o' Clock this Afternoon.

Resolved,

That two of the Members of this House, with the Speaker, be a sufficient Number to meet and adjourn from time to time, but that not less than sixteen be a sufficient Number to proceed to any other Business, nor less than Twenty when any Money is to be raised or applied.

Resolved,

That the Members Names to their *Yeas* and *Nays*, be entered in the Minutes, if desired by any three Members.

Resolved,

That *John Titus* be Door-keeper of this House.

Resolved,

That a Committee of Grievances do sit every Wednesday, if there be Occasion; and that said Committee be a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That *James Parker* do print the Votes of the House, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Mr. Secretary laid before the House, a Copy of the Plan for the Union of the British Colonies on the Continent of *America*, as agreed on in the Congress of Commissioners lately held at *Albany*, together with the particular Account of the several Conferences held with the Six Nations, and others, at the said Congress.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

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The House met.

A Petition of *Two Hundred and Forty-two* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, was presented to the House, complaining of undue Proceedings in electing the Place for building a Court-House and Goal in said County, and setting forth the Ill-conveniency of having the Court-house in the Place where elected; praying the House to pass a supplementary Act, for appointing Commissioners to settle and appoint the Place for the building the said Court-house in said County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

According to the Order of the Day, the Petition of the Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, against *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; was read the second Time: Whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, in order to consider the same: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Read*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that some Progress had been made in the Matters under their Consideration; and upon *Richard Randolph's* Request, who attended in Behalf of said Petitioners, who desired further Time for the Petitioners to support their Allegations, the Committee desired Leave to sit again on Thursday next: To which Report the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners, or whom they shall appoint, attend the House on Thursday next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to support their Allegations; and that the Clerk serve *Richard Randolph* on their Behalf, with a Copy of this Order.

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

Saturday, October 5. 1754.

The House met.

A Petition of *Peleg Mumford, Stephen Warne, Thomas Aken, Andrew Kelly, Augustine Creed, Nathaniel Conger, Elias Burger, and Hezekiah Dunn*, Prisoners for Debt in *Middlesex* County Goal, was presented to the House, setting forth their long Confinement, praying an Act for their Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of *John Noe*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Middlesex* Goal, praying Relief, was also read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the County of *Suffex*, respecting the Place for building a Court-house, was read a second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

His Excellency's Speech was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dehart* and Mr. *Bradbury* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that the House perceiving by Letters from the Agent, that the Royal Instruction to his Excellency respecting a Paper Currency, hath been transmitted, we desire his Excellency would favour the House with a Copy thereof.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to inspect the Laws of *Great Baitain*, and of this Province, relating to Persons disqualified to sit in the House of Commons and General Assembly, and make Report thereof.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Matters recommended in his Excellency's Speech ; After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Read*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again : To which the House agreed.

The Petition of *Henry Koch*, and others, for Naturalization, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That upon the Petitioners making their Qualifications appear, as the Law directs, they have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o' Clock.

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M O N D A Y, October 7. 1754.

The House met, and adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

*Aaron Leaming*, Esq; one of the Members returned for the County of *Cape-May*, attending, was qualified before Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*.

*Ordered,*

That he take his Seat in the House accordingly.

The Petition of *Joseph Bonney*, a Prisoner in *Somerset* Goal, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition of *John Noe*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Middlesex* Goal ; the Petition of *John Hyde*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Somerset* Goal, and the Petition of *Stephen Warne*, *Peleg Mumford*, *Thomas Akin*, *Andrew Kelly*, *Augustine Creed*, *Nathaniel Conger*, *Elias Burger* and *Hezekiah Dunn*, Prisoners for Debt in *Middlesex* Goal, were all read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration at next Session of the General Assembly ; and ordered, that all the several Creditors of the above mentioned Persons, that have any Objections against a Law's being then pass'd in their Favour, bring in their Objections to the General Assembly, the first Week of the next Sessions.

Mr. *Bradbury* reported, that Mr. *Dehart* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them intrusted, to his Excellency ; who was pleased to return the following Answer,

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Gentlemen

*Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

**I**N Answer to your Message of the 5th Instant, I now send you a Copy of the King's Royal Instruction lately received, and which comes in Answer to a Petition presented to his Majesty, for Leave to have an Emission of *Sixty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, in this Province; and by this Instruction you will find, the King has graciously condescended to your Request, that a Draught of a Bill may be prepared by the Council and Assembly, in order to be passed into an Act, for creating and issuing the Sum of *Sixty Thousand Pounds*, in Paper Bills of Credit; so that such a Bill being passed into a Law, will produce an ample Medium for the Carrying on of Trade, and for all other Occasions, of the good People of the Province.

And the Interest arising from the same, will be a considerable Help in defraying the Charges of the Government; and so far as it may extend, will ease the People in their Taxes.

*Elizabeth-Town,  
October 7, 1754.*

J. BELCHER.

**GEORGE R.** *Additional Instruction to Our Trusty and Well-beloved Jonathan Belcher, Esq; Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Colony of Nova Casarea or New-Jersey, in America, or in his Absence to the Commander in Chief of our said Colony, for the Time being.*

(Locus Sigilli.)

*GIVEN at our Court at St. James's, the 9th Day of April, 1754, in the Twenty-Seventh Year of Our Reign.*

**W**HEREAS an humble Petition hath been presented unto us, by the House of Representatives of our Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly met, setting forth, that by the Expiration of the Time limited for the Currency of the Paper Bills of Credit, heretofore created and issued by Virtue of Acts passed in our said Colony, and approved and confirmed by Us, a further Emission of such Paper Bills is become necessary, as well for enabling them to support Our Government, as for carrying on the Trade and Commerce of our said Colony; and therefore humbly beseeching us to grant our Royal Leave to you our Governor, to give your Assent to a Bill for making current the Sum of *Sixty Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, upon the like Footing of those formerly emitted: And whereas it hath been represented to us, that a moderate Quantity of such Bills of Credit issued upon a proper Security, and having a proper Fund for their Redemption within a limited Time, may operate in many Respects to the Advantage of our said Colony: And whereas we are at all Times desirous of giving all proper Countenance and Support, to whatever may be proposed for the Advantage and Interest of our Colonies in *America*, and which may tend to the Improvement and Extention of their Trade and Settlements; We are therefore graciously pleased, to condescend to the Request of the Inhabitants of Our said Colony of *New-Jersey*, and to permit and allow, that the Draught of a Bill be prepared by our Council and the Assembly of our said Colony, in order to be passed into an Act, for creating and issuing the Sum of *Sixty Thousand Pounds*, in Paper Bills of Credit, of the like Nature, and on the same Footing with those issued in the Years 1730, and 1733.

*PROVIDED*



‘ PROVIDED always, that the said Bills of Credit so to be issued, shall not  
 ‘ be declared by such Bill, to be legal Tenders in Discharge of any Debts,  
 ‘ Dues or Demands whatsoever.

‘ PROVIDED also, that a Clause be inserted in the said Bill, declaring, that  
 ‘ all and every Part of the Interest Money, to arise from the Loan of the said  
 ‘ Bills of Credit, shall, during their Continuance, be appropriated for and  
 ‘ towards defraying all and every the established and necessary Charges and  
 ‘ Services of our Government, and particularly to the Payment of proper  
 ‘ Salaries, to be therein allotted to our Governor and Commander in Chief,  
 ‘ and to our Judges, Justices, and other our Civil Officers within our said  
 ‘ Colony; and that the said Money shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer  
 ‘ or Treasurers of our said Colony, to be issued and disposed of for the Services  
 ‘ aforesaid, by Warrants under the Hand of our Governor or Commander in  
 ‘ Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice of our Council, and by  
 ‘ no other Authority whatsoever.

‘ IT is nevertheless Our WILL AND PLEASURE, that you do not give  
 ‘ your Assent to any such Draught of a Bill, for Emitting the said Sum of  
 ‘ *Sixty Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, until you shall have transmitted  
 ‘ such Draught unto our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, in order to  
 ‘ be laid before Us, and shall have received our Royal Pleasure thereupon.

‘ AND Our further WILL AND PLEASURE is, that you do not carry into  
 ‘ Execution, this our Instruction, nor any Clause, Matter or Thing herein  
 ‘ contained, until all the Bills of Credit, which were created and issued by  
 ‘ Virtue of Acts passed in our said Colony in the Years 1730, and 1733, and  
 ‘ which are now outstanding, or such of them as have not been lost or  
 ‘ destroyed, be finally sunk and cancelled.

G. R.

The House adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning nine o’ Clock.

*Tuesday, October 8. 1754.*

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, in order  
 to further consider his Excellency’s Speech: After some Time spent therein,  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Read*, Chairman of the Committee,  
 reported, that some further Progress had been made in the Matters to them  
 referred, and desired Leave to sit again: To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn’d till two, P. M.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House,  
 to further consider his Excellency’s Speech: After some Time spent therein,  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Read*, Chairman of the Committee,  
 reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency’s Speech, and  
 come to sundry Resolutions; which he is directed to report, when the House  
 will receive the same.

*Ordered,*

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. *Read* reported the Resolutions of the Committee as follows ;

*1st, Resolved,*

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

*2d, Resolved,*

That Aid be granted to his Majesty, to assist him in removing the *French* from his Lands at the *Ohio* : And on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto or not ? it passed in the Affirmative.

*YEAS.*

Mr. *Stevens*,  
Mr. *Johnston*,  
Mr. *Newill*,  
Mr. *Wetherill*,  
Mr. *Holmes*,  
Mr. *Debart*,  
Mr. *Bradbury*,  
Mr. *Fisher*,  
Mr. *Hogland*,  
Mr. *Freelandt*,

*YEAS.*

Mr. *Vangeson*,  
Mr. *Read*,  
Mr. *Smith*,  
Mr. *Newbold*,  
Mr. *Paxson*,  
Mr. *Ladd*,  
Mr. *Hancock*,  
Mr. *Miller*,  
Mr. *Yard*,  
Mr. *Middagh*.

*NAYS.*

Mr. *Leaming*,  
Mr. *Spicer*.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Stevens*, and Mr. *Bradbury*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Debart*, and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to inspect the Militia-Act, and make Report thereof to the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, in order to consider Ways and Means for the Aiding his Majesty, in removing the *French* from his Lands at the *Ohio* : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again : To which the House agreed.

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

*By* Virtue of an Order of the House of General Assembly, I do appoint James Parker of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE,

*Speaker.*

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## O F T H E

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

W E D N E S D A Y, October 9. 1754.

The House met.

*Ordered,*

**T**HAT Mr. Speaker do direct the Printer of the Votes of this House, to print 287 Sets of them, and send 237 from time to time immediately to the Speaker ; and that he keep enough Sheets to make 50 compleat Sets, and stitch them, to be sent as the House shall hereafter direct.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider Ways and Means for the Aiding his Majesty, in removing the *French* from his Lands at the *Ohio* : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that some further Progress had been made in the Matters under their Consideration, and desired Leave to sit again : To which the House agreed.

A Petition of *Nathaniel Bayne*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Elizabeth-Town* Goal, was presented to the House, and read, praying Relief.

*Ordered,*

That said Petition be referred to next Sessions, to be considered with the other Petitions from Prisoners for Debt, before referred.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider Ways and Means for the Aiding his Majesty in removing the *French* from his Lands at the *Ohio* : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters under their Consideration, and desired Leave to sit again : To which the House agreed.

A Petition of *Crist Kull* and *Tise Kase*, Foreigners, praying to be inserted in the Bill for Naturalization, was presented to the House, and read ;

*Ordered,*

That they be inserted according to their Desire, upon their making their Qualifications appear, as the Law directs.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

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*Thursday,*



Thursday, October 10, 1754.

The House met.

According to the Order of the Day, the Petitioners of the County of *Gloucester* against the Sheriff of said County, relating to his returning *John Ladd* and *Samuel Clement*, Esqrs, Members to serve in General Assembly, with *John Hinchman*, Esq; Sheriff of said County, attending with their Evidences, were called in, and the Petition read; and the Sheriff denying the Truth of the principal Facts charged in said Petition, the House proceeded to hear the Allegations and Evidences of the Petitioners, and referred the hearing the other Side till the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

The Petitioners against the Sheriff of *Gloucester*, with the said Sheriff, attending, were again called in, and the House proceeded to examine and hear the Allegations and Evidence of said Sheriff, against the Facts charged in said Petition; and after hearing the same, both Parties were ordered to withdraw.

Ordered,

That the Matter be referred to further Consideration.

According to the Order of the Day, the Petitioners of the County of *Middlesex* against *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; attending, were called in, and *Richard Fitz-Randolph*, in their Behalf, exhibited certain Allegations and Pleas in Writing, urging, that *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; being a Judge of the Supreme Court of this Province, is, by the Laws of *England*, and of this Province, disabled to sit in the House of General Assembly; and *Mr. Nevill* answering to the Allegations charged against him; and then the Parties were ordered to withdraw.

Ordered,

That the Matter be referred to further Consideration.

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

Friday, October 11. 1754.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Leave to make a Lottery for raising Money for the building a Lutheran Church in said County: And on the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted not? it passed in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of the County of *Gloucester*, relating to the Sheriff of said County returning *John Ladd* and *Samuel Clement*, Esqrs, Members to serve in General Assembly; and *Mr. Ladd* and *Mr. Clement*, by Order of the House withdrew: The House having fully considered the several Allegations and Evidences of both Parties, and the Laws in that Case made and provided, the Question was put, Whether the Election and Return of *Mr. Ladd* and *Mr. Clement* were legal or not legal? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS,

## YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,  
Mr. Johnson,  
Mr. Nevill,  
Mr. Debart,  
Mr. Ireland,  
Mr. Vangesen,

## YEAS.

Mr. Read,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Paxson.  
Mr. Miller,  
Mr. Middagh.

## NAYS.

Mr. Weiberrill,  
Mr. Holmes,  
Mr. Bradbury.  
Mr. Fisher,  
Mr. Hogland,  
Mr. Newbold.

## NAYS.

Mr. Hancock,  
Mr. Leaming,  
Mr. Spicer.  
Mr. Yard.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Clement* resume their Seats in the House ; and that the said Sheriff of *Gloucester* be dismissed from further Attendance.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met, and again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider Ways and Means for the Aiding his Majesty, in removing the *French* from his Lands at the *Ohio* : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to sundry Resolutions ; which he is directed to report, when the House will receive the same.

*Ordered,*

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* proceeded to report the Resolutions of the Committee as follows ;

*1st, Resolved,*

That the Draught of a Bill be prepared, to strike the Sum of £. 70,000, in Bills of Credit, to be laid before his Majesty, for his Royal Approbation. To which the House agreed.

*2d, Resolved,*

That in and by the said Bill, the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds* be immediately given to his Majesty's Use, for the dispossessing the *French* from his Majesty's Lands on the *Ohio*, and paid to his Order, out of the first Money that can be printed and signed, after Notice of its having received his Majesty's Royal Approbation. To which the House agreed.

*3d, Resolved,*

That the whole Interest arising from the remaining £. 60,000, which is to be let out on Loan, shall be applied to his Majesty's Use ; one Part thereof, being the aforesaid £. 10,000, to be sunk out of the first Interest that shall arise after the Charges of printing and signing are paid ; another Part of the said Interest, being the next that shall arise thereafter, to be applied towards sinking the Paper Money made on Occasion of the late War, and yet outstanding ; and the Whole of the Remainder of the said Interest Money to lie in the Treasury, subject only to future Applications for his Majesty's Service, for the Defence of the Colonies on the Continent of *America*, and for keeping Possession of the same. To which the House agreed.

*4th, Resolved,*

That a Petition be prepared, to lay before his Majesty, in the most humble and dutiful Manner, the Reasons why the above are at this Time, the only Measures that this Province can fall upon, to unite with the other Colonies for our Common Defence.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of said Bill and Petition.

Mr.



Mr. *Read* made a Motion in the House, for Leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Chief Justice, or other Judges of the Supreme Court, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of this Province, to take Special Bail, and to administer Oaths and Affirmations in Causes depending in the Supreme Court, and to repeal the former Act for that Case provided.

*Ordered,*

That he have Leave accordingly.

*Henry Koch* and *Crist Kase*, with others, Foreigners, praying to be naturalized, produced a Certificate, certifying, that they have taken the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration according to Law; and according to Leave given, Mr. *Middagb*, in their Behalf, brought in a Bill for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Resolved,*

That the House will on Tuesday next, at nine o' Clock in the Morning, proceed to consider the Matters alledged against *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; being disqualified to sit in the House of General Assembly.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Saturday, October 12. 1754.

The House met.

The Bill for naturalizing *Henry Koch* and *Crist Kase*, and others therein named, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hogland*.

Mr. *Read*, according to Leave given yesterday, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Chief Justice, or other Judges of the Supreme Court, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of this Province, to take Special Bail, and to administer Oaths and Affirmations in Causes depending in the Supreme Court; and to repeal the former Act for that Case provided; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.*

The House taking into Consideration the three successive Sittings of General Assembly at this Place, occasioned by the declining State of Health in his Excellency, and the Disadvantage such a Precedent may be hereafter, if the Example is drawn into Practice, where the same Necessity does not require it.

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That the Sitting of Assemblies alternately at *Burlington* and *Amboy*, is an undoubted Privilege, and Part of the Constitution of this Colony, and a Privilege only to be given up when an unavoidable Necessity requires it.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o' Clock.

MONDAY, October 14. 1754.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, October 15. 1754.

The House met.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill for Naturalizing *Henry Graaf*, and others, reported the same without Amendments; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Chief Justice, and other Judges of the Supreme Court, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of this Province, to take Special Bail, and to administer Oaths and Affirmations, in Causes depending in the Supreme Court; and to repeal the former Act for that Case provided*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Nevill, Mr. Newbold, and Mr. Paxson.

According to the Order of the Day, the House taking into Consideration, the Matters alledged against *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; being disqualified to sit in the House, and referred the further Consideration thereof, till three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for making current £ 70,000, in Bills of Credit; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Also Mr. Smith, from the said Committee, brought in a Draught of a Petition to his Majesty; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill for naturalizing *Henry Graaf*, and others, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Vrelandt and Mr. Yard do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. Vrelandt reported, that Mr. Yard and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Read from the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of *Great Britain*, and of this Province, relating to Persons disqualified to sit in the House of Commons, and General Assembly, reported, that they had inspected the same, and that he was directed to make Report thereof to the House, when they will be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Read, from said Committee, made the following Report.

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Ordered,



*Ordered,*

That *Charles Read*, Esq; from the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of *Great Britain*, and of this Colony, relating to Persons disqualified to sit in the House of Commons and General Assembly, do make the following Report to the House, *viz.* That by an Act of the General Assembly, pass'd in the 4th Year of his present Majesty, Chap. L. Sec. 2. its declared, That every Person, who by Reason of any Office, Pension or Salary from the Crown, was, by the Laws of *Great Britain*, disabled to sit or vote in the House of Commons, shou'd in like Manner, be disabled to sit or vote in the House of Representatives here, for Reasons suggested in the Preamble of the said Act; and particularly, because the Parliament of *Great Britain* had deemed it necessary on the like Occasions; and therefore it became expedient for us to inspect the Acts of Parliament thereon; and the rather, because its agreeable to the Directions of the House so to do; and in Compliance therewith, we have accordingly inspected the same, and do find, that by an Act of Parliament pass'd in the 4th of *Ann*, Chap. VIII. Sec. 26; and by another of the 6th of *Ann*, Chap. VII. Sec. 25, and 26, sundry Officers therein specified; and particularly Pensioners, during Pleasure, are disqualified. That by an Act of the 1st of *George* the First, Chap. LVI. Sec. 1. Pensioners for any Term or Number of Years, are disqualified; but we do not find by the abovementioned, nor any other Acts of Parliament, that the Judges of the King's Bench, or Common-Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer in *England*, are excluded from sitting in the House of Commons; but that, on the contrary, Pensioners during Pleasure, and for any Term or Number of Years, are excluded; which Pensioners, by *Jacob's* Law Dictionary, are rendered to be a Band of Gentlemen, (so called) that attend as a private Guard on the King's Person; and that a Pension is a yearly Payment of Money in Recompence of Service; and by *Chambers*, its defined to be a yearly Appointment or Sum of Money, for Service already past.

That by the 4th Inst. Page 47, its suggested, that none of the Judges of the King's Bench, or Common-Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer, that have judicial Places, can be chosen Knight, Citizen, or Burge's of Parliament, as its now holden, because they are Assistants in the Lords House: And yet you may read (says the same Authority) in the Parliament Roll, *Anno*. 31. H. 6. That *Tborp*, Baron of the Exchequer, was Speaker of the Parliament: But any that have judicial Places in the Court of Wards, Courts of Duchy, or other Courts, Ecclesiastical or Civil, being no Lord of Parliament, are eligible: That all the Justices of *England*, and Barons of the Exchequer, are Assistants to the Lords, to inform them of the Common Law, and thereunto are called severally by Writ. Thus far the said Inst. above referred to, with which *Jacob's* Law Dictionary, and *Lex Parliamentaria*, page 182, 183, in Substance agree.

That by *Dewes' Journal* of the House of Lords and Commons, during the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, Page 67, 71, and 99, the Judges of the King's Bench, Common-Pleas, and Barons of the Exchequer, appear not only to be Assistants to the Lords, but were in sundry Instances, joint Committees with them, until the 39th of the same Queen; as by Page 142, 527, doth appear; and by Page 279 of said Journal, it further appears, that the said Queen made *Sir Robert Bell* Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and so his Place of Speaker became void, as some thought, because he was to be called by Writ, as a  
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necessary Attendant on the Lords, although others thought that the Chief Baron might be Speaker ; so that there appears to have been a Difference in Sentiment upon that Head, without any determinate Resolution of the Commons at that Time made thereon.

That if the Judges of the King's Bench, or Common-Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer, were disabled from sitting in the House of Commons, when the said Act of General Assembly of the 4th of his present Majesty was pass'd, its not unlikely such Disability might be founded upon the Common Law of *England*, or the Customs or Usage of Parliament, as reported by the said 4th Inst. *Jacob's Law Dictionary*, and *Lex Parliamentaria*, and not upon any Act of Parliament in force before the said Act ; and that such Common Law, Custom or Usage, might, in some Respect, take Rise from the said Judges and Barons necessary Attendance upon the House of Lords ; which Attendance is not only suggested by the Authorities above referred to, but is also further corroborated by the said *Dewes' Journal*, wherein its evident, they were not only Assistants to the Lords, but in some Instances joint Committees with them ; so that their sitting in the House of Commons, while they were required to perform a Duty in the House of Lords, would have been incompatible ; and how far the like Incompatibility may affect any Person in Office, now a Member of the House, together with the preceeding Report, is humbly submitted to their mature Consideration.

*By Order of the Committee,*

October 15, 1754.

CHARLES READ, *Chairman.*

The House resuming the Consideration of the Matters alledged against *Samuel Nevill, Esq;* being disqualified to sit in the House of General Assembly, and having duly considered the Report of the Committee relating to Persons disqualified to sit in General Assembly ; and the Laws of *Great Britain*, and of this Province in such Cases provided ; and upon due Deliberation had thereof, the Question was put, Whether *Mr. Nevill* do sit in the House or not ? It passed in the Affirmative.

**YEAS.**

Mr. Steves.  
Mr. Johnson,  
Mr. Dehart,  
Mr. Bradbury.  
Mr. Fisher,  
Mr. Hagland,  
Mr. Ireland,  
Mr. Fangejuz,  
Mr. Read,  
Mr. Smith,

**YEAS.**

Mr. Newbold.  
Mr. Paxson.  
Mr. Ladd.  
Mr. Clement,  
Mr. Hancock,  
Mr. Miller.  
Mr. Leaming,  
Mr. Spicer.  
Mr. Tard.  
Mr. Middlege,

**NAYS.**

Mr. Wetherill,  
Mr. Helmes,

*Ordered,*

That *Mr. Nevill* do resume his Seat in the House.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

*Wednesday, October 16. 1754.*

The House met.

Mr.



Mr. *Newbold*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Chief Justice, or other Judges of the Supreme Court, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of this Province, to take Special Bail, and to administer Oaths and Affirmations in Causes depending in the Supreme Court ; and to repeal the former Act for that Case provided ;* reported the same with several Amendments to the Bill, and one to the Title, being now entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New-Jersey, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of the same, for taking Bail, and other Purposes therein mentioned ;* which Bill with the Amendments being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,*

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New-Jersey, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of the same for taking Bail, and other Purposes therein mentioned,* was read, and compared ; and on the Question :

*Resolved,*

That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

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

Thursday, October 17, 1754.

The House met.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Militia-Act, reported, that they had inspected the same ; and do find that the said Act is now in force, and will continue so for some Time yet to come ; and that they think the same sufficient for the Purposes thereby intended.

The House taking the above Report into Consideration, do agree to the same, *Nemine Contradicente.*

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to draw a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the same, and with Leave presented it to the House ; and the same being read, and several Amendments thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Kemble*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, acquainted the House, that the Council had passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Henry Graaf and others,* without any Amendment.

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The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current £. 70,000*, was read the second Time, and sundry Amendments were made to the said Bill, and one to the Title; being now entitled, *An Act for making current £. 70,000, in Bills of Credit, for assisting his Majesty and the neighbouring Colonies, to dispossess the French from his Majesty's Lands on or near the River Ohio; and for providing a Fund for the Defence of the Frontiers of this and the neighbouring Colonies hereafter; and for sinking the Sum of £. 13771 - 16 - 3½, yet outstanding in Bills of Credit made current for his Majesty's Service in the late War; which Bill, with the Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the House.*

The Petition to his Majesty, on Behalf of the said Bill, was also read the second Time, and sundry Amendments being made thereto, the same as amended, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

*To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty :*

*The Petition of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly met :*

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

**T**HAT Nothing but the pressing Necessity of the Times, and the Impossibility of complying with your Majesty's late Instructions to his Excellency our Governor, could have induced us to have given your Majesty this additional Trouble on the Subject of a Paper Currency.

SENSIBLE of the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's benevolent Reign, and determined to act as becomes a grateful People, it is a Matter of no small Concern, to be thus obliged to renew our Applications; but not doubting the Continuance of your Majesty's paternal Regard, and calling to Mind the gracious Reception, which the Complaints of a needy People have always hitherto met with, We are encouraged humbly to lay before your Majesty, that the making the Bills of Credit intended to be emitted, no lawful Tender, would, as we conceive, entirely defeat their Intention; the Nature of their Emission being such as requires Land or other real Security, of double and treble the Value, to be first given, before they can be taken out of the respective Loan-Offices; and the Freeholders of this Colony, in general quite unacquainted with the Nature of Bank-Bills, or any Currency of that kind, would not, we apprehend, mortgage their Lands for a Specie which it is uncertain that they can ever part with.

As it is chiefly the Merchants of *New-York* and *Philadelphia*, that give Life to our Trade, our Money must consequently sometimes pass through their Hands, and would (we conceive) be very unlikely to give Credit to a Currency from us, which is so unusual in the Colonies around us, and not obligatory on the Inhabitants, to be mutually taken between Man and Man in our own Government: For these and other Reasons, a Paper-Currency on the Footing prescribed in your Majesty's Instructions, we humbly conceive, would not be practicable; and therefore have been necessitated to have Recourse to another Expedient, which, that your Majesty's Royal Intentions might be as nearly complied with as possible, We have agreed upon the Draught of the annexed Bill, for making current *Seventy Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, upon the Footing of those heretofore emitted in this Colony, saving only that

the whole Interest thereof is now appropriated to your Majesty's Use, excepting the necessary Charges attending the Emission, and so much as will sink the Sum of £. 13771 - 16 - 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, now outstanding in this Colony in Bills of Credit, being Part of what were made current for your Majesty's Service in the late War; *Ten Thousand Pounds* of the first Money to be struck by the said Bill, is immediately to be applied as your Majesty shall please to direct, for assisting the neighbouring Colonies in dispossessing the *French* from your Majesty's Lands on the *Ohio*, which is afterwards to be sunk as the Interest Money from the remaining £. 60,000, will come in; and when those two Sums are sunk, there will annually arise a considerable Sum of Interest Money, for your Majesty's Use, subject only to future Appropriations for the Defence of the Frontiers of this and the neighbouring Colonies.

*May it therefore please Your Majesty,*

In Consideration of the Premises, and to encourage a Spirit of Industry among us, to enable the Inhabitants to go on with their Improvements, and pay their Taxes towards the necessary and honourable Support of the Government; that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to signify your Royal Approbation of the Bill hereto annexed, for making current the Sum of £. 70,000, and give Leave to the Governor of this Colony, to enact the same.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Hancock*, do wait upon the Council, with the said Bill and Petition, and desire they will please to give their Sentiments thereon, to his Majesty's Ministers, in such Manner as shall be most agreeable to them.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Hancock*, and himself, had performed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and compared.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to correspond with the Agent of this Colony, at the Court of Great Britain.

*Ordered,*

That *James Parker* do send 25 of the remaining Sets of the Votes of this House that he is ordered to keep and stich together, to the Treasurer of the Eastern-Division, to be distributed as follows.

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| To the GOVERNOR,                     | 5 |
| Each of the Council,                 | 1 |
| Agent,                               | 4 |
| Secretary,                           | 1 |
| Each of the Treasurers,              | 1 |
| To each of the Clerks of this House, | 1 |

And that the said Printer do send, of the remaining 24 Sets of the Votes, to the Speaker, and each of the Members, one.

Mr.



Mr. *Leonard* and Mr. *Ogden*, brought from the Council the Bill for making current £. 70,000, in Bills of Credit, and the Petition to his Majesty, with the following Message.

*Council-Chamber, October 17, 1754.*

‘ The House taking the Draught of the Bill and Petition, sent this Day from the House of Representatives, into Consideration, are of Opinion,

‘ 1. That the making current £. 70,000, in Bills of Credit at this Time, in this Colony, would be very agreeable to the Inhabitants in general; and we conceive it to be the only practicable Method at this Time for raising Money, to assist his Majesty, in defending his Territories in *America*, without laying a heavy Burden on the People of this Colony, in raising Money by additional Taxes.

‘ 2. That we agree with the House of Representatives in their Sentiments of the Necessity of making the Bills of Credit, a lawful Tender for Payment of Debts; as all Bills of Credit hitherto current in the *English* Plantations have been; and without which, we are of Opinion, that the whole Intent of the Bill will be defeated.

‘ We should have been glad to have found some of the Monies of said Bill, which are not appropriated for future Services for his Majesty, had been applied for the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition, to be in Readiness in Case of an Invasion, and for the Defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Leonard* and Mr. *Ogden*, do carry back the said Draught of a Bill and Petition, with the above Sentiments of this House concerning the same.’

*By Order of the House,*

THOMAS BARTOW, *D. Clk.*

*Ordered,*

That Mr. Speaker do sign the said Bill and Petition; and that two fair Copies of each be prepared for him also to sign, and transmit to the Agent of this Colony, to be by him laid before his Majesty; and that two fair Copies of the above Message be also certified by the Speaker, and transmitted therewith.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

*Friday, October 18, 1754.*

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New-Jersey, to appoint Commissioners in the several Counties of the same, for taking of Bail, &c.* without any Amendment.

The House resuming the further Consideration of the proposed Plan of Union between the several Colonies; and after due Deliberation thereon, are of Opinion, that if the same shou'd be carried into Execution, it might be prejudicial to the Prerogative of the Crown, and the Liberties of the People.

*Ordered,*



*Ordered,*

That the Committee of Correspondence, do instruct the Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*, to petition the King and Parliament, against the Ratification of the said Plan, if it shou'd be laid before them for that Purpose; and that the said Committee do furnish the said Agent, with such proper Hints on the Occasion, as may enable him to form the said Petition; and do also inform him, that the House will provide for the Expence attending the same.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Dehart* do wait on the Council, and desire to know if they have any Thing before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for Leave to rise, as soon as they have delivered their Address.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Dehart* and himself, delivered the above Message to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Saltar*, in the following Words :

*Ordered,*

' That Mr. *Saltar* do acquaint the Assembly, that this House requests the Minutes of the Congress at *Albany*, now before that House.'

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o' Clock.

*Saturday, October 19. 1754.*

The House met.

A Petition from *Thomas Hutchinson*, *Cornelius Winant*, *William Parent*, *William Pumsbere*, *Thomas Strongue*, *Benjamin Carman*, and *William Price*, Prisoners for Debt in *Monmouth County Goal*, was presented to the House, and read, praying Relief.

*Ordered,*

That the said Petition be referred to next Sessions, to be considered with the other Petitioners from Prisoners for Debt, before referred.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, Wether the Minutes of this House, respecting printing the Treaty at *Albany*, and the Plan of Union, and the Address to his Excellency, be altered or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

*YEAS.*

Mr. *Stevens*,  
Mr. *Johnson*,  
Mr. *Newill*,  
Mr. *Dehart*,  
Mr. *Frelandi*,  
Mr. *Read*,

*YEAS.*

Mr. *Smith*,  
Mr. *Ladd*,  
Mr. *Clement*,  
Mr. *Hancock*,  
Mr. *Miller*,  
Mr. *Yard*.

*NAYS.*

Mr. *Wetherill*,  
Mr. *Holmes*,  
Mr. *Bradbury*,  
Mr. *Fiber*,  
Mr. *Hogland*,  
Mr. *Fangeson*,

*NAYS.*

Mr. *Newbold*,  
Mr. *Paxson*,  
Mr. *Leaming*,  
Mr. *Spicer*,  
Mr. *Middogb*,

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Saltar*, in the following Words.

*Council-Chamber, October 19, 1754.*

*Ordered,*

' That Mr. *Saltar* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Council have no Objection to the House of Assembly's applying to the Governor to be dismissed.'

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Debart* and Mr. *Bradbury* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House has dispatched all their Business, except delivering to his Excellency their Address, which they would be glad of an Opportunity of presenting; and that he would be pleased to pass the Bills which are ready for his Assent, and to dismiss the House; and to inform him, that the Council have acquainted this House, that they have no Objections to this Application.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine o' Clock.

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M O N D A Y, October 21. 1754.

The House met.

Mr. *Debart* reported, that Mr. *Bradbury* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them intrusted, to his Excellency.

A Message from his Excellency by the Secretary :

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I Have not signed your Bill relating to the Justices of the Supreme Court, because it militates with his Majesty's Royal Instruction, the Copy whereof I have ordered to be delivered you, for your better Direction in framing any Bill of the like Nature for the future.

Perth-Ambor,
October 21, 1754.

J. BELCHER.

Extracted from the Body of his Majesty's Royal Instructions to his Excellency Jonathan Belcher, Esq; Governor of New-Jersey.

The 18th Instruction.

' AND WHEREAS several Laws have formerly been enacted for so short a Time, that the Assent or Refusal of our Royal Predecessors could not be had thereupon, before the Time for which such Laws were enacted did expire : You shall not for the future, give your Assent to any Law, that shall be enacted for a less Time than two Years, except in the Cases mentioned in the foregoing Article ; and you shall not re-enact any Law to which the Assent of us, or of our Royal Predecessors, has once been refused, without express Leave for that Purpose first obtained from us, upon a full Representation by you to be made to us, and to our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, of the Reason and Necessity for passing such Law ; nor give your Assent to any Law for repealing any other Act passed in your Government, whether the same has or has not received our Royal Approbation, unless you take Care that there be a Clause inserted therein, suspending and deferring the Execution thereof, until our Pleasure be known concerning the same.

A true Copy from the Body of his Majesty's Instructions to his Excellency the Governor :

Compar'd by

CHA. READ, Secry.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, informing the House, that his Excellency requests the Papers laid before the House by the Secretary, this Session; and also informing the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House: Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Address, in the Words following.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of said Province, in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly met, beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that we have taken the Encroachments of the *French* (with their *Indians*) upon his Majesty's Territories, into our most serious Consideration.

We can truly say, we want not Arguments, to convince us of the absolute Necessity of the strictest Union among all his Majesty's Provinces and Colonies, for the Preservation of the Whole; and on our Part, have endeavoured to cultivate such an Union, by contributing our Endeavours in the best Manner the Circumstances of this Colony will admit. Your Excellency must be sensible, that the Scarcity of a Currency in this Colony, at this Time, makes it very difficult for the Inhabitants to exert themselves as fully as the Exigency of the Times seems to require: And, therefore, we cannot doubt, but the Measures we have fallen upon, not only to give a handsom Sum to the King's Use at present, but to provide a Fund to do it hereafter, in Case of a like Necessity, will prove agreeable to your Excellency, and all concern'd.

We have duly considered the *Militia-Act* now in Force, and are of Opinion, it will sufficiently answer the Purposes intended by it.

We have also taken into Consideration, the Plan for the Union of the *British* Colonies on the Continent of *America*, as agreed on in the late Congress at *Albany*; and are sorry to say, that we find Things in it, which, if carried into Practice, would affect our Constitution in its very Vitals; and for that Reason, we hope and believe, they will never be countenanced by a *British* Legislature.

We

We thank your Excellency for the Care and Concern you have shewn in the several Matters recommended to us ; and we hope, the Unanimity and Dispatch with which they have severally been treated in this House, will recommend our Determinations, and be agreeable to your Excellency.

By Order of the General Assembly,

Several of the Members being
of the People called *Quakers*,
agree to the Substance of this
Address, with their usual Ex-
ception to the Stile.

ROBERT LAWRENCE,
Speaker.

And then his Excellency was pleased to pass the Bill for naturalizing *Henry Graaf* and others ; and then to prorogue the House to the 22d Day of *November* next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly,
I do appoint *James Parker* of *Woodbridge*, to
print these Votes.

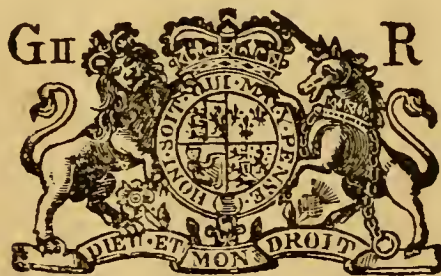
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSIONS begun and holden at ELIZABETH-TOWN,
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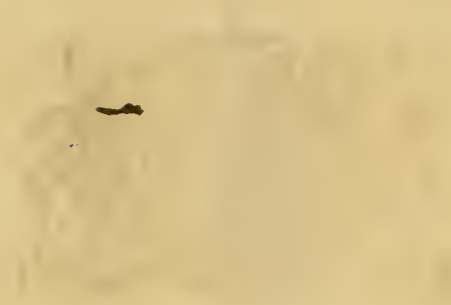
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G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, *MONDAY, February 24. 1755.*

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly from time to time, until this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Debart* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business, are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Debart* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the above Message, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

His Excellency informed the House by a Messenger, that his Indisposition of Health obliges him to defer sending for the House till To-morrow.

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

Tuesday, February 25. 1755.

The House met.

Resolved,

That *Nathaniel Davis* be Door-Keeper of this House.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires this Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which was ordered to be read ; and it was read accordingly, and is as follows :

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ **N**OTHING less than his Majesty's Commands, in a Letter I have
 ‘ received from Sir *Thomas Robinson*, (since our last Sitting) one of his
 ‘ Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, dated *Whitehall, October 26, 1754,*
 ‘ could have prevail'd upon me, to summon you to meet me at this Time,
 ‘ considering the Season, and the Difficulty of the Roads.

‘ Nor cou'd any Thing but the weak State of my Health, prevented my
 ‘ meeting you at *Burlington* or *Perth-Amboy*.

‘ That you may have the clearest View of his Majesty’s paternal Care and Goodness, for the Safety and Welfare of this Province, (as well as of those of our Neighbours) I shall order the Letter above-mentioned to be laid before you; and therein you will find his Majesty particularly expects from you, and that without any Delay, *viz.*

“ That you shou’d carefully provide a sufficient Quantity of fresh Victuals at the Expence of your Government, to be ready for the Use of the Troops at their Arrival.

“ That you shou’d likewise furnish the Officers, who may have Occasion to go from Place to Place, with all Necessaries for Travelling by Land.

“ And that there be Care taken for quartering the Troops, providing all Necessaries for such Forces as shall arrive or be raised within your Government; and, that his Majesty will expect, that the Charge thereof be defray’d by his Subjects belonging to the same.

“ And as to other Articles, you will use your utmost Endeavours, to induce the Assembly of your Province, to raise forthwith, as large a Sum as can be afforded; as their Contribution to this common Fund, to be employ’d provisionally, for the Service of *North-America*; particularly, for paying the Charge of levying the Troops, to make up the Compliment of the Regiments.”

‘ The Arrival of his Majesty’s General and Commander in Chief of the Forces now rais’d and raising, is daily expected, together with the Regiments from *Ireland*, and from *New-England*, at *Virginia*, for immediately prosecuting from thence his Majesty’s Royal Orders, in the present Exigency of Affairs.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ Having laid these Things before you, and that most of the neighbouring Governments have raised proportionable Sums, for aiding and assisting, in the present Expedition, against the *French* and *Indians*: I shall not doubt your now raising such a Sum of Money, as his Majesty may justly and reasonably expect from you, and to be done with the greatest Dispatch, as being what you will see, the Nature of the Case absolutely requires.

‘ As the Lives, Liberties, civil and religious, and the Properties of the People of this Province, are greatly in Danger at this critical Conjunction, I have Reason to believe, that your cheerfully falling into your Duty to the King, for the Safety of his Subjects here, will be very acceptable to your Constituents.

‘ Notwithstanding the Answer you gave me the last Session respecting the Militia Act, yet I must subjoin to the afore-going Article, that I think it absolutely necessary, for the King’s Service, and for the Safety of the good People of the Province, that the Militia Act be well revised and bettered, by raising the Fines for Non-appearances of the private Men; for, upon the general Muster (which I lately order’d) the Officers have made Complaints to me, that the Fines are so low, as that considerable Numbers will not attend their Duty; as also, that the Musters by Law being so seldom, the Men are very ignorant in the Exercise of Arms, so that the yearly Muster ought to be at least doubled.

‘ And

‘ And it wou’d be well, to enquire, whether the Act may not also be made better, for obliging the Officers of the several Regiments, to the more strict Compliance with their Duty.

‘ As the Militia of the Province, is (under God) the only Defence we can make upon an Attack from the Enemy: I think this Article is of great Importance to the Quiet and Safety of the Province, and to be taken (without Delay) into your most mature Deliberation.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ After your having fully gone through these Affairs, if you have any Thing to lay before me, for his Majesty’s Service, and the Benefit of the Province, I shall chearfully attend to it, or otherwise give you a Recess, to such Time as may be most convenient for your meeting again.’

*Elizabeth-Town,
February 25, 1755.*

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Sussex*, was presented to the House, setting forth the Hostile Proceedings of the *French*, upon his Majesty’s Territories in *America*, in open Violation of the Treaties of Peace subsisting between the Crown of *Great Britain* and the *French King*; praying the House to pass such Bill or Bills as may be necessary, (in Proportion with the other Colonies) to assist his Majesty, in driving the *French* from their Fortifications at the *Ohio*, and in the Defence of our Frontiers; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

His Excellency, by his Clerk, laid before the House, the Letter of Sir *Thomas Robinson*, one of his Majesty’s principal Secretaries of State, referred to in his Speech.

The House adjourn’d till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition of *Joseph Bonny*, a Prisoner in *Somerset Goal*, was presented to the House, praying them to obtain for him a Hearing before his Excellency in Council, relating to the Affair of *John Riddle*, late Sheriff of *Somerset County*; which was read. And on the Question, whether the said Petition have a second Reading, or any other Business be proceeded on at this Place, excepting the Matters recommended in his Excellency’s Speech; as the Assembly, by the Constitution of this Colony, are to sit alternately at *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*? It passed in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

His Excellency’s Speech was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider his Excellency’s Speech, and the Letter of Sir *Thomas Robinson*, therein referred to: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency’s Speech, and had come to several Resolutions; which he is directed to report, when the House will receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Nevill* proceeded to report the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows, *viz.*

1st, Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech: To which the House agreed.

2d, *Resolved,*

That if any of his Majesty's Regular Forces, with their Baggage, should have Occasion to march through this Province, Provision shou'd be made for their Subsistence, during their said March, and Carriages provided for their said Baggage; and on the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

<i>YEAS.</i>	<i>YEAS.</i>	<i>YEAS.</i>	<i>NAYS.</i>
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Paxson,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Clement,	
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Vangerson,	Mr. Hancock,	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Yard,	
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Middagb.	

3d, *Resolved,*

That a Sum not exceeding £. 500, be applied for the above Purposes: And on the Question, it pass'd as follows,

For £. 500,	For £. 500,	For £. 1000,	For Nothing,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Paxson,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Nevill,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Dehart,	
Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Vrelandt,	
Mr. Vangerson,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Read,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Middagb.		
Mr. Newbold,			

Ordered,

That Mr. Smith, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Yard, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill, Mr. Read, Mr. Wetherill, and Mr. Ladd, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for making Provision for the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces, during their March through this Colony; and for providing Carriages for transporting their Baggage.

Mr. Nevill, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Provision for the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces, during their March through this Colony, and for providing Carriages for transporting their Baggage*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Wednesday, February 26. 1755.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Provision for the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces, during their March through this Colony, and for providing Carriages for transporting their Baggage*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, for providing Subsistence for his Majesty's Forces during their March through this Colony, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he is directed to report, when the House will receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Hancock proceeded to report the same: Which said Bill with the Amendments being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to draw a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the same; and with Leave presented it to the House; which was read, and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Provision for the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces, during their march through this Colony, and for providing Carriages for transporting their Baggage*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Stevens* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House taking into Consideration the Danger that may arise from the sending Provisions to the French Ports and Colonies; are of Opinion, its absolutely necessary at this Time to pass a Law for the preventing the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to prohibit the Exporting every Sort of Provisions, naval and warlike Stores and Implements, to any of the Ports or Settlements in Possession of the French King, or delivering any such to his Subjects.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, as follows:

' *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

' SINCE the Opening of this Session, I have received the following Letters from Mr. *Shirley*, Governor of his Majesty's Province of the *Masachusetts Bay*, in *New-England*, dated *February 7, 1755*; and another from Mr. *De Lancey*, Lieutenant Governor of his Majesty's Province of *New-York*, dated *New-York, February 22, 1755*; both of them inclosing the several Acts of those Provinces, for prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions, &c. to any of the French Colonies in *America*, in this Time of imminent Danger from the French; and which, I think, are so prudent and reasonable, that I have no Doubt of your readily falling into an Act of the same Nature.

' And further, I hope you will, by an Addition to the Militia Act, enable me to send a good Number of Men to *New-York*, for their Assistance and Relief, in Case they should be attack'd by the French; who, if they should succeed, will soon make a Prey of this Neighbouring Province.'

Elizabeth-Town,
February 26, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores from the Colony of New-Jersey, to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Thursday, February 27, 1755.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores from the Colony of New-Jersey, to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforementioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock from said Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again: To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met, and again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill *to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which he is directed to report, when the House will receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Hancock proceeded to report the same; which said Bill, with the Amendments, being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Three Petitions were presented to the House; one from the Prisoners of *Middlesex*, one from *Gerardus Drake*, and one from *John Bruen, jun.* both Prisoners in *Newark*; all praying, for the Reasons therein set forth, to be discharged from their Confinements; which were respectively read, and referred to further Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. Johnston and Mr. Holmes, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House having taken the important Matters recommended in his Excellency's Message of the 26th Instant, into their most serious Consideration, are of Opinion, that if the City of *New-York* should be attack'd by the *French*; his Excellency may, by a legal Construction of the Militia-Act now in being, send a good Number of Men for their Assistance and Relief, not only from the Words of the Act, but from the Reason of the Thing; it being certain, that if such an Invasion should succeed, it must greatly affect the Inhabitants of this Province, who are therefore in several Parts as actually interested in opposing such an Invasion, as if it was attempted on some Parts of this Province. And that as to the Article relating to the Prohibiting of Provisions, &c. this House had before they received his Excellency's Message, gone into the necessary Measures for making an effectual Bill for the Purposes recommended; which with the other Bill that we have passed this Session, we hope, may receive his Excellency's Assent, when laid before him.

Mr. Johnston reported, that Mr. Holmes and himself delivered the Message with them intrusted to his Excellency.

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

Friday, February 28, 1755.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey, to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King*, was read, and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Miller*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted to the Speaker in Council.

Several of the Committee of Correspondence laid before the House, Copies of Letters they had wrote to the Agent, respecting the Plan of Union proposed in the late Congress at *Albany*, and other Matters ; which were read :

And the House considering the pernicious Effects the said Plan, or any other of the like Tenor, may consequentially have upon the Prerogatives of the Crown, and the Liberties of the Subject, and the absolute Necessity of its being opposed in the most effectual Manner ; do order the said Correspondents to write to the Agent, by the first Conveyance, and suggest to him such additional Reasons, and Methods to be followed, as will best answer the Purposes intended.

Ordered,

That the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; and Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to draw up the Form of a Petition to his Majesty, humbly to implore his Protection ; and that he will be graciously pleased, to preserve our present happy Constitution, against this or any other Scheme, that may have a Tendency towards weakening the same ; and that they have the said Petition ready to be laid before this House at our next Meeting.

Resolved,

That whatever necessary Expence our Agent may be put to, in giving Opposition to the said Plan, or any other of a similar Nature, this House will chearfully provide for defraying the same.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning, Nine o' Clock.

Saturday, MARCH 1. 1755.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the House, that the Council have made some Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey, to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King ;* to which they desire the Concurrence of this House ; and he delivered the same to Mr. Speaker.

Also acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Provision for the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces during their March through this Colony, &c.* without any Amendments.

The House taking into Consideration the Council's Amendments to the Bill for preventing the Exportation of Provisions, &c. and the Amendments were read in their Places ; and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not ? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be re-engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Fisher*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know, when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would receive the Address of the House *Monday Morning* next, at Eleven o'Clock.

Mr. *Vangeson* had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Paxson* had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasion.

Mr. *Hancock* had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasion.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey, to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King*, was read and compared; and on the Question:

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill as re-engrossed do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dehart* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them thereof.

Mr. *Dehart* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself delivered the said Bill and Message to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o' Clock.

MONDAY, March 3. 1755.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Yard* do publish the Act passed this Session, for prohibiting Goods and naval Stores from being carried to the *French* (if the same should be passed by his Excellency) in the most effectual Manner.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

‘ BY the Petition and Affidavits I send you herewith, you will find, that
 ‘ in the Month of *February* last, a great Riot was committed in the
 ‘ County of *Hunterdon*, by several Persons, (chiefly Foreigners,) living in
 ‘ that County, and using many Threats against many of his Majesty's liege
 ‘ Subjects; and diverse of them gathering together, to oppose the Officers of
 ‘ this Government, and declaring, that they could at any Time raise some
 ‘ Hundreds of Men to their Assistance, to perpetrate their wicked Purposes.
 ‘ *Gentlemen*, those audacious Attempts (at this Time of Danger from abroad)
 ‘ to oppose the Powers of Government, and especially by Foreigners among
 ‘ us, ought, I think, to engage every Branch of the Legislature, to use their
 ‘ best Efforts, without Delay, to put a Check to every Thing that may in
 ‘ the least disturb the general Peace of the Province, among ourselves;
 ‘ which I hope you will take into your serious Consideration, and in Con-
 ‘ currence with the other Parts of the Legislative Power, fall on such
 ‘ Methods

' Methods as may be effectual, to bring those Riotors to receive Punishment
' adequate to their Crimes, so that others may fear committing the like
' Offences for the future.

*Council-Chamber,
Eliz-Town, March 3, 1755.*

J. Belcher.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Leaming*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, in Answer to his Message of this Day, that the House have come into the following Resolves; which we hope will put those infatuated People upon considering the Consequence of their Actions, and be effectual to discourage such illegal Measures for the future.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That it is with the utmost Concern this House receive the Information of any new Troubles and Disturbances in this Colony, and have the greatest Detestation of the Practices of such Persons, who stand in Opposition to the established Methods of submitting the Decision of Property to Trials at Law.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That every Person who shall oppose the Officers of the Government in the due Execution of the Laws of the Land, is an Enemy to the Colony.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That when this House is satisfied, that the Power of the Government proves ineffectual for the suppressing Riots and Disorders, that it will be the Duty of the Legislature to support the Government, and the Administration of the Laws.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That as it appears in Proof before the House, that these Disturbances are chiefly owing to *High Germans*; that it is expedient, that a Number of these Resolves, and of such Proclamations as his Excellency shall think proper to issue, be translated into the *German* Language, and be dispersed among the Settlers on the Society's Tract, in *Hunterdon*, that no Person may plead Ignorance thereof.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnston* do wait upon the Council, and desire to know, if they have any further Business to lay before this House; and acquaint them, that if they have not, we propose to desire his Excellency to dismiss us.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the above Message to the Council, who said, they had Nothing further to lay before this House.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

A Message from his Excellency, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Address, in the following Words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of *New-Jersey*, and Territories thereon depending in *America*, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of said Province, in General Assembly met.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly met, having taken the Matters recommended in your Excellency's Speech into Consideration, are fully convinced of the Necessity your Excellency was under, of convening us together at this Time, tho' the Inclemency of the Season, and other Difficulties, has made it a Task that we shou'd chuse to have avoided, if it cou'd have been done without Prejudice to the Service recommended in Sir Thomas Robinson's Letter.

That Part in particular, which seems to require the providing of Carriages and Necessaries for such Forces as shall arrive within this Government, appearing to us of immediate Necessity; we have passed a Bill, for providing a Sum, which, by the Calculation we have made, will be fully sufficient for the Subsistence of such of his Majesty's regular Forces, with their Baggage, and the necessary Carriages, as can be expected to pass through this Province, whilst on their March through the same.

With Regard to the other Particulars mentioned in Sir Thomas Robinson's Letter, it is known to your Excellency, that at the late Sitting in October last, at Perth Amboy, a Bill was agreed on by this House, for providing the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for his Majesty's Use, on that Occasion, which could not be known in England at the Time of writing the said Letter, it being dated in the same Month; and as the said Bill was, very soon after the said Sessions ended, transmitted for his Majesty's Royal Approbation, we are not without Hopes, it has had the desired Success before this Time; and that we shall soon be thereby able to answer our full Proportion of the Money that will be necessary on the present Exigency. This, with the Unanimity and Dispatch with which it was accompanied, we hope, will be a prevailing Reason with your Excellency, to believe our Intentions hearty in the Service; And that, while we are waiting a few Weeks for the necessary Means, to make our Endeavours the more effectual, we shall not be tho't to have any latent Reserves, inconsistent with the Design.

The Militia Bill, was, at the last Sitting, on your Excellency's Recommendation, fully considered, and thought by the House, sufficient to answer the Designs intended by it; but as your Excellency was pleased to recommend it to us again, we have now re-consider'd the same, and are still of Opinion, it is sufficient to answer what is propos'd by it.

Having gone through the Affairs your Excellency has recommended, and such other Matters as we esteem'd of immediate Importance, we know of Nothing else sufficient to detain us at this Time.

Our Meeting at this Place, contrary to the established Practice of the Government, is such an Infringement on our Rights, that Nothing but your Excellency's declining State of Health, and the Necessity of the Business we have done, can justify

justify us to our Constituents, for attempting, by any Act of ours, to alter a Custom, that our Ancestors have thought necessary to establish, as one of the Fundamentals of this Government.

Assembly-Chamber, March 1, 1755:

Several of the Members being of the
People called *Quakers*, agree to the
Substance of this Address, with their
usual Exception to the Style.

By Order of the General Assembly,
ROBERT LAWRENCE,

Speaker.

And then his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, *viz.*

1. *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey, to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King.*

2. *An Act for making Provision for the Subsistence of his Majesty's Forces, during their March through this Colony, and for providing Carriages for transporting their Baggage.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Debart* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House have gone through the Business before them, and desire, that he will please to put an End to this Session.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Debart* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that the House should hear from him immediately.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, it is his Excellency's Pleasure, that the House adjourn themselves to the sixteenth Day of April next, to meet at Perth-Amboy.

The House accordingly adjourn'd to the sixteenth Day of *April* next, to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.



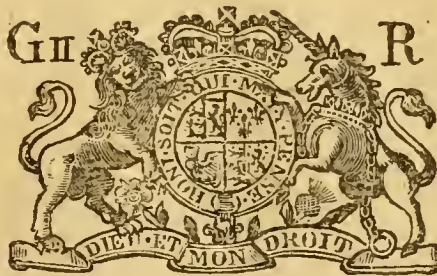
BY Virtue of an Order of the General Assembly,
I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge,
to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE,

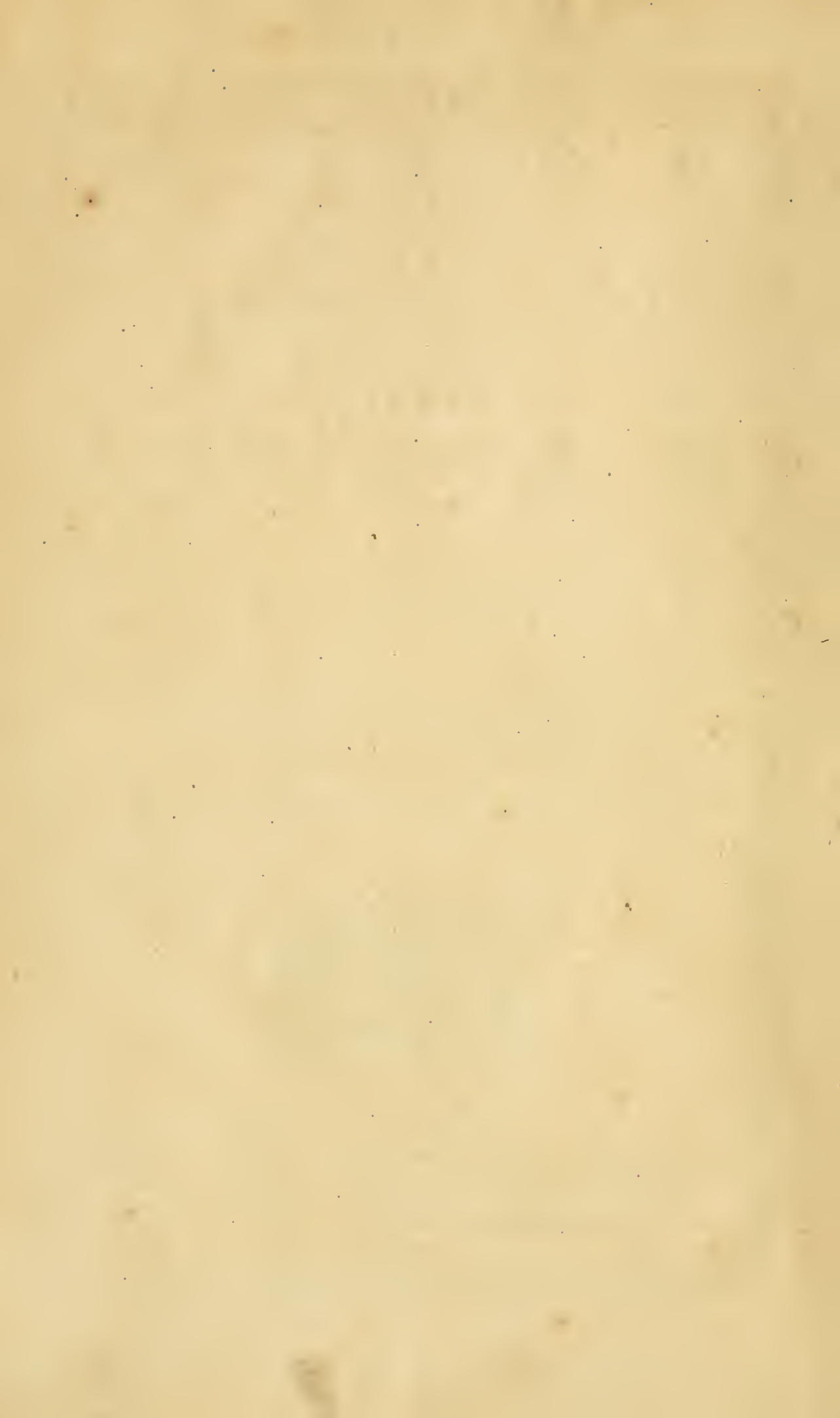
Speaker.

V O T E S
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSIONS began and helden at *ELIZABETH-TOWN*,
APRIL 7, 1755.



WOODBIDGE, in NEW-JERSEY:
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1755.





V O T E S

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, *Munday, April 7, 1755.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogation of the General Assembly of the Province of *New-Jersey*, to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Debart* and Mr. *Hogland*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Debart* reported, that Mr. *Hogland* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the above Message, who was pleased to say, the House shou'd hear from him To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, April 8, 1755.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

' AS the Matters I have to communicate to you for his Majesty's Service,
' and the Good of this Colony, are of such a Nature as require the
' utmost Secrecy; and as the Branches of the Legislature in all the Go-
' vernments to the Eastward, have given solemn Assurance of their keeping
' the intended Operations as a Secret, I have Reason to hope your House
' will readily come under such a Qualification; his Majesty's Council have
' already taken an Oath to the following Effect: *That they will keep Secret all*
' *such Matters relating to the intended Operations of his Majesty's Forces in Ame-*
' *rica, as shall be communicated to them as a Secret, until the 15th Day of May*
' *next, or until the same shall be made public in the Gazettes, or by publick Autho-*
' *rity; and hope your House will have no Objection to giving the same As-*
' *surance.*'

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
April 8, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

The House taking his Excellency's Message into Consideration, and a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, Whether the House will take the Qualifications mentioned in his Excellency's Message, or not? It passed in the Negative.

Nays.

Nays.
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Bradbury,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Smith,

Nays.
Mr. Newbold,
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,

Yeas.
Mr. Stevens.
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Dehart,
Mr. Vrelandt,
Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh.

Resolved,

That if any of the Members of this House shall be guilty of divulging the Secrets mentioned in his Excellency's Message, before the Time to which it is limited expires in the Manner there mentioned, shall be immediately called to an Account before the House, and if convicted, shall be subject to the severest Censure of this House.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Read* and *Mr. Smith* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House is justly sensible of the great Necessity of keeping the Operations of his Majesty's Forces a Secret; and assure his Excellency, that our hearty and sincere Duty to his Majesty, and ardent Desire for the Prosperity of the Royal Forces, in all such Measures as his Majesty or his Ministers shall undertake for the Well-being of his Government, will induce every Member of this House, to preserve what his Excellency shall please to communicate on these important Occasions a Secret, agreeable to the Substance of the Council's Oath, and have come to a Resolution, that any of the Members of this House, who shall be convicted of divulging these Matters, shall be subject to the severest Censure of the House; and hope his Excellency will be satisfied with this Declaration of the House on this Head.

Mr. Read reported, that *Mr. Smith* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them intrusted to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, it was a very acceptable Answer to his Message.

A Message from his Excellency by *Mr. Secretary*;

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which *Mr. Speaker* said he had (to prevent Mistakes) obtained a Copy, which was order'd to be read in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Clerk of this House was duly sworn before the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; to keep secret all Debates of the House, respecting the proposed Plan of Operation referred to in his Excellency's Message; and not to divulge any Matter relating to said Plan, that shou'd be laid before the House,
 until

until the Time limited in the Oath mentioned in 'said Message; and also, not to publish or deliver any Votes or Proceedings of the House to any Person except his Excellency.

After which the Door-keeper was likewise duly sworn, to use his utmost Endeavour, to keep all Persons from hearing any of the Debates of the House; and not to divulge any that he might happen to hear by Accident.

According to the Order of the Day, his Excellency's Speech was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

' SINCE our last Meeting, I suppose you have an Account from your
' Agent, of the Receipt of your Petition to the King, with the Bill which
' accompanied it; in which I don't find by my Letters to 18th of *January*
' past, any Progress had been made; so that waiting for the Issue of that Mat-
' ter before you fall into your Duty to his Majesty, and into a tender Care of
' the People you represent, may prove fatal, so far as your just and proportio-
' nable Aid and Assistance might contribute to the Success of the warlike
' Operations now going forward; on which Occasion, I heartily congratulate
' you on the happy Arrival of the Honourable General *Braddock*, with the
' King's Ships and Forces, at *Virginia*.

' And by the latest Advices, we may be soon expecting another Squadron
' of the King's Ships, and also a large Squadron of *French* Men of War, and
' with a great Body of Land-Forces; so that the Supplies necessary to be
' made in these Affairs, you may see will admit of no Delay.

' Because I cannot so well describe to you, his Majesty's quick and just Re-
' gard to the Honour and Dignity of his *British* Diadem, as well as his ten-
' der Care of his People in these Parts of his Dominions; I now communi-
' cate to you, a Letter I have lately receiv'd from the Right Honourable the
' Earl of *Halifax*, first Lord Commissioner for Trade and Plantations, which
' sets his Majesty's tender Care of his Subjects, in a just and engaging Light;
' and yet, after all, you will find, that noble Lord says,--"The Means of their
' future Security are now open to them, and cannot fail of Success, if they
' shall be back'd by such Vigour, Unanimity and Dispatch, as is incumbent on
' his Majesty's Colonies to exert on so important an Occasion; for without
' these, what has been done by his Majesty, may prove very inadequate to
' the Services intended;"--and in the End of another Paragraph of the said
' Letter, you will find thus, "This great Opportunity of giving future Safety
' to his Majesty's Subjects in *America* may be lost."

' I have lately receiv'd from his Excellency Mr. *Shirley*, Governor of the
' *Massachusetts Bay*, in *New-England*, a Plan of Operation for the King's For-
' ces (besides those destined in Defence of our Neighbours to the Southward;)
' and Governor *Shirley's* Letter, with the Papers that accompany'd it, I shall
' order to be laid before you; in which, I think, you will see a well concerted
' wise Scheme, for the future Safety of all the King's Colonies in *North-America*,
' and for effectually driving the *French* from the Incroachments and Invasions
' they have made, and are making, upon the King's Territories, and for con-
' fining them within their own Limits on this Continent: And for a more par-
' ticular Account of this Article, as to the present Armament, I shall refer you

to

‘ to the Honourable *Andrew Olliver*, Esq; one of his Majesty’s Council of the
 ‘ *Massachusetts Bay*, who comes with a Commission from that Government to
 ‘ treat with you for raising a Quota of Men (over and above your just Pro-
 ‘ portion, to be contributed towards the general Fund, for the Support of the
 ‘ Forces raised and raising :) And as all the Governments already apply’d to,
 ‘ have chearfully fallen into it, I shall not doubt your heartily joining with
 ‘ them.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ The raising of Money for the Services I have mentioned, lying with your
 ‘ House, I shall not doubt, but, upon your due Deliberation, you will think
 ‘ you ought to lose no Time in doing it : And as a further Encouragement to
 ‘ the Practice of your Duty herein, to your King and Country, I think it pro-
 ‘ per to tell you, (if I am not misinform’d) in so doing, you will render your-
 ‘ selves more acceptable to the Generality of the good People of the Province.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ I hope the present Complexion of Affairs at this critical Juncture, will
 ‘ lead you into such Measures, as that you may have the Honour to be call’d
 ‘ with his Majesty, the kind and tender Fathers of this People : For Things
 ‘ seem to be brought to a Point, whether his *British* Majesty shall enjoy his just
 ‘ Rights, and his People their Liberties and Properties under him ; or whe-
 ‘ ther the *French* King shall be Lord of all *North-America* : I say, whether
 ‘ his Majesty’s *North-American* Subjects, shall, for the future, breath *English*
 ‘ Liberty, under the best of Kings, (as to their Religion and Properties) or be
 ‘ brought under the abject Yoke of *French* Slavery and Tyranny.

‘ May Almighty God, conduct you in your Consultations into much Har-
 ‘ mony, and into such an Unanimity, as may give the best Dispatch to these
 ‘ Important Affairs.’

Elizabeth-Town,
April 8th, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

And then his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, the Plan and Letters referred to in his Speech ; which were respectively read.

The Honourable *Andrew Olliver*, Esq; a Commissioner from the *Massachusetts Bay*, attending, was admitted into the House, where he produced his Commission for soliciting this Province, for assisting the other Colonies, in building and erecting a Fortrefs near Fort St. *Frederick*, in Order to defend our Frontiers ; which was read ; and then, in Pursuance of his said Commission, he presented a Memorial to this House for that Purpose ; which was also read ; and then he withdrew.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ **A**S Mr. *Olliver*’s Memorial is address’d to the whole Legislature, I
 ‘ think, for the better Dispatch of Business, it wou’d be best for the
 ‘ Council and Assembly, to confer by joint Committees, on the subject
 ‘ Matter thereof.

Council-Chamber,
April 8, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

A Petition

A Petition from the Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, signed by 177 Petitioners, was presented to the House; praying, for the Reasons therein mentioned, a Revival and Amendment of the Militia Act now in being; and also setting forth the hostile Proceedings of the *French* upon his Majesty's Territories in *America*, in open Violation of the Treaties of Peace, desiring the House to raise their proportionable Part (of Men and Money) in Conjunction with the other Colonies, for securing our Frontiers, and dispossessing the *French* from their Fortifications in his Majesty's Dominions. And also Seven Petitions of the same Tenor with the above, from the Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, signed by 577 Petitioners, was presented to the House; all which were respectively read.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters and Plan of Operation therein referred to, and Mr. *Olliver's* Memorial, and the above Petitions, were committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters abovesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

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

Wednesday, April 9th, 1755.

The House met, and again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech, and other Matters before to them referred: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which he is ready to report when the House will receive the same:

Ordered.

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* proceeded to report the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows.

1st, Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech; to which the House agreed.

2d, Resolved,

That this Committee highly approve of the Plan of Operation laid before this House; and are of Opinion, that the Building a Fortress near to *Crown-Point*, or upon some other Parts of his Majesty's Territories in that Part of the Country, is highly necessary to be forthwith pursued, in order to check the insulting Encroachments of the *French*, and to secure our Frontiers; to which the House agreed.

Yeas,
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Dehart,
Mr. Bradburry,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland

Yeas,
Mr. Vrelandt,
Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh.

Nays.
Mr. Spicer.

3d, Resolved,

That for the Purposes aforesaid, there be 500 Men immediately raised, and supported by this Colony; who shall join the other Forces now raising and raised in the other Colonies; to which the House agreed. B

Yeas,

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays.</i>	
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Holmes,	for 400.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Newbold,	} <i>who voted for</i> <i>no Men.</i>
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Hancock,	
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Middagh.		

4th, Resolved,

That a Sum not exceeding £. 15,000, be struck in Paper Bills of Credit, for raising, cloathing, arming, supporting and paying the Forces aforesaid ; to which the House agreed.

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>	
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Holmes,	} for £. 12,000.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Hancock,	} <i>who voted for</i> <i>nothing.</i>
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Yard,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Middagh.		

5th, Resolved,

That the Sum of £. 15,000, so to be struck as aforesaid, be sunk by provincial Taxes in Five Years, succeeding the Date of such Bills of Credit, by sinking £ 5,000 per Year, for the last Three of the Five Years, if no other Provision be made before that Time for sinking the same ; to which the House agreed.

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Middagh,	
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Read,		
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Ladd.		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Dehart*, and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of £. 15,000, and other Purposes aforesaid.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Paxon*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from the County of *Somerset*, signed by 113 Petitioners, was presented to the House; setting forth the Hostilities and Encroachments of the *French* in his Majesty's Territories, in open Violation of the Treaties of Peace, praying the House to assist the other Colonies in driving them from their Encroachments : And also, a Petition from the County of *Middlesex*, signed by 114 Petitioners, was presented to the House, of the same Tenor of the above ; which were respectively read : The Substance of which, with the other Petitions before presented on that Head, the House hath already had under Consideration.

A Petition from the County of *Burlington*, was presented to the House, praying an Act to encourage the killing of Bears ; which was read, and referred to further Consideration.

Four Petitions were presented to the House ; one from the Prisoners in *Essex* County Goal ; one from the Prisoners in *Trenton* Goal ; one from the Prisoners in *Burlington* Goal, and one from *Joseph Bonney* ; all praying, for the Reasons therein set forth, to be discharged from their Confinements ; which were respectively read and referred to further Consideration, when the House shall meet at *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington*. A

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Hopewell Township*, in *Cumberland County*, was presented to the House, praying an Act for draining the Meadows lying on and adjoining *Cohausie Creek*; which was read, and referred to further Consideration.

A Representation of the Attachment Act now in force, was presented to the House for their Consideration, from the Justices of the Peace of *Monmouth County*; which was read and referred to further Consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question put, Whether this House will proceed on any other Business at this Sessions, except what his Excellency has laid before them? It passed in the Negative.

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>
<i>Mr. Nevill,</i>	<i>Mr. Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. Stevens,</i>	<i>Mr. Newbold,</i>
<i>Mr. Holmes,</i>	<i>Mr. Miller,</i>	<i>Mr. Johnston,</i>	<i>Mr. Paxson,</i>
<i>Mr. Fisher,</i>	<i>Mr. Leaming,</i>	<i>Mr. Wetherill,</i>	<i>Mr. Ladd,</i>
<i>Mr. Hogland,</i>	<i>Mr. Spicer,</i>	<i>Mr. Dehart,</i>	<i>Mr. Hancock,</i>
<i>Mr. Vrelandt,</i>	<i>Mr. Yard,</i>	<i>Mr. Bradbury,</i>	<i>Mr. Middagh,</i>
		<i>Mr. Vangelson,</i>	

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

Thursday, April 10, 1755.

The House met, and adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 11, 1755.

The House met.

Mr. Newill, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the inlisting Five Hundred Freeman, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading in the Afternoon.

Several of the Committees of Correspondents, laid before the House several Letters they had received from the Agent; which were respectively read.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the inlisting Five Hundred Freeman, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the afore-mentioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Hancock*, Chairman of said Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

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

Saturday, April 12, 1755.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, was presented to the House; setting forth the Necessity of building several Bridges in the Precinct of *Saddle River*, in said County; praying an Act for building Bridges in said Precinct, at the publick Expence of said County; which was read and referred to further Consideration.

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The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the enlisting Five Hundred Freeman, or well-affected Indians in this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of said Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire him to write to the Honourable General *Braddock*, and acquaint him, that this Colony is now, with all possible Dispatch, preparing to raise Five Hundred Men, to join the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies in an intended Expedition to *Crown-Point*; and that we are in the utmost Necessity for Five Hundred Stand of Arms for that Service: And as suitable Ones cannot be procured here, desire General *Braddock* (if he approves of the said Expedition) to furnish us with the said Five Hundred Arms, for his Majesty's Use, if he possibly can; and that his Excellency will be pleased directly to dispatch an Express therewith; for the Expence of which this House will provide.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself, delivered the said Message with them intrusted to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, he would send an Express according to their Desire.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, April 14, 1755.

The House met.

Mr. *Newbold* had Leave to be absent, on urgent Business.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the enlisting Five Hundred Freeman, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

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

Tuesday, April 15, 1755.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire he will be pleased to acquaint this House, who he purposes to appoint Colonel, to command the Forces to be raised in this Colony; if an Act for that Purpose shall be passed this Session of General Assembly.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House shou'd have his Answer on that Head this Day.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the enlisting Five Hundred Freeman, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The

The House met.

His Excellency, in Answer to the Message of this Morning, informed the House, by a Message, that he purposed to appoint *Peter Schuyler*, Esq; Colonel of the Forces that may be raised in this Colony, for the present intended Expedition.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the inlisting of 500 Freemen, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition, in Conjunction with the Forces of New-England and New-York, for the erecting a strong Fortrefs near Crown-Point, within his Majesty's Dominions; and also for making current £. 15,000, in Bills of Credit, for providing for the Subsistence, Cleathing, Arming, and Pay of the said Forces, and transporting them to the Place of general Rendezvous; and also for the directing the Manner of sinking the said Bills of Credit*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill; and made several Amendments thereto; which he is directed to report when the House will receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* proceeded to report the same; which said Bill, with the Amendments, being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, April 16, 1755.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported the same; which was read; and on the Question, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compar'd.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Middagh*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited on with the Address of this House.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself, had waited upon his Excellency with the aforesaid Message; who was pleased to say, that he intended the House shou'd hear from him To-morrow Morning at Eleven o'Clock.

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

Thursday, April 17, 1755.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the inlisting of Five Hundred Freemen, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service, in the present Expedition, in Conjunction with the Forces of New-England and New-York; for the erecting a strong Fortrefs near Crown-Point, within his Majesty's Dominions; and also for making current £. 15,000, in Bills of Credit; for providing for the Subsistence,*
C Cleathing,

Cloathing, Arming, and Pay of the said Forces, and transporting them to the Place of general Rendezvous ; and also for the directing the Manner of sinking the said Bills of Credit ; was read and compar'd ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative.

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vangeson,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Yard,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Middagh.	

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read* do carry the same to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Address, in the following Words.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of said Province, in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly conven'd, from a grateful Sense of his Majesty's paternal Care over his Dominions in *North-America*, think ourselves obliged to acknowledge your great Satisfaction, in the happy Arrival of the Honourable General *Braddock*, with the King's Ships and Forces at *Virginia* ; and your Excellency's kind Congratulation thereupon.

By our latest Advices from *England*, the Bill we last Fall prepared and transmitted, with a Petition, praying his Majesty's Royal Approbation, had been but a few Days arrived ; and the Lords of Trade had appointed a short Day for the Consideration of it ; so that we hope we may still be allowed to please ourselves with the Expectation of its Success : But as the Issue of that Application is uncertain, and the Measures concerting to the Eastward, appear to us evidently calculated to promote the Settlement of his Majesty's Lands near the *Ohio*, and establish a Frontier to the Northern Colonies ; we have exerted ourselves still further : And what we have now done, we hope will carry its own Recommendation, both to his Majesty and our Neighbours, having only

to observe, that, as it is an extraordinary Occasion, our putting the Inhabitants of this Colony (already loaded with a heavy Debt, incurr'd for his Majesty's Service, on Enterprizes nearly of the same Kind) to the Difficulties of sinking the Whole by Taxes in so little a Time as five Years, will not hereafter be drawn into Precedent upon a less Occasion.

By Order of the House,

April 16, 1755.

ROBERT LAWRENCE,

Speaker.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition from *Hunterdon* County, signed by 114 Petitioners, being of the same Nature and Tenor of those before-mentioned, from the Counties of *Bergen, Essex, Middlesex*, and *Somerset*, relating to Acts of Hostilities committed by the *French, &c.* was presented to the House and read.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Paxson*, had Leave to be absent on urgent Occasions:

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

Friday, April 18, 1755.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Stephen V. Courtlandt*, of *Second River*, in the County of *Essex*; setting forth, that in the Seventeenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, he obtained his Majesty's Letters Patent, for the Privilege of keeping a Ferry or Ferries over *Passaick* River, between the Counties of *Essex* and *Bergen*; and extending from *Ogden's Wharf* to *Saddle River*; praying an Act for settling and establishing the Fees and Rates for said Ferries; which was read, and referred to further Consideration.

A Petition of *Jacob Ouke*, a Prisoner for Debt in *New-Brunswick* Goal, was presented to the House, praying an Act for his Relief; which was read, and referred to further Consideration:

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary:

' *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

' **I**N Answer to your Message of the twelfth Instant, an Express was immediately dispatch'd to the Honourable General *Braddock*, with my Letter, purporting the Substance of the said Message.

' And in Answer to your Message of the fifteenth Instant, I propose to give the Command of the Troops that may be raised within this Province, to Colonel *Peter Schuyler*, of the County of *Bergen*, a worthy Gentleman, and well qualified for his Majesty's Service in such a Post.

' Sometime the next Week, I expect to hear the Result of the Congress of Governors at *Annapolis*, and therefore think it for his Majesty's Honour and Interest,

‘ Interest, and for the Safety and Welfare of this Province, that the whole
 ‘ General Assembly continue together, as something new and material may
 ‘ come from thence, which may be necessary to be laid before them : And
 ‘ as there is Advice of a Squadron of *French* Ships, with a Body of Land-For-
 ‘ ces, sailed from *France*, near Ten Weeks ago, and of whose Arrival on
 ‘ this Continent, we may daily expect to hear, it may be prudent for us to sit
 ‘ some Time longer.

‘ Things standing thus, and now being a leisure Season for the Sitting of
 ‘ the Assembly, it wou’d be saving much Trouble to the Members, as well
 ‘ as a great Expence to the Province, to do as much Business now as can be
 ‘ done ; more especially to pass the Bill for the Support of Government, and
 ‘ thereby to prevent our meeting again the next Month, when (you are sen-
 ‘ sible) it will expire,

‘ *Gentlemen*, Upon your sedate Consideration of what I have said, I believe,
 ‘ you will think putting it in Practice wou’d be for his Majesty’s Honour and
 ‘ Service, as well as for the Interest of the Province, and well becoming the
 ‘ Care and Justice of your House.’

Elizabeth-Town,
April 18, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

The House adjourn’d till two, *P. M.*

The House met, and adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Saturday, April 19, 1755.

The House met.

Whereas an Act, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King*, passed the last Sessions of General Assembly, will expire by its own Limitation, by the first Day of *June* next ; and the House being sensible of the Danger that may arise to these Northern Colonies, by the *French* being supplied with Provisions, &c. from amongst us.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Continuance of the aforesaid Act for a longer Time.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, Naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.*

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk :

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ **I** Have taken an Opportunity of seeing the Bill whereby you propose to
 ‘ contribute your Aid to carry into Execution, a Scheme you justly allow
 ‘ to have been wisely concerted for, and evidently calculated, to promote the
 ‘ Settlement of his Majesty’s Lands near the *Ohio*, and to establish a Frontier
 ‘ to the Northern Colonies : It wou’d give yourselves, and the good People
 ‘ you represent, great Cause of Uneasiness, if (thro’ a Defect which I observe
 ‘ in

in your Bill) the great and good Purposes you design by it shou'd be retarded or defeated; the Care you have taken that no Misapplications shou'd be made of the Money, nor any Waste be made of the Stores, shew your Care of the Interest of your Constituents: And as the Captains can have no other Advantages than the Monthly Pay allowed them; I recommend it to you, to consider, whether it is probable that any Captain can afford to be at the Expence of riding thro' this Colony, with their Sergeants and Drums, in order to the inlisting of Men, and be at the other Expences usually attending, without an Allowance for it: And as, I am assured, you must agree with me, that his whole Wages will not support this single Expence, I hope you will enable them to proceed in this Business, by making a suitable Provision for this Service. But if the Bill shou'd be assented to by his Majesty's Council, and I shou'd judge it not inconsistent with my Duty to enact it; and by your making no Provision in the Matter above recommended, I shou'd find your immediate Assistance necessary; my Duty to his Majesty, and the good People of the Colony, will oblige me to convene you sooner than the ordinary Business of the Government wou'd incline me so to do.'

Council-Chamber,
April 19, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, &c.* was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engros'd.

The engros'd Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New Jersey to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King;* was read and compar'd; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Johnston, do carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Read reported, that Mr. Johnston and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House taking into Consideration his Excellency's Message of this Day; and on the Question, Whether any Allowance be made to the Captains, for the Expence attending the inlisting of their Companies? It passed in the Negative.

Yeas,
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Dehart,
Mr. Vrelandt,
Mr. Vangelson,

Yeas,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Yard,

Nays,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Bradbury,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland,
Mr. Hancock,

Nays,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Middagh.

Ordered,

That Mr. Holmes and Mr. Bradbury do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House having duly considered his Message of this Day, are of Opinion that the Sum granted by the Bill therein mentioned, is all the Aid this Colony can possibly give to his Majesty's Arms under its present Circumstances; and desire his Excellency to excuse us from applying any Part of that Sum, as an Allowance to the Captains for the Expence attending the inlisting of their Companies. And that this House is of Opinion, that if

his Excellency shall order the several Colonels to appoint the Meetings of the Companies which compose their Regiments, in such Manner as may give the Officers of the Troops in this Expedition, the best Opportunity of applying to them, under Arms, it would greatly facilitate the raising the Volunteers for this Service.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, April 21, 1755.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr *Read* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Excellency, and (in Answer to his Message of Friday last) inform him, that the Dispatch he gave to the Application to the Honourable General *Braddock*, is very agreeable to this House: That this House are of Opinion, that his Excellency's Appointment of Colonel *Peter Schuyler*, to command the Troops of this Colony, will have a great Influence on the Inhabitants, by encouraging them to enlist under the Command of a Gentleman, whose Courage and Conduct they have Reason to be well satisfied with, and whose kind and humane Behaviour to the Troops of this Colony on the last Expedition, rendered him very acceptable to the Soldiers.

As the Bill pass'd this House this Session, contains all the Aid this Colony can possibly give to his Majesty's Arms, under its present Circumstances; and his Excellency will be enabled thereby to put a Stop to the Expence of the Colony, if the General and Governors at their Congress, shou'd disapprove the Scheme which gave Rise to that Bill; this House is of Opinion, that Nothing can be there agreed on, which can render it necessary to encrease the public Expence, by continuing the General Assembly here.

That this House are willing to hope, that nothing more is intended by the *French King's* Armaments from *France*, than his relieving the Troops he usually keeps on Foot abroad; and have the greatest Confidence in his Majesty's Care and Goodness, in protecting his loyal Subjects in *America*, by a Squadron of Men of War and Troops, if the *French King* does not satisfy him, as to the Destination and Use of that Armament.

That a very busy Season wou'd overtake the Endeavours of this House, for completing any further Business, than what is now before them: and assure his Excellency, That this House will, as soon as the Harvest is over, if his Excellency shall grant them so necessary a Recess, cheerfully enter upon the public Business at the usual Places; and hope no Inconvenience will arise to his Excellency, by so small a Delay of the Support.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act to encourage the enlisting Five Hundred Freemen, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* without any Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or waiike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King*, without any Amendment.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that Mr. *Bradbury* and himself delivered the Message of the House of Saturday last, with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Vangeson*, do wait on the Council, and desire to know if they have any Business before them ; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *Yard* reported, that Mr. *Vangeson* and himself, delivered the above Message to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Saltar*, as follows :

Ordered,

“ That Mr. *Saltar* do acquaint the House of Assembly, in Answer to their
“ Message of this Afternoon, by Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Vangeson*, that this House
“ have Matters of Importance, respecting the Business of this Sessions, under
“ their Consideration ; and that as soon as they have come to a Conclusion
“ thereon, they will inform the House of Assembly thereof.”

By Order of the House,

*Council-Chamber,
April 21, 1755.*

ROBERT OGDEN, *D. Clk.*

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

Tuesday, April 22, 1755.

The House met, and adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met:

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk :

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency : And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, *viz.*

1st, *An Act to encourage the enlistment of 500 Freemen, or well-affected Indians, in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition, in Conjunction with the Forces of New-England and New-York, for the erecting a strong Fortress near Crown-Point, within his Majesty's Dominions ; and also for making current £. 15,000. in Bills of Credit, for providing for the Subsistence, Cloathing, Arming, and Pay of the said Forces, and transporting them to the Place of general Rendezvous ; and also for the directing the Manner of sinking the said Bills of Credit.*

2^d, *An Act to continue an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, naval or warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey to Cape-Breton, or to any other the Dominions settled by the Subjects of the French King.*

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to the Council and House of Assembly.

2 *Gentlemen*

Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, and of the General Assembly,

AS I expect His Excellency Governor SHIRLEY may be here To-morrow, and that on his Arrival I may have something absolutely necessary to be laid before you ; as also any Thing else I may think of for facilitating the Raising of the Troops now agreed on by the Legislature ; I have thought proper to prorogue the General Assembly, to meet again at this Place To-morrow at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and you are accordingly prorogued to the said Time.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council-Chamber,
April 22, 1755:*

J. BELCHER.



B*y Virtue of an Order of the House, I do hereby appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.





V O T E S

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, *Wednesday, April 23, 1755.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogation of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk:

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

THE Return of the Express gives me an Account of his Excellency General BRADDOCK's approving the Plan of Operation, for the King's Forces on this Continent; and I now lay before you General Braddock's Answer to what I wrote him at your Request, whereby you will find, you may be furnish'd with the Arms you desired, so as to save a great Expence to the Province, and thereby be the better enabled to give a suitable Encouragement to the Enlisting of Men; and without which, I have great Reason to believe, from Colonel Schuyler, and from many other Gentlemen, the Raising of Men will be greatly retarded, if not entirely defeated: I therefore once more earnestly recommend to you, an effectual Provision to be made on this Head.

' You see, by the Terms proposed, that the Arms cou'd not have been obtained without calling you again together, if we had parted Yesterday, whereby the Colony wou'd have been put to great Expence, and yourselves to considerable Inconveniency.

*Eliz. Town, Council-Chamber,
April 23, 1755.*

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Dehart* do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and assure him, that this House entertains a grateful Sense of the Obligation the Colony is under to his Excellency General *Braddock*, for his Application in our Favour, and to Governor *Dinwiddie*, for supplying the Troops of the Colony with Arms on the present Expedition; and that this House will take effectual Care to replace the Five Hundred Stands of Arms, the Drums and Halberds, which Governor *Dinwiddie* shall please to deliver to the Commissioner of this Colony, who will be sent to receive them, for the Use of their Forces.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Dehart* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

The House taking into Consideration, that Part of his Excellency's Message relating to making further Provision for inlisting the Forces to be raised in this Colony; and a Debate arising, the Question was put, Whether the Commissioners shall be allowed in their Accounts, a Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, to each Company; which they may pay to the Officers as Levy-Money, for raising the Forces of this Colony, in the present Expedition, if it shall appear necessary to the major Part of the Commissioners? It pass'd in the Affirmative.

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Middagh,
Mr. Fisher,		

A Motion was made, for the Commissioners to provide for each Soldier to be raised in the present Expedition, a Pair of good Deer Skin Breeches, in Lieu of two Pair of Trousers appointed by the Act for raising and supporting said Forces. To which Motion the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill, Mr. Read and Mr. Stevens, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the several Purposes aforesaid.

Mr. Nevill, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Commissioners appointed for Arming, Cloathing, and making Provision for the 500 Men to be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service, to apply a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds to each Company, as Levy Money, &c.* which was read, and order'd a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Commissioners appointed for Arming, Cloathing and making Provision for the 500 Men to be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service, to apply a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds to each Company, as Levy-Money, for raising the said Forces, if the same shall appear necessary to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

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

Thursday, April 24, 1755.

The House met.

The engross'd Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Commissioners appointed for Arming, Cloathing, and making Provision for the Five Hundred Men, to be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service, to apply a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds to each Company, as Levy Money, for raising the said Forces, if the same shall appear necessary to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them; and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read and compared; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Yeas,</i>	<i>Nays,</i>
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hogland,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vrelandt,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Bradbury,	Mr. Yard,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Middagh,	

Resolved

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

Resolved,

That this Colony will replace all such Stands of Arms, Drums and Halberds, as his Honour Governor *DINWIDDIE* shall please to deliver to the Commissioner to be appointed to receive the same, for the Use of the Forces of this Colony, on the intended Expedition to *Crown-Point*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Fisher* do wait on his Excellency, and desire he will please to give a Commission to *John Wetherill* and *Jacob Dehart*, Esqrs. or either of them, for the Purposes aforesaid.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself, delivered the above Message of the House to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Yard* do wait on the Council with the above Resolve of this House, and desire they will please to enter into a Resolve of the same Nature.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Commissioners appointed for Arming, Cloathing, and making Provision for the Five Hundred Men, to be raised in this Colony, &c.* without any Amendment.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Yard* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council: And that after the Council had taken the same into their Consideration, desired them to inform this House, that they concurred with the said Resolve.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Vangeson*, do wait on the Council, and desire to know if they have any Business before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for Leave to rise.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that Mr. *Vangeson* and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

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

Friday, April 25, 1755.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, as follows:

Ordered,

“ That Mr. *Ogden* do inform the House of Assembly, that there is no further Business before this House; and that this House has no Objections to the Assembly's applying to his Excellency for a Dismission.”

By Order of the House,

*Council-Chamber,
April 24, 1755.*

ROBERT OGDEN, D. Clk.

Mr.

Mr. Secretary, brought from his Excellency, a Copy of the Resolves of this House, with the Council's Concurrence, and his Excellency's Assent thereto, in the Form following.

Assembly-Chamber, April 24, 1755.

Resolved,

" That this Colony will replace all such Stands of Arms, Drums and Halberds, as his Honour Governor DINWIDDIE shall please to deliver to the Commissioner to be appointed to receive the same, for the Use of the Forces of this Colony, on the intended Expedition to *Crown-Point*."

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker*.

Council-Chamber, April 24, 1755.

" *The House taking the above Resolve into Consideration, do concur with the House of Assembly therein.*"

JAMES ALEXANDER, *Speaker*.

" I approve and assent to the above Resolve." April 25th, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Vangeson* do wait on his Excellency, and desire he will please to write to the Honourable Governor DINWIDDIE, by the Commissioner whom he shall commission for receiving the Arms for the Use of the Forces to be raised in this Colony, signifying his Concurrence in the Measures this House has fallen into, for receiving and replacing the said Arms.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnston* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House have gone thro' all the Business before them, and desire he will please to dismiss them: And to acquaint him, that the Council have signified their Willingness to this Application.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would dismiss the House this Day.

The House met, and adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met;

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Vangeson* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Debart* do wait on his Excellency, and desire he will please to inform this House, when it will be a proper Time to print and publish the Votes of the House, and Laws pass'd these Sessions.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Debart* and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted to his Excellency; who said they might publish them as soon as they pleased.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk :

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency desires to see the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait upon his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency in Council, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, viz.

An Act to empower the Commissioners appointed for Arming, Cloathing, and making Provision for the Five Hundred Men, to be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service, to apply a Sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, to each Company, as Levy-Money, for raising the said Forces, if the same shall appear necessary to the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

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

Saturday, April 26, 1755.

The House met.

The House being inform'd by *Mr. William Alexander*, who came from *Virginia*, that the Five Hundred Stands of Arms with which Governor *Dinwiddie* hath promised to supply the Forces to be raised in this Colony, are to be sent to the said *Mr. Alexander* at *New-York*, for the Use of the said Forces; and that they are to be delivered to the Commissioners appointed for arming and cloathing the same, upon Condition they give Security for replacing such a Number of new Arms of like Quality at *Williamsburgh* in Twelve Months Time, or pay to *Mr. Alexander* the Sterling Cost of such Arms, with Charges of Freight and Insurance: And the House taking the above Matters into their Consideration.

Ordered;

That the Commissioners of this Colony, pay to *Mr. William Alexander*, the Sterling Cost of all such Stands of Arms, as shall be sent to him by Governor *Dinwiddie* for the Use of the Forces of this Colony, with the usual Charges of Commissions, Freight, and Insurance.

Resolved,

That the Transporting the aforesaid Arms from *Virginia* to *New-York*, shall be at the Expence and Risque of this Colony.

A Message from his Excellency, by *Mr. Secretary*:

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I HEREWITH lay before you His Excellency Governor *Shirley's* Letter, whereby you will see, that the Destination of the Troops of this Colony is too confined; and as I have a full Confidence, that it is agreeable to the Sentiments of the Legislature, that the Troops shou'd do the most effectual Service the Time will admit of; I must recommend it to you, to pass a short Act, to enable the Officers to command them to Action to any Place where his Majesty's Honour and the Interest of the Colonies, may make their Assistance necessary.

Elizabeth-Town, Council-Chamber,
April 26, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered;

That *Mr. Read* and *Mr. Johnson* be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Purposes recommended in his Excellency's Message.

Mr. Read, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for extending the Operation of the Forces to be raised in this Colony, in the intended Expedition for the Defence of his Majesty's Lands*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for extending the Operation of the Forces to be raised in this Colony, in the intended Expedition, for the Defence of his Majesty's Lands*, was read the second Time, and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

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The engros'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for extending the Operation of the Forces to be raised in this Colony, in the intended Expedition, for the Defence of his Majesty's Lands*, was read and compar'd ; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for extending the Operation of the Forces to be raised in this Colony, &c.* without any Amendment.

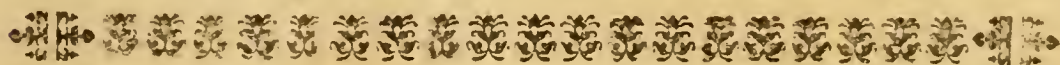
A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk :

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait upon his Excellency : And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, *viz.*

An Act for extending the Operation of the Forces to be raised in this Colony, in the intended Expedition, for the Defence of his Majesty's Lands.

And then his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the Twelfth Day of *May* next, to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.



By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*



V O T E S

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY

At a SESSIONS begun at *Elizabeth Town*, July 31st, 1755, and Adjourn'd to *Perth-Amboy*, August 2^d, 1755.



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V O T E S

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Thursday July 31st, 1755.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly from time to time until this Day, the Members met, and the Speaker not being come to Town, his Excellency Prorogued the House till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, August 1, 1755.

Pursuant to his Excellency's Prorogation of Yesterday the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, and Mr. *Stevens*, do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business are met.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say the House should hear from him immediately.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk.

' Mr. *Speaker*,

' His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency.

And being returned Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which Mr. *Speaker* said he had (to prevent mistakes) obtained a Copy, which was ordered to be read and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

Gentle-

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly.

‘ UPON the Advices I have lately received of an Action between
 ‘ the King’s Troops, under the Command of the late brave General
 ‘ Braddock, and a body of *French* and *Indians*, on the Banks of the Ri-
 ‘ ver *Monongahela*, and upon which the *English* Troops have been ob-
 ‘ liged to retreat; I say this extraordinary Event has been the
 ‘ reason of my calling you together something sooner than I intended.
 ‘ The Accounts of this Matter have been very various, but the most
 ‘ authentic, is a Letter from Mr. *Orme*, Aid de Camp to General *Brad-*
 ‘ *dock*, wrote to Governor *Morris* of *Pennsylvania*, which shall be com-
 ‘ municated to you: And as this Matter may produce fatal Consequen-
 ‘ ces to this and the Neighbouring Provinces, I have thought it necessa-
 ‘ ry that this whole Legislature should enter into the earliest and most
 ‘ sedate consultations, for preventing the Evils that may accrue, and
 ‘ to do all in our Power for the best Defence and Safety of this Pro-
 ‘ vince, and those of our Neighbours; and before I leave this Subject,
 ‘ you will give me leave to recommend to you, the passing of a Bill
 ‘ for restraining the Exportation of Provisions, and Warlike Stores, out
 ‘ of this Province, for some reasonable Time.

‘ I think it is Storied of the *Pelican*, that *she Sucks out her own Blood*,
 ‘ to Nourish and Support her Young; an uncommon Storge in Nature,
 ‘ and in a good Degree, a fine Pattern of Imitation for all true Fa-
 ‘ thers and Lovers of their Country. How unnatural a Perfidy is it
 ‘ then for any Persons or People from a voracious Thirst after filthy
 ‘ Lucre, to be supplying their Enemies with Food and Raiment, and
 ‘ Warlike Stores, thereby to enable them to subsist and to be contin-
 ‘ ually annoying their Neighbours, who thus support them? and if I
 ‘ am rightly inform’d this has been the Case, too often, of some of our
 ‘ Neighbouring Provinces in supplying the *French* in the manner I
 ‘ have mentioned, or many of their Settlements must have been broke up
 ‘ long ago. And altho we have certain Advice of a large Fleet of *French*
 ‘ Ships and Land Forces, arrived at *Cape-Breton*, and at *Canada*, yet we
 ‘ are at the same Time inform’d, that they are in great Streights as to
 ‘ Provisions, we shall therefore Honour ourselves in passing such an Act,
 ‘ as I have mentioned, which may greatly distress the Enemy, and have
 ‘ a good Tendency to the better safety of all the *English* Colonies.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I have lately received a Letter from Mr. *Dinwiddie* Governor of
 ‘ *Virginia*, relating to the Arms with which he supplied us, as also a Let-
 ‘ ter from Col. *Peter Schuyler*, respecting the Troops of this Province un-
 ‘ der his Command, both which Letters I shall Order to be laid before
 ‘ you, that you may do upon them what may be Necessary in support of
 ‘ the Honour and Justice of this Government.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly.*

‘ As the raising of Money’s for defraying all the past Charge of what
 ‘ has

‘ has lately been thought necessary and expedient to be done, together
 ‘ with the usual Support of the Government, belongs to you to begin
 ‘ upon, I shall not doubt your giving the best Dispatch to what most
 ‘ properly originates at your House.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly.*

‘ If you can think of any Thing else, for advancing the King’s Honour
 ‘ and Interest, and the Weal and Prosperity of *New-Jersey*, I shall, upon
 ‘ your Suggesting it to me, chearfully promote it to the utmost of
 ‘ my Power.’

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

August 1, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second reading.

His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary* laid before the House, the Letters
 and Papers refer’d to in his Excellency’s Speech.

A Motion was then made and the Question put, whether this House
 will at this Time proceed on the public Business of the Colony or not;
 it was passed in the Affirmative.

A Motion was then made, and the Question put, whether this House
 shall apply to his Excellency to adjourn the General Assembly to *Perth-*
Amboy, there to proceed on Business, as one of the usual Places of doing
 Business, according to the Constitution of the Colony? it pass’d in the
 Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,
Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoggland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dehart</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bradbury</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middah</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on his Excellency and ac-
 quaint him, that this House having unanimously come to a conclu-
 sion to do the necessary Business of the Colony at this Time, as well as
 to duly consider the important Matters his Excellency has recommended
 to us, out of a tender regard to the Priviledges established by our An-
 cestors, find it necessary to make this Application to his Excellency; to
 desire he will be pleased to adjourn the General Assembly to *Perth-Am-*
boy, as that is one of the usual Places of doing Business, and we ap-
 prehend the necessary intercourse; between his Excellency and us, may
 be as ready as it prov’d at the Sessions in *October* last.

Mr. *Nevill* reported that Mr. *Smith* and himself delivered the above

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Message

Message to his Excellency who was pleased to say the House should hear from him soon in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

A Written Message from his Excellency. By Mr. Secretary as follows, viz.

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly,
' *I* N Answer to your Message of this Day, I am well pleased that you are
' come to an unanimous Conclusion to do the necessary Business of the
' Colony at this Time, as well as to consider duly the Important Matters I have
' recommended to you: you cannot but be sensible as well as I what a
' critical Conjunction this is with respect to the safety and Welfare of this
' Province, you will therefore give all possible Dispatch in the Affairs that
' lie before you.

' As to the other Part of your Message, I must assert the King's Right and
' Prerogative, and that the calling you hither is absolutely consonant to the
' King's Royal Orders to me.

' However the old Romans wisely consider'd, that while Hanibal was at
' their Gates, all Disputes and Contention should subside, and as I look
' upon the Province in the present Situation of Affairs to be attended with
' much Difficulty and Hazard, in Answer to your request, I have Ordered
' the Secretary to Adjourn your House, to morrow the 2d Instant, to meet at
' Perth-Amboy.

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

August 1, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

Mr. Secretary accordingly adjourn'd the General Assembly by Writ under the Great Seal of the Province, till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock, to meet at Perth-Amboy.

Perth-Amboy, Saturday August 2, 1755.

The House met.

Resolved,
That John Titus be Door-keeper of this House.

A Petition from Joseph Eonney, setting forth that the Cause of his former Complaints still continues, and praying relief; was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from Daniel McKinney, setting forth,

forth, the Hardships of his Confinement in *Somerset* Gaol, and praying the Insolvent Act may be revived; was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from *Hendrick Haider, Michael King, Adam Agee, Peter Case*, and sundry others, was presented to the House, praying an Act of Naturalization, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired, or are nigh expiring by their own Limitation, and make report thereof to the House.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday August 4, 1755.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read a second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition of *William Hancock*, jun. and others, Owners of the Meadows and Marshes in *Elfenborough* in *Salem* County, was presented to the House, praying leave to bring in a Bill for keeping the Tide out of said Meadows, was read and ordered a second reading.

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider his Excellency's Speech, and Letters therein referred to. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick* was presented to the House, setting forth some illegal Proceedings of the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex* County; in passing an Order for raising a Sum of Money on the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick* separately from the rest of the County, contrary to a Law of this Colony; praying the House to take the same into their Consideration: Which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from the Prisoners for Debt in *Middlesex* County Gaol, was presented to the House praying an Act for their Relief, which was read and Ordered a second reading.

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The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters to them referred. After some Time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday August 5, 1755.

The House met.

And again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters to them referred: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions which he is desired to report when the House will receive the same.

O. dered,

That the report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* proceeded to report the Resolutions of the Committee as followss

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency in answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That in said Address his Excellency be desired to lay an Embargo on all Vessels exporting Provisions from this Colony to any Port whatsoever, except to his Majesty's Fleet, or Troops, or to the Colonies of *New-York* or *Pennsylvania*, Provided the said Embargo do continue no longer than it is continued in the said Colonies of *New-York* and *Pennsylvania*, or either of them. To which the House agreed.

Resolved nemine Contradicente.

That the sum of 30,000*£*. be immediately struck in Paper Bills of Credit, for the making further Provision for the Gloathing, Pay and Subsistence of the Forces under Col. *Schuyler*, in the pay of this Colony for eight Months, or so much thereof as shall be wanted for the said Services: The whole that shall be expended, to be sunk by annual Provincial Taxes in five Yeas, to commence the Year immediately succeeding the Expiration of the last Part of the 15000*£*. Tax for sinking the Bills of Credit made Current for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against the *French* on his Majesty's Lands, unless some other method by Act of the Legislature shall in the mean Time be provided for sinking the same, more for the ease of the Inhabitants of this Colony. To which the House agreed

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Resolved nemine Contradicenti,

That his Majesty's Government of *New-Jersey* be supported for one Year to Commence the 21st Day of *May* 1755, and to end the 21st Day of *May* 1756. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Vangeson*, and Mr. *Middagh*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Tard*, and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of 30,000*£*. and making Provision for the Forces of this Colony, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Debart*, and Mr. *Hoggland*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

The several Petitions from Prisoners for Debt, was read the second Time; and the House taking the same into Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Paxson*, Mr. *Read*, and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, complaining of the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex* County, ordering Money raised, was read the second Time and referr'd to the Consideration of the House in the Afternoon.

The Petition of *William Hancock* junr. and others, praying leave to bring in a Bill for keeping the Tide off of the Meadows in *Ellenborough*, in *Salem* County, was read the second Time. And the House taking the same into Consideration.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the prayer of their Petition.

Mr. *Hancock*, accordingly in behalf of said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Ellenborough, in the County of Salem, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same.* Which was read and ordered a second reading.

The Petition of the Inhabitants, living on and adjoining *Cohansey* Creek, in *Cumberland* County, praying, *An Act for draining the Meadows adjoining to said Creek*, which was presented to the House at the last Sessions at *Elizabeth-Town*, and referred for consideration, was now read the second time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the prayer of their Petition.

Accordingly Mr. Miller, in their Behalf, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the two several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh, lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohanse-Creek, &c.* which was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Complaint of the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, against the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex* County, and being informed that *James Thompson, James Smith, and Jonathan Frazee*, Esqrs. were the Justices who (in Conjunction with the Freeholders) made the Order complained of for raising Money, and on Consideration of the Complaint;

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms give Notice to *James Thompson, James Smith* and *Jonathan Frazee*, Esqrs. Justices, and to the respective Freeholders of each Township in said County of *Middlesex*, to attend the House on *Friday* next at two o'Clock in the Afternoon, to answer the said Complaint; and that the Complainers do likewise attend at the same Time in order to support the Allegations set forth in their Complaint; and that the Clerk serve the said Justices and Freeholders with a Copy of the said Complaint, on their paying for the same.

The Petition from the County of *Bergen*, respecting the Bridges in the several Precincts being built at a County Charge, which was presented to the House, at *Elizabeth-Town* in *April* last, and then referred; was now read the second time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill for the purposes aforesaid the next Sessions of General Assembly; Provided that public Notice is given to the Parties concerned, that they may make their Objections to passing said Bill, if any they have.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes, at Elsenborough, in the County of Salem, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same;* was read the second time, and committed to Mr. Smith, and Mr. Fisher.

The Bill entitled, *An Act, to enable the Owners of the two several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh, lying and adjoining to the North side of Cohanse-Creek, &c.* was read the second time, and committed to Mr. Hancock, and Mr. Clement.

Mr. Stevens obtained leave to be absent till *Thursday* next, on urgent Business.

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The Petition of *Stephen V. Courlandt* of Second River, praying *An Act for establishing the Rates of Ferry's over Pissaick River*, which was presented to the House, at the Sessions in *April* last, and then referred to further Consideration, was now read the second time.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be rejected.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday August 6, 1755.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, for *Support of Government*, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Elsenborough, in the County of Salem, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*; reported that they had gone thro' the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which said Bill with the Amendments being read in their places, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engross'd.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee, appointed to examine what Laws have expired, or are nigh expiring by their own Limitation, Reported, that,

An Act for the Revival and Continuance of an Act, entituled an Act, for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.

An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour to Foreign Markets. And,

A Supplementary Act, to the Act entituled, *An Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Season, and against carrying of Guns, and Hunting by Persons not qualified.* Are all expired by their own Limitation.

Mr. *Read*, by leave of the House brought in a Bill entituled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Creeks and Rivulets within the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt; which was read and ordered a second reading.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Piles Grove*, in *Salem County*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that some Persons of late have offer'd to stop and dam of *Herman's Creek*, to the great Prejudice of the

the Inhabitants, praying the Legislature to prevent such Proceedings, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M

The House met.

The Bill for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt, was read the second Time and committed to Mr. Nevill, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Holmes.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Creeks and Rivulets within the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Leaming, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Paxson, and Mr. Ladd.

Mr. Hancock, from the Committee, to whom was committed a Bill, entitled *An Act to enable the Owners of the two several Tracts of Tide Meadow, and Marsh, lying and adjoining on the North Side of Cohansey Creek, &c.* Reported the same with several Amendments; which said Bill with the Amendments being read in their Places, and some other Amendments being made thereto in the House, was agreed to.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended and agreed to, be Engross'd.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Tard, do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that an unavoidable Accident requiring the attendance of the Speaker at home, we are under the necessity to desire his Excellency will permit the House to choose another Speaker.

The House adjourn'd till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday August 7, 1755.

The Members met.

Mr. Fisher brought from his Excellency a Message in the following Words.

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly,
' I N answer to your Message of yesterday, I am sorry your Speaker is
' obliged to be absent from the House for some Time, whereby there is a
' necessity for some Person to supply his Place during his Absence, I am there-
' fore Content that you proceed to the choice of another, to serve in that Sta-
' tion, pro tempore, or until your Speaker is able to Return to his Duty,
' but the choice be no otherwise; and the Person you choose, to be presented
' to me as usual for my Approbation or not.'

Elizabeth-Town,

August 7, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

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The Members taking it into Consideration that great Inconveniencies may attend the removing to *Elizabeth-Town* at this Time, tho't it best to desire by Express, that Mr. Speaker would attend the House again. An Express was accordingly dispatch'd, and then Mr. *Secretary* by His Majesty's Writ adjourn'd the House till to morrow.

Friday August 8. 1755.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Elfenborough in the County of Salem, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Vangeson* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the two several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohansey Creek, &c.* was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Vangeson* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Serjeant at Arms attending, was called in, who informed the House, that he had served the Order of the House of *Tuesday* last, on the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex* County.

Mr. *Ladd* reported, that Mr. *Vangeson* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

According to the Order of the Day, the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Middlesex*, with the Complainers, attending at the Door, were called into the House; and the Complaint being read to the said Justices and Freeholders, setting forth, that in *June* 1754, the Board of Justices and Freeholders of said County did pass an Order for raising the Sum of Thirty two Pounds on the City of *New-Brunswick*, for the Repairs of Roads, but that the Assessors did refuse assessing the same; and that in *June* 1755, the said Justices and Freeholders renewed the said Order, which they complain of as Contrary to a Law of this Colony that appoints the Repairs of Roads to be a County Charge. In Answer to which the said Justices and Freeholders exhibited a Memorial

morial, setting forth, that what they did was, as they imagined, agreeable to equity, and consonant to the Laws of this Colony, and pursuant to a Petition to them exhibited from a Number of the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, desiring a Renewal of said Order: And the Parties being further heard in Support and Defence of said Complaint, were then ordered to withdraw; and the House taking the above Matters into Consideration,

Ordered,

That the said Justices and Freeholders be called into the House again, and that Mr. *Speaker* inform them, that this House is at this Time under such Circumstances as not to be able fully to discuss the Affair: That it appears something doubtful whether their Proceedings are strictly consonant to Law, and therefore would recommend them to a Review of their Proceedings; and that they are discharged from further Attendance at this Time: Upon which the said Parties were called in and informed thereof by the Speaker, and then they withdrew.

Mr. *Middagh* had leave to be absent till *Monday* next.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

After which Mr. *Secretary* (by his Excellency's Direction) adjourn'd the House by his Majesty's Writ, to meet at *Elizabeth Town* to-morrow.

Elizabeth-Town, Saturday August 9 1755.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisber*, and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him that the House are met, agreeable to the adjournment of Yesterday.

Mr. *Fisber*, reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House as soon as there were a quorum of the Council met.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

‘ Mr. *Speaker*,

‘ His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait

wait on his Excellency, who was pleased to make the following Speech to the Council and House of Assembly.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly.*

‘ **S**INCE the opening of this Session, by my Speech of the first Instant, I have a Letter from Governor *De Lancey* of *New-York*, with several Papers inclosed of great Importance to this and all the *English* Colonies in *North-America*, and these Things the *Secretary* shall deliver you.

‘ As the Province of the *Massachusetts* are raising with all Expedition *Five Hundred* fresh Recruits, and *New-York Four Hundred*, I am fully of Opinion the best aid and assistance we of this Province can give, will be in the raising as many Men as we possibly can, and to send them with the greatest dispatch to join Col. *Schuyler’s* Regiment under the Command of General *Shirley*.

‘ We must not sink under the Gloom of the late unhappy Event, but as becomes true *English* Men, our Spirits must rise with our difficulties, and we must make the more strong and vigorous push to emerge out of them.

‘ Upon reading the Governor of *Nova-Scotia’s* Letter, to the Governor of the *Massachusetts*, I think it my Duty to repeat, and to press upon you the passing of a Law without delay, in strict Prohibition of Provisions of any kind from this Province for three Months to come; the Act to be so restricted and qualified as may be the least detrimental to ourselves or our Neighbours. For altho’ the Governor may issue Proclamations of Embargo, yet it is the Legislature only, that can impose Mulets, and Fines on such Offenders, as shall presume contrary to Nature and Reason, to supply our Enemies with Provisions, and thereby prevent their falling a Prey into our Hands.

‘ Although I have once and again recommended to you the revising and amending the Militia Act, yet I must again recommend it to your serious Consideration, as a thing absolutely necessary to defend and save the poor People of this Province on the Frontiers, from the merciless Depredations and Cruelties of the *French* and *Indians*: For as we have no regular Troops, we have (under God) no Force or Hope but what we may expect from the Militia of the Province, and it ought therefore to be put under a better Regulation, than it might be on a common occasion.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ As any thing new comes to my hands, I shall be communicating it to you, and I pray God to direct you into your Deliberations, in the best measures for lengthening out the Welfare and Prosperity of the Good People under our Care.’

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

August 9, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

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And then his Excellency informed the House, that he had Ordered the *Secretary* to adjourn the House by Writ, to meet at *Amboy* on *Monday* next. And Mr. *Secretary* adjourn'd the House accordingly.

Perth-Amboy, Monday August 11, 1755.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech of *Saturday* last, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. *Secretary* laid before the House, the several Letters referred to in his Excellency's Speech, which were also read.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which he read in their Places, and delivered in at the Table; where the said Bill with the said Amendments, being again read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engross'd.

On a Motion being made, that a considerable mistake was committed in the Settlement of the Loan Office Accounts of *Gloucester* County, and it being inconvenient to go into the Examination thereof at this Time, *Jacob Spicer*, Esq; on behalf of the Commissioners of said Loan Office, produced their Vouchers, whereby it appears, they have paid into the Treasury, in the Years 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, and 1753, 3001*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* in cancelled Bills; and in Interest Money the Sum of 327*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* $\frac{1}{4}$.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday August 12, 1755.

The House met.

A Petition from the Surveyors of the Highway, for the Counties of *Somerset*, *Hunterdon*, and *Morris*, was presented to the House; setting forth the hardships they labour under by being obliged to attend the laying out and altering Public Roads at their own private expence and loss of time, without any Reward or Fee, praying *An Act for appointing a Reward for such Services*; which was read and ordered a second reading.

The Petition of *Michael King*, *Adam Agee*, and others, Foreigners, for Naturalization, was read the second time; and the said Petitioners producing a Certificate to the House, certifying that they have taken
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the usual Oaths to the Government, and made and subscribed the Declaration according to Law.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Piles Grove*, in the County of *Salem*, praying, *An Act for the preventing the stopping of Creeks &c.* was read the second Time; and one other Petition from *Salem* and *Gloucester* Counties, of the same Tenor of the other, was also read.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Creeks and Rivulets within the Colony of New-Jersey*, reported the same with several Amendments; which said Bill with the Amendments being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engross'd.

A Petition of *John Becclesheimer*, and others Foreigners, praying *an Act for Naturalization*, was presented to the House and read, and the Petitioners produced a certificate, certifying that they have taken the Qualification prescribed by Law, and subscribed to the Declaration, &c.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *an Act for Printing 30,000£. in Bills of Credit*, &c. which was read and ordered a second reading.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second time, and with the Letters and Papers therein referr'd to, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed:

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Creeks and Rivulets*; &c. was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Tard* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met,

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Speaker in Council.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' his Excellency's Speech, and come to several Resolutions; which by Order he reported as follows, *viz.*

Resolved,

That it is the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that the maintaining and supporting the *five Hundred Men* already raised by this Colony for some longer Time, is all the aid this Colony can possibly give at this Time, and that his Excellency be informed thereof in the Address of this House.

Resolved,

That a Clause be inserted in the Bill *for making current Thirty Thousand Pounds*, to empower his Excellency, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, to raise the full Deficiencies of Men belonging to Col. *Schuyler's* Regiment, as such Deficiencies are from Time to Time notified from the Commander of the said Forces.

Resolved,

That a Bill be prepared to continue the Law prohibiting Provisions, Naval or Warlike Stores, &c. from being carried to the French; and that a Clause be provided to enforce his Excellency's Proclamation of *Saturday* last, relating to a Prohibition; and to provide that a Bond with Security shall be entered into by the Boatmen carrying Goods to *New-York* and *Philadelphia*, that they will deliver them agreeable to the Oath enjoined in the said Proclamation.

To all which several Resolves the House agreed.

Resolved,

That no Alteration shall be made in the Militia Act. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,	Nays,
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Debart</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bradbury</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoggland</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Tard*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for restraining Provisions agreeable to the foregoing Resolve.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Tard* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Middagh* brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing John Beccleheimer and others*, which was read and ordered a second Reading.

And also a Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Michael King, Adam Agee and others*, which was also read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for *Support of Government*, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for Support of Government. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made some progress in the Bill to them referred; and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday August 13, 1755.

The House met.

The Petition of the Surveyors of the Highways for the Counties of *Somerset*, *Hunterdon*, and *Morris*, for the Allowance of Fees for their Services, was read the second time, and referred to further consideration.

The Bill entitled *An Act for Naturalizing Michael King, Adam Agee, and others*, was read the second Time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

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The Bill entituled, *An Act for Naturalizing John Becclesheimer, and others*, was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engross'd.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for Support of Government, after some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee, had made some further Progress in the Bill to them referr'd, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to inspect the Agents Accounts, and make report thereof to this House.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government. After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill to them committed, and come to several Resolutions, which he is directed to report when the House will receive the same.

Ordered,

That the report be made immediately.

According to Order Mr. *Hancock* proceeded to report the Resolutions of the Committee, on the Bill for Support of Government, and settling the Quotas, &c. as follows, *viz.*

Resolved,

That in and by said Bill when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; at the rate of *One Thousand Pounds per Annum*.

To *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court, at the rate of *Twenty five Pounds per annum*.

To *Richard Salter*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, at the rate of *Twenty five Pounds per annum*.

To *Courtland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, at the rate of *Thirty Pounds per annum*.

To *Andrew Johnston*, and *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs; Treasurers of this Colony, at the rate of *Forty Pounds per annum* each.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, at the rate of *Thirty Pounds per annum*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, at the rate of *Eighty Pounds per annum*.

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To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, at the rate of *Twenty Pounds per annum*.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, at the rate of *Ten Pounds per annum*.

To the Chief Justice, or any one of the Justices of the Supream Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each time.

To each of the Council for the time they respectively have attended, or shall attend, at this or any sitting of General Assembly within the Time aforesaid, *six Shillings per diem*.

To the Clerks of the House of Representatives for their Attendance, the Sum of *eight Shillings per diem*; also *four pence* per sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. Also to *Abraham Clark*, junr. one of the Clerks, in full for his Account to this Session, the Sum of *Twenty one Pounds, nine Shillings* and *four-pence*, and also *Forty Shillings* for Pen Ink and Paper at this Session.

To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, the Sum of *Nine Pounds four Shillings*.

To *Samuel Nevill*, and *Phillip Kerney*, Esqrs; in full for their Accounts for compiling the late Book of Laws of this Colony, the Sum of *one Hundred Pounds*.

To the Treasurer of the *Eastern-Division*, for an Express to *Alexandria*, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *eight Pounds two Shillings*, to replace Money advanced by him, for a Copy of the late Treaty at *Albany*, provided the said Copy is procured for the use of this House.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, in full of his Account, to the 15th of *January* last the Sum of

To *John Redford*, Esq; for erecting Beacons, and a Watch-House at *Navasinks*, the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds nine Shillings*.

To *William Bradford*, for printing the Minutes of the House of Representatives, of this or any other sitting during the continuance of this Act, and for printing the Laws passed this or any other sitting as aforesaid, such Sums as *Charles Read*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Johnston*, *Henry Paxson*, and *John Ladd*, Esqrs; or any two of them shall agree to be paid for the said Services.

To *Aaron Leaming*, and *Jacob Spicer*, Esqrs. or either of them, the Sum of *two pence per sheet* for printing, 170 Volumes of the Concessions, Agreements, Laws, Records, and Papers, relating to the Fundamental Constitutions of this Colony, with a reasonable allowance for the Binding.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who hath or shall attend the House of Representatives, during the said Term, the Sum of *three Shillings per Diem*.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who hath or shall attend the Council as aforesaid, the Sum of *three Shillings per diem*.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives for the Time being, who hath or shall attend in manner aforesaid, the Sum of *three Shillings* and *six-pence per diem*.

To *Jacob Dehart*, Esq; to pay *Thomas Fox*, *Mary Dennis*, and *Jane Syers*, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* per Week, for the use of a Room, Fire-Wood and Candles, for the House during this and the late sittings of Assembly.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, to pay for the use of a Room, Fire-Wood, and Candles for the Council, during this or any other sitting within the said Time.

To each of the Members of this House, the Sum of *six Shillings per diem* for the Time they have respectively attended or shall attend at this or any other sitting during the Time aforesaid.

To all which several Sums the House agreed.

And on the Question whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for printing Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill entitled, *An Act for printing Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday August 14, 1755.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Michael King*, *Adam Agee and others*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing John Becclesheimer and others*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Vangeson* and Mr. *Middagh* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, acquainting the House, that whatever his own Inclination might be, it was absolutely out of his Power to give the Thirty Thousand Pounds to be emitted by the Bill now before the House, a Currency longer than five Years; and would therefore recommend it to the House to save the Time and Trouble the preparing such a Bill may Occasion.

Mr. *Vangeson* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

The House resuming the Consideration of his Excellency's Message of this Morning by Mr. *Secretary*, and a Debate arising, the Question was put, whether the House will agree to an Emission of Paper Bills of Credit to be sunk in five Years by Provincial Taxes in lieu of the Thirty Thousand Pounds before agreed on? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds be forthwith raised in Paper Bills of Credit, to be sunk by Provincial Taxes in annual Payments of Five Thousand Pounds per Year, for the last three of the five Years, and the first Payment to be made the 21st Day of *November* 1758.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee appointed to inspect the Agents Accounts, reported, that they had fully inspected the same to the 15th of *January* 1755, and find a Ballance due to the said Agent of Two Hundred Eighty five Pounds five Shillings and four Pence.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the said Sum of Two Hundred Eighty five Pounds five Shillings and four Pence, be provided for and entered among the Incidental Charges in the Support Bill.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Creeks and Rivulets*, &c. with sundry Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And the said Amendments being read in their Places, on the Question were agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be re-engross'd.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill for making current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in
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Bills of Credit, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made to-morrow morning.

Mr. *Wetherill* from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported the same, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday August 15, 1755.

The House met.

The Bill re-engross'd with the Councils Amendments, entitled, *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Clemens* do carry the same to the Council, and inform them, that this House have passed the said Bill with their Amendments.

The Address to his Excellency was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

According to order, Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee of the whole House, to whom was committed the Bill *for making current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, &c. reported the same: Which said Bill, with the Amendments thereunto made, was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for support of Government*, &c. was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved nemine Contradicens,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Tard* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act effectually to prevent the French King and his*
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Subjects from being supplied with Provisions, Naval and Warlike Stores from New-Jersey, which was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fisher*, reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

The Bill entitled, *an Act effectually to prevent the French King and his Subjects from being supplied, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill entitled, *an Act effectually to prevent the French King and his Subjects from being supplied, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, which was read in its Place and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Ladd* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock:

Saturday August 15 1755.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *an Act for making current 15,000l. &c.* was read and compared, and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Wetheril* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Keimble*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill entitled, *an Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.* And the Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Michael King, Adam Agee and others.* And the Bill entitled, *an Act for naturalizing John Becclesheimer and others*; together with several Amendments to the said Bills, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House taking into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; and on the Question whether the same as amended be agreed to or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be re-engross'd

The House taking into Consideration the Council Amendments to the Bill entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Michael King, Adam Agee and others*, and the Bill entitled, *An Act for naturalizing John Becclesheimer and others*; and on the Question whether the said Amendments be agreed to or not? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tard* and Mr. *Bradbury* do carry back the said Bills and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House disagrees to said Amendments, and Adheers to said Bills.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Speaker of the Council.

Mr. *Smith* had leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday August 18, 1755.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act more effectually to prevent the French from being suppli'd with Provisions, &c.* was read and compared, and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bradbury</i> ;	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middgah</i> ,	

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newbold* and Mr. *Bradbury* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Tard* reported, that Mr. *Bradbury* and himself delivered the Bills &c. with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* have the Care, Keeping and Custody of all the Statutes, Laws, &c. belonging to the Eastern Division of this Colony,
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that have been purchased for the Use of the General Assembly ; and that Mr. *Read* have the Care and Custody of those belonging to the Western Division as aforesaid, and that they respectively give Receipts to Mr. Speaker for such Books, and see the same forth coming to the General Assembly when by them required.

Mr. *Newbold* reported, that Mr. *Bradbury* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met,

The Bill re-engrossed with the Councils Amendments, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the said Bill to the Council and inform them, that this House have passed the said Bill with their Amendments.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself delivered the said Bill to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday August 19, 1755.

The House met.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, whether *James Parker* of *Woodbridge*, or *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, shall print the Votes and Minutes of the General Assembly during the Continuance of the present Bill for Support of Government? It was carried for said *Bradford* as follows.

For Bradford,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Newbold*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,

For Bradford
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Tard*

For Parker
Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Bradbury*,
Mr. *Hoggland*,
Mr. *Vreland*,
Mr. *Vangeson*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Middagh*,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That *William Bradford* do print 295 Setts of the Votes of this House, being first perused and signed by the Speaker, and send 52 to the Treasurer of the Western Division, to be distributed as follows.

To the Governor	8	The Officers of the House	}	1
Each of the Council	2	and Council each		
The Agent	6	To the Clerk of the House	}	4
		for the use of the House		

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the House, or their Order, as follows.

For Perth-Amboy	10	Gloucester	16
Middlesex	16	Salem	10
Monmouth	36	Cape-May	12
Essex	25	Hunterdon	24
Somerset	18	Morris	12
Bergen	16	Cumberland	10
City of Burlington	10	Suffex	12
County of Burlington	16		

Ordered,

That the King's Printer of this Colony do forthwith print three Hundred and Fifty four Copies of the Laws which may be passed this Session (together with the Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*) and send three Hundred and twenty of them as soon as possible to the several Members of this House.

For the Use of Middlesex	28	Gloucester	26
Monmouth	30	Salem	21
Essex	16	Cape-May	15
Somerset	20	Hunterdon	34
Bergen	17	Morris	18
Burlington	50	Cumberland	21
		Suffex	24

To be distributed in each County as follows.

To the Members each	1	Collector of each County	1
First Judge of the County	1	Collectors of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Assessors each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1		

And the said Printer shall send the Remainder to either of the Treasurers to be given as follows.

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To the GOVERNOR	4	Treasurers each	1
Each of the Council	1	Attorney General	1
Each of the Judges of		Clerks of the House each	1
the Supreme Court	1	The Agent	4
Clerk of said Court		The Clerk of the House	4
for each Office	1	for the Use of the House	4

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Salter*, as follows.

“ Ordered that Mr. *Salter* do carry back to the Assembly the two
 “ Bills for draining of Meadows, with the Petitions for them, and ac-
 “ quaint them, that as it appears not to this House, that all concern'd in
 “ Interest are agreeing to the Purport of these Bills; we do not think
 “ ourselves at Liberty to pass them, till either it appears that all con-
 “ cerned in Interest do agree, or that Publick Notice of the Intention
 “ of applying for the passing of such Bills be given in the News-Papers
 “ of Philadelphia, that those who have any Objection to them, may be
 “ heard, and that such Notice be given at least six Weeks before the
 “ further Application for passing of such Bills.”

Also a Message from the Council by Mr. *Salter*, acquainting the House that the Council have receded from their Amendment to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing John Becclesheimer and others*, and agreed to the Bill. And that they have also receded from their Amendment to the Bill entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Michael King, Adam Agee, and others*, and agreed to the Bill.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the House that the Council have passed a Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent the French from being supplied with Provisions, &c.* And also the Bill entitled, *An Act for Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to Commence the 21st Day of May, 1755, and to end the 21st Day of May, 1756. &c.*

And also the Bill entitled, *An Act for making Current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, &c.* all without any Amendments.

The engrois'd Address to his Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do Sign the same,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dehart*, and Mr. *Vangeson*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited on by the House with their Address;

Mr. *Read*, informed the House, that some Gentlemen of Honour and
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Interest in this Colony, have offered to send to *England*, for Five Hundred good Stands of Arms for the use of this Colony, and Charge no more for them, then the prime Cost, and Shipping Charge, if the Legislature will resolve that this Colony will repay the Expence in Twelve-Months; and that he was requested to inform the House of Assembly thereof,

And on the Question whether the House do accept of said offer or not? it passed in the Affirmative,

Yeas	Yeas	Nays
Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bradbury</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i>	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hoggland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagb</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,

Resolved,

That the General Assembly will provide for the Payment for the said Five Hundred Stands of Arms, on the Terms aforesaid.

And then Mr. *Secretary*, by his Excellency's Direction, adjourn'd the House by his Majesty's Writ of Adjournment to meet at *Elizabeth-Town* to morrow.

Elizabeth-Town, Wednesday August 20, 1755.

The House met, agreeable to his Majesty's Writ of Adjournment.

Mr. *Debart* reported, that Mr. *Vangeson* and himself delivered the Message of the House of Yesterday to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him as soon as a Quorum of the Council were met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Stevens* do carry the Resolve of this House of Yesterday (respecting the Five Hundred Stands of Arms) to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself delivered the above Resolve of this House, with their Message, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have concurred with their Resolve relating to the five Hundred Stands of Arms.

Mr. *Secretary* brought from his Excellency the Resolve of this House, with the Councils Concurrence and his Excellency's Assent thereto, in the Words following.

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New-Jersey, Assembly Chamber August 19. 1755.

" Mr. Read informed the House, that some Gentlemen of Honour
 " and Interest in this Colony, have offered to send to *England* for
 " Five Hundred Stands of Arms for the Use of this Colony, and
 " Charge no more for them than the Prime Cost and Shipping Charges,
 " if the Legislature will Resolve that this Colony will repay the Ex-
 " pence in twelve Months; and that he was requested to inform the
 " House of Assembly thereof.

" And on the Question whether the House do accept of said Offer
 " or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

" *Resolved,*

" That the General Assembly will provide for the Payment for the
 " said Five Hundred Stands of Arms, on the Terms aforesaid.

" *Assembly Chamber August 20. 1755.*

" *Ordered,*

" That Mr. Read and Mr. Stevens do carry the above Resolve of this
 House of Yesterday to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.
 By Order of the House,

" *Robert Lawrence, Speaker.*

" *Council Chamber August 20. 1755.*

" This House Concur with the above Resolve.

By Order of the House.

" *James Alexander, Speaker.*

" *August 20. 1755.* I assent to the above Resolve of the Assembly
 " and his Majesty's Council.

" *J. Belcher.*

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

" Mr. Speaker,

" His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council
 Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to
 wait on his Excellency, and delivered their Address in the Words fol-
 lowing.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General
 and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of New-
 Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and
 Vice Admiral in the same, &c.

The humble Address of the Representatives of the said Province in
 General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representa-
 tives of the Colony of *New-Jersey* in General Assembly met,
 being nearly affected at the News of General *Braddock's* Retreat and
 Death

Death, do sincerely join in the universal Concern on so melancholly an occasion.

When the unexampled Intripidity of that great, tho' unfortunate General, and his Officers, is compared with every Circumstances attending the whole Affair, it makes an Event not less alarming than hard to be accounted for by human Reason, and must therefore remain among the secret Councils of unerring Wisdom, who yet upon a suitable Humiliation, by an easy turn of his Providence can give Success to the British Cause, in a manner that may not only revive, but extend our Hopes, and make the loss of those brave Men who fell on the Banks of the *Monongahela* more supportable.

Having no Reason to doubt but that his Majesty's Southren Colonies upon a desirable Union among themselves, will on an Exertion of their Power, be found greatly superior to any Force the French can bring to Fort *De Quesne*, we think it the most advisable that the whole Strength which this Colony can spare, should be bent to the Maintenance of our Regiment under Col. *Schuyler*, and keeping it compleat and effective; and we beg your Excellency will believe this to be our fixed Sentiments founded upon mature Deliberation.

The Maintenance of this Regiment, for the Time expected, will be attended with an Expence, which under our present unhappy Circumstances will be difficult to discharge; our very great Disappointment in respect to the Paper Money Bill, sent home for his Majesty's Approbation; the late uncommon dry Seasons, by which the Crops in several Parts of this Colony have in a great Measure failed; and the Scarcity of a Currency at this Time; are Circumstances that do not equally affect many of the other Colonies, and considered with our known inferiority in Point of Wealth and Number of People, must apologize for our not enlarging the Number of our Men in the manner your Excellency desires.

As your Excellency, since you was pleased to recommend to us the providing a proper Law to lay an Embargo in this Colony, hath thought proper, with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, to do it by Proclamation, we doubt not but when it is enforced by a proper Law, it will have the desired Effect; and therefore we shall not fail to use our best Endeavours to render your Excellency's care effectual.

With Regard to the Arms with which Governor *Dinwiddie* supplied this Colony, we are informed by the Commissioners, that they are all paid for pursuant to the Agreement, and Governor *Dinwiddie's* Order, and we hope to his full Satisfaction.

Altho we have lately given your Excellency our Opinion in respect to the Militia Bill; as you were pleased to take this Occasion to recommend

mend the Consideration of it again: We assure your Excellency it hath been now fully reconsidered by us, and being made in War Time with Provision in extraordinary Cases, we are still of Opinion that it is not Necessary to make an Alteration in it.

Your Excellency will perceiye by the Bills which this House have sent up to his Majesty's Council, and which will be laid before you for your Assent, that the Government is cheerfully and amply supported for the usual Time.

Assembly Chamber, August 19th. 1755.

By Order of the House,

Robert Lawrence, Speaker.

After which his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills Enacting the same, *viz.*

1. *An Act for making current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, for the further supply and pay of the Forces, lately raised in this Colony, under the Command of Col. Peter Schuyler and for directing the manner how the said Fifteen Thousand Pounds shall be sunk.*

2. *An Act more effectually to prevent the French from being supplied with Provisions, Naval and Warlike Stores, from the Colony of New-Jersey.*

3. *An Act for the support of Government, of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to Commence the 21st Day of May, 1755, and to end the 21st Day of May, 1756, and to discharge the publick Debts, and the Contingent Charges thereof; and for settling the Quotas in the respective Counties and levying of a Provincial Tax.*

4. *An Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New-Jersey.*

5. *An Act for the Relief of poor Distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

6. *An Act for Naturalizing John Beccleheimer, and others.*

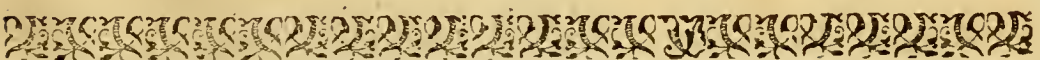
7. *An Act for Naturalizing Michael King, Adam Agee, and others.*

And then his Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly to the *Twenty fourth* Day of *September* next to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*



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AND

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OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY

At a Convention begun and held at *ELIZABETH-TOWN*
on *Wednesday* the 12th of *November*, 1755.



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V O T E S

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

ELIZABETH-TOWN, *Wednesday November 12. 1755.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from time to time, to this Day, the House met; and adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday, November 13, 1755.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Tard* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Tard* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House as soon as there were a Quorum of the Council met.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

' Mr. *Speaker*,

' His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.'

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency,
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who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which Mr. *Speaker* said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which was ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly.

‘ THE present Situation of Affairs, in this Time of common Danger, has made it necessary, for His Majesty’s Honour and Interest and for the better Safety of this Province, to call you together at this Time, to communicate to you several Things I have received since I last met you; and I shall order them to be laid before you, for your more particular Information, viz.

‘ *Whitehall, May 13. 1755.* The Lords Justices Order upon your Petition to his Majesty, and the Bill you had projected for emitting £. 70,000 in Paper Currency.

‘ As also the Lords of Trade’s Representation to the King, of the 19th of *March* on the same Affair.

‘ *Whitehall, July 26.* The Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Robinson’s* Letter, of the Expectation that *France* wou’d proceed to an open Rupture with *Great Britain*, &c.

‘ *Camp at Oswego, Sept. 9. 1755.* General *Shirley’s* Letter, of the present State of Things respecting the King’s Troops under his Command, and of the Expediency of Commissioners from this and the neighbouring Governments, to meet at *New-York* the 15th Instant, in a general Consultation for his Majesty’s Service, and for the Safety of the Provinces.

‘ *Halifax, October 1. 1755.* Admiral *Boscawen’s* Letter to Lieutenant Governor *Phips*, as to a Prohibition of the Exportation of Provisions, &c.

‘ *New-Castle and Philadelphia, October 29, and November 1. 1755.* Governor *Morris’s* Letters, with particular Accounts of the barbarous Murders and Depredations perpetrated by the French and Indians, on the poor distress’d People of *Pennsylvania*.

‘ *November 7. 1755.* *James Anderson’s* Affidavit of an Alarm in the County of *Sussex*, on the Approach of the Indians towards *East Town* in *Pennsylvania*, &c.

‘ These Things, Gentlemen, you will carefully deliberate upon, and which I think must produce your wise Resolutions, of exerting all in your Power for maintaining the King’s Interest and Honour, and for the safe guard of the good People of this Province, and in aid and assistance

assistance of our poor distressed Neighbours, if it should finally be found absolutely necessary.

‘ I think it would be highly prudent to appoint, without delay, a Commissioner to meet the Commissioners of the other Governments at *New-York*, the 15th Instant.

‘ You will see by Admiral *Boscawen*’s Letter, the starving Condition of the *French* at *Canada* and *Cape-Breton* are in, that I wish the Governments would still continue their Prohibitions of the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores.

‘ I do in Justice to Col. *John Anderson*, of the County of *Suffex*, mention his great Alacrity in raising four Hundred Men, and marching them to the Defence of *East Town* in *Pennsylvania*; and which I hope will inspirit the other Officers and private Men of the Province, to exert themselves in Defence of their People, in Case the Enemy should enter into any Part of this Province. And I am glad to say to you, that the People in general seem resolved, by the help of God, to give the Enemy a warm Reception, wherever they may come.

‘ I would inform you, that upon the repeated Advices I received, I sent my Orders by Express the last Week, to every Colonel in the Province, to muster his Regiment and to see they were well equit with Arms and Ammunition according to Law, and to be ready to march on the first Notice of the Enemy’s approach to any of our Frontiers: And I must not leave this Article without earnestly recommending to you the passing a Bill of all possible Encouragement to such brave Men as shall voluntarily engage in the Service of their King and Country.

‘ Although it is two Months ago since His Majesty’s Troops under the Command of the brave Major General *Johnson*, and the brave Major General *Lyman*, gave the French and Indians such a remarkable Defeat, yet I must now first of all for this, give Praise to the God of Armies, and then Congratulate you on this happy Occasion; and at the same Time give my Thanks to these prudent and brave Officers, and to the Men that fought under them, with so much Courage and Intrepidity.

‘ As the Winter is just at Hand, which may prevent the further proceedings on the Plan of Operations, for the Troops till towards the Spring, I shall not doubt your good and kind Care, that the Regiment of this Province be now, and always well and seasonably supplied with good Provisions, and all Warlike Stores, to enable them the better to encounter the Enemy.

‘ God Almighty grant in the Time of this increasing Danger, that
 ‘ not only the three Parts of the Legislature may Act in great Har-
 ‘ mony, but that all the private Members of the Common Wealth,
 ‘ may unitedly exert for the Defence of themselves and of their
 ‘ Neighbours.

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
November 13. 1755.

J. BELCHER.

His Excellency, by Mr. *Secretary*, laid before the House the several Letters and Papers referred to in his Speech, which were also read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, November 14. 1755.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters and Papers therein referred to, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to a Resolution, that a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which Report the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Weatherill*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, which was read, and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Johnston* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited on by the House with their Addrefs.

The Commissioners appointed to furnish the late Supplies for the Troops, having informed the House, that in Consequence of certain Advices from Col. *Schuyler* and his Officers, they had purchased a Blanket for each Soldier in the Regiment under his Command, on Condition that the Province should be reimbursed for that Expence out of the Wages of the Troops in Case the House did not approve the Supply : And the House taking the same into their Consideration, and believing the Supplies necessary, and within the meaning of the Act for providing for the said Troops, are of Opinion, that the Commissioners should be allowed in their Accounts for the said Blankets and Expence of Conveyance, and that no Deduction be made out of the Wages of the Troops for the same.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

‘ THERE being no Money in the Treasury appropriated for any incidental Charges of the Government, let the King’s Service, or the safety of the Province be never so pressing, I cannot send Expresses on the most emergent Occasion: I therefore desire the House would make a reasonable Provision, that Persons may not refuse to go (as some have already) unless they cou’d have their Money paid them immediately upon their having done their Duty.’

‘ *Elizabeth Town,*

‘ Nov. 14. 1755.

J. BELCHER.

The House taking his Excellency’s Message into Consideration.

Resolved,

That this House will provide for the Re-payment of all Monies that may be advanced by sending necessary Expresses.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him soon.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk.

‘ Mr. *Speaker,*

‘ His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.’

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the

the Chair and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address in the Words following.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey* in General Assembly met, cannot but express to your Excellency our Concern that we are so unhappy as to be denied a Paper Currency on the Terms set forth in our humble Petition to His Majesty, as it would be of the greatest Use to this Colony.

Perceiving by the Intelligence contained in Sir *Thomas Robinson's* Letter, that the *French* seem likely to draw on a War, we hope to make a prudent Use of the kind Hint he has given of being on our guard.

Having lately had several Instances of Governor *Shirley's* Care over this Province, we take this Occasion to gratefully acknowledge it; and in particular what your Excellency has now communicated from him respecting a Commissioner being sent from hence to assist at the approaching Congress at *New-York*: But as we have never on any Occasion been concerned in sending Commissioners, we do not now think it necessary.

The Regiment of Five Hundred Men under Col. *Schuyler*, which by the Act passed last Session, are supported to some time the next Summer, are we apprehend a full Quota for us under our present Circumstances; and when that expires, if the Reasons for continuing the said Regiment on Foot is the same, we doubt not of their being further Supported; but we are well assured, the Occasion must be very extraordinary to induce a Province already loaded as this is, to add any Thing further.

As the Act for prohibiting Provisions, &c. from being carried to the *French*, continues till next *May*, we apprehend it is sufficient for the present.

As the Accounts from *Pennsylvania* seem very uncertain, we are in hopes the Consequences will not be so bad as it at first appeared; however, as we are fully convinced that the exposed Provinces have a Force that, if properly exerted, will be sufficient to repel any Attempts against

gainst them, we believe there will be no Occasion of any Assistance from us.

As from all the Information we have got, notwithstanding the late Alarm at *Sussex* proved false, we think Col. *Anderson*, and the People of that County under his Command, having exerted themselves in so expeditious a Manner, are entitled to the Commendation of their Country.

We join with your Excellency in a humble and grateful Acknowledgement to the God of Armies, for the late great Victory obtained by the Army at *Lake George*; and hope sincerely, that by a happy Union of all the *British* Colonies, they may hereafter have nothing to fear from any force the French can bring against them.

Assembly-Chamber,
Nov. 14. 1755.

By Order of the House,
ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker*.

The House being informed, that Col. *Schuyler* had sent an Order for a Sum of Money to pay the Forces under his Command, but there being different Sentiments about the Manner of paying it, so as to be strictly agreeable to Law.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That if either of the Treasurers do transmit the said Col. *Schuyler* any Money agreeable to Law, that it is the Opinion of this House, that the carrying it safe, ought not to be at the Risque of the said Treasurers, provided they take all reasonable Care in the doing of it.

The House being informed by the Gentlemen of the Council, that that House have no Business before them.

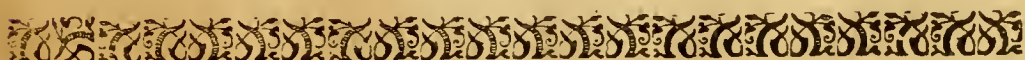
Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on Excellency, and desire he will please to dismiss the House, as they have no Business before them.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would Order the *Secretary* to prorogue the House to the last *Wednesday* in *December* next, then to meet at *Perth Amboy*.

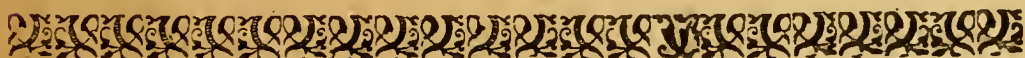
Then the House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Note. *The House was prorogued accordingly.*



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker*.



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OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY

At a SESSIONS begun at *Elizabeth-Town*, Monday, December
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General ASSEMBLY

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Monday December 15, 1755.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the Members met, and the Speaker not being come to Town, his Excellency Prorogued the General Assembly, till to morrow Morning.

Tuesday December 16, 1755.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevil*, and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business, are met and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in half an Hour.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

‘ Mr. *Speaker*.

‘ His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House, in the Council Chamber immediately.’

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency: And being returned Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council, and House of Assembly, of which Mr. *Speaker* said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which was Ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

‘ Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

FROM my last parting with you, I have been continually receiving Expresses with Accounts of the barbarous Cruelties and Murders committed by the *Indians* on our Neighbours of *Pennsylvania*; and the poor People of this Province, living on our Frontiers, praying at the same Time for Defence and Protection, in this Time of eminent Danger; and in consideration of these Things, I directed his Majesty's Council to meet me, to have their Advice what was most necessary and expedient to be done; and they were unanimously of Opinion, that the Assembly shou'd meet and the whole Legislature enter into a joint Consultation upon the present Situation of Affairs: The particular Proceedings of the said Council, I have Ordered to be laid before you, together with a Proclamation I issued by their Advice.

The poor People living on our Frontiers, being in continual Danger and Distress, fearing soon to be attacked by the Enemy, as you will find by many Letters and Petitions which shall be laid before you; it seems absolutely necessary, that a number of Block-Houses be built without delay, on the River *Delaware*, and to be furnished with three or four Hundred Men, and with Arms, Ammunition, &c. which Provision must be made by you, *Gentlemen of the General Assembly*, and for which Charge I believe your Constituents are very desirous to be Taxed; and since they are willing to Part with a reasonable Share of their Estates to save the rest, together with the Lives of themselves, their Wives and Children, I think you can't ballance the Thing in any delay, but immediately grant a Supply for defraying the Charge of what I have mentioned.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

I hope all the Branches of the Government, will Act in the best Union and Harmony, in the present Emergency, for maintaining the Safety and Welfare of the Province, always considering, if the Inhabitants of the Frontiers are forced to leave their Habitations, the Towns that seem now to be in less Danger, will soon become Frontiers, to the ruin of the Province; to prevent which, nothing in our Power should be wanting.

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

December 16, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

After which the Papers &c. referred to in his Excellency's Speech being laid before the House and read, containing the Minutes of Council, his Excellency's Proclamation, sundry Letters, and Affidavits, relating to the Murders and Depredations committed by the *Indians* on the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*, near to our Frontiers, informing that many of the back Inhabitants of this Colony are removing down from their Settlements.

A Memorial of *Jonathan Hampton*, Esq; setting forth, that by Order he had purchased Provisions for the Forces, in Guard of our Frontiers, desiring allowance for his Disbursements. Also a large Number of Petitions, from the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Somerset*, *Middlesex*, *Morris*, and *Sussex*, setting forth the Cruelties of the *Indians*, and Danger of our Inhabitants, desiring proper Methods may be fallen into for the Peace and Safety of this Colony.

Sundry other Petitions, for the Purposes aforesaid, from the Counties of *Monmouth*, *Middlesex*, and *Essex*, and other Parts of this Colony, were also presented to the House and read.

Also a Petition from Divers of the Inhabitants of this Colony, setting forth, that sundry of the Subscribers, have advanced Money &c. for the Support of the Forces sent by his Excellency to protect our Frontiers, &c. praying proper Provision may be made for the Payment of the said Money advanced; and for other Necessary Purposes for the Defence of the Inhabitants of this Colony, which was presented to the House and read.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters, Petitions, Affidavits, and Papers aforesaid, were committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday December 17, 1755.

The House met.

And again Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Dehart*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that it is the Opinion of this House, that it would not

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only be an ease to the Inhabitants of the Colony as soon as possible to assemble the Forces now in the Pay of this Colony, to be made use of in Guarding our Frontiers, which are now in the utmost Danger; but that it would also be the most effectual method, to have the said Forces ready to obey the Orders they shall receive from his Excellency, the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in *America*, when the common cause shall require their acting in Conjunction with the other Troops in his Majesty's Pay, or in that of the other Colonies; and to request his Excellency the Governor, to write to his Excellency General *Shirley* on that Head; and desire to be informed at what Time the Service of the said Forces may be otherwise wanted; that the House may make a Provision to supply their Places, and that they may in the mean Time be employed in guarding our own Frontiers, as Occasion may require.

The House adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Johnston*, reported, that Mr. *Debart*, and himself, delivered the Message of the House, of this Morning, to his Excellency.

Resolved,

That this House being sensibly touched with Compassions for the Miseries and Calamities to which many of the Inhabitants in the County of *Sussex* are exposed, will give them the necessary Assistance.

Resolved,

That this House will provide for the Payment of such Provisions as have been supplied by any Person in this Government to the Forces, which have heretofore marched to the Frontiers by Orders of the Captain General, upon Accounts properly certified.

Resolved,

That this House, will provide for the maintenance of the Forces, which now are, and shall hereafter, be sent into the County of *Sussex*, for the Protection of the Inhabitants.

Resolved,

That *Jonathan Hampton*, provide Provisions for the Forces now in *Sussex*, on the Credit of this Colony, and that *Hendrick Fisher*, Esq; do send up Melasses, Rum, and Salt, for the use of said Forces, out of the Provincial Stores in his Hands.

A Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Middlesex*, and *Somerset*, and Places adjacent, respecting the Depredations committed by the *Indians* on our back Inhabitants, desiring proper Measures to be taken for the Defence of said Inhabitants, was presented to the House and read.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*, setting forth, that they had several Horses impressed and detain'd for some length of Time in his Majesty's Service, desiring a suitable allowance for the same; which was read and referred to further Consideration.

The House again Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolves, which by leave he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech, to which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That a Bill be prepared and brought in for the Defence of the exposed Frontier Parts of this Colony. To which the House agreed.

And then Mr. *Hancock* informed the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to desire leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Newbold*, Mr. *Middagh*, and Mr. *Hoggland*, be a Committee, to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Tard*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Defence of the exposed Frontier Parts of this Colony.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

‘ I N Answer to your Message brought me this Day, I have wrote to General *Shirley*, and have Ordered it to be communicated to you, and for the better dispatch of the Matter, I think it proper that two of your Members go immediately and wait on the General at *New-York*, and bring me his Answer.’

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

December 17, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

The House taking his Excellency's Message into Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, and Mr. *Johnston*, do immediately wait on his Excellency General *Shirley* at *New-York*, with his Excellency our Governor's Letter; and that they also wait on his Excellency Sir *Charles Hardy*, Governor of *New-York*, and his Honour Governor *Morris* of *Pennsylvania*,

Pennsylvania, who is also now at *New-York*, and desire to know of them, in what Methods they purpose to proceed for the Defence of the Frontier Parts of *New-York*, and *Pennsylvania*, against the Devastations and Cruelties of the *Indian Enemy*, in Order that this House may be properly inform'd what Steps is necessary for them to take.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday December 18, 1755.

The House met.

Several Petitions were presented to the House and read, from the County of *Essex*, and Places adjacent, all of one Tenor, setting forth the Danger that the Frontier Parts of this Colony are exposed to, by reason of the Devastations committed by the Indians on the West side of *Delaware River*; and that many of the Subscribers have advanced Money on the Credit of this Colony for the Security of said Frontiers, praying a Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony, for Repayment of such Money, and for other Provisions necessary for the Safety and Defence of the Inhabitants; which Petitions together with those before presented for Relief against the *Indian Enemy*, was Signed by Sixteen Hundred and Eighty five Petitioners.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday December 19, 1755.

The House met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday December 20, 1755.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnston*, and himself agreeable to the Order of the House, waited on General *Shirley* at *New-York*, and delivered him his Excellency our Governors Letter; who was pleased to give them for Answer (as he was very desirous of doing any Thing in his Power to serve the Province of *New-Jersey*) he would immediately give Orders to Col. *Schuyler*, to receive Governor *Belcher's* Directions for the disposition of his Regiment, as his Excellency shall think best for the Defence of the Colony, till the first of *March* next, when they will be wanted for his Majesty's Service.

That they had waited on Governor *Hardy*, who was pleased to inform them, that he had already given Orders for some of his Militia

litia to be posted on the Frontiers of their Province, (a Copy of which Order they had obtained which they laid before the House) and that his Assembly had the Defence of their Frontiers now under their Consideration.

That they had also waited on Governor *Morris*, who was pleased to say, that he had not come to a determin'd Resolution with his Commissioners as to the Method of defending their Frontiers, but that he believed they should not build any Forts to the Northward of the Blue Mountains.

A Written Message from his Excellency by his Clerk as follows.

' *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

' I Have received an Answer from General *Shirley*, to the Letter
' I wrote him at your request (and which was communicated to you)
' several Paragraphs of which Answer being couch't in the following
' Terms, ---- " The distinguished Zeal and Spirit of the Assembly
' for promoting his Majesty's Service, and the general Good of his
' Colonies upon this Continent, in what his Majesty esteems, and
' really is a most essential Part of the Expedition he has been pleased
' to order."

" Nothing shall be wanting in me, to represent in a just Light
" to his Majesty, the signal Service which his Province of the *New-*
" *Jersey's* hath done at this critical Conjecture for their King and Country.

" Your Excellency must be sensible, how greatly the Success of
" that will depend upon as early a Campaign as is possible, and
" that it is necessary, that the Troops shou'd embark for *Albany*
" by the first Day of *March* next without fail."

" Colonel *Schuyler*, whose Command of the *New-Jersey* Regiment,
" hath made it more beneficial to me, then it cou'd otherwise have
" been, to whose Assistance of me, in every Part of his Majesty's Ser-
" vice at *Oswego*, I am greatly Indebted, and who wou'd be an Ho-
" nour to the Service in any Corps, will wait upon your Excellen-
" cy, and let you particularly into the Circumstances of the Soldiers.
" I understand they have Cloaths and Stores, now at *Albany*, or *She-*
" *neectady*, but it is impracticable to get them back here at this Sea-
" son, and indeed I believe it would be greatly to their Prejudice if
" they were to make use of them before their Imbarkation
" from *Sheneectady*; they will likewise want Tents and some Muskets,
" and perhaps some other Matters as he will inform you."

“ I have given Orders to Col. *Schuyler* to employ the Regiment, under his Command, as your Excellency shall direct, until the time of their *March* to *Albany*, for the next Campaign.”

‘ These Things I lay before you, *Gentlemen of the General Assembly*, that you may see how likely you are to ingratiate your selves with his Majesty, by the Instances you have given of your Duty and Loyalty to his Service and Interests, as well as to the general Safety and Protection of these Provinces; and I mention it to your Honour that you have done it with Alacrity of Dispatch.

‘ You will see, Gentlemen, that the General has readily and fully answered Your Request, of employing the Regiment of this Province, under the Command of Colonel *Schuyler*, for the Defence of our Frontries, but as they are wanting of Tents, Arms, and other Things, and that the Time of their being remanded will soon be here, you may perhaps, upon mature Deliberation, think it hardly worth while to have them altered from their present Situation, but rather make Provision for the Defence of the Province, by raising a new Corps of Men, on which we may have a more lasting Dependance.

‘ As I am still receiving fresh Accounts of the Distress of the Frontier Inhabitants, I hope you will loose no Time in making such Determinations as shall best of all Advance the King’s Honour and Interest, and the safety and quiet of his good Subjects under our Care.’

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber

December 20, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers, &c.* which was read, and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforementioned Bill. After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn’d till two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the County of *Middlesex*, was presented to the House

House, desiring that the *five Hundred Men*, now in the Pay of this Colony, that are out upon Furlows, may be mustered and sent to the Defence of our Frontiers; which was read, and referred to a Committee on the Bill for making Current *Ten Thousand Pounds*, &c.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforesaid Bill, for making Current *Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock* Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which said Bill with the Amendments being read in their Places, was agreed to by the House, and Ordered to be Engross'd.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday Morning* nine o'Clock:

Monday December 22, 1755.

The House met:

The Engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for making Current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to protect and defend their Frontiers from any Invasions which may be made upon the same by the Enemy, and more particularly for making Provision for the Guard and Defence of the Frontiers of this Province, along the River *Delaware* in the County of *Sussex*, and other Places Adjacent, by erecting Block-Houses, and supplying the same with such a Number of Forces as shall be thought Necessary for that Purpose; and also for directing the manner of Sinking the said Bills of Credit, and for subjecting such of them as shall not be used on the present Occasion, to be employed for the Services of the Provincial Forces under Col. *Schuyler*, or on other Emergency's; was read and compar'd; and on the Question whether said Bill do pass, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas	Yeas	Nays
Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clements</i> ;
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dehart</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ;
Mr. <i>Bradberry</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagh</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoggland</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,		

Resolved

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Ladd*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Ladd*, and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Council.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency; reported that they had prepared the same, which by leave he read and delivered in at the Table; which being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The engross'd Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do Sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Johnston*, and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say he would send for the House to-morrow Morning.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday December 23, 1755.

The House met.

A Written Message from his Excellency as follows.

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

*' Y*ESTERDAY Colonel *Schuyler* laid before me the State of the Regiment of this Province, which I herewith send you, and whereby you will see what Arms and other Things they want to be supplied with, for their proceeding on the Campaign intended in the ensuing Year; and as I doubt not you will find them absolutely necessary for the Service, and that you will now take effectual Care to supply them.'

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

December 23, 1755.

J. BELCHER.

The following is an Account of the present State of the Regiment of this Province, laid before his Excellency by Col. Schuyler, viz.

“ **G**IVE me leave to represent to your Excellency the State of the *New-Jersey* Regiment under my Command, viz.

“ The lost of Muskets by Accidents and Defertion			100
“ Cartridge Boxes.	ditto	ditto	198
“ Bayonets.	ditto	ditto	293
“ Kettles mostly worn out.			
“ Tents unfit for another Campaign.			

“ Have not as yet the Muster Rolls of the last Payment from the Captains, so cannot give your Excellency a just Return of the Men.
December 22 1755. PETER SCHUYLER.

To his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER Esqr.

Resolved,

That *Hendrick Fisher*, and *Jacob Spicer*, Esqrs. Commissioners, do supply the Forces in the pay of this Colony, under Colonel Schuyler with all the Necessaries they may want, as near as may be conforming themselves to the Directions of the Act entitled, *An Act for making Current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit for the further supply and pay of the Forces lately raised in this Colony under the Command of Colonel Peter Schuyler, and for directing the manner how the said Fifteen Thousand Pounds shall be sunk*, but where the said Act does not provide for keeping up and maintaining the full Quantity of Guns, Cartridge Boxes, Bayonets, Kettles and Tents, they are to supply them. Provided always, that due care be taken that the Intention of the Law may be complied with, in deducting from the Soldiers Wages, the Prices of any thing that they may negligently or wilfully waste.

Resolved,

That whatever Necessaries the said *Hendrick Fisher* and *Jacob Spicer* shall Supply the said Forces with, while they are on the Frontiers of this Colony, or repairing there, shall be allowed in their Accounts when laid before the General Assembly.

Whereas it seems likely that Money for the Purposes intended by the Act passed this sitting, will be wanted before it can be got ready.

Resolved,

That upon Application made to the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, they, or either of them, shall pay to *John Stevens*, *John Johnston*, *John Wetherill*, and *Jonathan Hampton*, Esqrs. or either of them, such Sum or Sums as they may respectively want in Con-
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sequence of the Directions of the Act of Assembly pass'd at this Sitting, out of the Money made Current by the Act for emitting the last *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and to replace the same out of the Money to come into their Hands by Virtue of the Act pass'd this Sitting.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Wetherill* do carry the above Resolves to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*,

" Mr. *Speaker*,

" His Excellency is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Address of the House."

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Address in the following Words.

To his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Capt. General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly conven'd, being compassionately affected at the Barbarities committed by the *Indian* Enemy on our Neighbours of *Pennsylvania*, cannot but esteem this Province obliged by your Excellency's Care, in giving us this Opportunity of providing for the Security of our Frontiers against the unrelenting Cruelties of so savage an Enemy.

As by the Accounts we have received, it appears that *Pennsylvania* is depopulated for a considerable Distance; that many of her Inhabitants are Murdered, and some with most aggravating Marks of Inhumanity: That many fine Plantations and Improvements are laid waste, and several of them even within the View of our People on the Frontiers of this Province, who are thereby become a Frontier themselves. It is therefore not to be wondered at, that they are in Confusion, and likely to leave their Plantations if something is not done for their Relief: On which Occasion, this House has received a considerable Number of Petitions from many Parts of the Province
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signed, by an unufal Number of Freeholders, praying that something may be done on the prefent Emergency. All which having been duly confidered, together with the Inconvenience of making an addition at this Time to the heavy Taxes already laid on the Inhabitants of this Colony, we have, after due Deliberation, by the Bill fent to the Council, for making current *Ten Thousand Pounds*, made fuch Provision, as with the Bleffing of divine Providence, we hope will give the defired Relief.

By Order of the Houfe

Assembly-Chamber December 22, 1755.

ROBERT LAWRENCE. *Speaker.*

Mr. *Johnson* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill*, and himfelf delivered the Refolves of this Houfe; with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ogden* one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Athfield*, acquainting the Houfe, that the Council have pafs'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony, to protect and defend the Frontiers, &c.* without any Amendments.

The Houfe adjourn'd till two P. M.

The Houfe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Debart*, and Mr. *Bradberry*, do wait on the Council and defire to know if they have any Bufinefs before them; if not, that this Houfe purpofes to apply to his Excellency for a Difmiffion.

Mr. *Debart* reported, that Mr. *Bradberry*, and himfelf delivered the above Message to the Council, who was pleafed to Answer, they had no Bufinefs before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, the Council have informed this Houfe, they have no Bufinefs before them, and to defire his Excellency wou'd be pleafed to pafs the Bill fent up to him and to difmifs the Houfe, if he has nothing further to lay before them.

Mr. *Smith*, reported that Mr. *Johnston*, and himfelf delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleafed to fay, the Houfe fhould have a Message from him foon.

Mr. *Secretary*, brought from his Excellency, the Refolves of this Houfe with the Councils Concurrence, and his Excellencys Affent thereto, in the form following.

“ *Assembly*

" *Assembly, Chamber, December, 23: 1755.*

" *Resolved,*

" That *Hendrick Fisher*, and *Jacob Spicer*, Esqrs; Commissioners, do supply the Forces in the pay of this Colony under Col. *Schuyler*, with all the Necessaries they may want, as near as may be conforming themselves to the Directions of the Act, entitled, *An Act, for making current Fifteen Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, for the further supply and pay of the Forces lately raised in this Colony, under the Command of Col. Peter Schuyler; and for directing the manner how the said Fifteen Thousand Pounds shall be sunk*, but where the said Act, does not provide for keeping up and maintaining the full Quantity of Guns, Cartridge Boxes, Bayonets, Kettles, and Tents, they are to supply them. PROVIDED ALWAYS, that due Care be taken that the Intention of the Law, may be complied with, in deducting from the Soldiers Wages, the Price of any Thing that they may negligently or wilfully waste.

" *Resolved,*

" That whatever Necessaries the said *Hendrick Fisher* and *Jacob Spicer*, shall supply the said Forces with, while they are on the Frontiers of this Colony or repairing there, shall be allowed in their Accounts when laid before the General Assembly.

" Whereas it seems likely that Money for the Purposes intended by the Act passed this sitting, will be wanted before it can be got ready.

" *Resolved,*

" That upon Application made to the Treasurers of this Colony or either of them, they or either of them shall pay to *John Stevens*, *John Johnston*, *John Wetherill*, and *Jonathan Hampton*, Esqrs. or either of them, such Sum or Sums as they may respectively want in Consequence of the Directions of the Act of Assembly passed at this sitting, out of the Money made Current by the Act, for emitting the last *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and to replace the same out of the Money to come into their Hands by Virtue of the Act passed this sitting.

" *Ordered,*

" That Mr. *Johnston*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, do carry the above resolves, to the Council for Concurrence."

" *By Order of the House,*

" ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

" *Council Chamber, December 23, 1755. Concurred.*"

" ANDREW JOHNSTON, *Speaker.*

" *December 23, 1755. I Assent to the above Resolves.*"

J. BELCHER.

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A Message from Excellency by his Clerk as follows,

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

HIS Excellency General Shirley having by his Letter of the 18th Instant informed me, that it wou'd be greatly for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign if his Hands could be Strengthen'd by an Augmentation of the Regiment of this Colony, under the Command of Colonel Schuyler, I wou'd have you exert Yourselves on the Occasion as far as the Circumstance of the Colony will admit, as His Majesty proposes to do every thing for your Defence, and that I may be able to give the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, Information of what Augmentations from this Colony may be depended on, I recommend it to your House, (with whom all these Supplies take Rise) the making a Provision for raising them when they shall be required.

As the People of this Colony are greatly uneasy at the Neighbourhood of any Indian Families, and suspect the whole of them, I must apply to you to provide for the Maintenance of such of them as shall be committed to the Goals, either on Suspicion, or to secure them from the Outrages of the People.

The Distresses of the unhappy Sufferers on the Frontiers are doubtless very great, and may be attended with the Ruin of many Families, and I hope you will make some conditional Provision for such as cannot support themselves, as they cannot be regularly relieved by any Law now in Being.

The seasonable Provision which this Province made for the Supply of His Majesty's regular Troops through this Province, served two very good Purposes, as it expedited their march and prevented them from the Necessity of supplying themselves with Carriages and other things, in a way which would have been ungrateful to themselves and greatly distressing to the People of the Colony. I cannot omit inserting on this Occasion, the handsome mention which is made of that Provision, in a Letter I had the Pleasure of receiving from the Honorable Colonel Dunbar, the commanding Officer of those Troops, in the following Words, *viz.*

Sir, It gave me the greatest Concern, I could not when in your Government have the Honour of waiting on your Excellency, to make my most grateful Acknowledgments, for the great Civilities the Troops under my Command recieved in their march thro' your Government from every Body where we pass'd from Trenton to Amboy.

I earnestly recommend these Interesting Matters to your Consideration,
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‘ that by providing for them at this Time, I may not be obliged to call you
 ‘ together sooner than the General Business of the Government wou’d
 ‘ incline me to do

Elizabeth Town, Council Chamber,

December 23 1755.

J. BELCHER.

On a Motion made and the Question put, whether his Excellency be desired by Proclamation to restrain the Indians inhabiting this Province, to the Counties where they reside? it passed in the Negative.

Nays	Nays	Yeas
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Paxson,	Mr. Fisker,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Hoggland,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Vreland,
Mr. Bradberry,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Read,
		Mr. Ladd,
		Mr. Yard,
		Mr. Middagh,

The House taking His Excellency’s Message into their Consideration;

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Stevens do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of this Day, inform him, that as to the Application which General *Shirley* makes to this Colony, for an Augmentation of the Troops under Colonel *Schnyler*: This House would chearfully give the greatest Assistance to the Forces his Majesty has Occasion to employ to defend his Territories from Encroachments of a dangerous Neighbour, but we hope to be entirely excused from augmenting our Regiment, as we are at this Time threatned with Invasions from a barbarous and cruel Enemy, and have been under a Necessity of raising a large Number of Troops, and maintaining them in Garrisons, in order to prevent the Destruction, or total Desertion, of the Frontries; and request his Excellency, to return the thanks of this House to General *Shirley*, for his favourable Sentiments of this Colony, and to assure him, that we esteem ourselves happy in the Appointment his Majesty has been pleased to make of a Commander in Chief of his Troops, as the Colonies in General have the highest Opinion of the Abilities and Integrity of the Gentleman now employed, and his known Attachment to his Majesty’s Honour and the Interest of the American Plantations, we hope will induce every Colony to exert themselves to act in an Expedition under so good a Direction. That as it appears that some of the Indians on our Borders have taken up the Hachet, it is necessary that extream Caution be used with regard to these Inhabiting this Province
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who if any of them shou'd be taken up and on Proof or well grounded Suspicion of being Enemies, shou'd be committed to any of the Goals, we are of Opinion they shou'd be maintained there in the same manner as other Persons charged on criminal Actions now are, and if it shou'd so happen that any County shou'd be over barthened, we doubt not, but when regular Accounts thereof are laid before the General Assembly they will duly consider them. And that as to such of the poor Inhabitants on the Frontiers, who are now in distress, the Commissary appointed by the Act pass'd this Session, has power to adjust and pay all Persons accounts who have advanced any thing to the Service of the Troops sent there by his Excellency's Direction; and we doubt not if there is any distress that he has not Power to relieve, they will have their due weight with this, or some future General Assembly when matters are settled, so that it may be properly known, who are real Objects of publick Charity. And as we have been informed many of the poor Women and Children from Pennsylvania, have been obliged to fly for succour among our Inhabitants; we are of Opinion, that the Commissary shou'd get attested Proofs of the charge that our People have been at for their Maintenance, and to lay them before his Excellency, whose Interposition with that Government on behalf of those People, we doubt not will have a good Effect towards reimbursing such Expences; and we believe it will be necessary that they should be safely and speedily conducted into some part of Pennsylvania, where it may be most agreeable to them.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday December 24, 1755.

The House met.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Stevens*, and himself delivered the Message of the House of Yesterday to his Excellency.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicenti.

That this House, will at their next sitting for doing the publick Business of the Colony, make Provision to defray the expence attending any Persons Trouble, that shall be employed by the Governor, in informing the Friend Indians, inhabitting this Province of the Danger there is in going to the Northern Frontiers, and to desire them to forbear going into that, or any other dangerous Place.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Newbold*, do wait on his Excellency with the above resolve.

An Account was laid before the House by *Petrus Decker*, Esq; relating to his taking Indian Prisoners, and bringing them to *Elizabeth Town*

Town, which was read and referred to further Consideration, at the passing the next Support Bill.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Newbold*, and himself, performed the above Order of the House.

A Message from his Excellency by his *Clerk*.

Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.”

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair and with the House went to wait on his Excellency who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, viz.

An Act for making Current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony, to protect and defend their Frontiers, from any Invasion which may be made upon the same by the Enemy, &c.

And then to adjourn'd the General Assembly, to the 22d Day of *January* next.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker*.

V O T E S

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY,

At a SESSION held at *Elizabeth-Town*, by Adjournment, *March* 9th, 1756, and continued till the 16th Day of the same Month, and then Adjourned to the 7th Day of *April* following.



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General ASSEMBLY

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Tuesday March 9, 1756.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Adjournments of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business are met, and are ready to receive any thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Smith*, and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House immediately.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*.

‘ Mr. *Speaker*,

‘ His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency. And being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council, and House of Assembly, of which Mr. *Speaker* said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which was Ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly.*

‘ **I** Know of no Time since my Arrival with the Honour of his Majesty's Commission, for the Government of this Province, that has so much demanded our united Deliberations for the Defence, Protection and Safety of this and the Neighbouring Provinces, as this
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critical Conjunction doth; for the Year seems to be opening with the Expectation of great and extraordinary Events, which may probably shew us whether his Majesty is to maintain his just Rights and Dominions in *North-America*, and his Subjects their Religious Liberties and Properties, or whether the perfidious *French* with their Savage Allies, are to go on in their cruel Murders and Depredations, and finally drive the King's good People into the Sea.

In faithfulness to his Majesty's Honour and Service, and in a tender care of his good Subjects, committed to my Charge, I have given those Things my greatest Attention and Consideration, and would now lay before you several Things, which being put into Execution, may by the Blessing of God, prove preventive of the Evils we have too much reason to fear. And first of all I must mention with gratitude to Almighty God, and to the King, his Majesty's great Goodness, in laying before his Parliament, the State of the Colonies; and also a grateful Sense of his Parliament in the kind Assurances they have given him, to do every Thing on their Part for the Protection and Defence of these Colonies, and for putting a Stop to the further unjust Encroachments of the Enemy.

In the next Place, I now lay before you, the Minutes of a Council of War, lately held at *New-York*, by his Excellency General *Shirley*, and which I commit to you, depending on your Honour, that they shall not be divulged; (it is an ancient and wise Proverb, that Secrecy is the Soul of Business) and by these you will see the Plan of Operation, and the Quotas of Men intended to be raised, by the several Colonies, for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign; and when you consider the Strength of the Enemy, at the several Places to be attack'd, I believe you will think it reasonable and necessary, that this Province should furnish their additional Proportion of Men in Conjunction with the other Colonies.

Which Matters being duly weighed, I hope you will with much Alacrity make up the Regiment of this Province to seven Hundred and Fifty Men, and which you may depend will set you in a very favourable light with his Majesty.

I now also communicate to you, Extracts of a Letter of 2d of *January* last which I have received from the Honourable Mr. *Dinwiddie*, Governor of *Virginia*, by which you will see the vigilant and wise Conduct of that Gentleman for his Majesty's Service, and for the Defence and Safety of the Southern Colonies, in so far bringing the *Cherokee Indians* into an Alliance and into the Interest of the Crown of *Great-Britain*, and which may be of an extraordinary good tendency for Success in the ensuing Campaign, and this I hope will further stimulate you to an Augmentation of the Troops of this Province.

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‘ Having thus laid before you several Matters relating to the Common Cause of the Colonies, I now recommend to you, your especial Care of the Protection and Safety of this his Majesty’s Province, into which since our last meeting, the Bears of the Wilderness have made an Incurſion; and as the Year Advances we have reason to believe they will come in great Numbers upon our Frontiers; therefore in duty to his Majesty and in a kind and juſt Concern for his People, I think we ought immediately to ſend Commiſſioners to the Colonies of *Pennſylvania*, and *New-York*, in order to Act unitedly againſt the *French* and *Indians*. And I herewith give you the Extracts of a Letter of 4th Inſtant, which I have received from his Excellency Sir *Charles Hardy* Governor of *New-York*, which ſets the Affairs of the Colonies in ſo particular and clear a light, as I think muſt convince you of the Neceſſity of the Union propoſed.

‘ And to add to the Things I have mentioned, I moſt earneſtly recommend to you to liſten to the Cries and Expoſtulations of our poor Brethren on the Frontiers to be protected under their preſent diſtreſſes; and which you will find in a great Number of Petitions, ſigned by more than a Thouſand Hands, which I ſhall order to be laid before you. And before I finiſh on this Head I think proper to ſay to you, that for the more effectually intimidating and driving the Enemy from our Frontiers, it would be the wiſeſt and cheapeſt method to paſs an Act for giving Premiums on Indian Scalps and Captives, as the *Maſſachuſets* Government have done; an Extract of whole Reſolves in this Matter ſhall be delivered you.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly.*

‘ Theſe Things of ſo great Importance to his Majesty’s Service and Intereſt, being laid before you in ſo particular a Manner, I ſhall not doubt your voting a ſufficient Sum for carrying the ſeveral Articles into Execution, conſidering at the ſame Time, that the Season of the Year admits of no delay therein.

‘ And as your Conſtituents ſignify to you, not only their willingness, but their chearful deſire to be taxt to a ſufficient Provision for accompliſhing theſe Points, it will therefore be very ſevere to withhold from them the uſe of their own Eſtates, which they would have employed for ſaving the Lives of themſelves, their Wives and Children and their Eſtates from falling into the Hands of the perfidious *French* with their cruel Allies, the Savage and Barbarous *Indians*.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Aſſembly,*

‘ I ſhall heartily rejoice in your coming into the beſt Concluſions in theſe Affairs for advancing his Majesty’s Intereſt and the future laſting Peace and Welfare of this Province.’

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,

March 9, 1756.

J. BELCHER.

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His

His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary* laid before the House, the Letters and Papers referred to in his Speech, which were also read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second reading to-morrow morning.

The House Adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday March 10, 1756.

The House met.

According to Order, his Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters, Petitions and Papers therein referred to, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters afore said. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, setting forth the Inconvenience that the *Bergen* Forces that goes to defend our Frontiers, labour under, by living so remote from the Pay-master of said Forces, desiring that a Pay-master may be appointed in said County, for the Payment of their Forces, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition of Captain *Vanbuskirk*, of *Bergen* County, was presented to the House setting forth, that he had Marched with a Company of Men to the Defence of the Frontiers of this Province on the River *Delaware*, and had there erected a Fort and two Block Houses, praying leave to bring in a Bill for obtaining Payment for their Time from the Government, which was read, and Ordered a second reading.

The House again resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters afore said. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Speech, and come to the following Resolutions, which by leave he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency in answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That this Colony will Act in Conjunction with the Colonies of *New-York*, and *Pennsylvania*, for the attacking the Settlements of the *Indian* Enemy, in Captivating their Wives and Children, in order to bring them to reason, and to secure a lasting Peace.

And on the Question whether the House will at this Time agree thereto or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,
Mr. <i>Debart</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisber</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hoggland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middab</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,	

Resolved,

That 250 Volunteers be raised, in lieu of those already on the Frontiers of this Colony, for the future Defence of said Frontiers, and on the Question, whether the House agree thereto or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Newbold</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Debart</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Fisber</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoggland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagb</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	

Resolved,

That 200 of the said Voluntiers do Act in Conjunction with the Colonies of *New-York*, and *Pennsylvania*, to make an Army of 1000 Men, if so many is necessary; or if a less number shall be deemed sufficient for that Service, this Colony will support one fifth Part of the said Army, which is to be employed in pursuing the *Indian* Enemy into their retreats, and captivating them, their Wives and Children. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the above Proportion is greater than this Colony of Right ought to bear, and that nothing but the hearty Zeal of the Inhabitants in the Common Cause, could induce this Committee to take upon the Colony so great a Proportion, and also to prevent any Colour of Complaint of the other Colonies concern'd in the Union, and to accelerate the Enterprize. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Tard*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Hancock*,

Hancock, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Nevill*, *Mr. Fisher*, *Mr. Stevens*, *Mr. Johnston*, and *Mr. Dehart*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the several Purposes aforesaid.

The House Adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday March 11 1756.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Ogden*, and *Uzal Ogden*, Esqrs. setting forth, that they have at a great Expence erected a Furnace at *Ringwood*, which is now in the utmost Danger of being destroyed by the *Indian* Enemy, and thereby a valuable Branch of Trade totally defeated; and that they are about building a Block-House to Guard the said Works and Inhabitants thereabouts, praying the House to afford them Assistance of Men and Arms to defend them against the said *Indians*, which was read, and Ordered a second reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants, living in the Northwestmost Part of *Suffex* County, setting forth the Danger they are in by reason of the *Indian* Enemy, desiring that they may be employed by the Government in defending that Part of the Frontiers, on the Allowance already provided for that Purpose, which was read, and Ordered a second reading.

Mr. Nevill from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising two Hundred and fifty able Bodied free Men Volunteers*, &c. which was read and committed to a Committee of the whole House,

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the aforementioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which by leave he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engross'd.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Friday

Friday, March 12, 1756.

The House met.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose bro't in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, which was read, and Ordered a second reading.

The House adjourn'd to two P. M.

The House met.

Several Petitions were presented to the House from the County of Morris, and Places adjacent, setting forth the Danger their Settlements are likely soon to be exposed to from the *Indian* Enemy, desiring Protection from this Colony; which were read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for raising two Hundred and Fifty able Bodied Free Men, as Volunteers, to protect and defend the Frontiers of this Colony from any Invasions which may be made upon the same by the Enemy, in lieu of the Militia already stationed upon the said Frontiers; as also for subjecting two Hundred of the said Volunteers, to act in Conjunction with the Colonies of New-York and Pennsylvania, to make up an Army of One Thousand Men, or one fifth Part of such an Army, (not exceeding One Thousand Men in the whole) as shall be thought necessary to be employed in pursuing the Indian Enemy into their Places of Retreat, and Captivating them, their Wives and Children,* was read, and compared, and on the Question whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Vreland,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vangeson,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Dehart,	Mr. Tard,	Mr. Paxson,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Middagh,	Mr. Clement,	
Mr. Hoggland,			

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass,

Ordered,

That Mr. Read, and Mr. Johnston do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Draught of an Address to his Excellency, was read the second Time, and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday March 13 1756.

The House met.

Mr. Johnston reported, that *Mr. Read* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Council.

The engross'd Address to his Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Speaker* do Sign the same.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Holmes*, and *Mr. Middab*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

Mr. Holmes reported, that *Mr. Middab*, and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House might attend him as soon as they pleased.

Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency. And being returned, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Address in the Words following.

To his Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly conven'd, do think it our indispensable duty to join with your Excellency, in the most suitable acknowledgements to the King and Parliament, for their Care of the Colonies in *North-America*.

It is not unknown to your Excellency that this Colony hath at this Time seven Hundred and Fifty Men in pay, five Hundred of which assisted in the last Campaign with General *Shirley*, and we have never till lately made any doubt of their assisting throughout the whole of next Summer, but as the Officers recruiting under General *Shirley*, within this Government, have not only drained us of Men by considerable Supplies

Supplies of free Volunteers to the respective Regiments, but have also taken from us a large Number of Indented Servants and Apprentices, contrary to their Masters consent; and in violation of the Contracts subsisting between them; which last seems likely to involve this Colony in considerable Distresses, and may (it is to be feared) put us under the ungrateful necessity of not subsisting the said five Hundred Men, longer than the Money already provided for that Purpose will last; but if by a Majority of the House, it should be then concluded to make further Provision, we are very sure, considering our Circumstances and exertion of Strength in the common Cause, it is a Grievance we neither expected nor deserved, nor do we think if such a hardship, in all its ruinous Consequences to a young Country, were properly represented to our gracious Sovereign, it would be at all countenanced or encouraged.

As we have not the least doubt, but that if these Grievances are redressed, we shall continue the said five Hundred Men throughout the whole of another Campaign, so we hope upon a suitable Application from your Excellency, and the opinion we have hitherto entertained of General *Shirley's* Friendship, for the Colonies, we shall not fail of Redress in a Matter that so intimately concerns a great number of his Majesty's good Subjects.

We are obliged to keep a considerable Number of Troops for the Defence of our own Frontiers, and however cheerfully willing this House may be to promote the common Cause of the Colonies (of which we conceive no Part of our Conduct can suggest a doubt); we are not able without an Inconvenience that bears no adequate Proportion to our Neighbours, and therefore must be excused from augmenting the Number of our Men in the manner proposed at the late Congress at *New-York*.

It gives us a very sensible Pleasure to hear that any of his Majesty's Colonies have entered into close Friendship and Alliance with the *Indian* Natives; an important Point, which tho' at first View of the greatest Consequence to the British Interest in *America*, we fear hath notwithstanding been too much neglected, and cannot but think the Cultivation of it by the Colonies concern'd, is worthy of their most serious Attention.

As to the Cries of our distressed Friends in this Colony, we are so far from endeavouring to withhold the use of their own Estates from them, as your Excellency is pleased to express it, that we have made their Cause the universal Concern of the Province, and what we apprehend is very extraordinary for their Protection, and we hope it will have its due weight with them, as it seems hitherto by the Di-
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vine Blessing to have answered the Purposes of securing all the Persons who pay Taxes or look upon themselves as Inhabitants of this Colony.

By Order of the House.

Assembly-Chamber,
March 13, 1756.

ROBERT LAWRENCE *Speaker.*

Mr. *Nevill* had leave to be absent on urgent Business.

The House adjourn'd till two *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition of *Peter Donally* was presented to the House, setting forth, that he went in one of the late Essex Companies for the Defence of the Frontiers at *Delaware River*, from whence he went with said Company for the relief of *Daniel Depuy's* Family and House in *Pennsylvania*, where he received a Wound in his Breast and Arm, whereby he is rendered unable to support himself, praying Support from this Colony, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House Adjourn'd till *Monday Morning* nine o'Clock.

Monday March 15, 1756.

The House met.

Mr. *Secretary* read and laid before the House, an Account of his Disbursements of the Expences attending the *Indian Treaty* at *Croftwicks*, in *January* last, and his Vouchers being produced and examined, whereby it appears that he hath expended the full of his Account, amounting to £49, 1s, 11d.

Resolved,

That this House will make Provision for repaying the above Account, at the passing the next Bill for Support of Government.

The House adjourn'd till two *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Paxson*, do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have no Business before them, and being impatient to be dismissed, desire to know what Progress they have made in the Bill sent to them for Concurrence on *Friday* last.

Mr.

• Mr. Fisher reported, That • W^o Parson, and himself delivered the above Message to the Council.

• A Message from the Council by • W^o Ashfield, acquainting the House that (in answer to their Message of this Day) the Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act for raising • Two hundred and Fifty able bodied Freemen as Volunteers to protect and Defend the Frontiers &c. without any amendments.

Ordered, That • W^o Johnston and W^o Stevens do wait on the Council and Desire to know if they have any business before them, if not that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

• W^o Johnston reported that • W^o Stevens and himself delivered the above Messages to the Council, who say they have no business before them.

Ordered, That • W^o Hancock and W^o Fisher do wait on his Excellency and desire him to pass the Bill before him and to Dismiss the House.

• W^o Hancock reported that • W^o Fisher and himself delivered the said Messages to his Excellency who was pleased to say he would Dismiss the House to-morrow after he had considered the Bill, and made an answer to the Addresses of this House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Nine o'clock

Tuesday March 16. 1756

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk

M^r Speaker, his Excellency requires the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon M^r Speaker left the Chair and with the House went to wait on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, Enacting the same Viz^t

An Act for raising two hundred and fifty able Bodied freemen or Volunteers, to protect & Defend the Frontiers &c^o

And then he made the following Speech Viz^t

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

" I have read over your Address in answer to my Speech, made
" to you at the opening of this Session, and wherein I laid before
" you the present General and Particular State of this and the
" Neighbouring Colonies, and which I hoped would have induced
" you to have raised more Men than you have a reason for me
" Several Services I therein pointed out to you; but as you have
" not I shall be content and satisfied in having done my duty
" to his Majesty, as to the better protection and safety of the
" Colonies in General, and of this in particular.

" I take notice of the Complaint ^{you make} of the Officers recruiting
" under General Shirley, of their Intlisting a large number
" of Indented Servants and Apprentices, and which you say
" you doubt not would be redressed upon my making suitable
" application >

application to his Excellency General Shirley, and
 " This I am very ready to do in conjunction with your
 " House, and to do it without delay.

Elizabeth Town Council Chamber J. Belcher.
 March 16th 1756.

And then his Excellency Adjourned the House to Wednes-
 day the seventeenth day of April next ^{then} to meet at
 Elizabeth Town.

Exam^d By David Brearley

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Votes

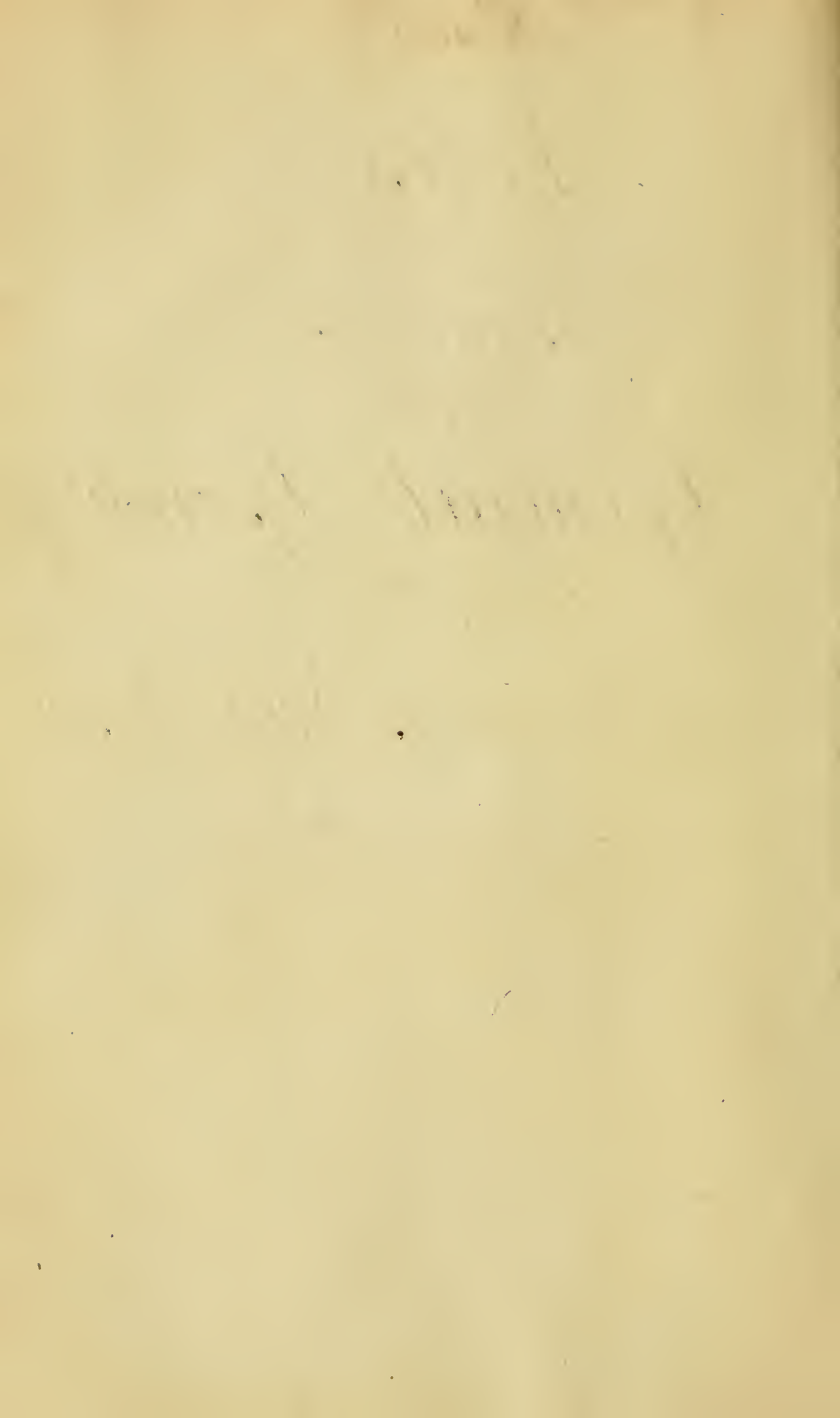
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Proceedings
of the

General Assembly
of the

Province of New Jersey

. At a Session held at Elizabethtown, began
May 20th 1756 and continued to the 2nd day of June following



Notes

of the

General Assembly

Elizabeth Town Thursday May 20. 1756.

Pursuant to his Excellency's Adjournments of the General Assembly from time to time to this day the House met.

Ordered.

That Mr Fisher and Mr Kangeresen do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and are ready to receive any thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr Fisher reported that Mr Kangeresen and himself delivered the above Messages to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him as soon as a Quorum of the Council were met.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock

Friday May 21. 1756

The House met.

1. The message from his Excellency by Mr Secretary
 2. Mr Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber and
 requires the attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr Speaker left the Chair, and with the House
 went to wait on his Excellency, and being returned Mr Speaker
 resumed the Chair and reported that the House had waited
 on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a speech to the
 Council and House of Assembly of which Mr Speaker said
 he had to prevent mistakes obtained a copy, which was
 ordered to be read, and it was read accordingly and is as follows.

" Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly
 " I am glad of this pleasing opportunity to congratulate you
 " on the goodness and bounty of his Majesty, and his Parli-
 " ament, in giving this Province a proportion of a large sum
 " of money raised for several of his Majesty's colonies in
 " North America, as an acknowledgement of their past duty
 " and services to his Majesty and as an encouragement
 " to them to behave with the like duty and loyalty for the
 " future.

" The men that were to be raised by a late Act of this
 " Province are fully compleated, and are now proportioned and
 " posted at the several Forts on the Frontiers, holding themselves
 " in readiness to proceed elsewhere, as the King's Service and
 " the Safety of the Province may require.

Reading.

" According to the best advices, our Enemies the
 " French are much Straitned for Provisions in their sever-
 " al Settlements on this Continent, as well as in their
 " Islands; I therefore earnestly recommend to you, the
 " bringing forward as soon as may be, a Bill in Strict
 " Prohibition of the Exportation of all Sorts of Provisions
 " and Warlike Stores from this Province and what the
 " Neighbouring Government of New York has done of
 " this kind. Shall be laid before you.

" Gentlemen of the General Assembly
 " It will be necessary that you carefully look into the
 " Accounts of the Several Publick Officers of the Province
 " that you may see what Monies are already expended, and
 " what more must be raised for the future Support of
 " the Troops of this Province: By a Letter I received
 " from Col. Schuyler (with a particular Account, which
 " shall be delivered you) you will find his Regiment is
 " in want of Money, Arms & Cloathing and I shall not
 " doubt of your immediate care to supply them.

" As the Bill for the Support of the Government is
 " expired you will do what may be necessary on this
 " head for the future.

" Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly
 " I believe you will find upon a Revision, that several
 " of your Temporary Laws are expired; which you may
 " perhaps think necessary to be revived.

"As our Enemies are continually committing Hostilities
"against us; it is now more especially necessary for the Kings
"Honour and Service, as well as for our own safety, to make
"some Amendments in the Militia Law, particularly to lay
"a Penalty on the Officers that do not do their Duty, in confor-
"mity to the Act now in being.

"As many of your Members have told me that this is a
"convenient Juncture for going through the Publick Affairs
"of the Province, I hope you will cheerfully and diligently
"engage in them, and soon bring this Session to a happy
"Conclusion.

J. Belcher

Council Chamber

Elizabeth Town May 21. 1736

Ordered.

That his Excellencies Speech have a second Reading in
the Afternoon.

His Excellency's Secretary laid before the House
the several papers and Accounts referred to in his Speech;
which were also read.

A Petition of Johannes Billesphelt and Peter Vanallen
Foreigners, praying an Act for their Naturalization, was
presented to the House, which was read and Ordered a
Second reading.

The House adjourned till Two O'Clock P.M.

The

The House met

The Excellency's Speech was read a Second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'clock

Saturday May 22 1856

The House met

M^r Secretary brought from his Excellency a written Message to the House in the following Words.

"Gentlemen of the General Assembly
Early this Morning I received a Letter by Express
from his Excellency the Governor of New York, which
I herewith send you, to show you the absolute Necessity
of your expediting a Bill for Prohibiting the Expor-
tation of Provisions."

J. Belcher
Council Chamber May 22 1856

The House taking into consideration his Excellency's Message, with that part of his Speech relating to a Prohibition Act, are of Opinion that a Law for Prohibiting Provisions, is absolutely necessary at this critical Juncture.

Ordered.

That M^r Spicer, M^r Johnston, M^r Fisher, M^r Stevens & M^r Wetherill be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid.

M^r Speaker laid before the House a Letter he had received from the Agent which was read.

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The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine O'Clock
 Monday May 24. 1750

The House met

Mr Secretary brought from his Excellency a Written Message
 as follows.

" Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

" Since my Message to you for expediting a Bill in Prohibition
 of the Exportation of Provisions I have received a Copy of
 such an Act passed in Pennsylvania which I herewith
 send you; and it is much of the same Nature of that Passed
 in New York. so I hope you will lose no Time in getting
 such a Bill through your House. J. Belcher.

Council Chamber May 24. 1750

Mr Spicer from the Committee Appointed for that Purpose
 brought in a Bill intitled An Act for the more effectually
 obstructing the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike
 Stores from the Colony of New Jersey; which was read &
 ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from Peter
 Salnave, setting forth that he having the Command of
 one of the Late Prop Companies on the Frontiers, and going
 with his said Company to the Relief of Daniel Dupuy's
 House and Family in Pennsylvania, had one of his Men
 named Peter Donally much Wounded; for the Cure and
 Transportation of whom he had expended sundry Sums
 of

of Money praying a Sum to amount thereof from the Colony, which was read and ordered a Second reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from several of the Inhabitants of Elizabeth Town, setting forth that in the beginning of this present Expedition they had several Horses impressed and detained from them some length of Time in his Majesty's Service, for which they have received no Satisfaction, praying the House to make Provision for payment of their Damages thereby sustained, which was read and ordered a Second Reading.

Several Petitions were presented to the House from the County of Morris signed by 190 hands, setting forth their Hardships they labour under by having no Members allowed to Represent them in General Assembly, praying the Legislature to grant them the usual Privileges as the other Counties Enjoy in being Represented by two Members in General Assembly for the future which were read and ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill entitled an Act for the more effectual obstructing the exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New Jersey, was read the Second Time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforementioned Bill after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair
and

and Mr. Scull (Chairman of the Committee) report, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which by leave he read and delivered in at the Table, where the same being again read was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be Engrossed

On Motion Made the Question was put, Whether the House will proceed on the common Business at this place, or desire his Excellency to adjourn the General Assembly to Perth Amboy for that Purpose? it was carried as follows

for Elizabeth Town, in the		For Amboy, as one of the usual	
present difficult state of things		places of doing Business	
• W. Lehart	• W. Read	• W. Stevens	• W. Newbold
• W. Macclerry	• W. Lord	• W. Johnston	• W. Paxson
• W. Fisher	• W. Miller	• W. Nevill	• W. Hancock
• W. Hoggland	• W. Yaro	• W. Holmes	• W. Learning
• W. Ireland	• W. Liddaght	• W. Smith	• W. Spicer
• W. Vangerson			

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 o'clock
 Tuesday May 23. 1756

The House met

The engrossed Bill entitled An Act for the more effectual
 obstructing the Exportation of Provisions and Wares
 Stores from the Colony of New Jersey was read and is as follows
 and

on the Question.

Resolved - *Scilicet* Contradictorily

That the said Bill do Pass

Ordered

That M^r Read and M^r Johnston do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of Peter Donally, was presented to the House, setting forth that he went in one of the late Essex Companies for the Defence of the Frontiers, from whence he went with said Company for the Relief of Lambert Dupuy's House and Family in Pennsylvania where he received a Wound in his Breast and Arm, and thereby is rendered unable to support himself praying Support from the Colony, which was read and Ordered a Second Reading.

M^r Miller by leave given brought in a Bill entitled an Act to enable the Proprietors of two ^{several} Tracts of Tide Meadows and Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Chanssey Creek &c. to stop ^{out} the Tide &c. which was read and Ordered a Second Reading.

M^r Hancock by leave given brought in a Bill entitled an Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Cisonborough in the County of Salem, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same which was read and Ordered a Second Reading.

M^r

Mr. Johnston reported that Mr. Brad and himself, delivered the Bill with them out into the Council.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech: After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had made some progress in the matters to them referred and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourned till 2 P.M.

The House met

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech. After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech to them referred and had come to Sundry Resolutions, which by leave, he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That £15,000 be struck in paper Bills of Credit, for the further subsistence and pay of the Troops of this Colony, under Col. Peter Schuyler until the 1st day of November next.

next, and also for ~~the~~ subsisting and paying such of the Troops of this Colony, as may be found necessary to remain in Defence of our Frontiers, or that may be detached from thence in pursuing the Indian Enemy into their places of Retreat; Provided a reasonable Time can be obtained for Linking the same. To which the House agreed.

Years	Years	Years
• W ^o Stevens	• W ^o Ireland	• W ^o Smith
• W ^o Johnston	• W ^o Sangesen	• W ^o Miller
• W ^o Wetherill	• W ^o Head	• W ^o Seaming
• W ^o Holmes	• W ^o Duobole	• W ^o Spicer
• W ^o Lehart	• W ^o Saxson	
• W ^o Bradberry	• W ^o Ladd	
• W ^o Fisher	• W ^o Hancock	
• W ^o Hoggland	• W ^o Yard	
	• W ^o Middaugh	

Resolved

That his Majesty's Government of New Jersey be supported for One Year to commence the 21 day of May 1756 and to expire the 21 day of May 1757. To which the House agreed.

Resolved

That the Acts of Assembly of this Colony that will expire by their own Limitation at the end of this Session of General Assembly, or soon after be continued as they now are for one Year. and from thence to the end of the next Session.

Ordered

That W^o Smith, W^o Hancock, W^o Stevens, W^o Miller and W^o Middaugh be a Committee to prepare the Draught
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of the Address to his Excellency.

Ordered

That M^r Read & M^r Witherill be a Committee to examine what Laws have expired, & are now expiring by their own Limitation and make report thereof to this House.

Ordered

That M^r Smith M^r Leaming, M^r Holmes & M^r Langsen and M^r Hoagland, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

Ordered

That M^r Spicer, M^r Ward, M^r Fisher & M^r Newbold & M^r Tadd be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Striking \$15,000 in Bills of Credit for the subsistence and Pay of the Forces of this Colony.

The Petition of Johannes Delesvelt and Peter Vanallen, for Naturalization was read the Second Time.

Ordered

That the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition upon their taking the usual Oaths, and making and subscribing the Declaration according to Law.

The Bill entitled an Act to enable the Possessors of two several Tracts of Tide Meadow & Marsh lying and adjoining on the North Side of Cohansey Creek &c. to stop out the Tide &c. was read the second Time, and committed to M^r Holmes and M^r Spicer.

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The Bill entitled an Act to Enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Esenborough in the County of Salem to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same was read the Second Time, and committed to Mr Smith and Mr Newbold.

(ridicled)

That Mr Read Mr Spicer and Mr Learning assisted by Mr Speaker do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him that the House being willing to continue to supply the Forces of this Colony under Col Schuyler but sensible of the additional heavy Burthen it will lay upon the Colony, are extremely desirous to have the Time of sinking the Money postponed till the Province can have discharged the unprecedented Taxes already laid on it, and therefore to prevent unnecessary Delay and Trouble, would desire to be informed whether he is at Liberty the necessity of the Times considered to consent to an Act, for emitting a Sum of Paper Money with a longer Time than heretofore to Sink it in.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 o'Clock

Wednesday May 26. 1756

The House met

Mr Read reported that Mr Spicer, Mr Learning and himself assisted by Mr Speaker, had delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted to his Excellency, who was pleased to say he would send the House a Message in answer thereto.

At.

Mr. Smith from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill entitled an Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Elsenborough in the County of Salem to keep out the Tide &c. reported the same without any Amendments; which Bill being again read was agreed to by the House.

Ordered

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Spicer from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled an Act to enable the Possessors of two Several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh lying and Adjoining on the North side of Johanswy Creek &c. to stop out the Tide &c. reported the same without any amendments, which bill being again read was agreed to by the House.

Ordered

That the said Bill be engrossed

It appearing to this House that Johannes Belesvelt & Peter Vanallen have taken the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration Prescribed by Law; Whereupon (Mr. Vangieson agreeable to leave given in their behalfs Brought in a Bill Entitled an Act, for Naturalizing Johannes Belesvelt & Peter Vanallen; which was read and Ordered a Second reading.

Mr. Smith from the Committee Appointed for that purpose

purpose brought in a Bill for the Support of Government, which was read and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr. Spicer from the Committee Appointed for that purpose, brought in a Bill for the Striking £15,000 in Bills of Credit, for the Subsistance and Pay of the Forces of this Colony &c. which was read and Ordered a Second Reading.

The engrossed Bill entitled An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows & Marshes at Esenborough in the County of Salem to keep out the Tide &c. was read and compared, and on the Question

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass

Ordered

That Mr. Read and Mr. Hancock do carry the said Bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill entitled An Act to enable the Possessors of two several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Chansy Creek &c. to keep out the Tide &c. was read and compared, and on the Question

Resolved

That the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered

That Mr. Read and Mr. Hancock do carry the said Bill to ^{the} Council for concurrence

The

The Bill entitled An Act for Naturalizing Johannes Beles-
velth & Peter Vanallen was read the second Time and com-
mitted to Mr. Ward & Mr. Dehart.

The House adjourned till 2 P.M.

The House met

A Written Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

" I have considered your Message of Yesterday, and as I always
" have done so I shall continue to do every thing in my
" power to make his Majesty's good people of this Province
" easy. But to consent to an Act for emitting a sum of
" Paper Currency, in a longer time than heretofore to sink it,
" would be in such Breach of the Kings Royal Orders to me
" in that Behalf, as well as a Neglect of Letters I have received
" from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for
" Trade & Plantations, that I dare not presume to give my
" assent to a Bill for issuing any paper Currency, so as to pro-
" tract the time for drawing in the same beyond what has
" been practised in the late Emissions, But if the Council &
" Assembly are minded to make application to his Majesty
" for lengthening out the Funds for any future Emissions I
" shall readily give my assistance in Writing to the Kings
" Ministers favourably in case to the Kings Good Subjects
" of this Province, on this head

Elizabeth Town

J. Belcher.

Council Chamber May 20. 1736

• It was read from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled an Act for naturalizing Johannes Belesvelt and Peter Vanallen reported the same without any amendments, and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered.

That the said Bill be engrossed.

• A Petition from the Prisoners for Debt in Trenton Goals, was presented to the House, praying to be released from their Confinement; which was read & referred to further Consideration.

The Bill for Support of Government, was read the Second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Petition from several of the Inhabitants of Elizabeth Town for Satisfaction of the Damages they sustained by having their Horses impressed and detained in his Majesty's Service, was read the Second Time & referred to the Committee on the Bill for Support of Government.

An Account was laid before the House, from the Board of Justices & Freeholders of Hunterdon County containing the Charges of Confining and Supporting several Indians in Trenton Goals; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Bill for Support of Government.

An Account was laid before the House, from Joshua Bispham Esq of Burlington County, relating to his Tendering the Qualifications Prescribed in his Excellency's

Proclamation

Proclamation, to several Indians, and furnishing them with the Badge Certificates &c. which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Bill for Support of Government.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for Support of Government &c. After some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Nevill (Chairman of the Committee) reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and come to several Resolutions, which by leave he reported and delivered in at the Table where the said Resolutions with the said Bill being again read, and were as follows.

Resolved.

That in and by said Bill when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq. One Thousand Pounds Per Annum. And on the Question whether the House agree thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas	Yeas	Nays	
. Mr Stevens	. Mr Vangeson	. Mr Holmes	} 2 for 1500
. Mr Nevill	. Mr Smith	. Mr Newbold	
. Mr Witherill	. Mr Hancock	. Mr Paxson	
. Mr Dehart	. Mr Miller	. Mr Spicer	
. Mr Bradberry	. Mr Learning		
. Mr Fisher	. Mr Yard		
. Mr Hoopland	. Mr Middagh		
. Mr Maclean			

To Samuel Smith Esq. Second Justice of the Supreme Court, Twenty five Pounds Per Annum.

To Richard Salter third Justice of the Supreme Court
Twenty five pounds per annum.

To Courtlandt Skinner Esq Attorney General of this
Colony. Thirty pounds per annum.

To Andrew Johnston and Samuel Smith Esq^s
Treasurers of this Colony. Forty pounds per annum each.

To Charles Read Esq^e Clerk of the Council. Thirty
pounds per annum.

To Richard Partridge Esq Agent of this Colony.
Eighty pounds per annum.

To John Smyth Esq Clerk of the Records of this
Colony. Twenty pounds per annum.

To the Door keeper of the Council. Ten pounds per annum.

To Jonathan Belcher Esq Sixty pounds per
annum for House Rent, and on the Question whether
the House Agrees thereto or not; it passed in the Affirmative.

Year	Year	Year
Mr Stevens	Mr Read	Mr Helmer
Mr. Verill.	Mr. Smith	Mr. Woodcock
Mr. Lehart	Mr. Hancock	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Bradberry	Mr. Miller	Mr. Spicer
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Leaming	
Mr. Hoagland	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Prichard	Mr. Muddagh	
Mr. Kangesen		

To the Chief Justice, or any one of the Justices of the
Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer
and Terminer in the manner prescribed by Statute, the
Sum of Ten pounds each Time.

To each of the Council the Time they have respectively attended or shall attend, at this or at any other sitting of General Assembly within the time aforesaid, six shillings per Diem.

To the Clerks of the House of Representatives, for their attendance the Sum of Eight Shillings per Diem, also four pence per sheet reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, also to Abraham Clerk Jun^r one of the Clerks, Eight Pounds for Pen Ink and Paper at this and former sittings.

To the Secretary for Charges attending Expresses to this Time Eighteen pounds twelve Shillings, and in full of the Charges attending the late Indian Treaty at Presicks Fifty Pounds eleven Shillings and Eleven pence.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, six pence per pound for exchanging ragged and Torn Bills of Credit.

To James Parker or any others Printer, for Printing the Minutes of the House during the continuance of this Act; and to William Bradford for Printing the Laws passed at this or any other Sitting as aforesaid; such Sums as Charles Read, Hendrick Fisher, John Johnston Henry Payson and John Ladd Esq^r or any two of them shall agree to be paid them for the said Services.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being who hath or shall attend the House of Representatives during the said Term. The Sum of Three Shillings per Diem.

To the Sergeant at Arms for the Time being who hath or shall attend the Council as aforesaid, the Sum of Three Shillings per Diem.

To the Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives for the Time being who hath or shall attend in manner aforesaid the Sum of three Shillings & six pence per Diem.

To Joshua Bingham Esq in full of his Account for registering and providing Badges for the Indians Six pounds.

To the Sheriff of Hartford in full of his Account for maintaining an Indian Prisoner, Six pounds two Shillings and Eight pence.

To Samuel Moorhead Esq in full of his Account for Badges for Indians and their Wives, Seven pounds two Shillings and Three pence.

To Alvin Becker Esq for himself & Associates for escorting some Indians to Elizabeth Town, Five pounds Eight Shillings.

To Jacob Behart to pay salary Dennis the Sum of Twenty Shillings per Week for the use of a Room Fire Wood and Candles for the House during this and the late sittings of Assembly.

To Andrew Johnson Esq the Sum of fifteen Shillings per Week to pay for the Use of a Room Fire Wood and Candles for the Council during this or any other sitting within the said time.

To each of the Members of the House of Representatives for their attendance at this or any other sitting during

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Ordered.

A Message is in the Evening by Mr. Ashfield announcing the House that the Council have agreed to bill entitled An Act for the more effectual obstructing the Execution of Provisions &c. with an amendment thereto, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered.

Mr. Read reported that Mr. Hancock and himself delivered the two Bills with them entrusted to the Council.

Thursday May 2^d 1756

The Bill intitled An Act for the more effectual Abstracting the Librations & Transfers and Warlike Stores from the Colonies &c &c &c. Passed, as engrossed with the Councils Assent

Amendment being read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved

That the same do pass

Ordered

That M^r Fisher & M^r Venable do carry the same to the Com^{rs}

The Bill entitled An Act for making current 15000 &c^{ts} was read the Second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill for making current 15000 &c^{ts} After some time spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r Hancock Chairman of the Committee reported that the Committee had made some progress in the matters to them referred and desired leave to sit Again. to which the House agreed.

M^r Read from the Committee appointed to inspect what Laws have expired or are now expiring, reported that the following Laws will expire the end of this Session, or soon after viz^t

An Act to prevent Actions of Trespass & under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Province.

An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony for the Trial of small causes.

An Act for the better enabling of creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who Obscure themselves.

An Act for better Settling and regulating the Militia &c^{ts}

of the Colony & how to act for the repelling Invasions, and
suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.

Ordered

That Mr. Merrill and Mr. Spicer do bring in a Bill to further
continue the said Law.

Mr. Merrill accordingly brought in a Bill entitled An
Act for continuing General's School which was read, and
Ordered a Second Reading.

Wellsburg Decr 11th 1756 by Mr. Secretary

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I have this morning received by Express, a Letter and an Affidavit
giving some melancholy Accounts from the Frontiers
which the Secretary by my order shall lay before you. It is
very happy that the Legislature is now sitting, that im-
mediate Measures may be taken for the better protection
of the Colony in which it is now apparent the Savage
Enemy have commenced their Barbarities. It is absolutely
necessary, that a Law should pass for the Regulating
of the Forces Stationed there, and that suitable Provision
should be made for a Commander in Chief, as may engage
some Person of Reputation and Abilities to accept of
the Command where by these Troops will be rendered vastly
more usefull. It then occurs to your minds you will
easily conceive, that Destruction and Devastation
must follow.

J. Belcher
Council Chamber Decr 2nd 1756

The House adjourned till two P.M.

The House met.

The Bill entitled "An Act for continuing several Acts of Assembly &c" was read the Second Time and committed to Mr Ladd & Mr Newbold.

The House again Resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for making current £15000 &c after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Hancock Chairman of the Committee reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto which he is ready ~~which he is ready~~ to report when the House will receive the same.

Ordered

That the Report be made Tomorrow Morning

A Message from his Excellency by Mr Secretary
Gentlemen of the General Assembly

" I have just now received repeated Accounts of
" the Murders and Depredations committed by the enemy
" in the County of Supers. I now send them to you for
" your deliberate Consideration; that something may be
" done before this Session is over for the more effectual
" Protection and Defence of the Poor people on the
" Frontiers, or I am afraid Distress will soon come upon
" the Province as an Armed Man!

General Chamber May 27. 1756 J. Belcher

• Mr Fisher reported that Mr Smith on his return delivered the Bill with the instructions to the Council.

• A Message from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill entitled An Act for continuing several Acts of Assembly &c. reported the said Bill without any amendment, and that same being read again was agreed to by the House.

Ordered

That the said Bill be engrossed

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act for Support &c. was read and carried, and on the Question.

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered

That Mr Head & Mr Smith do carry the said Bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill entitled An Act for naturalizing Johannes Beilbrecht & Peter Kamatten was read and carried, and on the Question.

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass

Ordered

That Mr Freeland and Mr Tangesendo carry the said Bill to the Council for concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr Whitfield acquainting the

The House that the Council have passed the Bill entitled
 An Act to Enable the Owners of some Meadows and
 Marshes at Elsenborough in the County of Salem to keep
 out the Tide from overflowing the same without any
 amendment.

Mr Smith reported that Mr Read himself delivered
 the Bill with them entrusted to the Speaker in Council.

Mr Vangeson reported that Mr Triant and himself
 delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Council.

The House Adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock

Friday May 22 1736

The House met

The engrossed Bill entitled An Act for continuing
 several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which
 will expire at the end of this present Session It was
 read and Compared, and on the Question.

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass

Ordered

That Mr Holmes and Mr Miller do carry the said
 Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to this House from sundry
 of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Gloucester & Bar-
 ington, setting forth the Damages they frequently sus-
 tain by having their swine killed by Bears. Desiring
 That

• An Act for giving rewards to such as may kill any *dc* who he was read and referred to further Consideration when the House shall meet at Burlington.

• A Petition was presented to the House from Sundry of the Inhabitants of the County of Salem, living near the River Delaware, setting forth the Danger they are exposed to from the Enemy, in Case of a War with France, praying that a proper Watch may be appointed and supported by the Province, and placed along the said River, to give Intimation if any of the Enemy's Ships or Forces should appear in said River, which was read and referred to further Consideration.

• A Message from the Council by M^r Ashfield, acquainting the House that the Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act for Naturalizing Johannes Betesvelt and Peter Vanallen without any Amendment.

• M^r Holmes reported that M^r Miller and himself delivered the Bill with them intrusted to the Council.

• Agreeable to the order of Yesterday M^r Hancock Chairman of the Committee to whom was committed the Bill for making Current £15000 *dc* reported the said Bill with the amendments ^{made} by the Committee there, being now Entitled an Act for making Current £17500 in Bills of Credit for the further supply and Pay of the Forces lately raised in this Colony under the Command of Col^l Peter Schuyler and also for subsisting and paying such of the Troops of this Colony as

as may be found necessary to remain in defence of our Frontiers or that may be detached from thence in pursuing the Indian Enemy into their Places of Retreat and Three Thousand five hundred Pound more for exchanging ragged and Torn Bills; and for directing the manner how the £17,500 shall be sunk, which said Bill as amended being read was agreed to by the House.

Ordered

The said Bill be engrossed

Ordered Wth Read

That Mr Stevens and Mr Fisher be a Committee to bring in a Bill for regulating the Taxes on the Frontiers of this Colony &c. and making further Provisions for their Pay

The House adjourned till Tue PM

The House met.

Ordered

That the Commissioners, Companies and other Publick Officers concerned in laying out the Money for the Present and late Expeditions do lay their Accounts before the House the first day of the next sitting for doing the Publick business of the Colony.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in the Draught of an Address to his Excellency which was twice read, and agreed to by the House and ordered to be engrossed.

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The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered

That M^r Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered

That M^r Spicer and M^r Stevens do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

M^r Stevens reported that M^r Spicer and himself had waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say he would receive their Address tomorrow.

The several Petitions from the County of Morris Praying for Liberty to chuse Members of Assembly ~~was~~ read the Second Time, and referred to the next sitting of the Assembly at Burlington?

The House taking into consideration an Account of Doct^r Barnett for Service done to Peter Donally one of the late Prisoners on the Frontiers who was wounded in Pennsylvania

Resolved

That it is the Opinion of this House the Commissary ought to pay for his Services and Medicines on that Occasion the sum of \$13. 2. 4 Proclamation Money.

The Petition of Peter Salnave was read the second time,

Resolved

That it is the Opinion of this House that the Commissary ought

ought to adjust his accounts and pay so much as shall be found to be just.

The Petition of Peter Donally was read the second time.

Resolved

That it is the Opinion of this House, that if the Com^{rs} say Alloc^{ns} him the Sum of Ten Pounds Proclamation, as an Allowance for the loss of Time, by being wounded, it will be allowed him in his Accounts.

The House adjourned for half an Hour.

The House met.

It was read from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill entitled An Act for the better regulation of the Forces on the Frontiers &c. which was read and ordered a Second Reading.

The House adjourned till To morrow Morning of Clock
Saturday May 29th 1756.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from two Inhabitants of Sussex County, praying for Protection against the Savage Indians, which was read and referred to further Consideration.

A Message from the Council by Mr. St. John, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill for Support of Government without any amendment.

The engrossed Bill, entitled an Act for making Current, Seventeen Thousand five hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit &c.

was read and compared and on the Question whether the said Bill do pass or not; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas	Nays	Nays
Mr Stevens	Mr Read	Mr Holmes
Mr Stevill	Mr Woodcock	Mr Smith
Mr Wetherill	Mr Payson	Mr Lanning
Mr Le Harb	Mr Ladd	Mr Thayer
Mr Bradberry	Mr Hancock	
Mr Fisher	Mr Miller	
Mr Hogland	Mr Ward	
Mr Prentiss	Mr Woodhugh	
Mr Longfellow		

Resolved

That the said Bill do pass

Ordered

That Mr Read and Mr Ward do carry the said Bill to the Council for their concurrence.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr Secretary

Mr Speaker his Excellency is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr Speaker left the Chair and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency and presented their Address in the Words following

To His Excellency Jonathan Bletcher Esq; Captain General & Governor in Chief and over his Majesty's Province of New Jersey and Territories thereunto depending in America Chancellor, Vice Admiral in the said Province

The Humble Address of the Representatives
of the said Province in General Assembly, &c.
May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects the
Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General
Assembly convened esteem our selves beholden to the Good-
ness and Bounty of his Majesty and his Parliament for
their late Donation to this Province, as well as for their
continue care of the Colonies in General; and if we receive
a proportionable part of the Sum said to be Granted for the
Northern Colonies, it will in some measure be a seasonable
Alleviation of a Burthen that notwithstanding will be full
heavy for this Province to bear.

We have done what is at present in our power to
effect the Settlement of the Accounts of the Publick Treas-
ure and shall continue our care in having the same
finished as soon as it is convenient.

Your Excellency will perceive by the Bills we
have introduced, that the necessary attention hath been given
as well to the fresh calls from the Frontiers as to the further
Supplying the Forces under Gen^l Schuyler, the forwarding
a Law for a General Prohibition, the Support of Govern-
ment and the continuance of such Laws as will expire at
the end of this Session or soon after. all which when passed
by the Council we hope will receive your Excellency's consent
that this Session may determine as soon as may be

Assembly Chamber By order of the House
May 28 1750. Rob^t Laurence Speaker

So then the Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills Enacting the same, Viz.

- 1st An Act for the more effectual Restricting the Exportation of Provisions and War like Stores from the Colony of New Jersey.
- 2nd An Act for the Support of Government of his Majestys Colony of New Jersey, to commence the 1st May 1756 and to end the 21st May 1757; and to discharge the Publick Debt, and the contingent Charges thereof; and for settling the Duties in the Respective Counties, and Levying a Provincial Tax.
- 3rd An Act for continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which will expire at the end of this Session by their Own Limitation seven years after.
- 4th An Act to enable the Owners of some Meadows and Marshes at Escondoborough in the County of Salem, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same.
- 5th An Act for Naturalizing Johannes Petersen & Peter Smullen.

The House adjourned till two P.M.

The House met

Mr. Ward Reported that Mr. Read and himself delivered the Bill which they entrusted to the Council.

The Bill Entitled An Act for the better regulating the Forces on the Frontiers &c. was read the second time and refers to further Consideration on Monday next.

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The House adjourned till Monday morning 9 O'clock
Monday May 31. 1756

The House met.

The House resumed the further consideration of the Bill entitled An Act for the better Regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers &c and the said Bill was again read, and several Amendments being thereunto made was agreed to by the House.

Ordered

That the same be Enrolled.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on Raccoon Creek in the parish of Gloucester praying a Law to pass for Damming of the said Creek and draining the said Meadows which was read and referred to further Consideration at the next sitting of Assembly at Burlington.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 O'clock

Tuesday June 1. 1756

The House met.

The Engrossed Bill Entitled An Act for the better Regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers &c was read 2^d time and on the Question

Resolved

That the same do pass

Ordered

That Mr Stevens & Mr Fisher do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by M^r Ashfield acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act to enable the Proprietors of the several Tracts of Idle Meadow and Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Charnsey Creek without any Amendments.

A Message from the Council by M^r Ashfield acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill entitled an Act for making Current Seventeen thousand five hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit. without any amendments.

The House adjourned till Tue 2 P.M.

The House met

Ordered

That James Parker do print Two hundred Ninety five Sets of the Votes of this House, being first perused & signed by the Speaker and send Fifty two to the Treasurer of the Eastern Division to be distributed as follows. viz.

To the Governor.	8	The Officers of the House & Council	1
each of the Council.	2	Each	
the Agent	6	The Clerk of the House for the Use of the House	4

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the House, in their order as follows.

for Perth & Amboy	10	City of Burlington	10
Middlesex	16	County of Burlington	16
Monmouth	36	Gloucester	16
Essex	25	Salem	10
Somerset	18	Cape May	12

Printed

Hunterdon	31	Warren	21
Morris	18	Super	24

To be distributed in each County as follows

To the Members each	1	Collectors of each County	1
First Judge of St County	1	Collectors of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Judges each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Deputies each	1		

And that the Hunter shall send the remainder to either of the Treasurers to be given as follows

To the Governor	4	Treasurers each	1
each of the Council	1	Attorney General	1
each of the Judges of the	1	Clerks of the House each	1
Supreme Court	1	To the Agent	1
Clerk of said Court for each	1	The Clerks of the House	4
Office	1	for the use of the House	1

Mr Stevens reported that Mr Fisher and himself carried the Bill with them entrusted to the Council.

The House adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock -
 Wednesday June 2^d 1736
 The House met

A Message from the Council by Mr Ashfield acquainting the House that the Council have passed the Bill sent to them for the better Regulation of the Trade on the Frontiers &c.

Order'd
 That Mr Johnston and Mr Stevens do wait on the

the Council, and desire to know if they have any further business before them; if not that this House ^{if possible} to appear to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr Johnston reported that Mr Stevens and himself delivered the above Message to the Council, who say they have no business before them.

Ordered

That Mr Trevitt and Mr Smith do wait on his Excellency and desire he will please to pass the Bills before him, and to dismiss the House as they have no further business before them.

The House adjourned till Two P.M.

The House met

Mr Trevitt reported, that Mr Smith and himself delivered the message of the House with them entrusted to his Excellency who was pleased to say he would send for the House, this day or Tomorrow Morning

He Messaged from his Excellency by Mr Secretary, requiring the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr Speaker left the Chair and with the House went to wait on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills Enacting the same. Viz.

1st An Act for making Current Seventeen Thousand five hundred & Pounds in Bills of Credit for the further Supply and pay of the Forces lately raised in this Colony under the Command of Col^l John Schuyler, and also for subsistence and paying such

such of the Troops of this Colony as may be found necessary to remain in Defence of our Frontiers, and not being detached from thence in pursuing the Indian Enemy in their places of Retreat, and Three thousand five hundred pounds more for exchanging ragged and torn Bills, and for directing the manner how the said Sixteen thousand five hundred Pounds shall be sunk.

2nd An Act for the better Regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers of the Colony of New Jersey in the County of Sussex, for the Protection and Defence of the Persons and Estates of the Inhabitants there, and the Places adjacent.

3rd An Act to enable the Proprietors of two several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Chancery Jack etc, to stop out the Tide etc.

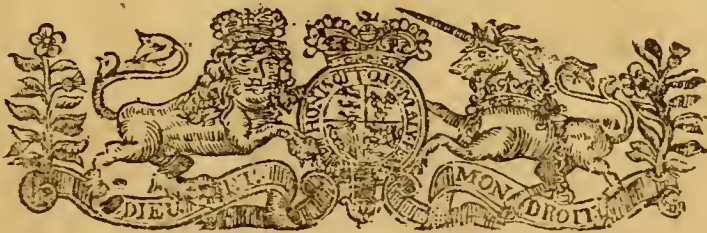
And then he Adjourns the General Assembly to Thursday the First day of July Next.

Examined

By David Brearley

V O T E S
 A N D
 P R O C E E D I N G S
 O F T H E
 General Assembly
 O F T H E
 Province of *NEW-JERSEY.*

At a SESSION held at ELIZABETH-TOWN, by Adjournment,
July 22, 1756, and continued till the 27th Day of the same Month,
 and then prorogued to the 26th Day of *August* following.



Woodbridge, in New-Jersey;
 Printed by *James Parker*, by Order of the General Assembly, 1756.

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Votes of the General Assembly.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, THURSDAY, July 22, 1756.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Adjournments of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself waited upon his Excellency with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say, that the House should hear from him presently.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, acquainting the House, that he desired their Attendance in the Council Chamber immediately :

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy ; which by Order was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly.

SINCE our last Meeting I have received his Majesty's especial Commands, by a Letter of the 13th of *March* last, from the Right Honourable *Henry Fox*, Esq; one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to call you together forthwith, and to lay before you the following Matters of great Importance to the King's Interest and Service, as well as to the Safety and Welfare of this and the neighbouring Colonies : And in the first Place, that the King's Regiments (as well the three stationed in *Nova-Scotia*, as the four in the Province of *New-York*;) should be recruited as soon as possible, to their full Compliments of a Thousand Men each ; and that you shou'd, in the best Manner you can, make the most early and effectual Provision for assisting his Majesty's Officers to raise such a Number of Men, as shall be sufficient to recruit the King's Regiments now stationed, or to be stationed in *North-America*, up to their Establishments ; and that the King, in order to encourage in a Service so essential for your own Defence, does consent, that such Recruits shall not be obliged to serve any where but in *North-America*, and shall be discharged when Hostilities shall cease, and each of them to have a Grant of Two Hundred Acres of Land, free from Quit-Rents for Ten Years, either in the Province of *New-York*, *New-Hampshire*, or *Nova-Scotia*, at their own Choice ; and these Lands to be granted them on producing their Discharge from the Commander in Chief, to the Governor of either of the said Provinces respectively ; and in Case they should be killed in the Service, their Widows and Children shall be intituled to the said Lands in such Proportion as the Governor and Council of the Province where such Lands lye, shall direct.

‘ I am also commanded to acquaint you with his Majesty’s great Goodness, in having recommended your Case to the Consideration of his Parliament, who have granted the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Pounds, to be distributed as the King shall think proper, to the four Provinces of *New-England*, and those of *New-York* and *New-Jersey*; and thereby enabled his Majesty, not only to manifest his Sense of their past Services, but also to encourage them for the Future, to exert themselves in the Service with Spirit and Vigour: That his Majesty expects that you will heartily and zealously concur in every Measure which shall be thought advisable for carrying on the War in *North-America*.

‘ I am also to acquaint you, that for your Ease and Encouragement, and for making the Service less burthensome to you, Magazines of Stores and Provisions of all kinds, are laid up at the sole Expence of the Crown, for all such Troops as are join’d in the general Cause of the Defence of these Colonies.

‘ His Majesty also expects, that you make Provision out of any Funds already existing, or that may hereafter be raised for the King’s Service, for repaying the Masters of such indented Servants as shall engage in his Majesty’s Service, the Money paid by the said Masters on the original Contracts, in Proportion to the Time such indented Servants have to serve: And the King expects you shou’d appropriate such Part of any Funds that may be raised for the publick Service, to be issued and applied in such Manner as the Commander in Chief shall direct.

‘ I have it likewise in Command from the King, to recommend to you, in the strongest Manner, the Passing an effectual Law, for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the *French*, and for preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all kinds to any of their Islands or Colonies.

‘ I am also to inform you, that his Majesty judges it to be of the greatest Importance, in the present Situation of Affairs, that he be truly and exactly informed of the real State of Defence of this Colony, as well in Relation to the Ordnance and Stores of War, as to the Forts and Fortifications, and the Number of the Inhabitants; and that therefore, there shou’d be prepared, and transmitted to the Earl of *London*, or to the Commander in Chief for the Time being, an exact and particular Account, in which is to be express’d, the present actual State and Quantity of the Cannon, Ammunition, and other Ordnance and military Stores belonging to this Colony, either in the publick Magazines, or in the Possession of the Militia or other private Persons, together with the true State of all Places either already fortified, or which may be judged forthwith necessary to be fortified; and an Opinion at large, in what Manner his Majesty may further contribute to the Defence and Security of these Colonies.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ By what I have now recited to you, out of the Secretary of State’s Letter, you will see his Majesty’s tender paternal Regard for these Colonies, for saving and defending them from falling into the Hands of *French* Tyranny, with its Train of dreadful Evils, and to promote and establish the lasting Welfare and Happiness of his good Subjects in *North-America*: I therefore hope you will most sedately consider these Matters; and that you will exert yourselves with such Duty, Alacrity and Zeal herein, as may best answer his Majesty’s just Expectations from you; and to these Things, I desire your full and very particular Answer.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ By a Letter I received a few Days ago, from Major-General *Abercromby*, from *Albany*, he acquaints me, that Sir *William Johnson* had concluded a Treaty of Peace with the *Delaware* and *Shawanese* Indians, and that they have taken up the Hatchet against the *French* and their Indians; upon which I immediately sent an Express to Col. *Debart*, on our Frontiers, not to suffer any of his People to go out of the Bounds of this Province, or in any Way or Manner to commit any Injuries or Hostilities on the said *Delaware* or *Shawanese* Indians. I daily expect a Copy of this Treaty, and shall then issue a Proclamation of Peace in Conformity thereto.

‘ But this notwithstanding, I am to inform you, that by Letters I have received a few Days ago from the Governors of *Virginia* and *Pennsylvania*, the *French*, with a great Number of foreign Indians, were marching, and proposed coming into these Southern Colonies, to plunder and murder; and upon this Advice, I dispatched a Courier to Col. *Debart*, to be diligent, and well upon his Guard, to repel any Attempts they may make upon this Province.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ As His Majesty is giving us continual Instances of his Royal Wisdom, in the fatherly Care he takes for the Safety and Prosperity of these his Provinces; I hope we shall make a dutiful Return, in pursuing all such Measures with Zeal and Unanimity, to the Utmost of our Power, as may have the best Tendency to his Majesty’s Interest and Service, and to the better Establishment of our own just Rights and Liberties.

Elizabeth-Town. Council-Chamber.
July 22. 1756.

J. Belcher.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter he had received from the Agent, of the 7th of *May* last, inclosing his Account against the Province to the 23d of *September*, 1756; and making a Ballance due to him of £. 163 : 16 : 7, Sterling; which was read, and referred to the Consideration of the House at the usual Time of doing the publick Business.

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

Friday, July 23, 1756.

The House met,

His Excellency’s Speech was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency’s Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency’s said Speech, and come to a Resolution, That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech, To which the House agreed.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Read*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the same; which being read Paragraph by Paragraph, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The engross'd Address to his Excellency was read and compar'd:

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Paxson* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the above Message; who was pleased to say, he would receive the Address some Time To-morrow.

Mr. *Spicer* laid before the House two Letters he had received from the Agent, (and a Copy of his Answer thereto;) which were read.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock:

Saturday, July 24, 1756.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, acquainting the House, that his Excellency requires their Attendance in the Council-Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address in the Words following.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province, in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency;

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, think it necessary in Answer to the first Part of your Excellency's Speech, to remark, that we are not conscious of the King's Service having hitherto been retarded in this Government; and with equal Pleasure are well assured, that the necessary Assistance, (so far as it lies in the Power of our Inhabitants) towards recruiting the King's Regiments, and to every other Purpose conducive to his Majesty's Honour

Honour and Interest, will be readily and chearfully given, from a People gratefully sensible of the repeated Instances of his Majesty's tender paternal Care over this, as well as the rest of the Colonies in North-America.

Among several late Instances of this Kind, the representing our Case to the Parliament, in order for a Reimbursement of Part of the heavy Expences that have of late attended this Province, and the Easing us from further Supplying our Troops with Provisions, particularly demand our thankful Acknowledgments, and will enable us to struggle through the Difficulties of keeping them on Foot longer than we could otherwise have done, if his Majesty's Service should require it.

The Funds raised for the Maintenance of the Troops of this Colony, will continue for some Time to come, and in the Manner already appropriated, seems to coincide with his Majesty's Intention; and we hope will prove satisfactory.

As in some Parts of this Province indented Servants but lately made a considerable Share of the Wealth and Dependence of their Masters, who in a great Measure have been deprived of them by the recruiting Officers; and as the Importation of them for a great Number of Years past, has made a large Branch of Business, of great Importance to the Settlement and Welfare of the Country; and from the Uncertainty of the Property, it is now likely the Trade of Servants may in a great Measure, if not wholly cease: We therefore, conceiving it a Matter of extraordinary Moment, think it absolutely necessary to delay the Consideration of paying for them, till we have had an Opportunity of more fully considering the Case, and consulting our Constituents.

The Prohibiting of Provisions and warlike Stores from the French Colonies, being already effectually done by Law; this Part of his Majesty's Expectation is, we presume, fully answered.

We conceive, it will not be difficult for your Excellency to come at a particular Information of the State of this Colony, respecting Defence, in the Manner it has heretofore been done; which appears to us attended with as few Difficulties, and as likely to answer his Majesty's Expectation, as any Method we know of, and better than any Assistance in our Power to give; and doubt not, if your Excellency can point out any additional Security that will be necessary, it will meet with a gracious Reception from his Majesty, who through the Course of a long and prosperous Reign, hath always manifested himself the common Father of all his People.

We highly approve of your Excellency's ordering Hostilities to cease against the Indians, and of your Intention of issuing a Proclamation of Peace in Conformity thereto, as soon as a Copy of the Treaty made by Sir William Johnson comes to Hand; and as Peace is now said to be concluded with them, we would desire your Excellency to order One Hundred of our Men on the Frontiers, to be disbanded, and the Remainder of them also as soon as it can be done with Safety to the Inhabitants.

Justice to the Publick, and to our Selves, makes it necessary to observe, (tho' our Regard for your Excellency, and the anxious Cares of your Station under such Infirmities of Body, renders it a very unpleasant Task,) that as it is evident the King's Service could not have suffered, if your Excellency had not now call'd the Assembly, we should have been very glad to have been spared, especially at a Time so particularly inconvenient as that of Harvest. The

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frequent convening the Legislative Body, unless on real and substantial Occasions, increases the publick Charge, and is distressing, considering the Remoteness of your Excellency's Situation from the usual Places of doing Business, extreamly distressing to many of the Members who compose the Legislature; and the Easing the Colony in this Time of common Difficulties, when the Intention of his Majesty's Commands, and the publick Service will allow it, would be gratefully received by us and our Constituents.

Assembly-Chamber,
July 23, 1756.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE,
Speaker.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

It appearing, that *Jacob Dehart*, Esq; one of the Members of this House for the County of *Essex*, hath lately accepted a Post of Profit, whereby his Seat in this House by Law is become void :

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ, for the Election of a Representative for the said County of *Essex*, in the Room of the said *Jacob Dehart*, Esq;

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o' Clock.

Monday, July 26, 1756.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary ; which being read, is in the Words following.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

AS His Majesty so kindly repeats his Care for our Defence and Safety, in building Fortifications where needful in the Province, I should have been glad of your particular Advice and Assistance in such a material Article.

As to the Disbanding One Hundred of the Men now on the Frontiers ; according to the Letters I mentioned in my Speech, from the Governors of *Virginia* and *Pennsylvania*, and which I now send you, I think it will too much expose the Frontiers, to do it at present, and invite the French and Indians that are marching this Way, to infest our Frontiers ; and on this Head I have taken the Advice of his Majesty's Council, a Copy whereof I now send you ; and thus governing myself is exactly conformable to the Act by which these Men were raised, which says, "*And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Forces aforesaid shall be and continue in the Pay of this Colony for Twelve Months after the Publication of this Act, unless Peace shou'd be sooner concluded with the Indian Enemy, so as to render the Inhabitants of this Colony safe from their Depredations ; in which Case it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Consent of his*"

" Majesty's

“ Majesty’s Council, to give Orders for the Disbandment of the said Forces.”
 ‘ And without which Advice and Consent of the Council, the Act does in no
 ‘ Case leave it in my Power to disband the said Forces.

‘ These Things notwithstanding, upon my receiving an authentick Copy of
 ‘ Sir *William Johnson’s* Treaty with the Indians, I shall immediately summon
 ‘ his Majesty’s Council, and lay the said Treaty before them, and act and do
 ‘ relative to the said Treaty as they shall advise.

‘ I am, *Gentlemen*, greatly surprized at the last Clause of your Address,
 ‘ wherein you seem to insinuate as if it was in my Power to dispense with or
 ‘ disobey his Majesty’s especial Commands, which I told you in my Speech
 ‘ were *forthwith to call you together* ; and upon which I had the Advice of
 ‘ his Majesty’s Council ; and when all the neighbouring Colonies had call’d
 ‘ their Assemblies upon the same Occasion on which I have call’d you, it
 ‘ would certainly have been an Act of great Neglect, and high Disobedience
 ‘ to his Majesty’s Commands, for me not to have done it ; and I think, upon
 ‘ deliberate Consideration, you must see this Matter in the same Light that I
 ‘ do ; Nor have I at any Time call’d you together, but in exact Conformity
 ‘ to his Majesty’s Royal Instructions in that Behalf : And as I have constantly
 ‘ studied the Ease of the Legislature and the People, as to the Sessions of
 ‘ General Assembly, you may most assuredly depend, I shall continue so to do
 ‘ for the Future, by not calling you together, unless his Majesty’s especial
 ‘ Service, together with the Interest and Welfare of the Province, shall
 ‘ require it.

Elizabeth-Town, Council-Chamber,
July 25. 1756.

J. Belcher.

His Excellency by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House the several Papers
 referred to in his Message ; which were also read.

The House adjourn’d till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning Nine o’ Clock.

Tuesday, July 27, 1756.

The House met,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Yard* do go to the Council, and desire to know,
 if they have any Business before them ; if not, that this House intends to
 apply to his Excellency to be dismiss’d.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Yard* and himself had waited on the Council,
 who said they had Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnson* and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint
 him, that the House having had no Business before them for some Time, and
 the Council having informed us they have no Business before them, and being
 desirous of returning as soon as possible to our Harvest, beg his Excellency
 will be pleased to dismiss the House.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, that he had several Things to lay before the House, which he should do in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; which being read, is in the Words following.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

YESTERDAY in the Afternoon I received from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudon*, the following Letters; and as there are Matters in them that nearly affect the Safety and Welfare of this Province, I think proper to communicate them to you.

Whitehall, May 17, 1756. A Letter from the Right Honourable *Henry Fox*, Esq; one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, with the King's Declaration of War against the French King.

May 11, A Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Halifax*.

New-York, July 23. A Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudon*.

Treasury-Chamber, May 15. A Letter from Mr. *West*, about the £. 5,000, Sterling, given by his Majesty to this Province.

London, April 3. A Letter from Messrs. *John Hanbury* and *John Thomson*, relating to the aforesaid £. 5,000.

These Letters you will read, and which you will find full of the King's paternal Regard and Goodness to this Province, and to the Happiness of all his Subjects; and I wou'd also recommend to you, the Earl of *Loudon*'s kind Offers, to do all in his Power for promoting the Interest and Welfare of *New-Jersey*: And if you find any Thing necessary to be done upon these Letters on your Part, I desire you will proceed to consider them with due Deliberation as soon as you can, that this Session may be concluded, and you be dismiss'd to your several Places of Abode.

*Eliz. Town, Council Chamber,
July 27, 1756.*

J. Belcher.

The House taking into Consideration the above Message, with the several Letters and Papers therein mentioned.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Fisher* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, That the House have perused the several Papers his Excellency was pleased to communicate; and if any Thing can at present add to the high Opinion

Opinion we entertain of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudon*, it is his Letter to his Excellency of the 23d Instant, particularly the following kind Declaration, which cannot fail of having the best Effect on the Minds of our Inhabitants, *viz.* “ I will beg your Excellency to assure the good People of “ your Province, that they may depend upon my Protection, and my utmost “ Care to avoid and remove (as far as the Circumstances of a Country become “ the Seat of War will admit,) every Thing that may any Way burthen “ or hurt the Interest of any Individual.” The said Gentlemen are also to inform his Excellency, that the House have nothing more before them, and desire he will please to dismiss them.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House presently, and dismiss them.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; who was pleased to prorogue the House to the 26th Day of *August* next.

N. B. *The Reader is desired to correct the following Mistakes in the last Votes with his Pen, to wit. Page 11, Line 33, instead of Eighty, read Eighteen; and Page 15, Line 35, instead of with the Amendments made by the COUNCIL thereto, read, with the Amendments made by the COMMITTEE thereto.*



By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do hereby appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,

Speaker.



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O F T H E
General Assembly
O F T H E
Province of *NEW-JERSEY.*

At a SITTING at ELIZABETH-TOWN, *October* 12, 1756, and continued to the 15th of the same Month, and then adjourned to the 11th Day of *November* following.



Woodbridge, in New-Jersey;
Printed by *James Parker*, by Order of the General Assembly, 1756.



Votes of the General Assembly.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, TUESDAY, October 12, 1756.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Johnston* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, the House are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the above Message, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House To-morrow Morning.

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

Wednesday, October 13, 1756.

The House met,

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House, in the Council Chamber immediately :

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had (to prevent Mistakes) obtained a Copy ; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows.

' Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

' SINCE our last Meeting, I received a Letter from the Right Honourable
' the Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces
' in North-America, of the 20th of August last ; which I communicated to
' his Majesty's Council, and they advised to the Calling you together at this
' Time, to lay the Matters contained therein before the whole Legislature ;
' and since that, we have undoubted Accounts of the important Post of
' Oswego, having fallen into the Hands of the French ; and which leaves open
' this and the neighbouring Colonies to the Incursions and Ravages of the
' French and Indians ; and upon this extraordinary Alteration of the Situation
' of the Affairs of this Colony, I shall be glad of your Advice, Aid and
' Assistance, in pursuing such Measures as his Majesty may reasonably expect
' at this critical Conjuncture from us, in Defence of his Interest and Honour,
' as well as for the Safety of his good People under our Care. And as Col.
' Schuyler, with one half of his Regiment, were made Prisoners by the Enemy
' at the Taking of Oswego ; I think the first Thing to be done, is to fill up
' that Regiment in the compleat Manner it was done before ; and that as soon
' as may be, to be sent to Albany, there to follow such Orders as they may
' receive from the Earl of Loudoun. And as our Frontiers will be greatly
' exposed in the present Circumstances of Affairs, I believe you will think it
' absolutely necessary for the Safety of our poor Neighbours, to add a confi-
' derable Number of Men to those already posted there.

' His

‘ His Majesty having sent over a Number of good Officers, the sooner the Regiment of this Province is recruited and sent to *Albany*, the more it will advance the King’s Service; as they will have the Advantage of being trained and disciplined by the aforesaid Officers, and become ready for such Service as the King’s General may judge proper to employ them about in the Winter Season. And I cannot conclude this Article, without recommending to you your generous Care and Concern for the very worthy Col. *Schuyler*, with the other Officers and the Men now in the Hands of the Enemy, that they be well supported by you, and that you contribute all in your Power for the obtaining their Freedom. By Lord *Loudoun*’s Letter (which I herewith deliver you) you will see his Lordship, in this Crisis of Affairs, earnestly demands your Assistance; and I urge you in the warmest Manner, to do all you can in answer to what his Lordship presses on this Head.

‘ And as the Colonies of *New-England* have very handsomely exerted; I hope you will not fail to follow their wise Resolutions for the common Good and Safety.

‘ Since our last Sitting, I have received by his Majesty’s Ship the *Sterling-Castle*, the Sum of £. 4774 : 12 : 3, Sterling; being the Ballance of the £. 5000, allotted to this Province out of the £. 115,000, granted by Parliament: His Majesty in his Warrant to his Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, for paying the said Money, is pleased to express himself thus; “Whereas the House of Commons have granted unto Us the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Pounds, upon Account to be distributed to the Colonies of *New-England*, *New-York* and *New-Jersey*, in such Proportion as We should think fit, as a free Gift and Reward for their past Services, and an Encouragement to them to continue to exert themselves with Vigour in Defence of our just Rights and Possessions.”

‘ And the said Money I immediately paid over into the Hands of Mr. Treasurer *Johnston*, agreeable to the King’s Warrant, which says, “It shall there remain until it be disposed of for the publick Service by an Act of the Legislature.” So in this Matter we shou’d now do with the Money what may most of all advance his Majesty’s Honour and Interest, together with the Good and Wellfare of this Province; and as I have often Complaints from the Inhabitants of the Province, that they want Arms and Ammunition, and can’t get them; I should think it proper to apply a considerable Part of this Money, to purchase a Stock of Arms and Ammunition, to be ready on all Occasions for the Use of the Province. And before I conclude this Article, I am persuaded of your thinking with me, that his Majesty’s free Gift to the Colonies, together with his great Goodness in taking upon him the Charge of subsisting the Troops you may raise, must be a farther Inducement to your augmenting the Number of Men, to join the King’s Forces under the more particular and immediate Command of the King’s General the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudoun*, and which I most earnestly recommend to your Consideration.

‘ I have received his Majesty’s Royal Orders by a Letter from one of his principal Secretaries of State, of the 18th of *June* last, to receive such French Prisoners, as the Commanders of his Majesty’s Ships may apply to me to set on Shore in this Province: You will therefore make proper Provision for defraying the Charge that may at any Time arise on such Occasions.

‘ A few

‘ A few Days ago I received his Majesty’s Royal Orders, of the 5th of *July* last, relative to a Prohibition of all Correspondence with the Subjects of the French King ; and I now give you what his Majesty commands on this Occasion ; “ Whereas by Our Declaration, dated the 17th Day of *May* last, We have thought fit to declare War against the French King, his Subjects and Vassals ; and whereas We have been informed, that heretofore in Times of War, Our Subjects in several of our Colonies and Plantations in *America*, have corresponded with our Enemies, and supplied them with Provisions and warlike Stores, whereby Our Service has been greatly prejudiced, and the Safety of Our Dominions endangered : It is therefore Our express Will and Pleasure, that you do, with the Advice of Our Council, take the most speedy and effectual Measures to hinder all Correspondence between any of Our Subjects inhabiting Our Province of *New-Jersey*, under your Government, and the Subjects of the said French King ; and to prevent any of the Colonies or Plantations belonging to our Enemies, or other Places possessed by them in *America*, being supplied either by Sea or Land from our said Province under your Government, with Provisions or warlike Stores of any kind.

“ And in Case you shall find it necessary to have an Act pass’d for the Purposes above mentioned ; you are earnestly to recommend it in Our Name, to Our Council and to the Representatives of our said Province, to prepare and pass such Act.”

‘ As his Majesty is continually sending Forces both by Sea and Land, for the Defence and Protection of his *American* Colonies ; I do in Duty to the King, and in a tender Regard to his good Subjects, most earnestly recommend to you, the passing such an Act ; that while the King (as a kind Father of his People) is taking all possible Care to preserve them, we may not be accessory to our own Ruin and Destruction, by carrying on a Commerce with the Subjects of the French King, and supplying them with Provisions and warlike Stores.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ You will please to consider all I have now laid before you ; and such Articles as may require Money to carry them into Execution (the necessary Acts therefor properly beginning at your House) I shall not doubt your cheerfully doing therein what may most of all conduce to his Majesty’s Interest and Honour, and to the Safety and Welfare of his good Subjects. And you will very particularly look into the Acts relative to Col. *Schuyler*’s Regiment, and the Forces on the Frontiers, and make Provision for their further Payment, and for all other Necessaries relating to them.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ In this Time of increased Danger, I hope there will not arise the least Difficulty or Division in the Legislature ; but that we shall unitedly (Heart and Hand) do all in our Power to promote the Good of the Common Cause, and in Particular the Happiness and Prosperity of the People of *New-Jersey*, under our Care.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
October 13, 1756.*

J. Belcher.

The Letter referred to in his Excellency's Speech was also read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading in the Afternoon.

Robert Ogden, Esq; being returned a Member for the County of *Essex*, in the Room of *Jacob Debart*, Esq; was qualified in the House before Mr. *Hude* and Mr. *Read* ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* do take his Seat in the House.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time.

Resolved,

That this House will continue the Pay and Cloathing of such of the remaining Forces of this Colony, as were lately under Col. *Schuyler*, from the first Day of *November* next, until the Twenty-fifth of *December* following, and from thence till the End of the next Session of General Assembly thereafter.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on his Excellency with the above Resolve, and acquaint him, That as several of the Matters recommended in his Excellency's Speech are of extraordinary Moment, and it being now too late in the Season to do any Thing that will be of Use in the present Campaign, upon the Breaking up of which it is probable some further Plan may be concluded on for the Consideration of the Northern Colonies; which may occasion the Calling us together again: The House therefore desires, his Excellency will be pleased to give us a Recess, till it may be better known what Part it will become the House to act on the present extraordinary Appearance of Things; as there is no Probability that such a Delay can obstruct or hurt the King's Service, and may greatly promote it, by having some fixed and reasonable Scheme prepar'd to go upon, that will be likely to render the Service effectual.

Mr. *Smith* communicated to the House a Letter from the Agent; which was read.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

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

Thursday, October 14, 1756.

The House met.

His Excellency recommended to the House for their Consideration, several Petitions, which he lately received from the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Suffex*, praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that a Store-house or Magazine may be provided in the County of *Suffex*, for the Reception and Preservation of such Stores as may be provided for the Forces on the Frontiers during their Winter's Campaign; which were respectively read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Prisoners for Debt in *Middlesex* County Goal, praying to be released from their Confinements; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Hoggland* do wait on his Excellency, and desire he will be pleased to give the House a Recess, pursuant to the Message of Yesterday.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Hoggland* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, the House shou'd hear from him To-morrow Morning.

The Petitions from the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Suffex*, for providing a Store-house in the County of *Suffex*, were read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition from the Prisoners for Debt in *Middlesex* Goal, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

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

Friday, October 15, 1756.

The House met.

Resolved,

That this House will provide for paying all necessary Expences in Calling the General Assembly together, on any Emergency.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that it is his Excellency's Pleasure, that the House adjourn themselves to the 11th Day of *November* next.

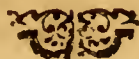
The House accordingly adjourn'd to the 11th Day of *November* next.



Br Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,

Speaker.



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 O F T H E
 General Assembly
 O F T H E
 Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SITTING of General Assembly, held at ELIZABETH-TOWN,
 by Adjournments, began *December* 17, 1756, and continued to the 24th
 of the same Month, and then adjourned to the 20th of *January* next.



Woodbridge, in New-Jersey;
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Votes of the General Assembly.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, FRIDAY, December 17, 1756.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Adjournments of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members met to go upon Business;

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

Saturday, December 18, 1756.

The House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business, the House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o' Clock.

Monday, December 20, 1756:

The House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business met, the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Tuesday, December 21, 1756.

The House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business met, the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Wednesday, December 22, 1756.

The House met,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newill* and Mr. *Smith* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business, are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Newill* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House as soon as a Quorum of the Council were met.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Thursday, December 23, 1756.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House, in the Council Chamber immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker returned the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had (to prevent Mistakes) obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows.

¶ *Gentlemen*

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

*A*T our Meeting in *October* last, I laid before you in the most particular Manner I cou'd, the State of our publick Affairs to that Time; and in your Resolution thereupon, you said, several of the Matters were of extraordinary Moment, but desired a Recess for further Consideration therein; and I now hope you will have Recourse to my Speech then made to you, and duly deliberate, and do in the several Articles what may be necessary for the Honour and Interest of his Majesty, and for the Safety and Welfare of the Province.

That there might be no Reason of Delay, in doing what may be necessary on our Part, for promoting his Majesty's Service, I wrote to the Right Honourable my Lord *Loudoun*, the 14th Current, informing his Lordship that the Assembly would sit at this Time; and his Lordship's Answer to the said Letter I herewith deliver you, and which I think full of Justice, and of a kind Regard to this Province; the best Return whereunto will be your doing all you can (in Conjunction with the other Colonies) in raising a good Number of Men for the common Cause, in Defence of his Majesty's just Rights and Interest, as well as for your own Safety; and that you now come into such reasonable Resolutions, as may facilitate our acting up to our Duty, and which will also in the best Manner express your Gratitude to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudoun*, for all his Goodness to and generous Treatment of this Province.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I believe you will think it absolutely necessary to look into the State of your publick-Funds, in which I understand, by the Officers of the Treasury, there are Deficiencies, especially in the Want of Money to pay the Quarters of the Troops stationed in this Province; as also for Payment of the Men lately under the Command of Col. *Schuyler*, but now devolved on Capt. *John Parker*, whose Letter of the 19th of *November*, I herewith deliver you; and upon the Receipt whereof I sent to the two Treasurers for the Money, whose Answers were, they had no Money for the Occasion; so I was obliged to send away the Messengers without any: I believe you will therefore think it best, in Justice to the People, and for preventing great Desertion, to send away the Money without Delay.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

I hope you will give every Thing laid before you in my Speech of the 13th of *October* past, as also what I have now said to you, their due Weight and Consideration, with good Dispatch; and thereby demonstrate your Duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings, who is always approving himself a nursing Father to his People.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
December 23, 1756.*

J. Belcher.

The Letters referred to in his Excellency's Speech were also read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading in the Afternoon.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, setting forth, that they have lately been compelled to take into their Houses three Companies of his Majesty's Forces quartered in said Town, to their very great Uneasiness and Expence, praying that Provision may be made for the Reception of those Troops as are or may occasionally be quartered there, and that they be supplied with such Necessaries as they have a Right to from the Publick, at a provincial Charge ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition of the Grand Jury of the County of *Monmouth*, was presented to the House, setting forth the great Hardships that Debtors lie under, in being sued and run to great Costs where there is no Dispute or Denial of the Debt ; desiring that some Method may be fallen on to prevent excessive Costs upon such Actions where the Debt is not denied, but that upon the Defendant's confessing Judgment, Execution may be stayed, until such Time as Execution might otherwise be obtained according to common Proceedings ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Complaint of a Committee of the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, that there is in the Hands of *Robert Smith*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office for said County, the Sum of £. 1035, in uncanceled Bills of Credit, which ought to have been paid in and cancelled ; which said Commissioner hath as yet neglected to lay before the said Board ; desiring the said Commissioner may be prosecuted according to Law ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters therein referred to, and his Excellency's Speech of the 13th of *October* last, were committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speeches, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee having had the Matters to them referred under Consideration, are of Opinion, that as the Plan of Operation for the ensuing Campaign is not yet come to the Knowledge of the House, makes it difficult to know what Steps at present it becomes this Colony to take ; and as his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, has informed his Excellency our Governor, that he expects soon to be able to lay before him so much of the said Plan as may be necessary for this Province to know ; it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the principal Matters recommended in his Excellency's Speeches be (for the Reasons given at the last Sitting) deferred to the further Consideration of this Committee when it may better be known what Part it will become this Colony to act ; and that for the present, a Bill be brought in, for continuing the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. *Schuyler*, until the sixth Day of *April* next, and for discharging the Forces on the Frontiers of this Colony ; and that said Committee desired Leave to sit again.

The House taking into Consideration the above Report of the Committee, do agree thereto.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnston* do wait on his Excellency, with a Copy of the said Report.

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That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Wetherill* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for continuing the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. *Schuyler*, &c.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. Schuyler, and for discharging the Forces on the Frontiers of this Colony*; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. Schuyler, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto: Which Bill as amended being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, about quartering Soldiers, was read the second Time; and the Members for the Cities of *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*, and Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*, in Behalf of their Constituents, complained of the same Hardships, upon Account of the Soldiers quartered in *Perth-Amboy*, *Burlington*, *New-Brunswick* and *Prince-Town*; desiring the House will take the same into Consideration, and order proper Relief to the burdened Inhabitants.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be deferred till To-morrow Morning.

Samuel Woodward, Esq; a Captain in the *New-Jersey* Regiment, under Col. *Schuyler*, exhibited to the House a Memorial, complaining, that last Year large Quantities of Gammons and Rum belonging to the Province Stores, were sold to the Soldiers at a very extravagant Rate, by some of the Officers, and a Serjeant in said Regiment; and that the Soldiers under his Command were for some Time reduced to half Allowance: That Capt. *Parker's* Soldiers in their March to our Frontiers, last Winter, committed several Disorders, and took the People's Goods away, and beat some that went in Search of what was taken from them; and that in the last Summer's Campaign, his Soldiers for some Time had no Rum nor Melasses, while Capt. *Parker's* had Plenty; and Rum was sold out of the Province Stores to the Soldiers at a dear Rate: That he was divers Times abused and challenged to Duels, by one Lieut. *Ward*, and at last wounded in the Hand and upper Part of his Breast, with a Sword, by said *Ward*; and of divers other Disorders committed by said *Ward* and Soldiers; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Prisoners for Debt in *Monmouth* County, and one from *John Ilsee*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Borough of *Elizabeth*, were presented to the House, setting forth the Difficulties they labour under, praying an Act for their Relief; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. Schuyler, &c.* was read, and compared ; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Stevens* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

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

Friday, December 24, 1756.

The House met.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, one from the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *New-Brunswick*, and the other from the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth, that several Companies of his Majesty's Forces are quartered upon the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, who are compelled to find them Lodgments, Firewood, Candles, &c. at their own Expence, to the very great Hardship of Particulars ; praying the House to take the Premises into their Consideration, and order proper Relief ; which were respectively read, and referred to the Consideration of the House.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Petition from *Trenton*, and the Representation of the Members of *Amboy, Burlington, Middlesex* and *Somerset*, with the above Petitions, relating to the Soldiers quartered among them :

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente,

That the respective Members of the Cities of *Burlington* and *Perth-Amboy*, and the Counties of *Burlington, Middlesex, Somerset* and *Hunterdon*, do lay before the House, at the next Sitting for doing the publick Business, a full and particular Account of the Charges they have been at respectively, in providing such Necessaries as could not be avoided, for the King's Troops quartered among them, in order that such Part thereof may be allowed as appears to have been disbursed according to the Acts of Parliament in that Case provided.

Ordered,

That the King's Printer of this Colony, do forthwith print such Parts of the Acts of Parliament made relative to the Army, as concerns the Colonies of *North-America*, under the Direction of Mr. Speaker and Mr. *Nevill*, or either of them, and distribute them in the usual Manner.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Copy of the Report of the Committee, with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. Schuyler, &c.*

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5. *Joseph Yard*, Esq; one of the Members of this House, exhibited a Complaint, setting forth, That Houses had been fixed upon in *Trenton*, for such of his Majesty's Forces as should be quartered there; notwithstanding, that a Captain of one of the Companies of the said Forces came to his House with some Soldiers, in order to quarter one there; which the said Complainant refused, and requested to know his Authority, but the said Officer shewed him only a List of the Inhabitants of the Town; and soon after, the said Officer taking a Musquet in his Hand, rushed against the said Complainant, and forced his Way into the House, and put in one of his Soldiers; who after some Stay went away, leaving his Baggage: That towards the Evening of the same Day, an Officer came again to his House with a File of Musquetiers, in order to replace the said Soldier, under Pretence that he had been turned out with his Baggage, tho' no such Thing had been done, and told him he had sufficient Authority from Lord *Loudoun* for what he did; and then said Officer went into every Room of said Complainant's House, and then ordered one of his Serjeants, to see that the Soldier was lodged in a good Feather-Bed in the House, or expect Punishment; and that in the Evening of the same Day, a Serjeant came and brought another Soldier, and left in the House of this Complainant. Which Complaint was read in the House, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Smith* do wait on the Council, and desire to know if they have any Business before them; if not, that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himself delivered the above Message to the Council, who say they have no Business before them.

Ordered,

That the same Gentlemen do wait on his Excellency, and desire he will be pleased to pass the Bill before him, and then dismiss the House.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himself had performed the above Order; and that his Excellency required the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, *viz.*

An Act to continue the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces lately under Col. Schuyler, and for discharging the Forces on the Frontiers of this Colony.

And then his Excellency directed the House to adjourn themselves to the 20th Day of *January* next, then to meet at *Elizabeth-Town*.

The House accordingly adjourn'd to the 20th Day of *January* next.

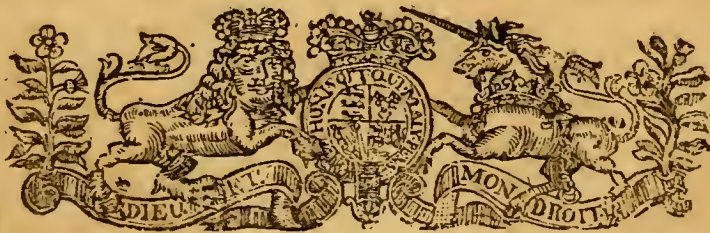
By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,
Speaker.



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Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSION, at ELIZABETH-TOWN, met by Adjournments,
March 15th, 1757, and continued to the 31st of same the Month, and
then prorogued till two o'Clock in the Afternoon, of the same Day.



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ELIZABETH-TOWN, TUESDAY, March 15, 1757.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Adjournments of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met,
Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself had performed the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would send for the House at Twelve o'Clock.

A Message from his Excellency, requiring the Attendance of the House, in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had (to prevent Mistakes) obtained a Copy; which by Order was read, and is as follows.

' Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

' I N the two short Sessions we had in *October* and *December* last, I recommended to you several Affairs, which, in your Answer to me, you said were of extraordinary Moment, and that you desired a Recess for further Consideration of them.

' As I was so full and particular at the Times I have mentioned in many important Affairs, I hope you will have recourse to them, and do as shall be judged necessary for the King's Honour and Interest, in the Common Cause against the Enemy, and for the best Safety and Welfare of this Province.

' But what I wou'd in the most earnest Manner repeat to you, is, the coming into a Resolution for raising a good Number of Men, to join the King's Troops under the Command of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudoun*; and as the Year is advancing apace, to be as expeditious in this Matter as you possibly can. And as to further Particulars relative to the Operations of the ensuing Campaign, the Events whereof will be of such Consequence to this and the neighbouring Colonies, I now lay before you a Letter, I have received from the Right Honourable the Lord *Loudoun*, dated at *New-York*, the 26th of *February*, wherein you will find that all the *N.w-England* Governments, and that of *New-York*, have readily agreed to the Numbers of Men Lord *Loudoun* has ask'd of them; which I hope will be leading to your exerting yourselves in like Manner; and as the King and his Parliament, have already

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made you a generous Gift of *Five Thousand Pounds Sterling*, and the King has also taken upon him the Charge of Provisions, for what Troops you may raise, it will greatly liquidate the Burthen of the Province ; I therefore hope you will, in a grateful Return to his Majesty's Care and Kindness, fall into such Measures as he justly expects from you ; and to do it immediately, will be giving an Instance of double Duty, Loyalty and Zeal to his Majesty, and of your best Assistance in the present critical Conjunction.

Since our last Meeting I received a Letter from the Honourable Mr. *Denny*, Governor of *Pensylvania*, dated *Philadelphia, December 16th, 1756*, with a Copy of a Treaty of Peace he has concluded with the *Delaware* and other Indians ; the same I shall order to be delivered you, wherein you will find Mention made several Times of this Province ; which Matter you will consider, and act therein as may be judged most for the Service of this Province.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

As the Nature of the Things I have laid before you, will require Supplies of Money, I depend you will chearfully do your Part, for speedily putting them in Motion and Practice.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

By the present Complexion and Situation of Affairs, we may properly call it a Criterion, whereby to judge of what may be the Event of the coming Year, and which should stimulate us to do all in our Power, with the Divine Assistance, to prevent our falling under the Yoke of *French* Tyranny, and for preserving our Religion, Liberties, Rights and Properties to ourselves, and for transmitting them down to our latest Posterity.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
March 15, 1757.*

J. Belcher.

The Letter referred to in his Excellency's Speech, being laid before the House, was also read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letter therein referred to, and his Excellency's Speeches of *October* and *December* last, were committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on his Excellency's Speeches, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again ; to which the House agreed.

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

Wednesday, March 16, 1757.

The House met,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speeches, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed

refumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

His Excellency, by his Clerk, laid before the House, the Letter from Governor *Denny*, of *Pennsylvania*, and the *Indian Treaty*, referred to in his Excellency's Speech; which were read, and committed to the Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speeches, &c.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on his Excellency's Speeches and Matters aforesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speeches, and come to sundry Resolutions; which, by Order, he reported as follows:

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speeches; to which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That *Five Hundred Men*, including those remaining of the Regiment lately under Colonel *Schuyler*, be immediately raised, clothed, armed, and paid by this Colony, for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign; and on the Question whether the House agrees to raise the said *Five Hundred Men*, or augment the Number to *Six Hundred*: It was carried for *Five Hundred*, as follows:

For 500 Men.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Filber*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vangelson*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Laming*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

For 600 Men.
Mr. *Stewens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Vreland*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

For No Men.
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*.

Resolved,

That for the raising, cloathing, arming and paying, the aforesaid Forces, there be struck in Paper Bills of Credit, the Sum of £. 10,000, to be sunk by a Provincial Tax, in five Years; to which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into *Indian Affairs* in this Colony; to which the House agreed. And,

Mr. *Hancock*, from said Committee further reported, That the Committee, in the Course of their Deliberations, had found it necessary, in order to be able to give Assistance to the Common Cause hereafter, that the Draught of a Bill should be prepared, to be transmitted for his Majesty's Assent, for striking the Sum of £. 60,000, in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan within this Colony; the whole Interest whereof to be subject to the Necessities of the War hereafter, in such Manner as the Legislature may apply it; and in Case the same should not be wanted to carry on the War, then to be applied for the sinking the Money now or heretofore made current for carrying on the War; to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Ladd*, Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Clement*, be a Committee to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for raising, cloathing, arming, and paying the Forces intended for his Majesty's Service; and for striking the aforesaid £.10,000, in Bills of Credit, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Ladd*, Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Middagh*, be a Committee to enquire into *Indian Affairs* in this Colony.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Paxson*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of a Bill, to be sent Home for his Majesty's Assent, for making current £.60,000, in Bills of Credit, and a Petition to his Majesty to accompany the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Hoogland* and Mr. *Holmes*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inspect the Accounts of the several Commissioners and Persons employed in laying out the publick Money for the raising, arming, cloathing, subsisting, and paying the Forces of this Colony; and make their Report to this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

Mr. *Stevens* had Leave to be absent 'till *Monday* next.

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

Thursday, March 17, 1757.

The House met.

Joseph Yard, Esq; one of the Members of this House for the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Morris*, laid a Letter he had lately received from Col. *Ford*, of *Morris-County*, before the House; setting forth great Deficiencies of Arms in some of the back Inhabitants of said County, and their utter Inability to furnish themselves therewith, desiring a Supply of Arms out of the Province Stores, which he would see returned or paid for; which was read, and referred to the Consideration of the House.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current £.60,000, in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan within the Colony of New-Jersey; the Interest whereof to sink the further Sum of £.29,000, to be also made current for the immediate Service of the Crown, if the same should be needed, otherwise for the Relief of the said Colony*: And also a Petition to his Majesty, to accompany the said Bill: Which Bill and Petition were respectively read, and ordered second Readings.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for Support of Government; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of the Owners of a Tract of Salt Marsh in *Greenwich*, in *Cumberland* County, called *Tindals Island Marsh*, was presented to the House, setting forth, That there is a two Rod Road laid out from a Point of Land, across a Marsh and *Thoroughfare Creek*, to the said *Tindals Island*; which Road is at present almost impassable for want of Bridges and Causeways, and the said Meadow or Marsh thereby rendered of very little Value to the Owners; praying an Act for keeping up and supporting the said Road, Causeways and Bridges; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

The Draught of the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making Current £.60,000, in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforementioned Draught of the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current £. 60,000, in Bills of Credit, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto: Which Bill as amended was read, and agreed to by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*.

The Petition to his Majesty in favour of the said Bill, *for making current £.60,000, in Bills of Credit, &c.* was read the second Time, and several Amendments being thereunto made, the same as amended was agreed to by the House, and is as follows.

To the KING'S Most Excellent MAJESTY.

The Petition of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey in General Assembly met,

Most Humbly Sheweth,

‘ **T**HAT the continued Distresses of this your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Colony, oblige us to renew our Application, that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to accept of the little Assistance we are capable of giving, towards carrying on the War against the common Enemy in these Parts, in a Manner that will best promote the End, and at the same Time considerably lighten the Burthen of your willing Subjects.

‘ ‘ A Paper Currency within this Colony has ever preserved its Credit, and when emitted on Loan, has been of the greatest Advantage to our Settlers, having enabled many Hundreds of them to begin and go on with Improvements, that might otherwise have been either ruined in a Goal, or in a great Measure useless to the Community; it has contributed greatly to the Value of Lands, and the Encrease of your Majesty's Dominions in these Parts, and is generally acknowledged to have been greatly beneficial to this young Colony in several other Respects, having been ever emitted on a Fund incapable of depreciating or deceiving; as such we humbly presume to offer the annexed Bill for your Majesty's Gracious Approbation, being form'd on the same Plan,

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‘ and intended in the same Manner, in every Respect but this, that the Interest
 ‘ Money has heretofore been applied to the Support of this Government, but
 ‘ now is designed to be a Fund for sinking the Sum of *Twenty Nine Thousand*
 ‘ *Pounds*, to be immediately prepared, and to lie ready to be applied for your
 ‘ Majesty’s Service, for carrying on the present War, in such Manner as the
 ‘ Legislature of this Colony shall find necessary.

‘ This Method for providing against next Summer’s, or future Campaigns, is
 ‘ the more expedient, as the real Distresses in which the War has already involved
 ‘ this Colony, both in defending itself against the Indians, in furnishing at
 ‘ least our Proportion of Men for Services abroad, and in divers other Respects,
 ‘ are such as requires an Exertion of every prudent Measure to prevent our being
 ‘ disabled from assisting the Common Cause hereafter, and thereby run the
 ‘ Risk of declining in the Affections of our Gracious Sovereign ; a Calamity
 ‘ we would by all Means willingly avoid : And therefore do most humbly pray,
 ‘ that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to signify your royal Pleasure
 ‘ to his Excellency our Governor, to give his Assent to the annexed Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the said Bill and Petition ; and that three fair
 Copies of each be prepared for him also to sign, and transmit to the Agent of
 this Colony, to be by him laid before his Majesty.

A Petition was presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of
Bergen County, setting forth, That a Petition was formerly laid before this
 House, for passing an Act for building Bridges in *Saddle River Precinct*, in the
 said County of *Bergen*, at the Expence of the whole County ; which if obtained
 would be a great Hardship upon the Inhabitants in general ; praying for the
 Reasons therein contained, that the Prayer of the first Petition be rejected ;
 which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Friday, March 18th, 1757.

The House met,

Mr. *Smith* laid before the House the Accounts for quartering Soldiers in
Burlington and *Borden-Town*.

The Bill *for Support of Government, to commence the Twenty-first of May*
1757, and to end the Twenty-first of May 1758, was read the second Time,
 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House,
 on the Bill *for Support of Government* : After some Time spent therein, Mr.
 Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee,
 reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them
 referred, and desired Leave to sit again ; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourn’d till Two, P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. *Read* from the Committee appointed to enquire into Indian Affairs in this Colony; reported, that the said Committee had enquired into the same, and were of Opinion, that it is necessary that a Law of this Colony be passed for regulating Indian Affairs, &c. a Bill for which Purpose Mr. *Read*, by Leave given, brought in, entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs within the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nevill*, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Colony, having represented to this House, that one *Benjamin Springer*, a Prisoner in the Goal of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, is charged with a Murder not long since committed in the County of *Sussex*, and several other Misdemeanours; and that if the said Prisoner should be removed by *Habeas Corpus* to the said County of *Sussex*, to be there tryed according to Law, the Insufficiency of the Goal, and the Calamities of the County, occasioned by the late Incurfions of the Enemy, is such, that no Security would be had in the Confinement of said Prisoner there; and that the present Situation of Affairs in the said County of *Sussex*, not suffering the Absence of Juries to be returned to the Barr of the Supreme Courts at *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington*, for trying the said Prisoner.

The House taking the above Matters into Consideration, are of Opinion, that it is absolutely necessary to change the *Venire*, for trying the abovesaid Prisoner.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read* be a Committee to bring in a Bill for trying the said Prisoner in any one of the Counties of this Colony, (the County of *Sussex* excepted.)

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill *for Support of Government*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made some further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Ogden*.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, March 19, 1757.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill *for Support of Government*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and come to sundry Resolutions, which by Leave he reported and delivered in at the Table, where the said Resolutions (with the said Bill) being again read, are as follows:

Resolved,

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; *One Thousand Pounds per Annum*. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

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YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ireland,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Holmes, } Who voted for £.800.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vangeson,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Paxson, }
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Leaning,	
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Yard,	
Mr. Hoogland,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Middagh,	

To *Robert Hunter Morris*, Esq; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, of this Colony, *One Hundred Pounds, per Annum*. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Fisher, } Who all voted for £. 50.
Mr. Ireland,	Mr. Leaning,	Mr. Hoogland, }
Mr. Read,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Vangeson, }
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Middagh,	Mr. Paxson, }
		Mr. Clement,

To *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*.

To *Richard Salter*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*.

To *Courtland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*.

To *Andrew Johnston*, and *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs. Treasurers of this Colony, *Forty Pounds per Annum*, each.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, *Eighty Pounds per Annum*.

To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*.

To his Excellency *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House-Rent. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hoogland,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Ireland,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Vangeson,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Leaning,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Spicer,	
		Mr. Middagh,	

To the Chief Justice, or any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner directed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each Time.

To each of the Council, for the Time they respectively shall attend, at any Sitting of General Assembly within the said Term, *Six Shillings per Diem*.

To *Abraham Clark*, jun. or any other Clerk of the House of Representatives, for Attendance, *Eight Shillings per Diem*: Also *Four Pence per Sheet*, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer: Also to said *Abraham Clark*, *Ten Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper at this and former Sitzings.

To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, *Seventy Pounds Twelve Shillings and Three Pence Three Farthings*, To

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six Pence per Pound* for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit of this Colony; and to each of the said Treasurers, *Ten Pounds per Annum*, for the last Year, and the Year ensuing, for extraordinary Services.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Minutes of the House, during the Continuance of this Act; and to *William Bradford*, for printing the Laws pass'd at any Sitting as aforesaid, such Sums as *Charles Read*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Johnston*, *Henry Paxson*, and *John Ladd*, Esqrs, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the said Services.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, for attending the House of Representatives, during the said Term, *Three Shillings per Diem*.

To the Serjeant at Arms, for attending the Council as aforesaid, *Three Shillings per Diem*.

To the Door-keeper to the House of Representatives, for attending the House during the said Term, *Three Shillings and Six Pence per Diem*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, in full of his Account to the 7th of May 1756, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Eighty Two Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny*.

To *Robert Ogden*, Esq; to pay *Mary Dennis*, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings per Week*, for the Use of a Room, Fire-wood and Candles, for the House, during the Sittings of Assemblies.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings per Week*, to pay for the Use of a Room, Fire-wood and Candles, for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Term.

To *Abraham Clark*, jun. in full of his Account to this Time, for copying Laws for the Governor, *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

To each of the Members of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance at any Sitting during the said Term, the Sum of *Six Shillings per Diem*.

To all which several Sums the House agreed. And on the Question; whether the said Bill be engross'd or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Smith from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs*, reported, that they had made several Amendments to the said Bill, and Title, being now entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs, and to prevent the setting of Deer-traps within the Colony of New-Jersey*; which Bill, as amended, being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from the Owners of some Meadows or Marsh, called *Tindals Island Marsh*, in the County of *Cumberland*, for an Act to make and maintain Bridges and Causeways on a certain Road therein mentioned, was read the second Time.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting of General Assembly, provided that publick Notice thereof be given in the publick News Papers, or otherwise advertised in some publick Place of said County, contiguous to the said Premises, at least three Weeks before the said Sitting of Assembly ; and no reasonable Objections then appearing against it.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o' Clock.

Monday, March 21, 1757.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs, and to prevent the setting of Deer-traps, &c.* was read and compared. And on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative : Yeas, all present but Mr. *Holmes*, who voted in the Negative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Vreland* and Mr. *Yard* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Read* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New-Jersey, to the Number of Five Hundred effective Men, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Vreland* reported, that Mr. *Yard* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New-Jersey, to the Number of Five Hundred effective Men, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of the whole House on the aforementioned Bill : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill, to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again ; to which the House agreed.

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

Tuesday, March 22, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. *Vangeson* informed the House, that Mr *Bradberry*, one of the Members of this House, is sick and unable to attend the Service th is Session.

Mr.

Mr. Nevill from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer, who is now a Prisoner in the Borough Goal, in the County of Essex, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House being now informed, that the Chief Justice of this Colony, had performed the Duties of his Office from *November* last, which is six Months before the Salaries allowed him, in the *Bill for Support of Government* commences.

Resolved,

That £. 50, be allowed him as his Salary, during the said Time.

Ordered,

That the same be inserted in the Support Bill.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee, had made some further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till two P. M.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which Bill, as amended, being again read, and other Amendments thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, March 23, 1757.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* was read and compared. And on the Question;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Johnston and Mr. Vangeson do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Johnston reported, That Mr. Vangeson and himself had delivered the said Bill to the Speaker in Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, That they had drawn the same; which, by order, was read, and several Amendments being made thereto, and on the Question, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The House adjourn'd 'till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The engross'd Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Fisher*, do wait upon his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself had perform'd the Order of the House to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would let the House know when he was ready to receive the Address.

The Petition of several Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, against a Petition formerly presented, praying to have the Bridges in *Saddle-River* Precinct, supported at a County Charge; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs*, &c. together with sundry Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places, and on the Question, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be re-engross'd.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for completing the Regiment*, &c. was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Thursday, March 24, 1757.

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs*, &c. was read and compar'd; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Ladd*, do carry the said Bill to the Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Holmes* desired, that his Dissent might be entered to the Bill *for Support of Government*, pass'd Yesterday.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met,

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Council.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government*, &c. And also, The Bill, entitled, *An Act for completing the Regiment in the Pay of this Colony*, &c. without any Amendments.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday, March 25th, 1757.

The House met.

The Petitions from the Prisoners for Debt, in *Monmouth-County* Goal; and from *John Illee*, a Prisoner in the Borough of *Elizabeth* Goal, presented to the House at the Sitting in *December* last, praying an Insolvent Act may pass for their Relief; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Complaint of *Joseph Yard*, Esq; exhibited to the House in *December* last, about quartering Soldiers on him, was read the second Time. *See N. p. 8.*

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the quartering Soldiers in any private House within this Colony, is expressly contrary to the Act of Parliament in that Case provided; and that it is the Duty of the Magistrates of this Colony, to put the Law in Execution, or they will be liable to be complained of for Breach of Duty.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Vreland* and Mr. *Vangeson*, do wait upon the Council, and desire to know if they have any Business before them; if not, that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. *Vangeson* reported, that Mr. *Vreland* and himself delivered the above Message to the Council, who say, they have no Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Spicer*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that neither the Council or this House, have any Business before them; and desire he will please to receive the Address of the House, and pass the Bills before him, and dismiss the House.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that after he had examined the Bills before him, and had received an Answer to a Message he had sent to the Earl of *Loudoun*, the House should hear from him.

The House adjourn'd 'till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

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Saturday

Saturday, March 26, 1757.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following ;

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly ;

UPON reading your Bill for compleating the Regiment of the Colony of *New-Jersey* to *Five Hundred Men*, I find the Paragraph relating to an Enlistment of indented Servants militating with an Act of Parliament, made and past the last Year, on that Behalf; and which Act I herewith send you.

I must also observe to you, that the Bill makes no Provision for draughting or detaching out of the Militia, in Case the Regiment cannot be compleated in the Manner the Bill proposes; and if this shou'd be the Case, (as may be feared) it seems necessary to add a Clause to the Bill, for draughting what Men may appear wanting to compleat the Regiment to the Number mentioned in the Bill; or otherwise, the Aid and Assistance you propose for joining in the Common Cause, may prove weak and ineffectual; to prevent which, his Majesty's Provinces to the Eastward, have fallen into this necessary Expedient; and I desire you, Gentlemen, to consider what I now lay before you, and to amend the Bill in these Articles, with what Dispatch you can; for as the Year is far advanced, the Levies should be going forward with as little Delay as possible.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
March 26, 1757.*

J. Belcher.

The Draught of a Message to his Excellency, in Answer to the above, being proposed, the Question was put, whether the following Words be continued in said Message, or not, *viz. The House are determined not to oblige or compel any of the Inhabitants by Force to serve as Soldiers?* it was carried as follows,

To be continued.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,

To be continued.

Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,

Not to be continued.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnson*,
Mr. *Neill*,
Mr. *Vreland*,
Mr. *Vangerson*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagb*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Clement* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that the Bill now before him, is conformable to all the Acts of this Colony for raising Troops, and that this House are unwilling by any Act of theirs, to give Encouragement for enlisting Apprentices or Servants, by which many of the good People of this Colony have been greatly distressed.

That the House are determined not to oblige or compel any of the Inhabitants by Force to serve as Soldiers; but have, for the Good of the Service, and to compleat the Levies as soon as possible, given a Bounty unexampled in this or any of the neighbouring Colonies; and entertain no Doubt, but if your Excellency appoint for Officers Persons of Influence in Parts of the Colony distant from each other, our Troops will be able to take the Field as soon as any Military Operations will be undertaken.

Mr.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Clement* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, two Petitions for their Consideration, which he lately received from sundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, setting forth, the great Danger the Frontier Inhabitants of said County are exposed to from the Indians; praying that Forces may be ordered up for their Defence; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Nine o' Clock.

Monday, March 28, 1757.

The House met.

The Petitions from the Frontier Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, for a Guard to be posted there against the Indian Enemy, were read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Paxson* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that the House have been waiting ever since *Friday* last, and desire if he has any Thing to lay before the House, he would please to do it, if not, that the House are very desirous of being dismiss'd.

Mr. *Ogden* desired, that his Dissent might be entered to the Words (on which the Question was put) in the Message sent to his Excellency on *Saturday* last, he being then absent.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, he had Matters of great Importance, which he thought he should be able to lay before the House by Four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till two *P. M.*

The House met.

A written Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, in the Words following,

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

IN Answer to your Message of the 26th Instant, I am to observe to you, that although the Bill for raising Five Hundred Men, may be conformable to former Acts of this Colony, of the like Nature, past before the Act of Parliament I have now laid before you, made purposely respecting the Inlistment of indented Servants; certainly no *English* Government ought, or can, make Acts to render null and void an Act of the King, Lords and Commons of *Great-Britain*: And as to myself, I am positively commanded by the King's Royal Instructions, not to give my Assent to any Bill that shall interfere with an Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain*; you will therefore see the Necessity of an Amendment of the Bill in this Article.

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As to what I mentioned of the Draughting of Men, in Case there should be Necessity of it for compleating the Forces, I am sorry to hear you say, *You are determined not to oblige or compel any of the Inhabitants to serve as Soldiers.* Which I hope you will reconsider, and do therein as other Governments have done, and thereby render the Bill the more effectual to answer the Intent thereof.

Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Request; I wrote to the Right Honourable the Lord Loudoun, by your Express, to know if his Lordship had any fresh Directions to give me, that might be necessary to lay before you; and in Answer thereunto, I have received two Letters from his Lordship, which I herewith send you, wherein you will find his Lordship greatly surprized, that you have not hitherto come into the Demand he made in the King's Name, of One Thousand Men; but have confined the Number in your Bill to Five Hundred Men only. His Lordship was so full and particular in this Article, in his Letter to me of the 26th of February, and which I communicated to you in my Speech, at the Opening of this Session; wherein I said what I thought necessary at that Time, to induce you to comply with his Lordship's Demand for the King's Service, and for your own Safety, and I hoped not to have had Occasion to urge the Matter again; but as the French and Indians are constantly discovering themselves on the Frontiers of these Colonies, I must again and again recommend to you, the raising of One Thousand Men, at this critical Conjunction, in order to assist in the Common Cause, in making the most vigorous Efforts against the Enemy; for preventing Ourselves and our Neighbours being daily captivated, kill'd and scalp'd, by a bloody and merciless Enemy. If it be well considered, I think you will conclude, that it will be best, on all Heads, to raise a good Number of Men at once, rather than to be doing it from Year to Year by small Numbers; and by doing the Business as I now say, I really believe you would find it the best Way for saving Money to the Province: And since I am on this Head, I wou'd observe to you, that the Charge would hardly be more to the Province than what you were at last Year for Seven Hundred and Fifty Men, the King having since that made you a bountiful Gift of *Five Thousand Pounds* Sterling; and in his great Goodness hath taken upon himself the Charge of subsisting your Troops: These Things consider'd, you cannot reasonably plead the Inability of the Province for raising the One Thousand Men demanded.

As you have hitherto stood in a good Light with the Right Honourable the Lord Loudoun, the King's General and Commander in Chief of all his Forces in *North America*; and as he has so great a Share of his Majesty's Esteem and Favour, I hope you will avoid giving him any Cause of Complaint against you, as it might prevent your Success in any Affairs you may be inclined to solicit at the Court of *Great Britain*.

As my Lord Loudoun's Letters are so full and particular, and couch'd in such reasonable and cogent Terms; I think I need say no more, than to desire you to consider, in such wise and sedate Manner, as may produce Resolutions of your doing, in Answer to them, what may finally best of all contribute to the King's Honour and Interest, and to the future Welfare and Prosperity of the Province of *New-Jersey*.

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
March 28, 1757.

J. Belcher.

His

His Excellency, by his Clerk, laid before the House, the Letters referred to in the above Message ; which were also read.

A Motion was made, that the House, in Answer to the Governor's Message, represent the distressed State of the Province to Lord *Loudoun*. And the Question being put, whether it be done immediately to him, or only by Way of Message to his Excellency, to be laid before his Lordship ? it was carried as follows ;

By Message only to his Excellency.

Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,
Mr. <i>Johnson</i> .	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Newill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hoogland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Yard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagh</i> .

Immediately to Lord *Loudoun*.

Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,
Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Spicer</i> .

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Hoogland* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, in Answer to his Message of this Day, that this House would have cheerfully complied with the Demand of the Earl of *Loudoun*, if the Circumstances of this Colony would have admitted of it ; That we esteem ourselves misfortunate, that our Address to his Excellency was not delivered before his Letters to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces were dispatched ; as we flatter ourselves, that the Reasons therein given, as they are exactly consonant with Truth, would have been satisfactory to his Lordship ; and assure his Excellency, that it is not in our Power to exert ourselves further without immersing the Colony in a Debt which might be greatly distressing to ourselves and Posterity ; That we have Reason to suppose, that the Strength and Riches of this Colony have been greatly misrepresented to his Lordship, to which his Passage through the best cultivated and thickest settled Parts thereof, may induce him to give credit ; and for these Reasons, to request his Excellency, candidly to lay before his Lordship the true State of this Colony with respect to its Neighbours ; which we hope will continue us in the favourable Light we are really desirous of appearing in to his Lordship.

That the Expence we were last Year at for the Defence of our own Frontiers, exceeded the Charge of our Regiment, and is a heavy Debt on our Estates ; while his Majesty's Regular Forces conduced greatly to the Security of our Northern Neighbours ; and we are not yet out of Danger of having a further Occasion of a Defence of our upper Settlements.

That as any additional Number of Forces cannot in the present Posture of Affairs be supplied by us, we should be glad his Excellency would give his Assent to the Bill, which is not now liable to the Objections pointed out in said Message ; and that the Officers should be immediately appointed, that our Troops may join the Corps with whom they are to act as soon as possible.

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

Tuesday, March 29, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Hoogland* and himself delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted, to his Excellency ; who was pleased to say, the House shou'd hear from him as soon as he had prepared an Answer.

A written Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, in the Words following ;

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

' IN Answer to your Message of Yesterday, I see you have removed one of the Objections I made to the Bill for raising Five Hundred Men : I now think proper to inform you, that Lord Loudoun writes me he intends to be here this Day ; and if you have any Thing to lay before his Lordship, you will now have a good Opportunity.

' I was so full in my Message to the House Yesterday, that to add any Thing more on those Heads wou'd be a needless Repetition ; but I think a particular State of the Affairs of the Province can be best done by yourselves, and to be address'd to Lord Loudoun directly.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
March 29, 1757.*

J. Belcher.

The House taking into Consideration the above Message ; a Motion was made, and the Question put, Whether the distressed State of the Province be represented to Lord Loudoun, or to his Excellency to be laid before his Lordship ? it pass'd as follows :

To his Excellency,

Mr. Stevens,

Mr. Johnson,

Mr. Nevill,

Mr. Wetherill,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Fisher,

Mr. Hoogland,

Mr. Read,

To his Excellency.

Mr. Paxson,

Mr. Ladd,

Mr. Clement,

Mr. Hancock,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Yard,

Mr. Middagh.

To his Lordship.

Mr. Holmer,

Mr. Leaming,

Mr. Spicer.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill and Mr. Stevens do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, in Answer to his Message of this Day, that the House desire he will please to lay a Copy of our Message of Yesterday, before Lord Loudoun, together with a Copy of our Address, both which we herewith send ; which contain the Reasons of our Inability to comply with his Lordship's Demand, in as full a Manner as the short Notice of his Lordship's Arrival, will at this Time allow.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Nevill reported, that Mr. Stevens and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would comply with the Request of the House.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, where the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun being present, desired to know the Reasons why the House had not complied with his Demand of 1000 Men ; and recommended to the House, that they should re-assume the Consideration thereof, and comply with his Request ; and that if the House thought proper to give him any Answer, he should be at *Elizabeth-Town Point*, till Twelve o'Clock at Night, ready to receive it.

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It being in the Evening, and the House not having Time to deliberate on the Premises, directed the Speaker to send his Lordship a Letter, in the Words following;

May it please your LORDSHIP,

THE House esteeming it their Duty to take into their most serious Consideration, the Matters you was pleased to recommend to them, have directed me to inform your Lordship, that as they are of greatest Moment to this Colony, think it necessary to treat of them with that Diliberation the Importance of them require; which will necessarily take up a longer Time, than your Lordship's Affairs will permit you to remain at the Point: Beg leave to postpone their Answer for a Day or two, by which Time Care shall be taken to transmit the Resolutions of the House to you; they flatter themselves, that whatever their Resolutions may be, that the Reasons which shall attend them, will be satisfactory to your Lordship.

I am, with great Esteem,

YOUR LORDSHIP'S

Most Obedient, and most

Humble Servant,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday, March 30, 1757.

The House met.

The House taking into their Consideration, the Matters recommended by his Lordship the Earl of Loudoun; And a Motion being made, and the Question put, whether his Lordship's Demand of 1000 Men be complied with, or not? it pass'd in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente.*

A Debate then arising, the Question was put, whether the 500 Men to be rais'd by this Colony, for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign, be augmented or not? it pass'd as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Ireland,

YEAS.

Mr. Vangelon,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Yurd,
Mr. Middagb.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hoogland,
Mr. Paxson,

NAYS.

Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer.

The Votes being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote in the Negative.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met,

Ordered,

That Mr. Spicer, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Hoogland, be a Committee, to draw the Draught of a Memorial to Lord Loudoun, setting forth the Reasons, why we can't augment our Troops at present.

The House adjourn'd for one Hour.

The House met.

The House adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, March 31, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee appointed for drawing a Draught of a Memorial to Lord Loudoun, &c. reported, that they had drawn the same; which he delivered in at the Table.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House with their Address, in the Council Chamber, immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency, and delivered their Address in the Words following.

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

May it please your Excellency;

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, from Hearts deeply sensible of the Necessity of assisting the Common Cause, at this Time, cannot help expressing the real Concern with which we found ourselves affected, by the large Number of Men mentioned in the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun's Letter; and this the rather, as from the Number his Lordship had asked from the Governments to the Eastward, we had concluded his Demands considerate and proportionable, and from thence had Reason to hope of being able to comply with any Proposal his Lordship should make to us.

As we are conscious of every necessary Prepossession in Favour of a General of so amiable a Character, and retain a very grateful Sense of his kind Sentiments, repeatedly express'd in regard to this Colony; we are well assured his Lordship's Demand from us, at this Time, is in a great Measure owing to his being a Stranger to our distress'd Circumstances in several Respects; one of which is, the Scarcity of Money; For notwithstanding the Sums imported to North-America, for the Army, and the Colony Emissions, its well known, what falls to our Share principally centers at New-York and Philadelphia, where our Trade chiefly lies. Another Consideration equally important, is the large Numbers of Volunteers who have already been raised in this Government, besides Servants and Apprentices, among the Regulars, and many Volunteers in the Provincial Services, which, with the Loss of our Forces and Stores at Oswego, adds to our Difficulties. But what appears still more particularly burthensome to the Province, and obstructing to the Service at this Time, is your Excellency's absolutely refusing to emit any Paper Money to be longer Current than five Years.

The Aid we have now, and heretofore given the Common Cause, has so loaded the five Years to come, with Taxes, that it will be extremely difficult to continue the Five Hundred Men, to be furnished the ensuing Campaign, longer than this Summer; unless we can get some Relief in prolonging the Time for sinking the Money, or by an Emission of Paper Bills of Credit, in the Manner proposed by the Bill now agreed to be sent Home for his Majesty's Approbation (with which we should be glad of your Excellency's Concurrence,) or by some other Method at present unknown to us.

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The present Prospect of Indian Affairs in the neighbouring Government of Pennsylvania, cannot but afford a real Pleasure to every Person acquainted with the late Outrages. We have never, since the Surrender of the Proprietary Governments, been much concerned with Indian Affairs, nor do we know that they have had any Reason to complain of this Province ; nevertheless, that Nothing may be justly laid to our Charge, respecting either the Promises given at the late Treaty, or such other Acts of Justice or Kindness as may be due to, or necessary for them ; we have, by the Bill passed at this Sitting, taken such Measures as appears to us the best calculated to be of real Advantage to them, and we hope the Expedient will also prove useful to many of the other Inhabitants.

It is now nigh three Years since the present House of Assembly was chosen ; a Variety of unprecedented Troubles, has introduced a large and unprecedented Expence : The Part we have acted, has been in Consequence of the Sentiments and Applications of our Constituents : Whether they are willing to continue the Expence, will be best known by a new Choice ; and it is but reasonable, at a Time of such encreasing Danger, that their Sentiments should be known in the most effectual Manner : A Triennial Election has been expected, and would be very acceptable to us ; and therefore we take this Occasion, to earnestly desire your Excellency would be pleased to dissolve the present House of General Assembly, at the Expiration of the said three Years.

March 23, 1757.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

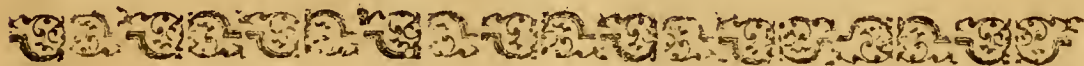
His Excellency then was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1st, *An Act for regulating Indian Affairs, and to prevent the Setting of Deer-Traps within the Colony of New-Jersey.*

2d, *An Act for compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New-Jersey, to Five Hundred effective Men, and making Provision for the same.*

3d, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, 1757, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, 1758 ; and to discharge the publick Debts, and the contingent Charges thereof ; and for settling the Quotas in the respective Counties, and levying of a Provincial-Tax.*

And then his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly, till two o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, then to meet at Elizabeth-Town.



By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,

Speaker.

The first of the year was a very dry one, and the crops were much injured. The weather was very hot, and the ground was very dry. The crops were much injured, and the yield was very small. The weather was very hot, and the ground was very dry. The crops were much injured, and the yield was very small.

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Province of *NEW-JERSEY.*

At a SITTING of General Assembly, held at ELIZABETH-TOWN,
March, the 31st, 1757, On which Day they were prorogued to the 20th
of *April* next.



Woodbridge, in New-Jersey ;
Printed by *James Parker*, by Order of the General Assembly, 1757.



Votes of the General Assembly.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, March 31, 1757. Two P. M.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogation of the General Assembly of this Morning, to this Time, the House met.

A written Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, in the Words following,

'Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

AFTER the Speech I made to you at the Opening of this Session, and my Messages consequent thereupon, for your raising One Thousand Men, in Answer to the King's Demand by his General the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun, I find by the Bill past, you have confined the Number to Five Hundred Men.

'I therefore, in Duty to the King, and from a tender Regard to the good People of the Province, desire you to reconsider this important Affair, and to do therein conformable to his Majesty's just Expectations from you, in a Time of such increased Danger to this, and the Rest of the King's Colonies.

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
March 31, 1757.

J. Belcher.

Ordered,

That Mr. Spicer and Mr. Ogden do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that the Matters recommended in his Message of this Afternoon, have past under the most serious Consideration, of a House as full as usual on repeated pressing Applications: That this House conform themselves to the Opinions already delivered to his Excellency, and beg a Dismission.

Mr. Spicer reported, that Mr. Ogden and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered,

That Henry Paxson, Samuel Clement and William Hancock, Esqrs, be reprimanded by the Speaker, in the Chair, for absenting this House without Leave.

A Motion was then made, and the Question put, whether John Wetherill and James Holmes, Esqrs, having left this House, after being requested by the Members to stay, as without their Assistance the publick Business would be retarded, they be expelled the House, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Ireland,

YEAS.
Mr. Read,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh:

NAYS.
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer.

Resolved,
That *John Wetherill* and *James Holmes*, Esqrs. be expelled this House. *See N. 2*
Ordered, *ho. 3.*

That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ for the Election of a Representative for the County of *Middlesex*, in the Room of the said *John Wetherill*, Esq; and also a Writ for the Election of a Representative for the County of *Monmouth*, in the Room of the said *James Holmes*, Esq;

The House adjourn'd for Half an Hour.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency; who was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the 20th of *April* next, then to meet at *Elizabeth-Town*.



By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,

Speaker.



That John W. Woodbridge, Esq., of the County of Middlesex, State of New York, do hereby certify that

On the 10th day of June, 1864, at the City of New York, I was present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York and New Jersey Canal, and saw and heard the said John W. Woodbridge, Esq., read and deliver the following report, to wit: "Report of the Board of Directors of the New York and New Jersey Canal, for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1864."

The Board of Directors of the New York and New Jersey Canal.

John W. Woodbridge, Esq.

A true and correct copy of the report of the Board of Directors of the New York and New Jersey Canal, for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1864, as read and delivered by the said John W. Woodbridge, Esq., is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of the original report.

Witness my hand and the seal of the said Board of Directors, at the City of New York, this 10th day of June, 1864.

Attest: John W. Woodbridge, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Directors of the New York and New Jersey Canal.

John W. Woodbridge, Esq.

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General Assembly
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Province of *NEW-JERSEY.*

At a SESSION, held at ELIZABETH-TOWN, began ^{May} *March* 24th,
1757, and continued to the 3d Day of *June* following, and adjourned
till the 4th Day of *July* following.



Woodbridge, in NEW-JERSEY ;
Printed by *James Parker*, by Order of the General Assembly, 1757.

Votes of the General Assembly.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Tuesday, May 24, 1757.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met; and there not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business;
The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Wednesday, May 25, 1757.

The House met.

John Wetherill, Esq; being returned a Member for the County of *Middlesex*, and *James Holmes*, Esq; being returned a Member for the County of *Monmouth*, were qualified in the House before Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Holmes* do take their Seats in the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Ladd* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business, are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself perform'd the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would receive the House immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which, by Order of the House, was read, and is as follows:

'Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,
'SINCE I last parted with you, I have received many Things relating to the Safety and Wellfare of the Province, viz. Two Letters from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary *Pitt*, dated *Whitehall*, February the 4th and 19th:—Three Letters from the Right Honourable Lord *Loudoun*, dated *New-York*, April 3d, 7th, and May 5th:—A Letter from the Honourable Governor *Denny*, dated *Philadelphia*, April 28th;—And also sundry Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Frontiers, praying for Protection from the Cruelties and Murders of the Indians.

'His Majesty's especial Commands, together with the extraordinary Situation of the Affairs of this Province, has made it my Duty to convene you at this Time, and to lay before you the several Letters, &c. now mentioned, and which shall be delivered you; and I hope we shall heartily join in carrying their Contents as far as we can into Execution.

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‘ You will find by the Secretary of State’s Letter, that it is his Majesty’s Pleasure, that you raise a Number of Provincial Troops, at least equal to those raised before, and which would make a Thousand Men, to join Lord *Loudoun*; and that truly sensible of his Majesty’s Paternal Care of this and the neighbouring Provinces, you will exert yourselves to the utmost for strengthening the offensive Operations against the *French*, as the Earl of *Loudoun* shall judge expedient, and that you would not clog the Enlistment of Men, or the raising of Money for their Pay, &c. with such Limitations as have been hitherto found difficult and ineffectual. And I would urge you in the most earnest Manner, to read with Deliberation, the Secretary of State’s Letters, and to do therein as may best tend to his Majesty’s Honour and Service, and to the Safety and Peace of the Province.

‘ I am in the next Place to observe to you, that the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudoun*, General of the King’s Forces in *North-America*, complains of unusual Obstructions he has met with in this Province, in carrying on the King’s Service; and that his Majesty expects you make Provision for Carriages for the Troops, and Horses for Expresses, &c.

‘ And since you did not raise the One Thousand Men Lord *Loudoun* demanded of you in the King’s Name, he thinks it now too late to go about it, so as to have their Service this Campaign, and to supply which Deficiency, he proposes, that a Part of the Militia of this Province may stand ready to march upon any Emergency, to the Aid and Assistance of the Forces under the Command of Major General *Webb*, at *Albany*, on his Requisition. You will duly consider the Purport of my Lord *Loudoun*’s Letters, and act upon them so as best to answer his Majesty’s just Expectations from you.

‘ And you will read with Attention Governor *Denny*’s Letter respecting the Treaty he is now holding with the Indians in *Pennsylvania*, and do in Consequence thereof, as shall be most consistent with Justice and Equity, and with Peace and good Neighbourhood.

‘ And now I come to the melancholly Situation of the Frontiers of our own Province, where, upon Complaint and certain Advice of the Indians killing and scalping several Persons in this Province, I did, about three Weeks ago, with the Advice of his Majesty’s Council, post 120 Men, for the better Safety and Protection of the Inhabitants under their present Danger and Distress; and I hereby earnestly recommend them to your tender Care and Pity, always remembring, if the People there, in their great Jeopardy, are obliged to fly from their Habitations, the better inhabited Towns of the Province will soon become Frontiers.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly;*

‘ As many of the Articles I have now recommended to you, will require Supplies of Money, I shall not doubt your doing your Part, in a just and tender Regard to the People committed to our Care; you must be sensible, *Gentlemen*, that when ever the Militia is raised for the Protection and Defence of the Inhabitants of the Province, they must be paid and subsisted as other Troops that are raised for the same Service.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

‘ As this Province is become a Part of the Seat of War on the *English* Continent of *North-America*, I hope we shall at all Times consider it with close Attention,

‘ Attention, and unitedly do our Duty, in advancing the King’s Service and Honour, with the Safety, Peace and Welfare of the Province.

‘ This being a busy Season, and the many Things I now lay before you, being of great Importance, I shall not doubt your giving them all necessary Dispatch, that so you may the sooner return to your domestick Affairs.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
May 25, 1757.*

J. Belcher.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

His Excellency by his Clerk, laid before the House the several Letters, Petitions, &c. referred to in his Speech ; which were respectively read.

The House adjourn’d till To-morrow Morning 9 o’Clock.

Thursday, May 26, 1757.

The House met.

His Excellency’s Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters and Petitions therein referred to, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Sophia Bickers*, Wife of *Henry Bickers*, a Lieutenant in the *New-Jersey* Regiment, taken Prisoner at the Reduction of *Ofwego* ; setting forth her needy Circumstances by the Absence of her said Husband, praying Provision may be made for her Assistance ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Spicer* laid before the House, a Letter he lately received from the Agent of this Colony, with a Copy of a Letter wrote by him to the Agent ; which were read.

The House adjourn’d till Two, P. M.

The House met.

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, for their Consideration, two Letters he lately received from his Excellency Sir *Charles Hardy*, Governor of *New-York*, relating to apprehending Seamen lately deserted from his Majesty’s Service, &c. which were read.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, one from *John Degrote*, and the other from *John Rickey* ; setting forth, That they obtain’d Warrants from his Excellency, for raising Companies of Volunteers in the *Jersey* Regiment, and in Consequence thereof, the said *Degrote* raised Eighty-three, and the said *Rickey* Forty-five Men, and brought them to *Elizabeth-Town*, to be mustered, where most of the said Men were qualified according to Law, and detained several Days upon the said Petitioners Expences, and after that discharged and sent Home ; the said Regiment being compleated without them ; praying a Reimbursement may be made them for the Money advanced in raising the said Men, and supporting them as above, and also an Allowance for their Time, Trouble, &c. which were read, and order’d second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Surveyors of the Highways of the County of *Somerset*, and others, setting forth, the great Hardships that

the said Surveyors labour under, in being obliged to attend the Service so frequently, without any Reward or Fee ; praying Relief in the said Premises ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Whereas by a former Resolve of this House, not less than Twenty Members shall be a sufficient Number to proceed on Business, when any Money is to be raised or applied: Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question put, whether the above Number be reduced to Eighteen, or not ? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Newill,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Bradberry,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hoogland,

YEAS.

Mr. Vangeson,
Mr. Reath,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Spicer.

Resolved,

That Eighteen be a sufficient Number of Members, to proceed to the raising or applying Money as above.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.]

Friday, May 27, 1757.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Sussex*, setting forth, the great Danger the Frontier Parts of the said County of *Sussex* are exposed to, from the Indian Enemy ; praying a Guard may be posted there for their Protection ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, an Answer made by Lieutenant *Nicholas Ward*, to a Memorial presented to the House by Capt. *Samuel Woodward*, in December last, setting forth, that Capt. *Woodward's* Company in the *Jersey* Regiment, in the first Year's Campaign, always had their Allowance of Provisions ; and that neither himself, or any Person for him, sold any Rum or Gammons at *Oswego*, belonging to the King's or Provincial Stores ; that Capt. *Woodward* paid several of his Men Dollars at Eight Shillings Proclamation ; and that all the Difference or Contention between Capt. *Woodward*, and himself, was owing and took its Rise from the ill Treatment, Threats and abusive Language used towards him, by said Capt. *Woodward*, and otherwise denying the several Facts charged by the said Capt. *Woodward*, against the said *Ward* ; and also sundry Affidavits taken in Vindication of said *Ward's* Character, touching the Premises complained of ; which Answer and Affidavits were respectively read in the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters therein referred to : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to the following Resolutions ; which by Order, he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That 120 effective Men, be immediately raised, subsisted and posted on the Frontiers of this Colony, for the Defence and Protection of the Inhabitants there. To which the House agreed. And,

Mr. *Hancock*, from said Committee, further reported, that the said Committee had had under their most mature Consideration, the following Paragraph in his Excellency's Speech, viz. " And since you did not raise the One 'Thousand Men Lord *Loudoun* demanded of you in the King's Name, he 'thinks it now too late to go about it, so as to have their Service this Campaign, 'and to supply which Deficiency, he proposes, that a Part of the Militia of 'this Province may stand ready to march upon any Emergency, to the Aid and 'Assistance of the Forces under the Command of Major General *Webb*, at 'Albany, on his Requisition." And that the Committee were of Opinion, that it is not expedient to comply with the said Request: And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not ? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,Mr. *Holmes*,— Mr. *Fisher*,— Mr. *Hoogland*,— Mr. *Vangelson*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Paxson*,Mr. *Clement*,Mr. *Hancock*,Mr. *Miller*,Mr. *Spicer*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Stevens*,Mr. *Johnston*,Mr. *Newill*,Mr. *Ogden*,Mr. *Bradberry*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Read*,Mr. *Ladd*,Mr. *Yard*,Mr. *Middagh*.*Ordered,*

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Holmes*, and Mr. *Hoogland*, be a Committee, to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Vangelson*, and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising and subsisting 120 Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers, &c.

Mr. *Stevens* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New-Jersey* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Miller* producing a News-Paper to the House, wherein was an Advertisement, that made it appear, That the Petitioners for an Act for making Bridges and Causeys on a certain Road in *Cumberland County*, had complied with the Order of this House, of the Nineteenth of *March* last past, and no Objections being made :

Therefore

Therefore it is ordered, that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, according to said Order.

Whereupon Mr. Miller, in Behalf of said Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh, situate in the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Abraham Vancampen* and *John Rosincrantz*, Esqrs; of the County of *Sussex*, setting forth the Danger the Prisoners, confined in the Goal of said County, are exposed to from the Incursions making by the Indians in them Parts, praying Relief in the said Premises; which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o' Clock.

Saturday, May 28, 1757.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Jonathan Dudley*, a Prisoner confin'd for Debt in *Somerset Goal*; praying Relief; which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read, the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the aforementioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh in the Township of Greenwich, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Paxson* and Mr. *Clement*.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, *for raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday, May 30, 1757.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following;

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

THAT you may the better know the State of our Troops under the Command of Col. *Parker*, and those raised for the Defence of the Frontiers; I herewith send you two Letters, dated *May 11th* and *17th*, from Col. *Parker*, and one of the *16th* of *May*, from Capt. *Gardiner*.

In Col. *Parker's* Letter you will see he writes for a new Supply of Arms, &c. in which Article, your Commissioner thinks the Act lately pass'd not explicit enough. To this Matter I desire your Answer; that I may write Col. *Parker* accordingly, by a Person who is going out of Town this Afternoon.

I am glad Captain *Gardiner* seems to be vigilant and discreet, in posting the Men under his Command, for the best Safety of the Frontiers; but you will see he thinks it absolutely necessary to have at least One Hundred and Fifty Men, and which I hope you will make proper Provision for, as we may daily expect Incursions from the *French* and *Indians*.

*Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
May 30, 1757.*

J. Belcher

The Letters referred to in the above Message were also read.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Petitions of *John Degrote* and *John Ricky*, for a Reimbursement of the Expence they were at in inlisting a Number of Volunteers for the Colony's Service that happened not to be wanted, were read the second Time; and it appearing to the House, that the said *John Degrote* inlisted 43 Men, and the said *Ricky* 26 Men, making 69 Men in the whole, not wanted for the said Service.

A Debate then arising, the Question was put, whether an Allowance shall be made for raising the said Volunteers, or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vangelson*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Hancock*,

YEAS

Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagb*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Clement*.
Mr. *Spicer*.

The Question was then put, what Sum shall be allowed for each Man so inlisted as above? it pass'd for *Ten Shillings*, as follows,

For 10 Shillings.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Paxson*,

For 10 Shillings.

Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

For 15 Shillings.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,

For 15 Shillings.

Mr. *Vangelson*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagb*.

Resolved,

That *Ten Shillings* be allowed for each Man inlisted as above.

Ordered,

That a Clause be inserted for that Purpose, in the Bill for raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, &c.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill *for raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, from said Committee, reported, that the said Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which Bill as amended being read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Newill*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh situate in the Township of Greenwich, &c.* reported, that they had made several Amendments to the said Bill; which Bill as amended being read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Middagh* do wait on his Excellency, and, in Answer to his Message of this Day, inform him, that by Law, his Excellency and Council, have Power to order a Delivery of such Arms as shall be necessary for the Troops of the Colony: And this House desire he will direct Col. *Parker*, to send down, by a safe Conveyance, such Arms as he shall have to spare, and may want Repair.

That it gives the House Pleasure to find by his Message, that Capt. *Gardiner* has approved himself to his Excellency; and his Vigilance will be always acceptable to the good People of this Colony.

That this House have provided a Bill for the Support of One Hundred and Twenty Men on the Frontiers; and if that Number be always compleat and effective, posted with Judgment, kept to strict Duty, we hope, under the Favour of Providence, that our Settlers there will be protected, so that they may follow their usual Employments in Peace.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 31, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

A Motion being made, that the Question be put, Whether the Law *for better regulating the Militia of this Colony*; be well examined and considered, and such Alterations and Amendments made thereto, as may render the same the most effectual, for the Defence of the Colony, in case of an Invasion from the Enemy, in these Times of imminent Danger?

The previous Vote was then demanded, and put, Whether the above Question be now put or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

YEAS,
Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,

YEAS.
Mr. *Vangelson*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,

NAYS.
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

The above Question being then put, it pass'd in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hoogland,

YEAS.
Mr. Vangejon,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh.

NAYS.
Mr. Wetberill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hancock,

NAYS.
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Spicer.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Ogden, and M. Hoogland, be a Committee to bring in a supplementary Bill, for amending and continuing the Law, *for better regulating the Militia of this Colony.*

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the raising and maintaining One Hundred and Twenty effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read and compar'd; and on the Question,

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh, &c.* was read and compar'd; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That M. Stevens and Mr. Johnston, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

‘I Just now received a Letter from Major General Webb, dated Albany, May 25, and another from Col. Parker, dated Schenectady, May 23. And as the King's Forces are ordered to march to Fort William-Henry, and probably may soon come to Action; and that many Necessaries are wanting for the New-Jersey Regiment; I desire you to send for your Commissioner, that all Things be immediately dispatcht to Col. Parker, according to the aforementioned Letters; and this Matter, you will see, admits of no Delay.’

Elizabeth-Town,
Council-Chamber, May 31, 1757.

J. Belcher.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Wednesday, June 1, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. Nevill, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted to the Council.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, living on the River *Delaware*; presented to the House in *May*, 1756, and then referred, setting forth, the defenceless State of the Province, and Danger from the Enemy by Sea, praying a Guard may be posted along the said River, to give Intimations of any Approaches of the Enemy; was again read.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the aforementioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; which Bill, as amended, being read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Thursday, June 2, 1757.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act, to the Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* was read and compar'd; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass, or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.
Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
— Mr. *Fisher*,
— Mr. *Hoogland*,

Y E A S.
— Mr. *Vangeson*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middaght*.

N A Y S.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

Resolved,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Council.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, setting forth the Hardships they labour under, in being obliged to maintain and support Two-thirds of the *Trenton* Bridge, at their own Expence, praying that the said Bridge may be built of Stone; and that their Part of the Expence thereof, may be defrayed at a County Charge; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had drawn the same; which, by Leave, he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same being again read, and several Amendments thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met:

The Petition from *Trenton*, about building *Trenton* Bridge, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting for doing the publick Business: Provided that publick Notice thereof be given in the News-Papers of *Philadelphia*, at least three Weeks before the said Sitting of Assembly, and no reasonable Objections then appearing against it.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compar'd.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hancock*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him this Afternoon, or To-morrow Morning.

The Petition from the Surveyors of the High-ways, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, for an Allowance to be made to the said Surveyors for their Services; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Petition of *Jonathan Dudley*, a Prisoner for Debt, in *Somerset* Goal; was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourn'd for an Hour.

The House met.

Mr. *Yard* had Leave to go home on urgent Business.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Friday, June 3, 1757.

The House met:

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers, &c.* And, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh,*

Marsh, situate in the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, called Tindal's Island Marsh, to make a Causey and Bridges, &c. And also, the Bill, entitled, A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the better settling and regulating the Militia, &c. All without any Amendment.

Ordered,

That *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, do print, and stich up in *Octavo*, 195 Copies of the Militia Law pass'd this Session, under the Direction and Inspection of *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; and send the same, as soon as conveniently may be to the several Members of the House.

For the Use of <i>Middlesex</i> ,	21,	<i>Salem</i> ,	16,
<i>Monmouth</i> ,	18,	<i>Cape-May</i> ,	7,
<i>Essex</i> ,	23,	<i>Hunterdon</i> ,	10,
<i>Somerset</i> ,	18,	<i>Morris</i> ,	16,
<i>Bergen</i> ,	15,	<i>Cumberland</i> ,	10,
<i>Burlington &c)</i>	23,	<i>Suffex</i> ,	10.
<i>Gloucester</i> ,)		

To be distributed in each County, as follows ; to each Field-Officer 1 ; the Adjutant 1 ; and to each Captain 1.

Ordered,

That the King's Printer of this Colony, do print the said Law, and the other Laws pass'd this Session, and distribute them in the usual Manner.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Hancock* and *Mr. Johnston*, do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of Tuesday last, inform him, that all the Camp Equipage necessary for the *Jersey* Regiment, is provided for, by the Law pass'd last Sitting ; and make no Doubt, but that, upon Application made by *Col. Parker*, to the Commissioners appointed for that Purpose, they will be readily supplied.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Read* and *Mr. Nevill* do wait on the Council, and desire to know if they have any Business before them ; if not, that they purpore to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Mr. Read reported, that *Mr. Nevill* and himself, delivered the above Message to the Council, who say they have no Business before them.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. Johnston reported, that *Mr. Hancock* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted to his Excellency.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency : And being returned, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and delivered their Address in the following Words.

To

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province; in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency ;

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly conven'd, beg Leave to observe, that we have duly considered the several Letters and Petitions referred to in your Excellency's Speech.

As to the Letters from the Secretary of State, we have already anticipated the Necessity of the first of them, by granting the Supply therein mentioned, before it came to Hand ; and as to the latter of them, we acknowledge, with Gratitude, His Majesty's paternal Care, in ordering a naval Assistance for our Protection, in Case the same should be needed : And, as faithful Subjects, we have already exerted ourselves to the Utmost, for strengthening the offensive Operations against the French, even as fully as our Sovereign, by the Letter first abovementioned, has requested, without clogging the Inlistment of the Men, though their Number might have been more considerable, had not your Excellency insisted on restricting the Time for sinking the Money struck on that, and the late similar Occasions, to so short a Period, and in Case we had otherwise succeeded in our Application for a Paper Currency; being truly concerned, that our Zeal for the common Cause, should be unhappily cramped through those Obstructions; which, we promise ourselves, will be removed ; observing with Pleasure and Gratitude, His Majesty's kind Assurances, couched in His most Gracious Speech from the Throne, signifying His paternal Regard for America; His Willingness to remove any Ground of Disatisfaction ; and recommending it to His faithful Commons, to lay the Burthens they might judge unavoidable, in such a Manner as would least distress and exhaust His People : Glorious Maxims indeed ! well worthy the Great King who has adopted them ; and highly expedient to be observed, amidst the Calamities and Confusion of War ; and we fully depend they will take Place in our Relief, as extraordinary and uncommon Events have rendered an Alleviation to our Burthen absolutely necessary.

We are of Opinion, this Colony has furnished the Carriages and Stores requisite for the King's Service, when demanded, with as great Chearfulness and Expedition as any Colony on the Continent ; and, at their own Expence, have transported the Baggage of two Regiments, receiving the Thanks of the principal Officer for the same ; and have been further honoured with his Lordship's kind Acknowledgement of their Civility and Heartiness : And it gives us great Concern, to find his Lordship should now complain of any Obstruction to the Service, which, we have Reason to suppose, must be owing to some Misrepresentations that may have been made him, as we have not heard of any real Cause of Complaint ; we hope that on Enquiry, it will appear without Foundation.

This House, truly sensible of the impending Danger brought upon his Majesty's Northern Colonies, by the ill Success of the War, have thought it their indispensable Duty to provide, by every practicable Method, for the Security of this and the neighbouring Colonies, by putting the Militia upon a good and serviceable Footing ; and we have, by a Bill now sent up to the Council, put it in the Power

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of your Excellency and Council, to march a great Body of Militia to the Defence of our Neighbours, whenever they shall be attacked; in full Confidence, that your Excellency and the Council, will use this Power with a tender Regard to the People of this Colony; and will be assured, from the Governments who require our Assistance, that the Articles they are to supply, shall be ready for the Accommodation of our Troops, when they enter such Colony: And this Provision will, we hope, fully answer the Purposes designed by the Demand of the Militia, on the Requisition of Major General Webb.

Before his Lordship's Letters came to Hand, we complied with His Majesty's just Expectations, so far as the same have been signified to us, and the Circumstances of the Colony wou'd admit.

On reading Governor Denny's Letter, we observe, that the Commissioners for Pennsylvania on Indian Affairs, have heard, that Commissioners on the Part of this Colony, were to be present at the Treaty therein mentioned; but on inspecting our own Journal, we find, that the Committee appointed for inquiring into Indian Affairs, were confined to this Colony only; beyond the Limits whereof, we have never been concerned in any Indian Treaty.

We have taken the Situation of our distressed Frontiers into Consideration, and provided for the Defence thereof; but as the Supplies necessary for this Occasion, must derive from Bills of Credit to be issued, we hope to be relieved in sinking the same by some proper Expedient; without endeavouring for which, we should not demonstrate our tender Regard for the People. And we have provided for Payment of the Militia posted on the Frontiers, until relieved by the Forces directed to be raised for that Purpose.

As North-America has become the Seat of War, we have not hitherto been inattentive to the important Event; and hope we shall, at all Times, discharge our Duty to our King and Country, in this extraordinary and dangerous Crisis.

We have given the greatest Dispatch to the publick Business, and should willingly return to our domestick Affairs, in which we have greatly suffered for a long Time past, through our frequent Attendance on the publick Service; and having now provided for every Exigence in the best Manner we can, should be glad of a Recess, as those frequent Sitzings are not only expensive to the Publick, but also very prejudicial and fatiguing to ourselves. And permit us to observe, that should the Small-Pox spread in this Town, we shall depend on your Excellency not to call us hither until it be over, as a Number of us have never had that Infection.

By Order of the House,

Assembly-Chamber,
June 2d, 1757.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1st, An Act for raising and maintaining 120 effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New-Jersey.

2^d, An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a large Tract of Salt Marsh, situate in the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Cumberland, called Tindal's Island Marsh, to make a Causey and Bridges, &c.

A Message from his Excellency by his Clerk, in the Words following ;

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;*

‘ **I** N Answer to your Address of the 2d Instant, I much doubt, whether the King’s Ministers will allow of the Construction you make on the Secretary of State’s Letter of the 4th of *February* last, that you were only to compleat the Regiment lately under the Command of Col. *Peter Schuyler*, to 500 Men ; but that, according to the Demand of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudoun*, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty’s Forces in *North-America*, you were to have made in all One Thousand Men, to have joined his Majesty’s Forces, now, by Order of the said Lord *Loudoun*, put under the Command of Major General *Webb*.

‘ As you seem to insist on your having hitherto furnish’d Carriages and Horses requisite for the Service, I shall not doubt of your making proper Provision for the future, for Carriages for the Troops, and Horses for Expresses, agreeable to Lord *Loudoun*’s Letter of the 3d of *April*, laid before you.

‘ I have read over the Bill, called, *The Supplementary Act, for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony* ; and in which I find several good Amendments of the former Militia Act, and hope you will still go on to amend it as there shall be Occasion. I have also read, with close Attention, the Clause in the said Bill, in Answer to Lord *Loudoun*’s Demand of the Aid of the Militia of this Province, upon Notice from Major General *Webb* ; and in Duty to the King, I now lay before you the following Paragraphs of Lord *Loudoun*’s Letter : “ And as I had settled the Quota of Men to be raised by you and the neighbouring Provinces for the Operations of the Year, before the Secretary of State’s Letter arrived ; I have some Doubt, if the Addition now required by that Letter, to put them on the Foot of last Year with respect to Numbers, can be raised and marched to take the Field in due Time, to enter upon Action ; therefore, both to comply with the Secretary of State’s Orders, and the greater Security of the Country, it appears to me absolutely necessary, that the Militia of your Province should be properly armed and furnished with Ammunition, and have a standing Order to march to the Aid and Assistance of the Forces under the Command of Major-General *Webb*, at *Albany*, or the Commander of his Majesty’s Forces in that Quarter, on his Requisition ; and that this Order should be more particularly given and enforced in such Parts of your Province, as is most nearly situated to those Forces, without waiting for any further Orders from you.

“ From your Zeal for the Publick Service, I have no Doubt of your complying with this Recommendation ; and hope, if the necessary Orders are given, and strictly obeyed by them, to reap the same Benefit from your Militia, that we did lately on the Enemy’s Attempt on Fort *William-Henry*, from the Militia of the upper Part of this Country.”

‘ I am therefore surprized, that what you have done is so far wide of what the King’s General has so wisely proposed for the King’s Interest and Honour, as well as for the Safety and Wellfare of this and the neighbouring Provinces ; for that the Aid you have directed to is clogged with so many Difficulties, as that the King’s Forts may be reduced, and his Forces defeated by an Overmatch of the Enemy, before any Assistance can be reasonably sent from hence : I would therefore have you reconsider the Clause in the said Bill,

‘ and conform it to the Paragraph of Lord Loudoun’s Letter before mentioned, and thereby prevent any fatal Consequence that may happen by Neglect of our Duty.

‘ I take Notice of the Bill you have pass’d for raising One Hundred and Twenty Men, to be posted on the Frontiers in their Defence; I should have been glad you had made up the Number to One Hundred and Fifty Men; as it is a Season when we may expect the Enemy on the Frontiers to be numerous.

‘ I take Notice of what you say, “ Tho’ the Number of Men might have been more considerable, had not your Excellency insisted on restricting the Time for sinking the Monies struck on such Occasion to so short a Period.” In Answer to this I am to say, that what I have done upon this Head, has been in strict Obedience to his Majesty’s Royal Orders; in which, if you find any Difficulty or Obstruction in your Proceedings, you well know where you are to seek for Relief.

‘ As to your frequent Attendance on the Publick Service; I do assure you, I shall never call you to it, unless by the King’s especial Command, or that it shall be judged necessary for the Safety and Wellfare of the Province.

‘ The afore-mentioned Supplementary Bill, I herewith return you.’

*Elizabeth-Town,
Council-Chamber, June 3, 1757.*

J. Belcher.

The House taking into Consideration the above Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Johnston do wait on his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of this Afternoon, and acquaint him, That the House are unanimously of Opinion, that the Secretary of State’s Letter can by no Means bear the Interpretation his Excellency puts upon it, and that they have done every Thing required thereby, and are extremely sorry to have Things of this Nature so frequently reiterated; the Words of said Letter are, “ That you press them in the strongest Manner, to raise with the utmost Expedition, a Number of Provincial Troops, at least equal to those raised the last Year, for the Service of the ensuing Campaign.” It is evident that the Number of Men required, are only equal to those raised last Year; his Majesty’s Ministers certainly knew the Fate of our Regiment at *Oswego*, and that they were raised to serve only that Campaign; nor will any Body suppose, that more than a complete Regiment, such as we had last Year, could be, or was expected.

That although this House esteem it their Duty, to pay due Deference to his Majesty’s Commands; yet they expect to enjoy the Freedom of judging from the Words, how far those Commands extend, without any Comment upon them, and of their own Abilities to execute them.

It is with the utmost Concern, that the Chearfulness of this Colony to furnish Carriages for the Transporting two Regiments gratis, should encourage his Excellency to press this House, to run into an unnecessary Expence already provided for by the Act of Parliament; which meets with all due Obedience in this Colony.

That it is with equal Concern, they find the Amendments to the Militia Bill do not give his Excellency Satisfaction: And beg Leave to assure him, that so far from making that Bill more rigorous, it was with the utmost Concern

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that the House found themselves (from the Difficulty of the Times) under a Necessity of laying a Burthen upon the Inhabitants ; which nothing but the most impending Danger would have induced them to do ; and that Nothing more can be expected from this House on that Head, under the present Circumstances ; nor can we think ourselves divested of a Right of judging of the Expediency and Possibility of Complying with any Demands made upon the Colony.

That the House have given such Assistance to the Frontiers, as they expect will, by the Favour of Providence, secure the Inhabitants, and without it they find it has not been in the Power of all the Troops at *Albany*, or elsewhere to prevent the Indians some Times making successful IncurSIONS.

That it is with the greatest Uneasiness the House perceives the utmost Exertion of the Colony falls short of giving Satisfaction, and that they have of late scarce ever been parted with, till they have received his Excellency's Disapprobation of what has been done.

That the House beg his Assent to the Supplementary Bill, so necessary for the Defence of this Colony, and upon which its Security in a great Measure depends, and which we herewith return.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency.

A Message from his Excellency, by his Clerk, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber, immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency ; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, *viz.*

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.

And then did adjourn the General Assembly to the 4th Day of *July* next.



By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,

Speaker.

V O T E S
 A N D
 P R O C E E D I N G S
 O F T H E
 General Assembly
 O F T H E
 Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SITTING, at ELIZABETH-TOWN, met by Adjournments,
August 19, 1757, and continued to the 13th of *September* following,
 and then adjourned to the 23d of the same Month.



Woodbridge, in NEW JERSEY ;
 Printed by *James Parker*, by Order of the General Assembly, 1757.

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Votes of the General Assembly.

ELIZABETH-TOWN, Friday, August 19, 1757.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Adjournments of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met :

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Paxson* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the above Message ; who was pleased to say, that Circumstances in Affairs having changed since he first prepared his Speech, makes it necessary to form it anew, whereby he shall not be able to lay any Thing before the House before To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Paxson* informed the House, that *Barzillai Newbold*, Esq; a Member of this House for the County of *Burlington*, has lately deceased.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ-for the Electing a Representative for the County of *Burlington*, in the Room of the said *Barzillai Newbold*, Esq; deceased.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, August 20, 1757.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency : And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly;

UPON the Intelligence of a large Body of French Troops laying Siege to Fort *William-Henry*, and upon the pressing Instances of the Government of *New-York*, I thought it necessary to order the Colonels of the several Regiments of Militia, to detach their Proportions of One Thousand Men, agreeable to an Act of this Province passed the last Sessions; and having appointed Officers to command them, I directed them to proceed

to

‘ to *Albany*, in the Province of *New-York*. While these Troops were
 ‘ embarking, and on their Way, I received the further Intelligence of the
 ‘ Reduction of Fort *William-Henry*, and that Fort *Edward*, upon *Hudson’s*-
 ‘ River, was invested by the Enemy; whereupon I call’d together his Majesty’s
 ‘ Council, and laid before them the imminent Dangers to which this and the
 ‘ neighbouring Provinces were exposed, by the Approach of a numerous and
 ‘ successful Army; and by their Advice, I ordered a further Detachment of
 ‘ Three Thousand Men, to be in Readiness to move, in case the Progress of
 ‘ the Enemy should make it necessary: But I can now acquaint you, that the
 ‘ *French* have contented themselves for the present with destroying the
 ‘ Works at Fort *William-Henry*, and are retired; upon which the Troops
 ‘ that were sent from hence are returned, and the Whole disbanded.

‘ As soon as I received Notice of the Approach of the Enemy, by Letters
 ‘ from Lieut. Governor *De Lancey*, dated at *Albany*, the 10th and 11th Inst.
 ‘ which will be laid before you, I call’d you together, that I might have
 ‘ your Advice and Assistance in the Measures such an Event would render
 ‘ necessary: And think it my Duty now to inform you, that upon this
 ‘ Occasion the Militia Laws were found to be very insufficient to answer the
 ‘ Purpose of affording timely Assistance to our Neighbours, or of defending
 ‘ ourselves in case of Need: I therefore recommend those Laws to your
 ‘ Consideration, that they may receive such Alterations, as may enable me to
 ‘ use the Force of this Province for the Security of this Part of his Majesty’s
 ‘ Dominions, without having Recourse to the Exercise of the Powers delegated
 ‘ to me by his Majesty’s Commission under the Great Seal, a Copy of a
 ‘ Clause in which will be laid before you.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ The Expence that has attended the making these Detachments will be
 ‘ laid before you; and I doubt not you will make Provision for the Payment
 ‘ thereof, and such as may attend any further Measures of the like kind. The
 ‘ Secretary will lay before you a Letter I have received from Admiral *Holburn*,
 ‘ dated at *Halifax* the 10th past, by which you will observe, that the Enemy
 ‘ were very strong in that Part of the World, and his Majesty’s Fleet much
 ‘ weakened by Sickness; on which you will do what you think most for the
 ‘ King’s Service, and for the Interest of this Colony.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,*

‘ This Situation of Affairs to the Eastward, and the Reason we have to
 ‘ fear the Enemy will renew their Attempts to the Northward, are really
 ‘ alarming, and call on us for the greatest Unanimity and Dispatch, in those
 ‘ Measures that at this Time may be thought necessary for advancing the
 ‘ common Cause, and securing those Colonies from falling an easy Prey into
 ‘ the Hands of our Enemies.

Elizabeth-Town, Council Chamber,
August 20, 1757.

J. Belcher

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, the several
 Letters, &c. referred to in his Speech; which were respectively read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, setting forth, that by his Excellency the Governor's Order, a Number of Men has lately been detached from the Militia of said County, to go to the Assistance of *New-York* Province, whose Pay allowed by Law were too inconsiderable for their Support in travelling; and as Numbers of the said Detachment being poor, and not able to furnish themselves with Arms, Distresses of Arms were made from the other Inhabitants for their Supply, and that said County thereby is left in a defenceless Condition, being a Frontier on the Sea; praying, that Five Hundred Muskets, Swords or Bayonets, &c. and a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition, may be provided for said County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till two, *P. M.*

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and with the Letters and Papers therein referred to, and the Petition from the County of *Monmouth* for a Supply of Arms, &c. was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday, August 22, 1757.

The House met.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, one from the Prisoners for Debt in *Hunterdon* County Goal, and the other from *John Islee*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Goal of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, setting forth their distressing Circumstances by long and tedious Confinements, for Debts which they are utterly unable to pay; praying an Act for their Relief; which were read, and ordered second Readings.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Trustees of *New-Jersey* College, setting forth, that some of the Military Officers of this Province suppose, that by a late Act, the Students of the said College are obliged to perform military Exercise, which they conceive not to have been the Design of the said Law; praying a Clause in some future Law to exempt the said Students from military Duty; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters to them referred: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some farther Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Whereas several of the scattered Remains of the *Jersey* Regiment, since the Loss of *Fort William-Henry*, has come into this Colony, in a necessitous Condition as to Cloathing, occasioned by being stripp'd by the Indian Enemy, and others likely soon to return in the same Condition.

Resolved,

That Cloathing Articles be furnished by this Colony, with the utmost Expedition, for those of the *Jersey* Regiment remaining, not exceeding in the Amount to more than *Forty Shillings* for each Soldier.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Ogden* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that Col. *Parker*, with the Remains of the *Jersey* Regiment, is now returned into this Colony, under Parol of Honour not to bear Arms against the French King for a certain Time ; which renders the Continuance of the said Regiment useless ; and as their Pay subsists until discharged, desire his Excellency to dismiss the said Forces.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would immediately give Orders to Col. *Parker* to dismiss the Forces who are under Restraint by Capitulation.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o' Clock.

Tuesday, August 23, 1757.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following.

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly ;

' THE Secretary will lay before you a Letter I received last Night from
' General Webb, dated at Fort *Edward*, the 12th Day of this Instant,
' notifying to me, that the Jersey Regiment were become Prisoners of War,
' and under Articles not to serve for the Space of Eighteen Months ; and
' desiring the Province might furnish the original Number the Regiment first
' consisted of, for the future Service of this Campaign.

' The Reasons we have to expect the French will renew their Attacks
' upon the Northern Frontiers, are sufficient to induce us to take every Measure
' in our Power, to prepare our selves for our own Defence : I do therefore
' heartily recommend this Matter to your Consideration.

August 23, 1757.

J. Belcher.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, August 24, 1757.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Jacobus Johnston*, setting forth, that he expended £. 5 - 1 - 5, in subsisting a Number of Men ordered on the Frontiers last Winter; praying a Reimbursement; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to sundry Resolutions; which by Order he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That a humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That a Bill be brought in for the further Regulation of the Militia of the Colony of *New-Jersey*. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That Two Thousand Stands of Arms, with a Quantity of Ammunition, be immediately sent for to *England*, and purchased for the Use of this Colony, to be deposited in the several Counties thereof, to be ready for Service against the Enemy, on any Emergency. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,

YEAS.

Mr. Hoogland,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Fergeson,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh.

NAYS.

Mr. Clement,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Spicer.

NAYS.

Mr. Leaming,
Who voted for
1500 Arms.

And Mr. *Hancock* from said Committee further reported, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, the defenceless State of this Colony, in this Time of encreasing Danger from the publick Enemy, by the great Deficiency of Arms lately discovered among the Militia, and the great Debt in which this Colony is involved on Account of the War, think it expedient to apply to his Majesty for a Supply of Arms, for the Defence of the Colony against the common Enemy. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Ladd*, Mr. *Hoogland* and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, for further Regulating the Militia of the Colony of *New-Jersey*; and also for Supplying the Colony with Arms, &c. and making Provision for paying for the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Hoogland* do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, to draw an Application to his Majesty, for a Supply of Arms for the Use of this Colony, and to lay the Distresses and defenceless State of the Colony before his

his Majesty; and that they will be pleased to appoint the Time and Place of meeting of said Committees. And that Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Yard*, are appointed a Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The Petition from the Trustees of the *New-Jersey* College, for the Students of said College to be exempted from military Exercise, was read the second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Hoogland* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* acquainted the House, that he was directed by the other Justices of the Supreme Court of this Colony, to inform the House, that the Calamities of the County of *Sussex*, occasioned by the late Incursions of the Enemy, is such, that no Security can be had in holding Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery there; and that the said County has not any Goal sufficient for the holding any Prisoners; and as one *Benjamin Springer* is now confin'd a Prisoner in *Essex* County Goal, on Suspicion of a Murder by him not long since committed in the said County of *Sussex*, makes them adjudge it necessary to pass a Law of this Colony, for the Trial of capital Crimes committed in said County of *Sussex*, in some other of the Counties of this Colony.

The House taking the above Matters into Consideration, a Debate arising, the Question was put, Whether a Bill be brought in for the Tryal of the said *Benjamin Springer*, in some one of the Counties of this Colony, (the County of *Sussex* excepted) it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Vreland*,
Mr. *Vangesen*,
Mr. *Read*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Müller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagb*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Müller*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the Tryal of the said *Benjamin Springer*, in the County of *Morris*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, in the Words following;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Ashfield*, and Mr. *Ogden*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to draw up an Application to his Majesty, representing the Distresses, and defenceless State of this Colony; and humbly to implore his Royal Aid, in a Supply of Arms and other Things necessary for its Security: That the Committees meet at four a Clock this Afternoon, at the House of Mrs. *Chetwood*, and that Mr. *Woodruff* acquaint the House of Assembly thereof.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Thursday, August 25, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

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The House met.

His Excellency's Message of Tuesday last was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Ogden* do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of Tuesday last, inform him, that the News of the Surrender of Fort *William-Henry* to the *French* King, with the Massacre of our Regiment there, and the rapid Progress of the Enemy, is very alarming, and become worthy the serious Consideration of the *British* Colonies in *North-America*, and hope this Colony will always be found willing, as far as their Circumstances will admit, to furnish their Proportion of Assistance in the common Cause ; but as the Season is so far advanced, the furnishing a Body of Troops for the Service of this present Campaign would be rendered useless, occasioned by the Time the raising such Forces would necessarily take.

The Petition from the Prisoners for Debt in *Trenton* Goal, and the Petition from *John Ilsee*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Goal of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, were read the second Time.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Mathias Vanderipe*, Head-Constable of the City of *New-Brunswick*, setting forth, that he spent a considerable Time and Expence in billeting Soldiers, and impressing Waggons and Horses for his Majesty's Service ; praying an Allowance for the same ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, for continuing sundry Acts which are nigh expiring, viz. *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court, &c. An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties, &c. An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.*

Mr. *Stevens* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Benjamin Springer, now a Prisoner in the Goal of the County of Essex, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which will expire at the End of this present Session by their own Limitation ;* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the reviving the former Act of this Colony, for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Benjamin Springer*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Hoogland*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which will expire, &c.* was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Benjamin Springer*, reported the said Bill without any Amendments; which Bill being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Friday, August 26, 1757.

The House met.

The engross'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Benjamin Springer, &c.* was read and compar'd; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Ireland*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Vangelson*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Middagb*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Yard*,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engross'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, &c.* was read and compar'd; and on the Question,

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee, to enquire into such Accounts of the Expences attending the Detachments made in the several Counties as may come to hand this Session, and make Report thereof to the House.

Mr. *Ogden* informed, that he had delivered the Message of this House of Yesterday, to the Governor.

The Petition of *John Vanderipe*, Constable of *New-Brunswick*, for an Allowance for his Trouble in billeting Soldiers, &c. was read the second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Regulation of the Militia, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for reviving an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Samuel Horner, Robert Smith, Joseph Yard, jun. James Leonard* and *Thomas Norris*, setting forth, that for the Defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies, they have entered into an Agreement with a Number of the Inhabitants of *Prince-Town*, and Places adjacent, to form themselves into a Company of Volunteers, and applied for Commissions for that Purpose; praying, that in case they should be called to actual Service, they may be provided for in the same manner as the Detachment from the Militia; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Saturday, August 27, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens* being indisposed in Body, had Leave to be absent.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to enquire into such Accounts of the Expences attending the Detachment made in the several Counties, as may come to hand this Session; reported, that they had had under their Consideration the said Accounts, and are of Opinion, that it is expedient a Clause be inserted in the present Bill before the House, entitled, *An Act for the further regulating the Militia of this Colony*, thereby empowering the several Members of this House, to settle the respective Accounts of said Detachment of the Counties to which they belong, with the Colonels of said Counties, and draw on the Treasury for the Payment of the same. To which Report the House agreed.

Ordered,

That a Clause be inserted in the said Bill for the Purpose aforesaid.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for reviving an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Yard* had Leave to be absent on an extraordinary Occasion.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for reviving an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; was read and compar'd; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Vreland* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Eight o'Clock.

Monday, August 29, 1757.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly;

THE Secretary will lay before you a Letter that came Yesterday to my Hands, from his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, dated at Sea, the 18th of this Instant; also one of the 25th, from Sir *John St. Clair*, Deputy Quarter-Master-General of his Majesty's Forces; by which you will observe, that

that his Lordship's Instructions are to act offensively to the Northward, and that he expects a large Detachment of our Militia to be in Readiness to proceed upon his Arrival.

As his Lordship, out of Regard to the Safety of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, has been pleased to suspend his Operations to the Eastward, and to draw a great Part of his Forces this Way; it becomes us to afford him all the Assistance in our Power; and I heartily recommend it to you, to enable me, to comply with his Lordship's Request, without Delay.'

*Elizabeth-Town. Council Chamber,
August 29, 1757.*

J. Belcher

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o' Clock.

Tuesday, August 30, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. *Bradberry*, one of the Members of this House for the County of *Essex*, having neglected giving his Attendance at this and former Sessions, contrary to the Duty he owes the Publick, tho' often desired by private Messengers from the House so to do.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker issue his Warrant to the Serjeant at Arms, to bring said *Richard Bradberry*, Esq; before the House immediately, to answer his Neglect in Attendance on the publick Service.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Holmes*, and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill (separate from the Bill for regulating the Militia of this Colony, now before the House) for purchasing Arms and Ammunition, and making Provision for paying for the same; and for making a Gratuity to the Remains of the *Jersey* Regiment; and for paying the Charges of the Detachment lately made from the Militia, &c.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o' Clock.

Wednesday, August 31, 1757.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Regulation of the Militia, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Andrew Robeson, Serjeant at Arms, attending, was called in, who informed the House, that he had been with the Speaker's Warrant at the House of *Richard Bradberry*, Esq; in order to bring him before the House; and that he was informed he had come before to the House, and did not see him until his Return here, where he found him.

The House adjourn'd till two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Bradberry* appearing, and confessing his Neglect, in not giving that due Attendance in the House, as his Duty to the Publik required, and asked Pardon for his past Offences.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bradberry* be acquitted, upon his paying the usual Fees to the Serjeant at Arms.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Regulation of the Militia, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter which he received from several of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council ; which was read, and is in the Words following ;

Elizabeth-Town, August 31, 1757.

‘ Mr. Speaker,

‘ *WE* the Members of his Majesty's Council, now in this Town, think it our
‘ Duty, to acquaint you, and the House of Assembly, that his Excellency
‘ *JONATHAN BELOHER*, his Majesty's late Governor of this Province, departed
‘ this Life at Two of the Clock this Morning ; and as Mr. Reading, the Coun-
‘ cillor first named in his Majesty's Instructions to the deceas'd Governor, is not in
‘ Town, we desire your House will adjourn themselves from Day, to Day till the
‘ President of the Council is sworn into the Administration, and shall signify his
‘ Pleasure to the House.’

We are, Sir,

Your very humble Servants,

‘ To *ROBERT LAWRENCE*, Esq; }
‘ Speaker of the House of }
‘ Assembly of the Province }
‘ of *New-Jersey*. }

ROBT. HUNTER MORRIS.
DAVID OGDEN.
SAMUEL WOODRUFF.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Thursday, September 1, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Friday, September 2, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, September 3, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till Monday next.

Monday, September 5, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Tuesday, September 6, 1757.

The House met.

A Message from the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, by Mr. Secretary; which being read, is in the Words following.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

THE Secretary will lay before you a Letter from Sir *John St. Clair*, Deputy Quarter Master General of his Majesty's Forces, to Mr. *Morris*, dated at *New-York*, the third Instant, informing him, that the Earl of *Loudoun* desired him to order sixteen Waggon, for transporting the Baggage of the second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment through this Colony to *Pennsylvania*; which the Council have accordingly done.

Sir *John* also signifies, that his Lordship will send about 600 Men, ailing with *Scorbutick* Complaints, to this Province, to be divided between *Elizabeth-Town*, *Newark* and *Amboy*; and that those Men will be in the Province this Day: As the receiving such a Number of sick Men into the Places above-mentioned, destin'd by the Earl of *Loudoun* for their Reception, will be attended with great Inconvenience to the Inhabitants of those Places; there being no Hospitals or Barracks prepared for their Reception; the Council conceive it necessary for you to take the same into your Consideration, and make speedy Provision for those Men, so that too great a Burthen be not laid on those particular Parts of this Province.

Elizabeth-Town,
September 5th, 1757,

ROBERT H. MORRIS,
EDWARD ANTILL,
JAMES HUDE,
ANDREW JOHNSTON,
RICHARD SALTAR,
LEWIS M. ASHFIELD,
DAVID OGDEN,
SAMUEL WOODRUFF.

The House taking into Consideration their Resolution of the 22d of *August* last, respecting a Gratuity proposed to be given to each Soldier belonging to the late Regiment of this Colony, not exceeding *Forty Shillings*; and finding, that an Application was made on the same Day to his late Excellency, for their immediate Dismissal, who was pleased to say, he would give Orders to Col. *Parker* for that Purpose, which induced the House to think the said Soldiers were dismissed accordingly; and therefore were of Opinion, that the said Gratuity should be allowed them: But Mr. *Thomas Eaton*, the present Paymaster, having informed the House, that the said Soldiers insist on their Wages and Subsistence down to this Time, alledging they have not been dismissed, which is more than the House expected; and therefore are of Opinion, that the above Gratuity should not be allowed them, but that the said Paymaster do pay 'em their Wages to this Day; as also their Stoppages in Arrear retained for Imbezlements, upon delivering to the said Paymaster their Arms, and such warlike Stores as they may have in their Keeping, belonging to the Colony of *New-Jersey*; and making good all Imbezlements, not happening through the unavoidable Casualties of War: And also, that the Commissioners do pay 'em their Subsistence from the Time of Capitulation to this Day.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o' Clock.

Wednesday, September 7, 1757.

The House met.

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The House taking into Consideration a Letter from the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council to the Speaker of the House, of the 31st of *August* last, informing, that his Excellency *Jonathan Belcher*, Esq; Governor of this Colony, had that Morning deceased, whereby the Government devolved on the Honourable *John Reading*, Esq; the Councillor first named in his Majesty's Instruction to the said late Governor *Belcher*, desiring the House to adjourn from Day to Day, until the President was sworn into his Office, and should signify his Pleasure to the House: Since which the House have continued their Adjournments to this Day, without hearing from the said President, to the great Obstruction of the publick Business.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Ladd* do wait on the Council, and desire to be informed, whether the Honourable *John Reading*, Esq; is yet sworn into the Administration of the Government; and if not, the Reason of such a Delay.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself delivered the above Message to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following.

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

' IMMEDIATELY on the Governor's Death, a proper Notification thereof was dispatched to *John Reading*, Esq; and a Request from his Majesty's Council, that he would come to this Place, to take upon him the Administration of the Government, agreeable to the Royal Commission and Instructions; and informing him, that the other Branches of the Legislature were here engaged in the publick Service: In Answer to which, he informed them, that he declined taking the Administration; which occasioned a second Express; who returned with an Answer, shewing that he persisted in his former Resolution. These Letters the Secretary will lay before you.'

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Thursday, September 8. 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Friday, September 9, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Saturday, September 10, 1757.

The House met, and adjourn'd till Monday next,

Monday, September 12, 1757.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*; which being read, is in the Words following;

' Ordered,

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Woodruff* do carry to the House of Assembly, a Letter from his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, of the 7th Instant, to his Majesty’s Council, and inform them, that this House is ready to concur with the House of Assembly, in the necessary Measures for complying with his Lordship’s reasonable Request.’

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

Tuesday, September 13, 1757.

The House met.

The Council’s Message of Yesterday; (with his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*’s Letter therein referred to, containing a Demand on this Colony for 100 Men, to be employed as Rangers during the Winter Season) was read the second Time; and the House taking the same into Consideration; a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, whether 100 Men, Officers included, be raised, to be employed as Rangers, agreeable to his Lordship’s Demand, or not? it pass’d in the Affirmative.

YE AS.

Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Bradberry*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Freland*,

YE AS.

Mr. *Vangeson*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middogb*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

Resolved,

That One Hundred Men, Officers included, be immediately raised in this Colony, to be employed as Rangers during the Winter Season, as his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun* shall direct; and that said Company of Rangers consist of a Captain, two Lieutenants, four Serjeants, four Corporals, and Eighty Nine private Men: And that the Wages to be allowed to each Commissioned and Non-commissioned Officer, and Soldier, be as follows, *viz.* The Captain *Six Shillings* per Day; each Lieutenant *Five Shillings* per Day; each Serjeant *Four Shillings* per Day, and each Corporal *Three Shillings and Sixpence* per Day, and each private Soldier *Three Shillings* per Day. And that each Officer and Soldier, be furnished at the Expence of this Colony, with a good Blanket, a Half-thick Under-Jacket, a Kersey Jacket lapell’d, Buckskin Breeches, two Check Shirts, two Pair of Shoes, and two Pair of Stockings, and a Leather Cap, and a Hatchet: And that the Captain shall have *Twenty Shillings*, for each private Soldier he shall enlist in this Service, to be retained till the First of *April* next.

Resolved,

That an Application be made to the Earl of *Loudoun*, for Arms for said Company.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Ogden*, do carry the above Resolutions to the Council, and request their Concurrence thereto.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself, delivered the above Resolves to the Council, who were pleased to say, they heartily concurred thereto, and should forward the same to the Commander in Chief of this Colony, and desire him to carry the same into Execution.

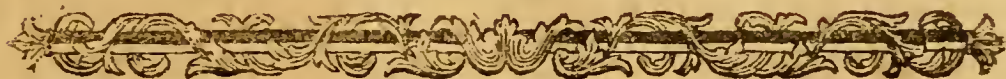
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Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* do forward the Bill for issuing £. 60,000, with the Petition annexed, to *England* by the next Packet ; and that the Treasurer do pay the Postage, if demanded ; and that the same be provided for by Law.

Mr. Secretary informed the House, that by his Majesty's Royal Commission and Instructions to the late Governor *Belcher*, the Administration of this Government, on his Death, devolved on the Honourable JOHN READING, Esq; who accordingly has taken the Oaths required by Law, and taken upon him the Execution of the Powers in the said Commission and Instructions contained ; and that it is his Honour's Pleasure, that the Speaker adjourn the House for Ten Days, then to meet at *Burlington*.

The House accordingly adjourn'd to the 23^d Day of this Instant *September*, then to meet at *BURLINGTON*.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *James Parker*, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,
Speaker.



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Notes
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General Assembly

. A sitting at Burlington began Oct^r the 10. 1737 and
continued until the 22. of said Month.

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General Assembly.

Burlington, Monday October 10. 1757.

Pursuant to his Honour the Presidents several Adjournments of the General Assembly to this day the House met and there were being a sufficient Number of Members to transact any Business.

The House Adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 O'Clock.

Tuesday October 11. 1757.

The House met and for the Reasons aforesaid, adjourned till Tomorrow morning Nine O'Clock.

Wednesday October 12. 1757.

The House met and for the Reasons aforesaid, adjourned till Nine O'Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Thursday October 13. 1757.

The House met.

Resolved:

That William de Witt be Door-keeper to this House,
Samuel Stokes Esq. being returned a Representative
for the County of Burlington in the room of Garzillai
C. Newbold

Rowland Eg deceased, was Qualified in the House, before the
 now Johnstone & Charles Dear Esq^r
 ordered-

That Mr. Stoker do take his Seat in the House.

Ordered

That all here be told, and do wait upon the President, and
 acquaint him that the late Western Cork, being a Member of
 this House, is desirous of resigning his Office, the House there-
 fore recommends Hugh Martshorne Esq^r as a fit Person to succeed
 him in that Station, and desire the President will be pleased to
 nominate him for that purpose.

A Message from the President, by W. Secretary was read
 and is as follows,

Gentlemen of the Council & General Assembly.

When upon the Death of his late Excellency Governor
 Belcher, the Administration of the Government devolved upon
 me, the bodily & Infirmities under which I labour, and the
 advanced Age it hath pleased God to favour me with, rendering
 the Administration too Burthensome for me cheerfully to
 undertake, and my fear lest the General Service should
 have suffered from my Inability to enter into vigorous
 Measures, were Reasons very cogent and forceable, to deter-
 mine me to shun an Active Life, and nothing but the
 obedience due to his Majesty's Commands could have
 prevailed on me to assume the Reins of Government, in
 the Execution of which, my Duty, my Interest, and my
 warmest inclinations, will lead me, by every just and
 prudent Measure, to promote the Security of two Majestys

American Dominions in General, and the peace and Happiness of this Province in particular, and I beg your aid and best Advice upon all Difficulties that may occur in these times of Uncommon Danger & Distress.

His Excellency Thomas Pownall Esq Governor of Massachusetts Bay and Lieu^t Governor of this Province being acquainted that the Government of this Colony was unsettled & prompted by a Zeal for his Majesty's Service, Undertook a fatiguing Journey from Boston, and arrived here where he found me in the Administration thereof and did me the favour to assure me that if any Extraordinary Matters should require more vigorous Execution than the Weak State of my Body should enable me to perform he would on the first Notice from me at a ^{moment} ~~minutes~~ warning repair here to the Aid & Service of the Province.

A Declaration so Tender in respect to myself commands my sincerest return of Gratitude, and in Respect to the Colony entitles him to their greatest esteem & Regard and I must recommend it to you to make a generous Provision for the Expenses of his late Journey, and for such as the exigency of Affairs shall make it necessary for him to undertake hereafter and for the Support of ^{the} Commander in Chief of the Colony.

It was with reluctance that you were called together at a time when your private Affairs require more than ordinary attendance, but the distressed Situation of the Frontiers which is represented to me by Letters from several of the principal Inhabitants, and the setting out the one Hundred Rangers for his Majesty's Service, made your immediate Meeting of Absolute necessity. Notwithstanding
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the present case the Legislature of the Colony have shewn to the British Inhabitants; it appears upon Trial that the force & station there are insufficient to prevent the Ravages of the Enemy; nor need to exasperate upon the calamities that will befall them if the settlers above are about Pacification. Should we ever so soon abandon their Improvements, these Letters the Secretary will lay before you. You may assure yourselves that I shall never drop an useless line once upon you, but good Economy dictates that we ought to advance freely, when the Preservation of the whole is at Stake. I have written to the Secretary of the Council of Nova Scotia to Company to purchase our Black Traders, and if the Lords please I intend it convenient to share them out our Traders may be brought to employment in Acadian Affairs.

I find it necessary to order it Impracticable for me to attend now these meetings at Dartmouth, and as you may incline to go I shall be glad to have that is addressed to you I hope may be here with great occasion in November. If you find it convenient there will be a necessity of attending the Council at London, which will do on a day, ^{to} that is a pleasure. I am thankful to know that the appearance of my being able shortly to meet you at your usual Place of sitting. The good effects ^{that} this Colony has experienced from that Harmony and good agreement which has happily subsisted between the branches of the Legislature with the cement, and in the strongest Confidence and Concord for the general Benefit of the Community; and that each House will proceed with the Discharge of what Properly is their respective Business and Duty, Agreeable to the pressing Necessity.

October 11 1757

John Reading

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Ordered,

That his Honour's Message have a second Reading.

Mr. Secretary also laid before the House the Papers referred to in his Honour's Message ; which were read.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter he had received from the Honourable *Robert H. Morris*, dated *September 24, 1757* ; which was read.

Resolved,

That the House will not at this Sitting proceed to any new Business more than is recommended in his Honour's Message, (unless in Case of absolute Necessity) and that it is the Intention of this House, that the publick Business now depending, be done at *Burlington* towards the Spring, when the Operations for next Summer may be laid before the House.

The President's Message was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Message : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again : To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Secretary produced a Commission, according to the Request of this House, appointing *Hugh Hartshorne* one of the Clerks of this House ; which was read, and he was accordingly admitted.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed further on his Honour's Message : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to sundry Resolutions ; which he is ready to report, when the House pleases to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* reported the Resolutions of the Committee as follows,

Resolved,

That the President's Administration be supported at the Rate of *Five Hundred Pounds per Annum*, till the present Support-Bill expires.

On the Question, Whether the House agrees thereto, or not ? it pass'd in the Affirmative :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. <i>Johnson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stokes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Westberill</i> ,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vangeson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> .
Mr. <i>Bradberry</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Yard</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagh</i> .	

Resolved, -

That the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, be forthwith struck, for supporting One Hundred Rangers already ordered ; defraying the Expences of the late Detachment ; paying for the Two Thousand Stand of Arms sent for, for the Use of the Province, and for such other necessary Uses as his Majesty's Service may hereafter require ; and that Provision be made to sink the said *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, at the Rate of *Five Thousand* a Year, in the Years 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773. B On

On the Question, whether the House agree thereto, or not ? it pass'd in the Affirmative, as follows.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Ireland,	Mr. Hancock,	
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Yard,	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Middagh,	
Mr. Bradberry,	Mr. Paxson,		
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Stokes,		

Ordered,

That Mr. Smith, Mr. Paxson and Mr. Ogden, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for the further supporting the Government, during the Time that the Support Bill for this present Year continues.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill, Mr. Read, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Ladd, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for striking *Thirty Thousand Pounds*; and for the Purposes mentioned in the said Resolve.

Ordered,

That Mr. Spicer, Mr. Vangelson, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Wetherill, and Mr. Yard, be a Committee, to draw and prepare an Answer to the President's Message.

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

Friday, October 14, 1757.

The House met.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

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

Saturday, October 15, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. Nevill from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, and other Purposes therein mentioned; reported, that they had prepared the same, and are ready to deliver it when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be delivered in immediately, and read: Which was done accordingly, and ordered to have a second Reading, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House accordingly resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for striking *Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock, Chairman from said Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress on the said Bill, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

And resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill for striking *Thirty Thousand Pounds, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Hancock reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto; which he is ready to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon he reported the Bill, with the Amendments made thereto : To which the House agreed. And on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engross'd or not ? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. Ogden had Leave to go home on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o' Clock.

Monday, October 17, 1757.

The House met.

Mr. Nevill had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

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

Tuesday, October 18, 1757.

The House met.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Suffex* County, was read, setting forth, that the neighbouring Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania* are fled, whereby they are become a Frontier ; and without a speedy Remedy and Assistance, they shall also be obliged to run off, and the back Plantations will become vacant ; praying the House to take the great Consequence into their serious Consideration.

A Letter was also read from Col. *John Anderson*, directed to his Honour the President, setting forth Matter to the same Purpose.

Ordered,

The abovesaid Petition have a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, for his Majesty's Service in the present War*, was read and compared ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass, or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows.

<i>YEAS,</i>	<i>YEAS.</i>	<i>NAYS.</i>	<i>NAYS.</i>
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Bradberry,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Paxson,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Vreland,	Mr. Middagh,	Mr. Miller,	

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Yard, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Spicer, from the Committee for that Purpose, brought in a Draught of a Message to his Honour ; which was read, and several Amendments made thereto ; which were agreed to by the House, and is as follows.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Yard*, do wait on his Honour the President, and acquaint him, in Answer to his Message of the 11th Instant, " That we are sorry his bodily Infirmities, and advanced Age, should have, in the least, obstructed his ready Acceptance of the Government ; and we hope his Inclination will prompt him to render the same most beneficial for the publick Good, in which it is our Duty at all Times to concur ; and more especially, at this critical Juncture of uncommon Danger and Distress ; for averting and alleviating whereof, our Aid and best Advice shall not be wanting, consistent with the Circumstances of those we represent, and the Duty we owe them.

That we esteem Governor POWNALL's Journey to this Province, a signal Proof of his Zeal for his Majesty's Interest ; and had the Government here continued unsettled, it might have been of the greatest Service ; and for his Readiness herein, and other kind Assurances, we retain a grateful Sense, begging his Honour will please to return him our unfeigned Thanks.

That it is with Reluctance we are convened at this Time, when our domestic Affairs so pressingly demand our immediate Attendance, having deeply suffered therein for a Series of Time past, thro' a frequent, and almost constant, Attention to the publick Service : And for their, as well as our own Relief, we must intreat his Honour, not to call us oftner than the pressing Exigencies of the Province do unavoidably require ; as frequent Sittings are not only inconvenient to us, but also very expensive to the Publick, who ought to be relieved by all frugal Means : And, indeed, we did not expect to have been so suddenly called, unless some extraordinary Emergency had occur'd to have rendered it absolutely necessary : However, since we are met, we have chearfully taken into Consideration, the Matters recommended in his Honour's said Message ; and in Consequence thereof, have pass'd a Bill, for issuing *Thirty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit ; Part whereof is appropriated to the equipping One Hundred Rangers ; to paying for a general Magazine of Arms and military Stores ; to defraying the Expence of the late Detachment, and to the further Continuance of the Troops posted on our Frontiers : And the Surplusage then remaining, is subject to such further Appropriations, as the Legislature, in their Direction, shall think expedient for his Majesty's Service : Which Bill, being of such general Utility, leaves us no room to doubt of his Honour's ready Concurrence : Observing with Pleasure and Gratitude, his early and prudent Application to the Earl of LOUDOUN, for a Company, to garrison the Block-houses ; which if granted, and our Troops already there should be otherwise well employed in Scouting Parties, we have Reason to hope (thro' Divine Aid) will be sufficient to guard the Frontiers. And permit us to observe, that should Ten Men to One be granted, and at the same Time remain inactive Spectators of the Enemy's Ravages, the Increase of their Numbers would only add to the Expence, but not the Defence of the Province ; which demands our serious Notice, and constrains us to intreat his Honour, in case he should hear any Complaint of the Behaviour of our Troops, and, on strict Enquiry, find the same to be true, instead of calling us to add to the Number, he will please to exhort the Officers charged with the Command of those already on Foot, to a vigorous and effectual Discharge of their Duty, under Penalty of being cashiered with Disgrace, for Neglect thereof ; to the End the Province may receive that Protection from them, which (under God) they have a Right to expect.

That

That we are sorry, his Honour's present Indisposition renders him unable to meet us here, and are not inclinable to be adjourned to *Trenton*; firmly intending to reassume the constitutional Right of sitting at *Pertb-Amboy* and *Burlington*; tho' for some Time past we have dispensed therewith, thro' tender Compassion to the advanced Age, and great Infirmary of our late Governor; but his Death leaves us at Liberty, and our Duty to the Publick now enjoins us, to assert our Right in the strongest Manner; lest a continued Suspension of an unalienable Privilege, should hereafter prompt future Governors to repeat the Precedent, of calling their Assemblies to unconstitutional Places, to the great Prejudice of the Publick Good; and therefore, we rely on his Honour's just Assurance of meeting us at the usual Places, when the Impediment he at present labours under shall be removed.

And, that the late Agreement between the Branches of the Legislature, may justly furnish his Honour with Reason to hope for the Continuance thereof, not doubting his hearty Endeavours to render the same lasting.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

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

Wednesday, October 19, 1757.

The House met.

On a Motion made;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for Leave to stop out *Raccoon-Creek* in *Gloucester* County, and the Petitioners against it, do attend this House on the second Wednesday of the next Sessions at *Burlington*, for doing the publick Business; in order that their Allegations on both Sides may be fully heard; and that such Notice be given in the publick Papers of *Pennsylvania*, (at least one Month before the said Time) that any Person abroad, who may own Lands nigh the said Creek, may have the Opportunity of being heard.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *Burlington*, setting forth, that there is a Probability of a Number of Soldiers being sent to the City of *Burlington*, in order to be quartered, and provided with the usual Necessaries during the ensuing Winter; that the putting in Execution the Laws at present in Force would be attended with great Inconveniency, and are insufficient for the Purpose; wherefore they pray, that the same may be taken into Consideration; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Read reported, that Mr. Yard and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Council; and also reported, that they delivered the Message of this House to his Honour the President.

A Message from his Honour the President, by Mr. Secretary, was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

THE Secretary will lay before you, a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Loudoun*, in Answer to a Request I had made to him: You will perceive, by his Lordship's Letter, that he had made fruitless Enquiries, as to the Situation of our Frontiers, and Number of our Block-houses: I shall immediately send Answer to the Queries he has made. The Secretary will also lay before you, a Letter from the Honourable *James De Lancey*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of *New-York*, giving such Information as ought justly to alarm us: I must therefore recommend it to you, in the most serious and tender Manner, to re-consider the distressed State of the Frontiers, and the unhappy Situation of a People, who, besides the Labour necessary for the Support of their Families, are worn out with guarding their Habitations from the Cruelty and Violence of the Savage Enemy; which I apprehend has been occasioned by the Number of Forces stationed there being too few to guard so extensive a Frontier; and as the Number and Continuance of the Regular Forces, if we should be favoured with them, is uncertain, I must recommend it to you, to increase the Number of the Frontier Guard.

October 19, 1757.

John Reading.

Ordered,

That the said Message have a second Reading.

Mr. Secretary laid before the House the several Letters referred to in his Honour's Message; which were read.

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

Thursday, October 20, 1757.

The House met.

The Message from the President, together with the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Suffex*, and the several Letters referred to in his Honour's Message, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Middagh*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for providing an additional Security to the Frontiers of this Colony.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring a Bill, for the appropriating a certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, with Leave delivered one in for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for providing an additional Security to the Frontiers of this Colony, delivered one in accordingly; which was read, and ordered a second Reading,

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

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The Petition of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of *Burlington*, was read the second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, *for the Trial of Benjamin Springer, &c.* And *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly, &c.* together with several Amendments made thereto; which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bills as amended by the Council, be re-engrossed.

Mr. *Woodruff* also brought from the Council, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for reviving an Act, for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; together with several Amendments made thereto by the Council; which being read in their Places, were agreed to by the House

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself had performed the Order of the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for providing an additional Security to the Frontiers of this Colony*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Bradbury*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for appropriating a certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for providing an additional Security to the Frontiers*, reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto; which he is ready to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Which was done accordingly, and read; and sundry Amendments made thereto by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

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

Friday, October 21, 1757.

The House met.

The engrossed Bills, entitled, *An Act for the continuing several Acts, &c.* *An Act for reviving an Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt, &c.* *An Act for the Trial of Benjamin Springer, &c.* Together with the respective Amendments made thereto by the Council, were read, and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Bills to the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for providing an additional Security to the Frontiers*, was read, and compared ; and on the Question :

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for the Support of the Commander in Chief, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto ; which he is ready to deliver, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That he deliver it immediately.

Which was accordingly done, and read ; and several Amendments made thereto by the House ; and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

On a Motion made :

Resolved,

That Mr. Speaker, at the Time his Honour the President passes the Support Bill, do present him the following Address.

S I R,

I AM ordered to inform you, that it is a considerable Pleasure to this House, as well as most of the Inhabitants of this Colony, that the Government has in the Course of Providence, devolved upon a Gentleman, whose great Age and Experience, Estate and Residence among us, and known good Dispositions, must naturally prepossess us in favour of your future Conduct, and render it a Matter of little Doubt with us, that Love and Esteem will as naturally follow you in a publick Capacity, as it has done in many private Ones: And that there may be no Occasion hereafter administred, to interrupt that Harmony with which we please ourselves the publick Affairs will be done, during your Administration ; we must intreat your Honour, to remove to one of the usual Places of doing the publick Business: Your advanced Age and precarious State of Health, makes it absolutely necessary: And when your Honour considers the great Disadvantages under which the publick Business has lately been done ; the great Expence it has occasioned, and the many Hardships those concerned in the doing it, have been obliged to expose themselves to ; we doubt not, your Honour will be of Opinion with us, that such a Measure will greatly facilitate his Majesty's Service, and dispatch the publick Business, conformable to his Majesty's Instructions and the established Constitution of the Colony, and be a great Ease to all concerned.

I am also ordered to acquaint your Honour, that the House have resolved to pay for your Honour's House-Rent in the usual Manner, while your Honour shall reside at Burlington or Amboy.

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Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself had performed the Order of the House.

Mr. Secretary informed the House, that the President had ordered the House to adjourn, to attend his passing the Bills at *Trenton*.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for appropriating a certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony, &c.* was read the third Time.

And on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

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Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,	Mr. <i>Miller</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wetherill</i> ,
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bradberry</i> ,	Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagh</i> .	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,		Mr. <i>Spicer</i> .
Mr. <i>Vangejon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,		

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Johnston*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to meet at *Trenton*.

TRENTON, Saturday, October 22, 1757.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodbridge*, setting forth, That about five Weeks ago, a Number of sick and ailing Soldiers were billeted on them, for which they understood that they were to have *Five Shillings and six pence* per Man per Week; that about a Fortnight after, they were inform'd that they were to have but *Four Shillings* per Man per Week; which they finding too small for them to be able to bear, they preferred a Petition to his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, but without Success, and the said Soldiers are still continued upon them; and further complaining, that its not only contrary to Law, but arbitrary; that in Consideration of the Exigency of Affairs, they had complied; but that they apprehend, that even *Five Shillings and six pence* is no adequate Allowance for the keeping Men in that Township; and praying for Relief in the Premises. Which said Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading next Sitting of the General Assembly at *Burlington*.

A Message from the Council, in the following Words.

“ *Ordered*,

“ That Mr. *Woodruff* do inform the House of Assembly, that the three “ Bills which lay before this House for their Concurrence, passed the Council “ this Day without Amendment.”

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On a Motion made ;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do send a Letter to the Honourable *Robert H. Morris*, in Answer to his of the 24th of *September* last, in the Words following.

S I R,

YOUR Letter to me I communicated to the House ; they have directed me to return you their Thanks for your kind Offer.

If any Attempts should be made to lessen the Merit this Colony has a just Claim to, for the Exertion of its Force in the common Defence of his Majesty's American Dominions, considering the great Expence they have been put to in the Protection of an extensive Frontier, which is augmented since you left us, you will render acceptable Service to the Colony, by placing their Zeal in a true Light.

We heartily wish you a safe and pleasant Voyage.

By Order of the General Assembly,

*Trenton, New-Jersey,
October 22, 1757.*

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

Ordered,

That the Committee of Correspondence do write to the Agent, that when any Affairs of the Colonies come under the Consideration of his Majesty's Ministers, that he apply to Mr. *Morris*, for Information or Advice respecting this Colony.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Yard* do wait on the Council, and inform them, that this House have Nothing before them, and propose to apply to the President for a Dismission, if they have no Objection.

Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Yard* reported, that they had performed the Order of the House ; and that the Council had no Objection to their being dismiss'd.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Yard* do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, that this House have Nothing before them, and desire him to pass the Bills now before him, and dismiss the House.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Yard* and himself performed the Message of the House to his Honour the President ; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in Half in Hour.

A Message from the President, by Mr. Secretary :

Mr. Speaker, His Honour is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended his Honour, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

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1st, *An Act for making current Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, for his Majesty's Service in the present War.*

2d, *An Act for appropriating a certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony, from the Ninth Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, till the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight.*

3d, *An Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer, now a Prisoner in the Goal of the County of Essex, upon an Accusation for Felony and Murder, committed in the County of Sussex.*

4th, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which will expire at the End of this present Session by their own Limitation.*

5th, *An Act for providing an additional Security to the Frontiers of this Colony.*

6th, *An Act for reviving an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

And then the President was pleased to prorogue the Assembly to the Twentieth Day of November next, then to meet at *BURLINGTON*.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *James Parker*, of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,
Speaker.

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Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, *Thursday, March 23, 1758.*

PURSUANT to his Honour's several Prorogations to this Day, the House met, and adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, March 24, 1758.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Paxson* do wait on the President, and inform him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and are ready to receive any Thing he will please to lay before them.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Paxon* and himself delivered the above Message to his Honour the President, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him immediately.

A Message from the President by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker; His Honour is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended on his Honour: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that his Honour had made a Speech to both Houses; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered;

That his Honour's Speech be read; which was done accordingly, and is as follows;

' Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

*' HAVING the Honour of his Majesty's Commands of the Thirtieth Day
' of December last, signified to me by the Right Honourable William
' Pitt, Esq; one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, it became my
' Duty to call you immediately together, that you might, by your Vigour and
' Dispatch, have the Opportunity of shewing the most grateful Return to his
' Majesty, for the tender Concern he manifests for his loyal Subjects in this Part
' of his Dominions, so far removed from his Royal Presence. The unexampled
' Expence Great-Britain cheerfully subjects herself to for the Security of these
' Colonies; demands the utmost Exertion of your Force, to co-operate with
' the King's Regular Troops, for the reducing Enemies, whose sole View must
' evidently be the Destruction of your Liberty, Property, civil and religious
' Rights, and every Thing that is dear to you. Experience shews you, how
' destructive all Delays are in military Operations, and that every Year brings
' on a Load greater than the former; it is therefore consistent with Prudence
' and good Oeconomy, as well as your Duty to his Majesty, by the most
' vigorous Efforts, to second the King's pious Intentions, of making the future
' Security of the Colonies, under Providence, the Work of one Campaign.
' His Majesty has been graciously pleased, in order to alleviate the Expence of
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‘ the Colonies, to furnish the Provincial Troops with Arms, Provisions, and
 ‘ Camp Equipage ; and as a signal Mark of his Favour and Confidence, to
 ‘ establish a Rank for the Officers who shall serve in those Levies ; which, I
 ‘ have Reason to hope, will induce Gentlemen of Knowledge and Influence to
 ‘ enter into the Service ; and by their Example, infuse into the People, a
 ‘ Love of their Country, and a Willingness to enlist : And in the Disposition
 ‘ of the Commissions on this Occasion, I assure you, Merit shall be my single
 ‘ View. As a further Inducement to the Colonies to make their utmost Ef-
 ‘ forts, his Majesty has been graciously pleased to declare, that strong Recom-
 ‘ mendations shall be laid before the Parliament, to grant a proper Compen-
 ‘ sation for the Expence of the Colonies, according as their active Vigour and
 ‘ strenuous Efforts shall respectively appear to merit ; and on this Occasion his
 ‘ Majesty has not thought proper to limit the Ardour of any of his Colonies ;
 ‘ but, justly, expects from each as large a Body of Men as they are able to raise,
 ‘ on this critical and important Occasion. Mr. Secretary *Pitt’s* Letter, which
 ‘ demonstrates his Majesty’s Care and Affection for the Colonies, shall be laid
 ‘ before you, under the Confidence he is pleased to express in it.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ As no Time or Occasion has ever happened in the Colonies, wherein it
 ‘ became so necessary to involve your Country in Expence, I must recommend
 ‘ it to you, in the most fervent Manner, to act with a Spirit and Resolution
 ‘ becoming a People, who esteem their Liberty of more Value than the small
 ‘ Part of their Estate requisite for the Maintenance of all the Men this Colony
 ‘ can spare. I have the Favour of a Letter from his Excellency Governor
 ‘ *Pownall*, informing me, that the Colony of the *Massachusetts* have voted
 ‘ Seven Thousand Men ; and, as Lieutenant Governor of this Colony, he re-
 ‘ commends this extraordinary Service in the strongest Manner. I am also fa-
 ‘ voured with a Letter from the Honourable *James De Lancey*, Esq; Lieut.
 ‘ Governor of *New-York*, and thereby am acquainted, that the Assembly of that
 ‘ Colony have voted Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Men, to be raised
 ‘ for the Service of this present Year. As the Supplies of Money must constitu-
 ‘ tionally arise in your House, you will consider, that the raising a Sum inade-
 ‘ quate to the Service, will cramp the Operations of this Colony, and lose the
 ‘ Reputation we have justly acquired in preceeding Campaigns.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,*

‘ The Secretary shall lay before you a Letter I have received from his Excel-
 ‘ lency General *Abercrombie*, whom his Majesty has been pleased to appoint
 ‘ Commander in Chief of his Troops in *North-America*, in the Room of the
 ‘ Earl of *Loudoun*, and with the same Power and Authorities ; in which he
 ‘ recommends the utmost Application and Dispatch in forming the Levies.

‘ I must intreat you, not to suffer any Jealousy of the Conduct of the other
 ‘ Colonies to enter into your Councils ; but to act for yourselves independantly,
 ‘ and detached from every other Consideration, than the emergent Necessity
 ‘ of securing to yourselves and your Posterity, the happy Enjoyment of the Li-
 ‘ berties of *Englishmen*, under the Administration of the best of Kings, who
 ‘ has always had a just Regard for the Liberties of his Subjects, and has given
 ‘ the most evident Proofs, that he esteems his Happiness as interwoven with
 ‘ that of his People.

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‘ I must strongly recommend it to you, to fall upon the speediest and best
 ‘ Method of raising the greatest Body of Troops this Colony can furnish. And
 ‘ in case the proposed Number should not be voluntarily enlisted within a limi-
 ‘ ted Time, by the Methods you shall fall upon, that I should be, by a Law
 ‘ for that Purpose, enabled to compleat them, so that they may be ready in
 ‘ Time to assist in the general Attempt, of obtaining, by Force of Arms, that
 ‘ Repose and Security, which past Events plainly shew us, we can never by
 ‘ any other Method expect to enjoy.

‘ Colonel *Peter Schuyler* is now here, and has considerable Arrearages and
 ‘ Demands. That Gentleman’s Conduct has done Honour to the Colony, and
 ‘ entitles him to its Esteem; and his humane Disposition, which extended to
 ‘ all his captive Countrymen, has endeared him to *America*. I shall post-
 ‘ pone the Recommendation of his Affairs, and those of Captain *Shaw*, who
 ‘ brought home the Troops who were captivated by the *Indians* after the Sur-
 ‘ render of Fort *William-Henry*, and of the Troops returned by the Way of
 ‘ *Europe* from *Oswego*, until you have taken Resolutions respecting the Forces
 ‘ now to be raised, as that Consideration ought to be paramount to every
 ‘ other; but doubt not, but in the Course of this Session, their particular
 ‘ Circumstances, of which I shall inform you, will meet with due Regard
 ‘ from you, as well as the future Care of the Frontiers; which, by the Blessing
 ‘ of Providence on the Vigilance of our Troops, have been protected through
 ‘ the Winter; and a Quiet, for a long Time before, unknown to the upper
 ‘ Inhabitants, happily preserved.’

Burlington, March 24th 1758.

John Reading.

Mr. Secretary laid before the House the several Letters referred to in his Honour’s Speech; which were read.

Ordered,

That his Honour’s Speech, with the several Letters therein referred to, be read the second Time.

The House adjourn’d till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

His Honour’s Speech, with the several Letters therein mentioned, were read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Honour’s Speech, and the several Letters therein mentioned: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

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

Saturday, March 25th, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer* communicated to the House, sundry Letters and Papers which he had received from the Agent of this Colony; which were read, and returned to Mr. *Spicer*.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider of his Honour's Speech, and other Papers therein mentioned : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred ; and that they had come to a Resolution, that a Number of Men be raised to assist in the ensuing Campaign, and that the said Number should consist of Volunteers only ; and that the Committee had desired Leave to sit again. To all which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Resolved,

That this House will proceed to the publick Business of the Colony this Sitting.

A Petition of *Adrian Bennet*, and sundry other Inhabitants in and about *Cranbury*, and elsewhere, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That the High-Road from *Burlington* to *Cranbury* Brook, and from thence to *Amboy*, was formerly laid out and established by an Act of General Assembly, which went through the Plantation of *Adrian Bennet*, to his great Damage : That he hath turned, opened, and well cleared a new Road, which has been used several Years, with general Satisfaction : Therefore the Petitioners pray, that the said new Road so opened, may be established and confirmed by Act of General Assembly.

Ordered,

The said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition of Capt. *Jacobus Van Buskerk*, praying an Allowance for his Services at the building of a Fort at Justice *Gardiner's*; was presented to the House, and read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, March 27th, 1758.

The House met.

One hundred and fifty-six Volumns of Papers, relating to the original Constitution of this Colony, being laid before the House, were now distributed according to the Act of Assembly in that Case provided : And there being fourteen Volumns over, the Treasurer, by Order of the House, now distributed them to such Members of the House as were not Members of the last Assembly, and to the Treasurer.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider of his Honour's Speech, and Matters therein referred to : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, March 28, 1758.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider of his Honour's Speech, and Matters therein referred to : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred ; and had ordered him to report the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows :

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Honour the President, in Answer to his Speech : To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the Regiment of this Colony be recruited ; and that the same be augmented to the Number of 1000 effective Volunteers.

On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not ; it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

For 1000 Men.		For 500 Men.	
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Vangeson,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Vreeland,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Newill,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Paxson,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Stokes,	Who voted for no Men.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Hoogland,	Mr. Middagh.	Mr. Spicer.	

Resolved,

That Provision be made, that the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, be given as a Bounty to each Volunteer.

On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not ; it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

For £. 12.	For £. 10.	For £. 6.	No Bounty.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Yard.	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Newill,			Mr. Miller.
Mr. Hoogland,			
Mr. Ogden,			
Mr. Fisher,			
Mr. Holmes,			
Mr. Vreeland,			
Mr. Vangeson,			
Mr. Read,			
Mr. Paxson,			
Mr. Stokes,			
Mr. Ladd,			
Mr. Middagh.			

Resolved,

That £. 12, be allowed as a Bounty to each Volunteer.

Resolved,

That *Thirty Shillings* levy Money be allowed for raising each Volunteer.

On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not ; it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

For Thirty Shillings.	For Twenty Shillings.	For Nothing.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Newill,	Mr. Hoogland,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Vangeson,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Paxson,	
Mr. Vreeland,	Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Read.	Mr. Ladd,	

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That there be allowed *Twenty Shillings* Levy Money for raising each Volunteer.

Resolved,

That there be paid to the Colonel of the Regiment, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds two Shillings, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to the Lieutenant-Colonel of the said Regiment, the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to the Major of the said Regiment, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to each Captain of said Regiment, the Sum of *Ten Pounds One Shilling, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to each Lieutenant, the Sum of *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Nine Pence, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to each Ensign, the Sum of *Six Pounds fourteen Shillings, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to each Serjeant, the Sum of *Two Pounds ten Shillings and three Pence, per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to each Corporal and Drummer, the Sum of *Two Pounds ten Shillings and three-pence per Month*: To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be paid to each private Man, the Sum of *One Pound thirteen Shillings and six-pence per Month*. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be *Ten Pounds* per Month, allowed for the Pay of a Minister of the Gospel, to attend the said Regiment. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be *Fifteen Pounds* per Month, allowed for the Pay of a Surgeon. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That there be allowed for the Pay of a Surgeon's Mate, *Nine Pounds* per Month. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That a Sum not exceeding *One Hundred and twenty Pounds*, be allowed to purchase a Chest of Medicines. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That Fifty Men be continued on the Frontiers of this Province, until the End of the next Sitting of Assembly, except the Commander in Chief do disband them sooner. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds*, be forthwith struck in Bills of Credit; and that so much of the same as may be necessary, be applied to the Levying, Paying, and Cloathing of the said Regiment; and that Provision be made for sinking the said Sum of £. 50,000, at the Rate of £. 10,000 a Year, in the Years 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, and 1778. On

On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not, a Debate arising, whether the said Sum should be sunk in five or ten Years? it was carried for five Years, as follows;

To be sunk in five Years.

Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Johnson,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Vreeland,	Mr. Ford,
Mr. Read,	

To be sunk in ten Years.

Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Eisher,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Hoogland,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Vangeson,	Mr. Middagh,

Ordered,

That Mr. Read, Mr. Nevill, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Spicer, and Mr. Hoogland, be a Committee to bring in a Bill conformable to the abovesaid Resolves.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That the several Commissioners, and other Persons concerned in the late Expeditions, do lay their Accounts before this House.

The House being informed, that the particular Circumstances Col. Peter Schuyler, and some of his Regiment, is now, and hath, for a considerable Time past, been under, owing to his and their Captivity among the French, hath prevented him from having his Accounts ready for a Settlement at this Time: But he being considerably in Advance,

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Stevens do bring in a Bill for immediately supplying him with a Sum of Money.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hoogland, Mr. Vangeson, Mr. Ogden, Mr. Paxson, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Vreeland, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Clement, Mr. Middagh, and Mr. Holmes, be a Committee to inspect the Accounts of the several late Expeditions, and report the same to the House.

Ordered,

That the Western Treasurer lay his Accounts before this House; and that the Clerk of the House serve him with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered,

That Mr. Smith, Mr. Leaming and Mr. Holmes, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Honour the President.

Mr. Read, with Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for septennial electing of Representatives to serve in General Assembly*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Cape-May*, setting forth their Remoteness from the Secretary's Office, which obliges them to petition to have their own Deeds, if not those of the Publick, recorded in the several Counties of this Colony, where they respectively reside; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Read, according to Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for supplying Col. Peter Schuyler, with the Sum of* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions presented to the House the last Sessions, from the Inhabitants of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and from the City of *Burlington*, concerning the billeting of Soldiers, which was referred to the House this Sessions; was now read the second Time.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That Provision be made in the Bill for recruiting the Regiment of this Colony, for the Payment of the Charge attending the billeting the Regulars within the same, at the Rate of 2*l.* 6*d.* per Week ; and for paying of such other Necessaries as were provided according to Act of Parliament ; and that *Samuel Nevill, Charles Read, John Wetherill, John Stevens, Hendrick Fisber, Robert Ogden, Henry Paxson, Hugh Hartshorne, John Allen, Ryneer Vangeson, Cornelius Vanvorst, Esqrs.* and *Mr. Abraham Clarke, jun.* or any two of them, be appointed to settle and pay the respective Accounts.

The Secretary, by the President's Order, laid before the House, part of Col. *Peter Schuyler's* Accounts : Also an Account of Doctor *Benjamin Stakes*, Surgeon of the *New-Jersey* Regiment ; A Letter and Account of Capt. *Thomas Shaw*, of the same Regiment, and from *Hendrick Fisber, Esq.* relating to that Part of the Regiment taken at *Oswego*, and returned via *England*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for supplying Col. Peter Schuyler, with the Sum of* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for supplying Col. *Schuyler* : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the House had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto ; which he read in their Places ; and on the Question, the said Bill, as amended, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New-Jersey, to the Number of 1000 effective Men, and making Provision for the same.*

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, March 29, 1758.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to supply Col. Peter Schuyler, with the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds*, was read and compared ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Ogden* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Johnston* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself, delivered the above Bill to Mr. *Ashfield*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council. [The Council not sitting.]

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill for compleating the Regiment in the Pay of this Colony : And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*,
Chairman

Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the House had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, as follows ;

“ *Ordered*,

“ That Mr. *Woodruff* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that this House
“ have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to supply Col. Peter Schuyler, with the*
“ *Sum of Six Thousand Pounds, without any Amendments.*”

A Message from the President by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the President is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on the President : Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that his Honour the President was pleased to pass the Bill, entitled, *An Act for supplying Col. Peter Schuyler, with the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds.*

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider the Bill for compleating the Regiment of this Colony, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o' Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, March 30, 1758.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider the Bill for compleating the Regiment of this Colony : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Miller* had Leave to be absent until Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider the Bill for compleating the Regiment of this Colony : And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Vreeland*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he is ready to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

And further, That it is the Opinion of the said Committee, that it was necessary to bring in a Bill, to provide for the contingent Charges of the Government.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be received immediately. And the same being read with the Amendments, and some other Amendments added thereto by the House. And on the Question,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

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

Friday, March 31, 1758.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Grand-Jury of *Middlesex*, setting forth, That the quartering of Soldiers in that County, is found by Experience, to be very inconvenient; and praying that a Number of Barracks may be built.

Also another Petition to the same Effect from the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*; and praying for the Payment of the Charge they have been at this Winter, was presented to the House. Both which were read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Paxson*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to prepare a Plan of the Manner, and an Estimate of the Expence of building Barracks for 1500 Men, and lay the same before the House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for augmenting the Regiment of this Colony of New-Jersey, to the Number of One thousand effective Men, Officers included*; was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vangelson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Johnston</i> ,	Mr. <i>Vreeland</i> ,
Mr. <i>Newill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Read</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ladd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Yard</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hoogland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Middagh</i> .

N A Y S.

Mr. <i>Wetberill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stokes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clement</i> ,
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>Paxson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> .

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newill* and Mr. *Stevens*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Smith*, with Leave, brought in a Bill for recording of Deeds and Mortgages in every County of this Colony; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Newill* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker, in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Johnston*, had Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Suffex* County, was presented to the House, praying that the Forces may be longer continued on the Frontiers of this Province; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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A Petition was presented to the House from the Freeholders of *Gloucester* County, setting forth, That they had stopped out *Woodbury* Creek ; and that the Water-Course of said Creek and Branches, is very much obstructed by Grass and other Rubbish ; and pray for an Act of Assembly, to oblige the Owners of said Meadows and Swamps, to clear out the said Creek, and Branches thereof, adjoining on said Creek ; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clement* had Leave to be absent till Monday next.

Ordered,

That a Committee of Grievances do sit every Wednesday, if there be Occasion ; and that the said Committee be a Committee of the whole House.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* have Leave to bring in a Bill, for explaining the Law relating to the Poor.

A Petition of the Surveyors of the High-ways, from *Somerset*, *Hunterdon*, and *Morris* Counties ; was, according to a former Order of the House, now read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Petition of *Adrian Bennet*, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, in and about *Cranbury*, concerning the publick High-way ; was, according to Order, read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Wetherill*, have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Committee appointed to consider of a proper Estimate, relating to Barracks, made the following Report :

‘ We the Committee appointed to consider of a Plan for building Barracks
 ‘ for 1500 Men ; and computing the Expence thereof, do hereby report, that
 ‘ we are of Opinion, it will be proper to build one at *Burlington* for 300 Men ;
 ‘ one at *Trenton*, for 300 Men ; one at *Brunswick*, for 300 Men ; one at *Am-*
 ‘ *boy*, for 300 Men ; and one at *Elizabeth-Town*, for 300 Men. And it appear-
 ‘ ing to us, that the Expence of Building will very much vary, according to
 ‘ the Place where the Building is erected : And that it may be necessary also
 ‘ to vary the Method of Building in several Places, the Expence and Method
 ‘ are therefore both too uncertain for us to form any tolerable Estimate : Our
 ‘ Opinion therefore is, that the best Method the House can fall upon, will be
 ‘ to appoint three responsible Freeholders in each of the above Places, and to
 ‘ empower any two of them to draw on the Treasury for any Sum not exceed-
 ‘ ing £.1400, for *Burlington* ; nor the Sum of £.1400, for *Trenton* ; nor the
 ‘ Sum of £.1400, for *New-Brunswick* ; nor the Sum of £.1400, for *Amboy* ; nor
 ‘ the Sum of £.1400, for *Elizabeth-Town* ; and with the Money so received, to
 ‘ compleat the said Buildings, in the most cheap, expeditious, and convenient
 ‘ Manner they are capable of. All which is, nevertheless, submitted to the
 ‘ House, by

CHARLES READ,
 AARON LEAMING,
 HENRY PAXSON,
 JOSEPH YARD.

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On the Question, whether the House agrees to the said Report or not? it was agreed to by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for building of Barracks for quartering of Soldiers.

A Petition of the Magistrates, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Town of *Trenton*, was presented to the House, setting forth the great Inconvenience they lay under for want of Barracks, and praying that Barracks might be provided for quartering of Soldiers; was read, and referred to the Committee on the Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered,

1. That proper Clauses be inserted in the Bill for building of Barracks, to make Provision for disbanding all the Forces on the Frontiers, except 50 Men.

2. For the Payments of certain Accounts from the Agents.

3. For a proper Allowance to the Publishers of the Volume of Original Constitutions.

4. To indemnify *John Johnston*, Esq; a Member of this House, and continue his Right of Sitting and Voting in this House, notwithstanding his accepting the Office and Profits of Colonel of the *New-Jersey* Regiment.

A Petition from the respective Townships of *Lebanon*, *Annewell*, *Kingwood*, *Bethlehem*, *Tukesbury*, and *Reading*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, were presented to the House; setting forth the great Inconvenience the Petitioners, and many other of the Inhabitants of said County, labour under, by Reason of the Court being held at *Trenton*; and praying, either that the same may be removed to a Place more central, or that the County may be divided: All which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Act for recording of Deeds and Mortgages, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Leaming*.

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

Saturday, April 1, 1758.

The House met.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Sussex* County, which was referred to this Sessions from a late Session, was now read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Burlington* and *Gloucester* Counties, for killing of Bears, which was referred to this Sessions, was now read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Zebulon Stout*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that he was taken Prisoner at *Fort William-Henry*, and by Cold, and other Hardships, is so disabled, that he is not capable of supporting himself nor Family, praying the House to grant him such Relief as they think meet; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Ladd*, and Mr. *Leaming*, have Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions, till *Thursday* next.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday* next, at Two, P. M.

Monday,

Monday, April 3, 1758.

The House met.

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

Tuesday, April 4, 1758.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the House, that they have passed the Bill for augmenting the Regiment of this Colony, &c. without any Amendment.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for establishing that Part of the publick High Road that leads from *Burlington* to *Perth-Amboy*, that goes through the Plantation of *Adrian Bennet*, near *Cranbury*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fisher*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill for paying the Surveyors of the Highways, for their Trouble of altering publick Roads; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions from *Hunterdon* County, for removing the Court, or dividing the County, were read the second Time :

Ordered,

That the Petitioners do give publick Notice in the News-Papers, and otherwise, through the said County, that all Parties concerned, both for and against the Matters petitioned for, may, if they think proper, have a Hearing before the House of *General-Assembly*, the second *Wednesday* of their next Sitting.

A Message from the President by the Deputy Secretary; which, with the Letter therein referred to, was read; and in the said Message, is the Words following :

Gentlemen of the General Assembly;

" I Herewith send you a Letter I have received from his Excellency General
" *Abercrombie*, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in *North-*
" *America*; concerning the impressing and securing Provisions, &c. which
" I must recommend to your serious Consideration; and doubt not, but you
" will do therein, what is necessary :

Council Chamber,
April 4th, 1758.

John Reading."

Ordered,

That his Honour's Message, and the Papers therein referred to, have a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from the Grand-Jury of *Monmouth* County, praying for the Abatement of Costs, where the Persons who are sued confesses the Debt; which was laid before the House at a late Sessions; was now read, and taken into Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

A Message from the President by the Deputy Secretary ;

Mr. Speaker, His Honour the President is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, attended on his Honour : And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that his Honour the President was pleased to pass the Bill, entitled, *An Act to augment the Regiment of this Colony of New-Jersey, to the Number of One thousand effective Men, Officers included.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Paxson*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of the *Five Pound Act*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Clement*, and Mr. *Stokes*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of the Attachment Act.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Vangeson*, and Mr. *Middagh*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Continuance of the *Fifteen Pound Act*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Yard*, and Mr. *Vreeland*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the more easy obtaining Replevins.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for altering one Part of a Six-rod Road, which leads from Perth-Amboy Ferry to Burlington* ; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Ogden*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for paying the Surveyors of the High-ways* ; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Hoogland*.

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

Wednesday, April 5, 1758.

The House met.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, against a former Petition presented to this House, for stopping the Tide out of *Raccoon Creek* ; praying for the Reasons therein mentioned, that the Navigation of said Creek may be preserved ; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Some of the Petitioners for and against stopping out the Tide of *Raccoon Creek*, attending, according to the Order of the Day, were called in ; and one Party of them alledging that they were not fully prepared for a Hearing.

The House taking the same into Consideration ;

Ordered,

That the Hearing thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, April 6, 1758.

The House met.

A written Message from the President by the Deputy Secretary ; which was read, and is as follows :

“ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ **I** Have this Day received a Letter from General *Abercrombie*, which I have ordered to be laid before you. You will observe, that the General is of Opinion, that this Province, not corresponding more effectually with his Majesty’s Expectations, so strongly recommended in Mr. Secretary *Pitt*’s Letter, may be an Injury to it in the Recommendation his Majesty has permitted the Secretary of State to acquaint the several Governments, shall be made to the Parliament in their next Sessions : And as I cannot help thinking with General *Abercrombie*, that you have not come up to the full Extent of your Abilities ; I must press it upon you, to fall upon some Measures of augmenting the Numbers to your full Proportion ; and by that Means, contributing all in your Power, to carry the present Plan, formed for the Safety of the Colonies in general, into full Execution.

“ And I must also recommend to you, the Consideration of that Part of the General’s Letter, relative to the Arms for the Troops of this Colony.”

*Burlington, Council-Chamber,
April 5, 1758.*

JOHN READING.

Ordered,

That his Honour’s Message have a second Reading.

The Petitioners for and against stopping the Tide out of *Raccoon Creek*, according to the Order of the Day, attending, were called in, and the Allegations on both Sides fully heard ; and then they were ordered to withdraw : The House having fully considered the Petitions for and against stopping the Tide out of said Creek, and the several Allegations on both Sides ;

Ordered,

That the said Petition for stopping out the Tide from said Creek, be dismissed.

The House adjourn’d till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for altering one Part of a Six-rods Road, which leads from Perth-Amboy Ferry to Burlington* ; reported the same, without any Amendment.

And on the Question, whether the said Bill shall be engrossed or not ? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Petition from the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House, praying for an Act of Assembly, to enable them to chuse two Persons to represent them in General Assembly ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of *Benjamin Parkhurst*, was presented to the House, setting forth, That he was enlisted in Col. *Schuyler's* Regiment, and served in the said Regiment, and Capt. *Parker's* and Capt. *Woodward's* Companies, one whole Year; and that there is an Arrearage of *Fifteen Pounds seven Shillings*, due to him for his said Service; which Petition was read, and referred to Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Ogden*, to consider his Case, and report it to the House.

The House resuming the Consideration of Doctor *Benjamin Stakes's* Account, while Surgeon of the *New-Jersey* Regiment; and the Law for recruiting the Regiment, passed this Session, fully providing for his Pay, in case he joins the said Regiment; but it being uncertain whether, thro' the Effect of his late Captivity, he may be able so to do or not:

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, That if Col. *Schuyler* pays the said Dr. *Benjamin Stakes*, according to the Contract between him and the Commissioners, till his return from Captivity on the twenty-fifth Day of *November* last, after deducting what has been already paid, the same will be allowed the said Col. *Schuyler*, in his Accounts.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, That if Col. *Schuyler* pay the said Dr. *Benjamin Stakes*, *One Hundred and ten Pounds*, in full of his Accounts, for a Chest of Medicines, and *Twenty Pounds* for Instruments, and the Sum of *Thirty-three Pounds twelve Shillings and Six-pence*, for Oatmeal, Sugar, Linnen, and Medicines, for supplying the Prisoners at *Quebec*, first deducting what has been already advanced; that the same will be allowed the said Col. *Schuyler*, in his Accounts.

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

Friday, April 7, 1758.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for altering one Part of a Six-roads road, which leads from Perth-Amboy Ferry to Burlington*; was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Middagh*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Message from the President by the Deputy Secretary; which, with the Letter therein referred to, was read: And the said Message is in the Words following;

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I Last Night received a Letter from Sir *John St. Clair*, Deputy Quarter-Master-General of his Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, pressing me to make Provision for conveying through this Province, with the greatest Expedition, such Intelligence as may affect the military Operations of this Campaign. As it will be attended with some Expence, the Letter shall be laid before you, that you may see the Expediency of its being immediately provided for.

*Burlington, Council-Chamber,
April 7, 1758.*

JOHN READING.

Ordered

Ordered,
That his Honour's Message, and the Papers therein referred to, have a second Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Capt. *Thomas Shaw* laid his Accounts before the House :

Ordered,

That his said Accounts be allowed ; and that there be a Clause in the Bill for building Barracks, &c. for the Payment of the same ; and for the continuing the said Capt. *Thomas Shaw* in Pay until the 7th of *December* last.

Lieut. *Henry Beckers* laid his Account before the House.

Ordered,

That his Account as now stated, be allowed ; and that there be a Clause in the Bill for building Barracks, &c. for the Payment of the said Lieut. *Henry Beckers*.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, for the building of Barracks for the quartering of Soldiers ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Yard* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, for paying the Surveyors of the High-ways ; reported the same, with several Amendments made thereto ; which were read in their Places ; and the Bill, with the Amendments, was recommitted to Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Vangeson*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for building Barracks for the quartering of Soldiers within this Colony, &c.* was read the second Time, and several Amendments made thereto by the House. And on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended, be engrossed or not ? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Saturday, April 8, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of the *Five Pound Act*, reported a Bill for that Purpose, entitled, *An Act for Trial of small Causes* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from sundry Inhabitants of *Burlington* County, praying the upper Part of the Line between the said County of *Burlington* and *Gloucester*, may be better ascertained than at present ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building of Barracks within this Colony, and for preventing spiritous Liquors being sold to common Soldiers without Leave from proper Authority, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read, and compared ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till *Monday*. Two, P. M.

Monday, April 10, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

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

Tuesday, April 11, 1758.

The House met.

The Western Treasurer laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That the said Treasurer's Accounts lay on the Table, for the Perusal of the Members.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the more speedy and easy obtaining Writs of Replevin in this Colony, reported a Bill for that Purpose ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill for the better explaining and amending the Laws of this Colony for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the President by the Mr. Secretary ; which with the Papers therein referred to, was read, and the Message is in the Words following :

" Gentlemen of the Assembly,

*' THE Secretary lays before you, by my Order, a Letter I have received
' from the Honourable Thomas Fitch, Esq; Governor of Connecticut :
' The Proposal therein made seems to me to be calculated to serve wise
' Purposes, and the great Utility of it is apparent ; I shall act conformable,
' if your House will make a Provision for the Expence that will attend the
' sending Commissioners.*

*Burlington, Council-Chamber,
April 11, 1758.*

JOHN READING.

Ordered,

That his Honour's Message have a second Reading.

An Account of Ferriages from *Esther Moshel*, at *Trenton Ferry*, for sundry of the King's Officers and Soldiers, with their Baggages, that passed there last *September*, being laid before the House by Recommendation (as it is said) from Sir *John St. Clair*, Deputy Quarter-Master General.

Resolved,

That the Payment of all Ferriages for the King's Forces is already provided for by Act of Parliament ; and that this House will not pay any such Ferriages.

His

His Honour the President's several Messages, with the Letters therein referred to ; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Matters therein contained, be referred to the Committee for drawing an Address to the President.

A Petition from some of the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows and Marshes in *Manington*, in the County of *Salem*, was presented to the House, praying for an Act for stopping the Tide from overflowing the same ; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the civil and military Officers of the County of *Cape-May*, was presented to the House, setting forth the Danger they are exposed to by the Descent of an Enemy from Sea, and the Remoteness of their Situation from the Aid of their Neighbours, in case of such Descent : And praying that the House would take the same into Consideration, and with the other Branches of the Legislature, tolerate them to retain the few Men they have for their own Defence ; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Committee on the publick Accounts, have Power to send for such Persons and Papers as they may have Occasion for in settling the same.

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

Wednesday, April 12, 1758.

The House met.

A Memorial was presented to the House from Capt. *John Parker*, setting forth, That his sending for Necessaries to supply the People at Fort *William-Henry*, to the Amount of £.338, *York* Currency, a few Days before the Surrender of said Fort, deprived him of serving them out to the People, before they were captivated ; by Reason of which, the Loss fell on him : And that his other Losses there, in Cash, Cloaths, &c. amounted to upwards of £.300, he therefore hopes the House will take the same into Consideration ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of *Moses Tattami*, an *Indian*, was presented to the House, setting forth, That about twelve or thirteen Years ago, he applied to Governor *Morris*, about Land that lies near *Rariton* River ; That the said Governor *Morris*, and Council, heard the Allegations of both Sides ; and the Governor told them that they must go from his Land, or pay him for it, which they still refuse to do ; and prays that the House would take the same into Consideration, and point out some Way that he may have Justice ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Alshfield*, acquainting the House, that they have passed the Bill for altering one Part of a Six-roads Road, which leads from *Perth-Amboy Ferry* to *Burlington*, without Amendment.

Mr. *Leaming*, a Member of this House, having been appointed a Commissary at the last Campaign, at a Commission suitable to certain important Services he was to perform ; but afterwards, understanding a contagious Distemper, made,

made it improper for him to execute the Office, whereupon he agreed with his casual Successor, to undertake the Trust at *two per Cent* less Commission, than was allowed to him by Law : And therefore, now made a Tender to the House of the said *two per Cent*, for the Use of the Publick. And a Debate arising thereon, and the Question demanded, whether the House will accept the same or not, the previous Question was demanded, whether that Question be now put or not ? it was carried as follows :

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Read,
Mr. Newill,	Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Vangelson,	Mr. Yard.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Hoogland,	

Ordered,

That the Question be now put : And it was carried as follows ;

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Newill,	Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Vreeland,	Mr. Yard.
Mr. Read,	

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Hoogland,	

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do forthwith give Notice to *Jacob Dehart*, *Matthias Dehart*, *Jonathan Hampton*, *John Allen*, *John Taylor*, *Joseph Borden*, *Joseph Hollinshead*, and *Abraham Hewlings*, Esquires, that they give their Attendance, to lay their publick Accounts before the House on Monday next, being the 17th of this Instant *April*, 1758.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* have Leave to be absent till Friday next, on urgent Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Vangelson* have Leave to be absent, on Account of Indisposition of Body.

The Petition of Capt. *Jacobus Vanbuskerk*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said thirty Men, mentioned in the said Petition, be paid for 240 Days Labour, for building Forts, in the same Manner as the Soldiers on the Frontiers have hitherto been paid for the like Service.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newill*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Clement*, and Mr. *Stokes*, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Western Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report to the House.

And that Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Ladd* do inform the Council thereof ; and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and Time and Place of meeting.

A Petition was presented to the House from the Inhabitants of *Princetown*, praying that Barracks for quartering of Soldiers be built in the said Town ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

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

Thursday, April 13, 1758.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for rendering the Office of recording Deeds, and other Conveyances, more extensive and beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and for recording Mortgages*; was read the second Time; and on the Question whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? it passed as follows:

Y E A S.

Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vreeland*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Parson*,

Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Iard*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Memorial of *Thomas Eaton*, was presented to the House; setting forth, that at the Time when the *Jersey* Regiment was at *Fort William-Henry*, he had upwards of *Fifty Pounds* due to him from the Soldiers, and that he procured so much less to pay the Officers and Soldiers their Month's Pay, which Sum he has lost: His other Losses there, in Cloaths, and other Necessaries, are about £. 70, or £. 80, more: That he, by Order of some of the Committee of the House, came to attend the House last *Wednesday* Week, and has since that Time been waiting their Order; and in the Time had a Writ served on him, and apprehends the House is concerned in the Issue; and desires the common Protection of the House, as is usual in such Cases: And apprehends, if there is any Cause of Action, it should be decided in *East-Jersey*, as the Act was committed there; and prays that the House will take his Losses and other Grievances into Consideration; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that they had passed the *Bill for building Barracks within this Colony; and for preventing spiritous Liquors being sold to common Soldiers, &c.* without Amendment.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

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

Friday, April 14, 1758.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for rendering the Office of recording Deeds, and other Conveyances, more extensive and beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and for recording Mortgages*; was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Ogden* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Ashfield*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The Memorials of Captain *John Parker*, and *Thomas Eaton*, were read the second Time, and referred.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kemble*, Mr. *Salter*, and Mr. *Woodruff*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Western Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report thereof to this House; and that the Committee meet for that Purpose To-morrow Afternoon, at Four o'Clock, at the Treasurer's House."

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* have Leave to be absent, on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, April 15, 1758.

The House met.

A Message from the President by Mr. Secretary;

Mr. Speaker, his Honour the President is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, waited on his Honour the President: And being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that his Honour was pleased to pass the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building of Barracks within this Colony, &c.*

On a Motion made;

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, that if the Commissioners allow the Lieutenants and Ensigns belonging to the Regiment of this Colony, better Cloaths than the common Soldiers, it will be allow'd in their Accounts.

Resolved,

That if the said Commissioners allow the Officers twelve Tents, they will be allow'd in their Accounts.

Resolved,

That if the said Commissioners provide Sixty great Coats for the said Regiment, they will be allowed in their Accounts.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That all Persons concerned in laying out the Money of the late Expedition, lay their Accounts before the House, on the fourth Day of their next Sitting at Burlington, or they will be sent for by the Serjeant at Arms.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to the President, reported, that they had drawn the same; which being read, was agreed to by the House, *Nemine Contradcente*, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Monday next, Two, P. M.

Monday, April 17, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer* laid his and Mr. *Fisher's* Accounts and Vouchers before the House; which are left in the Care of the Clerk, until next Sitting of the House.

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

Tuesday, April, 18, 1758.

The House met.

An Affidavit of Col. *John Parker*, was laid before the House, respecting his providing Shirts, &c. for his Regiment, without any View of Profit to himself, which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of the House.

A Message from the President by the Deputy Secretary, which with the Letter therein referred to, was read, and the Message is in the Words following.

"Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

THE Secretary lays before you, a second Letter from Sir *John St. Clair*, respecting your providing Horses for the speedy Conveyance of the publick Dispatches: I should be glad that you could fall upon some Method, that so necessary and so important a Service might not meet with any Obstruction.

Burlington, Council-Chamber,
April 18, 1758.

JOHN READING.

Ordered,

That his Honour's Message have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Precinct of *Saddle-River*, and County of *Bergen*, setting forth, that some of the Inhabitants of that County have petitioned this House to reject passing An Act for building and maintaining several Bridges over Hackinsack and Saddle-River, and Cau ways over Swamps and low Meadow Grounds, &c. praying for the Reasons therein mentioned, that the said Petition be dismissed, and that they may have an Act for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Address was read, and compared,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Read* do wait on his Honour the President, and desire to know, when he will be pleased to receive the Address of the House.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Honour the President, who was pleased to say, he would receive the House immediately,

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Honour; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented their Address in the Words following.

To the Honourable JOHN READING, Esq; President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Colony of New-Jersey.

The humble Address of the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Honour;

WE the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey, in General Assembly convened, gratefully sensible of his Majesty's paternal Care over his Dominions in North-America, think ourselves bound in Duty to observe, that we esteem the Instance of it communicated in Secretary Pitt's Letter, a Proof thereof that carries with it evident Marks of Wisdom in the Planning, and every promising Method in the Execution, that a free People would naturally expect from an Administration so deservedly fam'd.

The exacting Obedience to any determinate Proposal, from a People willing and desirous to do their utmost in a Cause that so intimately concerns them, would, in our Opinion, not answer the Design, and would essentially vary from that constitutional Method, which has heretofore for many Generations honourably distinguished the English Name.

Excited by Duty to his Majesty, the Preservation of our Country, and the constitutional Method in which we are called upon to give our Assistance to the common Cause, and in Confidence of his Majesty's gracious Assurances, we have now augmented our Regiment to double the usual Number; and tho' this will be attended with an extreme heavy Expence to a young Country, already greatly in Debt, as well thro' the Effect of former Expeditions and Mis-carriages, and the Loss of our Regiment in two successive campaigns, as for the Purchase and Improvement of our Lands, we have the Satisfaction to say, we have done our Endeavours with Dispatch and Alacrity. And when to these Considerations are added, the Smallness of our Trade, and our Number of Inhabitants, their scattering Situation and Distance from Markets, the Expence of our Frontiers, and Winter-Quartering of the King's Forces, the Numbers of Inhabitants that are already listed among the Regulars, and others that are gone a Privateering, the large Assistance other Provinces have now both in Money and Arms, in the last of which we have had no Assistance; your Honour will permit us to say, we cannot help being surprized at some un-neighbourly Misrepresentations to the King's Generals, respecting our Abilities and Numbers. That such must be the Case, we think, can want no further Evidence than the repeated Fault that has been found with our Measures; tho' upon a fair and just Estimate, we doubt not, that we should be found to have
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done all that we ever gave Expectation of doing ; and upon the Whole, have assisted, at least proportionably with our Neighbours, and now are conscious, that we have acted up to his Majesty's Expectation ; not doubting but this will very clearly appear to any that will examine particularly into our Circumstances.

Before we have done with the Subject of our Regiment, we cannot help remarking, that we should have esteemed it both a provincial Favour and an Act of Humanity, if the late General of the King's Forces had been kind enough to have used his Endeavours for the Release of Colonel Schuyler : That Gentleman's Attachment to his Majesty, and Exertion of his Abilities in the common Cause, we think deserved this Favour, and the Granting it could have had no ill Effect that we know of.

With Regard to the Horses mentioned by Sir John St. Clair, we doubt not but they may be had readily at the Places he wants them, upon their being paid for as they are on the like Occasions in England.

The other Matters mentioned in several of your Honour's Messages, we believe are such as need not now have a particular Answer.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

Ordered,

1. That a second Volume of the Laws of the Province be prepared for the Press.

2. That exact Copies of the Laws in force in this Colony from the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King George the Second, where the first Volume ends, to the present Time, be collated in one Volume.

3. That each Act be carefully examined and corrected by the Original in the Secretary's Office.

4. That Search be made (where it shall be necessary) in the Council Books, and Journals of the General Assembly, in order to distinguish what Acts have had the Royal Assent, what are repealed, what are expired, and disallowed of by the Crown.

5. That a Table be composed, wherein the Titles of all the publick Acts passed within the said Series of Time, shall be inserted in their proper Order, distinguishing therein, (if temporary) when the said Acts were revived, when repealed, and when expired ; as also another Table, wherein the Titles of all the private Acts, passed within the said Series of Time, shall likewise be inserted in their proper Order.

6. That all the publick Acts now in force, be distributed into Chapters, each Act a Chapter, and each Chapter shall be sub-divided in Sections, and numbered.

7. That the Substance of each Section be abstracted, and a marginal Note made thereof.

8. That proper References be made from one publick Act to another, where the Matter in one Act, may relate to a Head or principal Matter in another.

9. That a complete Index be compiled of all the principal Matters contained in the Body of the Book, alphabetically digested, with exact References to each Matter in every Act and Section ; so that the Reader may at one View discover any particular Matter in the whole Body of the Laws.

10. That a complete Copy of the whole Work, be prepared and made ready for the Press by Samuel Newill, Esq; and laid before the General Assembly, for their Revival and Approbation, as soon as conveniently may be.

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The Petitions from *Salem* and *Woodbury*, praying for the stopping and cleaning the Creeks they mention ; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in the Bills they pray for, the first Monday of the next Sitting of the House at *Burlington*; provided it appears, that their several Opponents, if any such they have, be informed thereof, by an Advertisement in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, at least two Weeks before said Time, that they may then make known any Objections they have.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on the President, and acquaint him, that some Matters being likely to prevent the House from going through the publick Business which they intended at this Session ; they therefore believe it necessary to break off for some Time ; and would desire his Honour to adjourn the House, to meet again the next Time at *Burlington*, (the Small pox being at *Amboy*) to go through the remaining Part of the publick Business.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the President.

A Message from the President, by the Secretary :

Mr. Speaker, 'tis his Honour's Desire, that this House adjourn till the first Day of May next, then to meet at Burlington.

Whereupon the House adjourned itself accordingly, to the first Day of May next, then to meet at *Burlington*.

The BILLS passed into Laws at this Session ; are,

- I. *An ACT for supplying Col. Peter Schuyler, with the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds.*
- II. *An ACT for augmenting the Regiment of this Colony of New-Jersey, to the Number of One Thousand effective Men, Officers included, and making Provision for the same.*
- III. *An ACT for building of Barracks within this Colony, and preventing Spiritous Liquors being sold to common Soldiers, without Leave from proper Authority ; and other Purposes therein mentioned.*

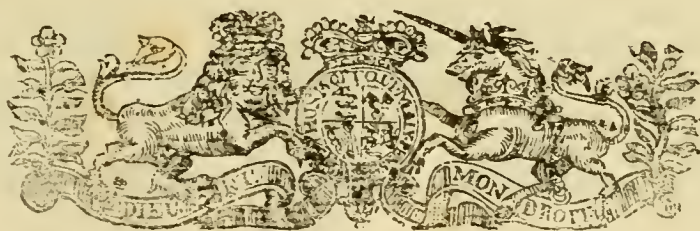
BY Virtue of an Order of the House of General Assembly, I do appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print these Votes.

Robert Lawrence,
Speaker.



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O F T H E
General Assembly
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Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SITTING, at BURLINGTON, met by Adjournments, *July*
25, 1758, and continued to the 12th of *August* following, and then
prorogued to the twelfth of *September* next.



Woodbridge, in NEW-JERSEY ;
Printed by *James Parker*, by Order of the General Assembly, 1758.

Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, Tuesday, July 25, 1758.

THE General Assembly having been adjourn'd from time to time, by his Honour the late President, and since by his Excellency *Francis Bernard*, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Colony, to this Day, when Eighteen of the Members met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed on Business are met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself performed the Order of the House; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the House should hear from him To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Richard Bradbury*, Esq; requesting, from his long Indisposition of Body, and the Likelihood of its Continuance, to resign his Seat in the House; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Wednesday, July 26, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House two Letters he had received from Col. *John Johnston*, respecting the State of the *New-Jersey* Regiment under his Command; which were read, and referred to the Commissioners appointed to provide for said Regiment.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had attended his Excellency; and that he was pleased to make a favourable Speech to the Council and Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read: Which was read accordingly, and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

HAVING received his Majesty's Commands to serve him in this high Office, I reflect with great Pleasure, that I am to preside over a Province that has given repeated Proofs of its Loyalty to the King, and Affection to his Person and Government; and promise myself, that whilst I am endeavouring to follow the Example of my great Master, by making the Welfare of his Subjects the sole Object of my Care, I shall receive from you all the Assistance which a grateful People can give to the Government of the best of Kings.

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x Arrived at Perth Amboy the 13 June 1758.

‘ The Excellence of the *Engliſh* Conſtitution conſiſts in a due Ballance of its ſeveral Powers : For my Part, I cannot more certainly recommend myſelf to my Royal Maſter, than by preſerving the Rights and Privileges of his People ; nor can you more effectually ſerve the People, than by ſupporting the Power and Authority of the Crown.

‘ Under ſuch an Union, eſtabliſhed in and directed by the known Laws of our Country, I hope we ſhall be able to ſupport and defend this Province in the Time of Danger, and to cultivate and adorn it, when it ſhall pleaſe God to grant us Peace.

‘ Upon my Arrival here, I found the Frontiers of this Province infeſted with Indians. As the Preſident had before ordered ſome Detachments of Militia to reinforce the Frontier Guard, I, with the Advice of you, *Gentlemen of the Council*, ordered a further Reinforcement, but with a very ſparing Hand, being apprized of the Inconvenience it muſt be to the Country, to order Men from their Buſineſs at that Time of the Year. I have ſince relieved thoſe that were firſt ordered, by freſh Detachments from other Regiments, that I might make this neceſſary Service as little burthenſome to Particulars as poſſible.

‘ As ſoon as I had taken care of this neceſſary Buſineſs, I went to *Philadelphia*, at the Deſire of General *Forbes*, and the Lieutenant Governor of that Province, to confer with them, concerning the beſt Means of putting a Stop to theſe Irruptions, and preventing them for the future. With their Advice, and the Approbation of all the principal Perſons of this Province, that I had an Opportunity of conſulting, I ſent a Meſſage to the *Minifink* and *Pompton* Indians. Which Meſſage, together with their Answer, ſhall be laid before you.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,*

‘ I recommend to you to provide for the Expences already incurred in the ſeveral Buſineſſes which I have before mentioned ; and that in eſtimating the Compensation to be made to thoſe of the Militia, who have ſerved in the Room of the eſtabliſhed Forces, you will have Regard to the Time of Year in which they were obliged to march. But I am eſpecially bound moſt earneſtly to deſire, that you would effectually provide for the Defence of the Frontiers for the Future. Many of the Enemies you have to deal with are not known, or, if known, at a great Diſtance from you, and if we can depend upon thoſe with whom we cultivate Peace, there will yet remain many whoſe ſavage Natures no Acts of Friendſhip or Benevolence can civilize and reclaim : You muſt therefore, at all Events, and at all Times, conſider your Frontier to be in a State of War. And as it is the ſingular Happineſs of this Province, that it is able to form an impaſſable Barrier againſt the common Enemy, neglect not this Advantage, but eſtabliſh Peace and Security on your Borders ; and you will, by the Encreaſe of the Strength and Wealth of the Province, which will neceſſarily follow, be amply repaid for the Charge of defending it.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly,*

‘ I come among you with a Heart intirely devoted to the Service of this Country ; the Care of which muſt now become my ſole Buſineſs : And I truſt, that my Aſſiduity and Integrity will moſt properly recommend me to your good Opinion. Until they are better known to you than they can be
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‘ at present, I must desire you to give me Credit for that Confidence, which
 ‘ will be necessary to enable me to exert myself to the best Purposes of your
 ‘ Service. And may the Great God, on whom we must all depend for Success
 ‘ in our Undertakings, so direct our Councils, that they may be most con-
 ‘ ducive to that Supreme of all Laws the Publick Safety.

FRA. BERNARD.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from *Princetown*, and Parts nearly adjacent, praying for the
 Reasons therein mentioned, that Barracks might be built in the said Town;
 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time, and committed to a
 Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House
 to consider his Excellency's Speech: After some Time spent therein, Mr.
 Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee,
 reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matter to them
 referred, and come to a Resolution, that an humble Address be presented to his
 Excellency, in Answer to his Speech; and desired Leave to sit again. To
 which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Ogden*, be a
 Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, the several Papers mentioned in his
 Excellency's Speech; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, July 27, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported, that
 they had prepared a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, which he was
 ready to deliver, when the House would please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Address be received immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Smith* reported the Draught of said Address; which was
 twice read, and some Amendments made thereto in the House: The same as
 amended was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to
 know when he will be pleased to be waited on by the House with the Address.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself, delivered the Message
 with them entrusted to his Excellency, who was pleas'd to say, the House
 should hear from him presently.

A Message from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency, and presented the Address, in the Words following :

To His Excellency FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

May it please your Excellency ;

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, beg Leave to congratulate your Excellency on your safe Arrival with your Lady and Family : And in the Name of the Inhabitants of this Province, do give the Whole a hearty Welcome.

Among many recent Proofs of parental Regard, which the Provinces of North-America have received from His Majesty, the Appointment of your Excellency to be our Governor, in this Time of common Difficulty, is a Part which very much pleases such among us, as have had an Opportunity of your Acquaintance.

Were your Excellency's personal Qualifications unknown, and you a Stranger, yet your Appointment to that Honourable Station, since the late glorious Revival of British Wisdom and Spirit, would have been an effectual Recommendation to our Confidence, a Part wherein we can very readily credit your Excellency : But at the same Time must beg a mutual Return, and hope for the Continuance of your favourable Sentiments.

As the little Time you have spent among us, has given us an Opportunity to form rational Prepossessions in your Excellency's Favour ; permit us to say, that as far as those may be allow'd the Test of Futurity, the united Calls of Gratitude and Duty oblige us on this Occasion, to every respectful Acknowledgment, that a free People can pay to a gracious Sovereign. As such, we shall take the several Matters recommended by your Excellency into immediate Consideration, and do therein as we shall apprehend may most conduce to that Supreme of all Laws, the Publick Safety.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

To which Address, his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer ;

Gentlemen,

I Heartily thank you for this kind and affectionate Address ; wherein you give such earnest Expressions of your Duty and Gratitude to his Majesty, and your favourable Opinion of me his Servant. From these happy Auspices, I promise myself, that a firm and lasting Harmony will be established among us, that will be productive of the best Consequences to the common Weal of this Province.

FRA. BERNARD.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

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The House met.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Princetown*, and Parts nearly adjacent, was read the second Time. And on the Question,

Resolved,

That this House doth not agree to the Proposal of building Barracks in *Princetown*.

Resolved,

That this House will hereafter, take into Consideration such Measures as may best relieve Persons unequally burthen'd with marching Parties of the King's Soldiers.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Clement*, and Mr. *Stokes*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Western Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report to the House. And that Mr. *Vreeland* and Mr. *Middagh* do inform the Council thereof, and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and Time and Place of meeting.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Hezekiah Dunn*, Captain of a Company of Rangers, and several of his Company, lately in the Pay of this Province, praying for some Allowance for the Time they spent in returning home after they were discharged from the Service; and also for some Allowance to be made to the Men that were taken with the Small-pox, and were at a considerable Expence before they returned home; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Justices, Freeholders, Assessors, and Collectors of the County of *Sussex*, was read, setting forth the great Harships and Difficulties they at present labour under;

1st. That no Fine is laid on the Justices and Freeholders to meet at the Times appointed; by Reason of such Neglect they could not do their Business.

2d. That by the Act passed for sinking the Sum of *Fifteen thousand three hundred two Pounds and Four-pence*, the County of *Morris* was to pay yearly *Eighty-five Pounds and three-pence Halfpenny*; and afterwards the said County of *Sussex* was taken off the said County of *Morris*, and erected into a separate County; and the said County of *Sussex*, by the same Act, was to join the said County of *Morris*, to pay the abovesaid Quota as before said Division was made; and the Time appointed for the Assessors to meet by said Act; and other Acts have been passed since the Division of said Counties, which requires the said Assessors of *Sussex* County, to meet in said *Sussex* County, which happens to be the same Day that they are to meet with *Morris* County Assessors, which they complain is impossible for them to do; and pray, that it may be ordered, that the Assessors of *Morris* and *Sussex* may meet and divide their Quotas yet to pay of said Tax, according to the Value of each County, and each pay their respective Quotas to their own Collectors; and further crave, that the Meeting of their Assessors shall be where their Courts are kept.

3d. That by the present War, and other Calamities in said County, they cannot think it proper to fix on any Place yet to build a Court-House; and desire

desire the Place of holding their Courts may be continued at *Thomas Woolverton's*, where it is now held, till otherwise ordered by Act of Assembly.

4th. That by the Complaint of the Sheriff, their Goal is insufficient, and no House for the Goaler to live in : Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Another Petition from the said County of *Suffex*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that the Inhabitants are frequently obliged to go on Alarms, to guard and range the Woods ; which they have chearfully done : That their Frontier has been left almost destitute of Inhabitants : That sundry of them has been obliged to build Forts for their Defence, or Numbers more would have retreated : That Numbers of the *Indians* are supposed to be killed and wounded by their Scouts, and two *Indian* Scalps got : All which they have done without the least Reward ; by which Reason they are much impoverished, and obliged to leave their Labour often ; besides the Loss they have received from the Enemy's plundering ; and acknowledging the Favours they have received by the Assistance granted them ; pray the like Provision may be made to pay their Militia, as hath been provided for the Militia of other Counties that had gone to their Assistance : And further pray, that the Act of Assembly for discharging the Prisoners on Civil Actions in said County, may be revived, &c. Which was read, and order'd a second Reading.

The Petition of *Daniel Price* and *Richard Barns*, now confined in the Goal of the County of *Middlesex*, was presented to the House, setting forth their distressed Circumstances, and praying Relief ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of *Robert Iselstine*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that one *John Warren* was taken Prisoner at *Oswego*, and returned last Fall into this Province, from his Captivity among the *French* : That the said *Warren* being destitute of any Support, out of Compassion, was taken Care of by the Petitioner, in a long and tedious Sickness, of which he died, which was very expensive to the Petitioner ; and therefore prayeth Relief in the Premises ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of *Robert Sproul*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that several Soldiers who were taken Prisoners at *Oswego*, and returned last Fall from their Captivity, were kept and dieted by *Elizabeth Rattoon*, then a Widow, but now the Wife of the Petitioner ; therefore praying, that a reasonable Allowance be made for the keeping the said Soldiers ; which was read, and order'd a second Reading.

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

Friday, July 28, 1758.

The House met.

The House being informed, that Captain *Nathaniel Rusco* attended at the Door, he was called in, and delivered a Memorial, setting forth the Hardships he had suffered in his late Captivity among the *French*, and the Difficulties it had involv'd his Family Affairs into, and praying the House would allow his Accounts ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House sundry Copies of Letters, &c. from the Agent ; which were read.

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According to the Order of the Day, *Samuel Nevill, John Wetherill, Aaron Leaming, Jacob Spicer, and Jacob Dehart*, Esquires, laid their respective Accounts before the House ; which were referred to the Committee appointed to settle the Commissioners Accounts.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Asfield*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Kemble*, Mr. *Salter*, and Mr. *Asfield*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Western Treasurer’s Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report thereof to this House ; and that the Committees for that Purpose do meet this Afternoon at Four of the Clock, at the Treasurer’s House.’

The House adjourn’d till Two P. M.

The House met.

The House adjourn’d till Eight o’Clock To morrow Morning.

Saturday, July 29, 1758.

The House met.

John Allen, Esq; and *Minne Fisher*, laid their respective Accounts before the House, and they were referred to the Committee appointed to settle publick Accounts.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Cape-May*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that a Bridge from a Place called the Fast-Landing situate in the upper Precinct of the said County, across Cedar-Swamp Creek and Causeway, from thence through the Marsh of *Joseph Corjen* and *Isaac Banners*, to the most convenient Place on *Littleworth*, would be of publick Utility ; and praying the same may be erected, and made a Toll-Bridge ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary ; which, with the Papers therein mentioned, were read ; and the Message is in the Words following ;

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I Hereby lay before you a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Frontiers ; the Contents of which I earnestly recommend to you : Also a Proposal for the Defence of the Frontiers, by an Inhabitant thereof. I also lay before you, the Result of some Enquiries I have made concerning the Defence of the Frontiers, together with a Map explaining the same ; and acquaint you, that I have directed, that Capt. *Gardiner* and Mr. *Hampton* shall stay in Town, to be ready to give you any further Information that you shall want. I must also inform you, that, in Consideration of the past Services of Captain *Gardiner*, Commander in Chief of the Frontier Guard, and the Importance of the Command with which I propose, with your Assistance, to invest him, I am desirous to confer on him the Rank of a Major, and recommend to you, to appoint him such a Pay as shall enable me so to do.’

FRA. BERNARD.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Message, with the several Papers therein referred to, be read a second Time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to further consider his Excellency's Speech, and Matters therein referred : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to sundry Resolutions ; which he was ready to report, when the House would please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Hancock* reported the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows,

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed, to bring in a Bill for the Support of Government.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony : And desired Leave to sit again.

To which Resolutions the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Hoogland*, and Mr. *Vreeland*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Yard*, and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o' Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, July 31, 1758.

The House met.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Col. *Peter Schuyler*, by the Hands of *David Ogden*, Esq; laid his Accounts before the House, viz.

- 1st. His General Account with the Colony, containing four Sheets.
- 2^d. An Account of the several Payments to the Soldiers.
- 3^d. and 4th. Two separate Accounts of the Time of the Death of the Soldiers sent to Europe.

The Memorial of Mrs. *Elizabeth Ansley*, Widow and Rel^{ve} of *William Ansley*, Esq; Lately deceased, setting forth, that the said *William Ansley* executed the Office of Chief Justice of this Colony, from the 21st Day of December last past, until the sixth Day of this Instant *July*, when he departed this Life; and praying that they have a proper Allowance for his Services : Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petitions of *Samuel Hedge* and *Samuel Mason*, were presented to the House, setting forth, that they had read an Advertisement in the Publick Gazette, informing them, that the Petitioners of *Manington*, in the County of *Salem*,

Salem, have Leave to bring in a Bill, for the Banking out the Tide of a certain Piece of Marsh on *Manington* and *Salem* Creek : That the Petitioners own about 245 Acres of Marsh within the proposed Bank, the including thereof, they conceive, would be greatly to their Prejudice ; they therefore crave, that if the House should pass the Bill prayed for, that a Clause may be inserted therein, to exclude the Marsh belonging to them : Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House being informed, that *John Goosling*, one of the Petitioners of *Manington*, in the County of *Salem*, for banking said Marsh, was attending, he was called in ; the House having heard his Allegations, and considered the Petitions of the Parties against making said Bank ;

Ordered,

That *Samuel Mason* come and support the several Allegations set forth in his Petition, on Monday next, by Twelve of the Clock of the Forenoon, or otherwise the Petitioners will have Leave to bring in the Bill they pray for (leaving out *Samuel Hedges'* Marsh,) and that the Clerk deliver a Copy of this Minute to *John Goosling*, to deliver to the said *Samuel Mason*, as soon as conveniently may be, and return to the House an Affidavit of such Delivery.

Mr. Newill, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Read, from the Committee for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the further Defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of *New-Jersey* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

According to the Order of the Day, the Persons petitioning for and against the opening of *Woodbury* Creek, and confirming the Dam erected there, attending, were called in, and severally heard : And on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petition, as it now stands, be allowed or not ? it was carried in the Negative.

Resolved,

That if the Parties concerned will mutually consent, that the Damages occasioned by erecting said Dam, be assessed by indifferent Persons, mutually agreed to, and paid to the Persons injured by the Dam erected, that they be allowed to bring in the Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petition.

A Memorial from *William Morris*, Esq; first Judge of the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth some Reasons against the said County's being divided, as prayed for by the Petitions for that Purpose now before the House ; which was read, and the Consideration thereof referred, till that Matter has a publick Hearing.

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

Tuesday, August 1, 1758.

The House met.

The Petition from the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of *Pertb-Amboy* ; as also of the Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish Church of the said City, setting forth their Desire of building a proper House for the Reception of the Council and General Assembly ; and also for the Repairing the Church in said City, and other necessary publick Services ; but that they

they have no publick Funds to accomplish the aforesaid good Purposes ; and therefore, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to raise a certain Sum of Money, by Way of Lottery, under such Restrictions and Regulations as to the House shall seem meet, for erecting and finishing the said publick Edifices ; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Commissioners appointed by Law, to build Barracks for quartering Soldiers in several Parts of this Province, having acquainted the House, that the Sum of Money already appropriated for that Purpose, was not sufficient to finish the said Barracks, and to provide the Necessaries ordered by Law for the said Soldiers.

Ordered,

That further Provision be made for that Purpose ; and that a Clause be inserted in the Bill ordered to be brought in for the better Defence of the Frontiers, agreeable thereto.

The Petition of *Catherine Blanchard*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that her Husband was a private Soldier in Col. *Schuyler's* Regiment of this Province, had been taken at *Oswego*, and was returned out of Captivity, and had since enlisted into the King's Service, before the Act was passed for the Soldiers to join the Regiment ; and therefore praying for the Arrearages of Pay due to her said Husband, &c. was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Joseph Borden, jun.* and *Joseph Hancock*, Owners of the Stage Waggons, passing and repassing between *Burlington* and *Bordentown*, and *Perth-Amboy*, complaining, that after the Petitioners had been at a great Expence in setting up and establishing the said Stages for conveying of Passengers and Goods, between *New-York* and *Philadelphia*, they are much annoyed by other Boatmen and Waggoners interfering in the said Business, which was productive of Quarrels, and great Dissatisfaction to sober People ; and therefore, humbly praying the House will be pleased to take the same into Consideration, and grant them an Act of Assembly, for their Protection in carrying on said Business, under such Regulations as the House thinks proper ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for Support of Government, &c. And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred ; and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor* ; was read and compared : And on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newill* and Mr. *Ladd* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and come to several Resolutions; which, by Leave, he reported, and delivered in at the Table; where the said Resolutions being read, were as follows:

Resolved,

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid,

To his Excellency *Francis Bernard*, Esq; at the Rate of One Thousand Pounds per Annum, to commence the 14th of June last. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vangoson*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Freeland*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Holmes*,
who voted for
£. 800.

To *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*.

To *Richard Salter*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*.

To *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney-General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*.

On the Question, it passed in the Affirmative.

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Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Nevill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
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Mr. *Read*,

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Mr. *Smith*,
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Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Stokes*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

For £. 20.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vangoson*,
Mr. *Clement*.

To *Andrew Johnston* and *Samuel Smith*, Esquires, Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty-pounds per Annum*.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty pounds per Annum*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, at the Court of Great-Britain, *Eighty pounds per Annum*.

To *John Smith*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty pounds per Annum*.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten pounds per Annum*.

To his Excellency *Francis Bernard*, Esq; *Sixty pounds per Annum*, for House Rent, provided he makes *Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence.

To the Chief Justice, or any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten pounds* each Time.

To each of the Council for the Time they respectively have attended, or shall attend, at this or any other Sitting of General Assembly within the Time aforesaid, *Six shillings per Diem*.

To *John Reading*, Esq; late President of this Province, for Arrears of his Salary, to the Time of the present Governor's Arrival, and House Rent, *Forty seven pounds*.

To Mrs. *Elizabeth Aynsley*, Widow to *William Aynsley*, Esq; late Chief Justice of this Province, the Sum of *Seventy pounds*, in full for her said Husband's Services.

To the Clerks of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance, the Sum of *Eight shillings per Diem*; also *Four-pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer; also to *Hugh Hartshorne*, one of the Clerks, *Fifteen pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, at this and former Sitzings.

To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, in full of his Account, *Forty two pounds, five shillings and five pence*.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *six pence per pound* for exchanging the ragged and torn Bills of Credit: And to each of the Treasurers, the Sum of *Fifteen pounds*, for their extraordinary Services.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes of the House during the Continuance of this Act; and to the King's Printer, for printing the Laws passed at this or any other Sitting, as aforesaid, such Sums as *Charles Read*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *John Johnston*, *Henry Paxson* and *John Ladd*, Esqrs, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the said Services.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the time being, who hath or shall attend the House of Representatives, during the said Term, *Three shillings per Diem*.

To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who hath or shall attend the Council, as aforesaid, the Sum of *Three shillings per Diem*.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives for the time being, who hath or shall attend, in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three shillings and six pence per Diem*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, in full of his Account, for petty Expences to the 23d of *March*, 1758, the Sum of *Seventy two pounds*.

To *Samuel Smith*, Esq; to pay for fundry petty Expences for the Use of the House of Assembly, the Sum of *Four pounds fourteen shillings and one penny*.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *Fifteen shillings per Week*, to pay for the Use of a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Term.

To *Henry Paxson*, Esq; to pay *John Shaw* the Sum of *Twenty shillings per Week*, for the Use of a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the House of General Assembly.

To each of the Members of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance at this or any other Sitting, during the said Term, the Sum of *Six shillings per Diem*.

To his Excellency *Francis Bernard*, Esq; Governor of this Province, in Addition to his Salary for the first Year, in Consideration of the extraordinary Expence attending the Transportation of himself and Family, in a Time of War, the Sum of *Five hundred pounds*. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Mr. Stevens,

Mr. Smith,

Mr. Wetherill,

Mr. Stokes,

Mr. Newill,

Mr. Ladd,

Mr. Hoogland,

Mr. Clement,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Hancock,

Mr. Holmes,

Mr. Leaming,

Mr. Fisher,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Vangelson,

Mr. Spicer,

Mr. Vreeland,

Mr. Yard,

Mr. Paxson,

Mr. Middagh,

Mr. Read,

To all which several Sums the House agreed.

And on the Question, whether the said Bill be engross'd or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Wednesday

Wednesday, August 2, 1758.

The House met.

A Petition of the Rector, Church-Wardens, and Vestrymen of *Trinity-Church*, at *Newark*, residing at *Second-River* and *New-Barbados Neck*; was presented to the House, setting forth, that they are destitute of a Church for publick Worship; and the Church of *Newark* being in Arrears, and unfinished; they therefore pray for Liberty to raise Money, by Way of Lottery, for those Purposes; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Reading*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented to the House, complaining of some cruel Usage by a Court-Martial in said County; was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Joseph Hollinshead, *Abraham Hewlings*, and *Joseph Borden*, Esquires, laid their publick Accounts before the House; which were referred to the Committee appointed to settle the Commissioners Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* be added to the Committee for settling the Western Treasurer's Accounts.

A Petition of *Jane Syer*, was presented to the House, setting forth the great Damage she has sustained by the King's Troops making an Hospital of her House at *Pertb-Amboy*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, with a Letter from General *Abercrombie*, dated *June 28*, 1758; and also a Letter from General *Stanwix*, dated *July 2*, 1758, were read; and the said Message is in the Words following:

Gentlemen,

I Received the Letters from General *Abercrombie* and General *Stanwix*, which I now lay before you, soon after the Dates they bear; and accordingly submit them to your Consideration; as in Answer thereto, I promised I would.

FRA. BERNARD.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Message, and the Letters therein mentioned, have a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Eastern Treasurer lay his Accounts for the Expedition Money, before the House To-morrow; and that the Clerk serve him with a Copy of this Order.

The Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Bedminster*, in the County of *Somerjet*. Members of the *Lutheran Church*, was presented to the House, setting forth their Desire of raising Money by Way of Lottery, to compleat the said Church they had begun, and are unable to finish: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The Petition of the Grand Inquest for the Body of the County of *Hunterdon*, was presented to the House, setting forth some Reasons against a Petition now before the House, for dividing the said County, and removing the Court; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

According to the Order of the Day, the Persons petitioning for and against dividing the County of *Hunterdon*, and the Removal of the Court, attending, were called in; and the Petitions on both Sides read, and the Parties heard, &c. The House referred the further Hearing thereof till To-morrow.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Thursday, August 3, 1758.

The House met.

An Affidavit of *Reuben Riggs*, one of the Serjeants on the Frontiers of this Colony, was laid before the House by *Jonathan Hampton*, Esq; setting forth the extravagant Rates they are obliged to pay there for Waggons; Horses, &c. which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Bill for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony of *New-Jersey*.

A Petition for running the Lines between the Counties of *Burlington* and *Gloucester*; was read the second Time, and referr'd.

The Petition of *Joseph Borden*, jun. and *Joseph Hancock*, praying to be invested with the Rights of the Stage; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* have Leave to bring in a Bill, to invest the said *Joseph Borden* and *Joseph Hancock*, and their Assigns, with an exclusive Right to the said Stage, from *Burlington* and *Bordentown*, to *New-York* and *Philadelphia*, for the Space of Five Years.

The Petition of *Hezekiah Dunn*, was read the second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petitions of *Jane Syer*, *Robert Iseltine*, and *Robert Sproull*, was read the second Time, and referred to the next Sitting at *Perth-Amboy*.

According to Order, the Eastern Treasurer laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That they lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

The Petition from *Cape-May*, for erecting a Toll-Bridge, from the Fast-Landing over the Cedar-Swamp Creek; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in the Bill they pray for, provided it appears, that their several Opponents (if any they have) be informed thereof, by Advertisements being affixed at the House of *Jacob Spicer*, Esq; *Townsend's* Mills, and Mr. *Nicholas Stilwell's*, the Court-House, and Presbyterian Meeting-House, in the said County.

The Petition from the City of *Perth-Amboy*, for raising Money, by Way of Lottery, to erect publick Buildings, &c. in said City, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether they have the Bill prayed for, or not? it pass'd in the Negative, as follows;

Y E A S.

Y E A S.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Freeland*,
Mr. *Read*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vangelson*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Middagh*,

The Petition from *Newark*, for raising Money by Way of Lottery, to build a Church, &c. was read the second Time ; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of said Petitioners be granted or not ? it passed in the Negative, as follows ;

Y E A S.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Freeland*,
Mr. *Vangelson*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Middagh*.

The Petition from *Bedminster*, in the County of *Somerset*, for raising Money by Way of Lottery, for finishing the Church they had there begun ; was read the second Time ; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the said Petitioners be granted or not ? it passed in the Negative, as follows ;

Y E A S.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Freeland*,
Mr. *Vangelson*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Newill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,

N A Y S.

Mr. *Middagh*.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into *Indian Affairs*, made the following Report in Writing.

WE the Subscribers, four of the Commissioners appointed by Law, to enquire into the Claims of the *Indians*, Inhabitants of this Colony ; having, in Pursuance of that Power, met the *Indians* at *Crosswicks*, in the County of *Burlington*, in *February* last ; in full and open Council, received from the *Indians* a Declaration of their Rights, and a Release of what Lands were not therein contained ; reserving the Right the *Minisink* and *Pompton* *Indians* may have to Lands in the Northerly Parts of this Province : An exact Copy of which Proceeding, we herewith lay before the honourable House.

We further beg Leave to inform the House, that soon after the Arrival of his Excellency the present Governor, General *Forbes* and the Lieutenant-Governor of *Philadelphia*, in a Conference had at their Request with him, pressed upon him the Necessity of inviting the *Minisink* *Indians* to a Conference with this Colony, and to make a strict Enquiry into the Cause of their Uneasiness and Claims, if any they have. The Message and Instructions given on that Occasion, with the Advice of three of the Commissioners in the Act of General Assembly named, his Excellency has, at this Sitting, laid before the honourable House : In Consequence whereof, we have received Intelligence, that some *Minisink* *Indians* arrived Yesterday at *Philadelphia*, and may be hourly expected here, when their Claims will be known.

We further beg Leave to report to the honourable House, that it is our Opinion, that there are many Tracts of Land which are purchas'd within the Limits of the several Indian Claims, for which Deeds may be found ; and that there may be also many more purchas'd, for which the Deeds are lost or mislaid ; the Neglect of recording Indian Deeds having generally prevailed.

‘ We further report it as our Opinion, that the only Method of satisfying
 ‘ the Indians, and obviating their future Claims, would be, to empower his
 ‘ Excellency and a Set of Commissioners, to draw from the Treasury, a certain
 ‘ limited Sum, in order, in a general Conference with the several Indian
 ‘ Nations, to conclude a Bargain for the Release of the Claims of their whole
 ‘ Nation to Lands within the same; as separate and private Purchases would
 ‘ be attended with great Inconvenience, if not utterly impracticable.

*Andrew Johnston,
 Richard Saltar,
 Charles Read,
 John Stevens.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Spicer*, do consult with the Council of Proprietors of *West-Jersey*, and such of the Council of Proprietors of *East-Jersey*, as now are in Town, respecting the Manner of raising the Sum that will be wanted for settling Peace with the *Indians*.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee appointed to settle the Commissioners and Commissaries Accounts; reported, that they had inspected the Accounts of *Jonathan Hampton*, Esq; late Commissary and Paymaster; which, with Leave, he reported to the House, making a Ballance due from this Colony to the said *Jonathan Hampton*, the Sum of *Two Hundred and thirty six Pounds Eleven shillings three farthings*; which was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That a Clause be inserted in the Bill for the further Defence of the Frontiers, to defray the said Ballance.

The Remonstrance from sundry Persons, who are said to be Agents for the Township of *Bethlehem*, *Amwell*, *Kingwood*, *Tukesbury*, *Lebanon*, and *Reading*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, in Answer to a Petition of the Grand-Jury of said County, against dividing the County, or removing the Court, was presented to the House; which was read, and the further Consideration of the Premises referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly.

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

Friday, August 4, 1758.

The House met.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, in the Words following;

Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Ogden* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, with the engrossed Amendments, to the House of
 ‘ Assembly, and desire their Concurrence thereto.’

Which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday,

Saturday, August 5, 1758.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, with the Council's Amendments thereto, was read the second Time: And on the Question, whether the House agrees to said Amendments, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be re-engrossed.

A Petition of *Daniel Casnor* and *Patrick O Hanlon*, was presented to the House, setting forth, that they are informed that an Address has been presented to the House, for the Privilege of carrying on the Stage from the City of *Burlington* to the City of *Pertb-Amboy*, by some particular Persons, exclusive of all others; and urging, that they have been at great Expence to enable themselves to continue a Stage, which they have for some time carried on from said Places; which if denied to prosecute, will tend much to their Disadvantage; and praying a Hearing, in order to support their Allegations, before any such Law be passed; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* have Leave to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Eight o' Clock.

Monday, August 7, 1758.

The House met.

According to the Order of the Day, *John Goosling*, one of the Petitioners for banking a certain Piece of Marsh on *Manington Creek*, in *Salem County*, attending, was called in, and produced an Affidavit, by which it appears that he had served *Samuel Mason* with a Copy of the Order of this House; and the said *Samuel Mason* not attending, nor any one in his Behalf, to support the Allegations set forth in his Petition, the Consideration thereof was referred till To-morrow Morning, not knowing but that the said *Samuel Mason* may then attend.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, August 8, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock* with Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes and Cripples, in Manington, in the County of Salem, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, was read and compared: And on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the said Bill to the Council.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows;

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Fijler,

Mr. Vreeland,

Mr. Read,

Mr. Smith,

Y E A S.

Mr. Paxson,

Mr. Ladd,

Mr. Hancock,

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Leaming,

Mr. Spicer,

Y E A S.

Mr. Yard,

Mr. Middagb.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,

Mr. Holmes,

Mr. Hoogland,

Mr. Vangerson,

Mr. Stokes,

Mr. Clement.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hancock do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Petition of sundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, was presented to the House, setting forth, That *Daniel Casnor*, of *Cranbury*, had carried on a Stage from the City of *Burlington*, to the City of *Pertb-Amboy*; which he had done with very great Expence, and hath received no Satisfaction equivalent thereto: and as they are informed, that *Joseph Borden* and *Joseph Hancock*, have petitioned the House to bring in a Bill to invest them with the sole Carrying on the Stage, which they conceive will be of great Detriment to the said *Daniel Casnor*; therefore beg that the House will take the same into Consideration, and allow the said *Daniel Casnor* the Privilege to be included in the said proposed Act, or, otherwise have Leave to bring in a separate Bill for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. Hancock and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

On a Motion made.

Resolved,

That this House will support the Expence of the present Negotiations with the *Minisink Indians*, and of his Excellency's Journey to *Easton*, at the approaching Treaty: But that this Province will be at no Expence respecting Presents to the Indians, or to the Support of General Treaties, otherwise than as the same may contribute to the returning such Captives as have been taken from this Province, engaging the Indians to cease from Hostilities, and giving sufficient Security of their doing so themselves, and as much as lies in their Power preventing others, and doing them Justice respecting their Lands, if it appears they have any Complaint against this Province.

On the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,

Mr. Ogden,

Mr. Fijler,

Mr. Vreeland,

Mr. Read,

Y E A S.

Mr. Smith,

Mr. Paxson,

Mr. Stokes,

Mr. Ladd,

Mr. Hancock,

Y E A S.

Mr. Miller,

Mr. Leaming,

Mr. Spicer,

Mr. Yard,

Mr. Middagb.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill.

Mr. Holmes,

Mr. Hoogland.

Mr. Vangerson.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes, and Cripples, in Manington, in the County of Salem, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Hancock and Mr. Stokes.

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The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, August 9, 1758.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes, and Crip-
ples, in Manington, in the County of Salem, to keep the Tide from overflowing
the same*; with Leave, reported the same, with several Amendments made
thereto; which was read; and on the Question, whether the said Bill be en-
grossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this
Colony, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the
whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill
for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony: And after some Time
spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of
the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the said Bill,
and agreed unto sundry Provisions for the Defence of the Frontiers; which, as
there is no publick Fund to discharge the same, will be rendered ineffectual,
except Bills of Credit be struck for that Purpose; to which the House agreed,
and desired Leave to sit again.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; which is in the Words
following;

Gentlemen,

I AM informed, that in a Bill depending before you, there is a Clause for
striking Paper Money; I therefore send you a Copy of his Majesty's In-
structions to me on that Subject, and hope you will conform thereto. I also
send you a Copy of his Majesty's Instruction to me concerning the Support of
Government; which, as you have been acquainted with it, I hope you have
conformed to.'

F R A. B E R N A R D.

A Copy of said Instructions, is as follow, viz.

XXII. **W**HEREAS Acts have been passed in some of Our Plantations in
America, for striking Bills of Credit, and issuing out the same
in Lieu of Money, in order to discharge their publick Debts, and for other
Purposes, from whence several Inconveniences have arisen: *It is therefore Our
Will and Pleasure*, that you do not give your Assent to, or pass any Act in
Our said Province of *New-Jersey*, under your Government, whereby Bills of
Credit may be struck or issued in Lieu of Money, without a Clause be inserted
in such Act, declaring, that the same shall not take Effect, until the said Act
shall have been approved and confirmed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors:

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And

‘ And it is Our further Will and Pleasure, That you do not give your Assent to, or pass any Act in Our said Province of *New-Jersey*, under your Government, for Payment of Money, either to you the Governor, or to any Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, or to any Members of Our Council, or to any other Person whatsoever, except to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, without a Clause be likewise inserted in such Act, declaring that the same shall not take Effect, until the said Act hath been approved and confirmed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors.

XXIII. ‘ Whereas several Inconveniencs have arisen to Our Governments in the Plantations, by Gifts and Presents made to Our Governor by the General Assemblies; you are therefore to propose unto the Assembly, at their first Meeting after your Arrival, and to use your utmost Endeavour with them, that an Act be passed for raising and settling a publick Revenue, for the defraying the necessary Charge of the Government of Our said Province; and that therein Provision be particularly made, for a competent Salary to yourself, as Captain-General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province; and to other Our succeeding Captains Generals and Governors in Chief, for supporting the Dignity of the said Office; as likewise, due Provision for the contingent Charges of Our Council and Assembly, and for the Salaries of the respective Clerks, and other Officers thereunto belonging; as likewise, all other Officers necessary for the Administration of that Government: And particularly, that such Salaries be enacted to be paid in Sterling, or Proclamation Money, or in Paper Bills of Credit current in that Province, in Proportion to the Value such Bills should pass at in Exchange for Silver; that thereby, the respective Officers may depend on some certain Income, and not be liable to have their Stipends varied, by the uncertain Value of Paper Money: And that in such Act, all Officers Salaries be fixed to some reasonable yearly Sum, except the Members of the Council and Assembly, and the Officers attending them, or others whose Attendance on the Publick is uncertain, who may have a reasonable Pay established *per Diem*, during their Attendance only. And when such Revenue shall have been so settled, and Provision made as aforesaid, then Our express Will and Pleasure is, that neither you, Our Governor, nor any Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Commander in Chief, or President of Our Council, of Our said Province of *New-Jersey*, for the Time being, do give your or their Consent to the passing of any Law or Act, for any Gift or Present to be made to you or them by the Assembly: And that neither you nor they do receive any Gift or Present from the Assembly, or others, on any Account, or in any Manner whatsoever, upon Pain of Our highest Displeasure, and of being recalled from that Our Government. And We do further Direct and Require, that this Declaration of Our Royal Will and Pleasure, be communicated to the Assembly, at their first Meeting after your Arrival in Our said Province, and entered in the Register of Our Council and Assembly; that all Persons whom it may concern, may govern themselves accordingly.’

Which said Message and Instructions were read.

On a Motion made,
Ordered,

That the Report of the Board of Trade, respecting the late Paper Money Bill, be entered on the Minutes.

The same is as follows ;

To

To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council for Plantation Affairs.

‘ MY LORDS,

‘ **P**URSUANT to your Lordships Order, dated 16th November last, we have taken into Consideration the humble Petition of *Richard Partridge*, Agent for and in behalf of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, humbly praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to signify his Royal Pleasure to the Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Colony for the Time being, to give his Assent to a Bill prepared by the said House of Representatives in March last, entitled, *An Act for making current Sixty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan within the Colony of New-Jersey, the Interest whereof to sink the further Sum of Twenty-nine Thousand Pounds, to be also made current for the immediate Service of the Crown, if the same should be needed, otherwise for the Relief of the said Colony*: And having been attended by the said Agent and his Council, and heard what they had to offer in support of the Petition, we beg Leave to acquaint your Lordships, that this Bill appears to us to be liable to many very material Objections.

1st. ‘ By the Manner in which the Clause of Appropriation is expressed, the House of Representatives seem to have assumed to themselves, not only a Power of joining with the Governor and Council in the Disposal and issuing the Money granted for his Majesty's Service, but likewise to have made themselves Judges of the Services to which it is to be applied.

2dly. ‘ The Surplus of the Interest arising from the Loan of the Bills of Credit which shall remain after sinking the £. 29,000, granted for his Majesty's Service, is to be substituted as a Fund for sinking Bills of Credit heretofore emitted, in Lieu of Taxes which have been already established for that Purpose.

3dly. ‘ The Bills of Credit are declared to be legal Tenders in Payment of all Debts and Contracts.

‘ With Respect to the first of these Objections, we must observe, that the Assembly's assuming to themselves a Right to join in the Disposal and issuing of publick Money, is, in all Cases, a Deviation from the fundamental Principles of the Constitution of that Colony, as established by his Majesty's Commission and Instructions. That, independent of this Consideration, as the Services to be performed by this Grant, ought not to be in their Nature either local or provincial; the Assembly cannot be the proper Judges of them; and therefore, the Money granted by this Bill to his Majesty's Use, ought to have been appropriated to such Services in general, as his Majesty, or the Commander in Chief of his Forces in *America*, should think proper to direct or recommend, to be issued and disposed of by Warrant of the Governor, and Council to such Services only.

‘ With Respect to the second of these Objections, it will be necessary to state to your Lordships, That in the Year 1755, 1756, and 1757, Paper Bills of Credit, to the Amount of £. 82,500, have been issued and made current for Five Years, and Taxes are imposed to constitute a Fund for sinking them within that Term. That by substituting the Interest of this Loan in Lieu of those Taxes, the Provision made for sinking them within a reasonable Time, will be set aside, and the Currency of them protracted to a much longer Time; which is such a Violation of the publick Faith, as has in other Colonies, always produced a Depreciation of the Credit of the Paper Currency, and

and was one of those Evils which gave Rise to the Necessity of the Act of Parliament passed in the Year 1750, for restraining the Paper Currency in the four Colonies of *New-England*.

With Regard to the 3d Objection, the making Bills of Credit legal Tenders in all Payments, is contrary to the Sense of Parliament, as expressed in their Resolutions of the 5th of *April*, 1740, and in the above-mentioned Act, passed in the Year 1750, as we have frequently had Occasion to observe in former Reports: In which we have declared, that though a Paper Currency may be advantageous to a trading Colony, yet it ought never to be admitted, unless it can be effected without enforcing the Legality of the Tender of the Bills so to be issued; which, we are of Opinion, is by no Means impracticable, if some Part of the Interest raised upon such Bills should be appropriated to support their Circulation: And this Method, we believe, might not only be easily and successfully pursued, but would be likewise, with the strictest Propriety, an Application of the Whole, and every Part of the Money so raised to the publick Service: But however this be, we were of Opinion in our former Reports, and still continue to be so, that the Inconveniences of making Bills of Credit legal Tenders, so greatly over-balance the Advantage which can accrue to the Publick from the Interest of them, that the latter ought not to be accepted, unless the former can be avoided.

Having stated to your Lordships the Objections to which this Bill appears to be liable, with such Observations as have occurred to us in Support of them, it only remains for us to take Notice of the two principle Reasons assigned in the Preamble of the Bill for establishing this Paper Currency; namely, the Inability of the People in their present Circumstances, to carry on Trade, or even their Dealings for the common Necessaries of Life; and to continue their Assistance to the common Cause, in carrying on the War against his Majesty's Enemies.

With Respect to the first of these Reasons, we find upon Enquiry into the present State of the Paper Currency in *New-Jersey*, that the Bills now outstanding and current in that Colony, amount in the Whole, to £. 107,000. And as that Sum appears to us sufficiently large for all Purposes in the ordinary Course of commercial Dealings, we conceive there can be no Room to pretend an immediate Necessity of that Sort.

As to the Plea of Necessity arising from their Inability to contribute towards the Prosecution of the War, it may be obviated, by his Majesty's permitting his Governor to give his Assent to any Bill or Bills for issuing such Quantity of Paper Currency as may be necessary for defraying the Expence of such military Services, as shall be required by his Majesty, or his Commander in Chief in *America*; provided the Credit of such Bills be properly ascertained, and Funds be established for sinking them within a reasonable Time, not exceeding five Years, according to the Directions prescribed in the like Cases by his Majesty's Instructions to his late Governor of the Province of *New-York*.

We are, My Lords,

Your Lordships most Obedient

And most Humble Servants,

Whitehall, Feb. 21, 1758.

DUNK HALIFAX,
T. PELHAM.
SOAME JENYNS,
W. G. HAMILTON,
W. SLOPER.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill for the Support of his Majesty's Government of *New-Jersey*, &c. without any Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Leaming*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, in Answer to his Message of this Morning, That this House have taken the same into Consideration, together with the Copies of his Majesty's Royal Instructions communicated therewith ; and find by the Journal of 28th November, 1748, that the 22d Instruction is in the same Words with an Instruction given by his present Majesty to his late Excellency Governor *Belcher* ; and this House do conceive it to have been an Instruction to several of his Governors of his Colonies abroad. That no Inconveniences have arisen from the Passing any Act for striking of Bills of Credit in this Colony to any Person whatever, as the Bills struck by former Acts have been punctually sunk, according to the different Periods in the Act expressed, whereby the Bills have not in the least diminished in their Credit, altho' the Colony have, through their Zeal for his Majesty's Service, in keeping up a standing Regiment acting with his Majesty's Forces, and the pressing Call of the Frontier Inhabitants, issued large Sums; great Part of which lays at present as a Debt on the Colony. That this Colony have no practicable Methods to raise a Sum for immediate Service, but by striking Bills of Credit to be sunk by a future Tax : The doing of which, not only the Governors of this, but also of the neighbouring Colonies, have thought it necessary and expedient to assent to, notwithstanding the aforesaid Instruction, and to prolong the Times of sinking the same, according to the different Circumstances of the Colonies : Nor have the House the least Reason to believe, but their Conduct in that Respect has been approved of by his Majesty and his Ministers. That they inform his Excellency, that the House has taken his Recommendation of the Frontiers, and the Affliction of the Inhabitants there, into their most serious Consideration, and have formed a Bill, which they hope, with the Assistance of Divine Providence, will effectually protect them ; but as they have not Money in the Treasury for that Service, they have no other Method of supporting that Expence, but by issuing of Bills of Credit, which must militate against that Instruction. That this House entertain Hopes, that his Excellency will, from the Calamity of the Times, and the Conduct of other his Majesty's Governors, be induced to give his Assent to a Bill *for striking Bills of Credit, for the Protection of this his Majesty's Colony* ; to be sunk at such Periods as shall be in the Power of the Colony to comply with : That they earnestly request his Excellency, to represent the Zeal and Loyalty of this Colony to his Majesty ; and that, without an Indulgence in striking Bills of Credit, to be sunk at reasonable Periods, on a solid and secure Fund, this Colony will not be able to give his Majesty that Aid which would be most agreeable to their Inclinations ; nor contribute that Protection to the Frontiers which they are in Duty bound to do. And as there are frequently Calls for Expences of this Kind, that he will be pleased to make the Application, so that we may hope for his Majesty's Licence on this Head, before any future Necessity shall embarrass the Branches of the Legislature.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of *Perth-Amboy*, praying *Daniel Casnor* may not be deprived of the Privilege of carrying on the Stage between *Burlington* and *Perth-Amboy* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eight o'Clock.

Thursday, August 10, 1758.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes, and Cripples, in Manington, in the County of Salem, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Stokes* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming* and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted to his Excellency.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary; in the Words following;

Gentlemen,

I Will transmit to *England*, to be laid before his Majesty, your Petition for a Licence to raise Money for his Service; and will use my utmost Endeavours to obtain a Power for that Purpose. As for the present Necessity, the Service you want to provide for, is of so important a Nature, that it would give me great Concern to have it defeated through my Disability: I must therefore desire that you would, if possible, find some Expedient, that, if not strictly conformable to the Letter of my Instructions, may be at least agreeable to the Spirit and Intent of it.

F R A. B E R N A R D.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Stokes* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted to Mr. *Salter*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, &c. And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto; which he is ready to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon he reported the Bill, with the Amendments made thereto. To which the House agreed.

And on the Question, whether the said Bill be engrossed or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed on the Western Treasurer's Accounts, made the following Report; which was read.

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' *The Committees appointed to inspect the Treasurer's Accounts, agree that*
 ' Aaron Leaming, Esq; *do report to the House of Assembly;*

' That by the Report of 1753, we find there was charged as payable of the Principal on the £. 20,000 and £. 40,000 Emissions, from the Western Counties, the following Sums, viz.

<i>Burlington,</i>	- - - - -	£. 1235 - 00 - 0
Also in Mr. Treasurer <i>Smith's</i> Hands uncanceled,		113 - 18 - 0
Amounting to	- - - - -	1348 - 18 - 0
The Commissioners of <i>Burlington</i> have since paid	l. 200-00-0	
Which with the	- - - - -	113-18-0
		<hr/> 313 - 18 - 0
And which said l. 313-18-0 was laid before these Committees and burned; so that <i>Burlington</i> is now deficient in the Principal, the Sum of		<hr/> 1035 - 00 - 0

<i>Gloucester</i> was then charged with	- - - - -	£. 628 - 15 - 0
But there was an Error of	- - - - -	200 - 00 - 0

So that in Fact there was then payable from *Gloucester* only 428 - 15 - 0

Which has been since paid to *Samuel Smith*, Esq; by the Loan-Officers of that County, and was laid before these Committees and burned.

<i>Salem</i> was then in Arrear	- - - - -	£. 1371 - 17 - 0
The Loan-Officers of that County have since paid Mr. } Treasurer <i>Smith</i> , which was laid before these Com- } mittees, and burned,		627 - 18 - 6
So that <i>Salem</i> is now deficient	- - - - -	<hr/> 743 - 18 - 6

Cape-May was then deficient £. 156; which the Loan-Officers of that County have since paid to Mr. Treasurer *Smith*, and was laid before these Committees, and burned.

Hunterdon was deficient £. 144-18-0; there not being any Mistake in that Account, as was then suggested; which the Commissioners of that County have since paid to Mr. Treasurer *Smith*, in cancelled Bills; and they were now laid before the Committees and burned.

By all which it appears, that *Hunterdon*, *Gloucester* and *Cape-May*, have fully cancelled and paid into the Treasury, all the Principal-Money that was payable from them Counties respectively, on the £. 20,000 and £. 40,000 Emissions, in the Years 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, and 1753; and the same is destroyed by burning.

And that the following Deficiencies are yet outstanding on them Emissions, in the-aforesaid Years, viz.

<i>Burlington,</i>	£. 1035 - 00 - 0
<i>Salem,</i>	743 - 18 - 6

Dr.

Dr. SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; Treasurer, To the

TO Monies payable on the first Sinking

From Cape-May, in 1754, 1755, 1756, and 1757,	£. 102 - 05 - 11
Cumberland, in D ^o - - - - -	216 - 15 - 06
Salem, in D ^o - - - - -	427 - 07 - 10
Gloucester, in D ^o - - - - -	478 - 06 - 10
Burlington, in D ^o - - - - -	767 - 00 - 06
Hunterdon, in D ^o - - - - -	866 - 07 - 10
Morris and Suffex, in D ^o - - - - -	340 - 01 - 02
	<u>£. 3198 - 05 - 07</u>

On the £. 15,000 Law, passed in April, 1755.

There is payable from Cape-May, in the Year 1757,	£. 83 - 10 - 10
Cumberland, in D ^o - - - - -	177 - 01 - 10 ¹ / ₄
Salem, in D ^o - - - - -	349 - 05 - 05 ¹ / ₂
Gloucester, in D ^o - - - - -	390 - 18 - 00 ¹ / ₂
Burlington, in D ^o - - - - -	625 - 01 - 10
Hunterdon, in D ^o - - - - -	708 - 17 - 07 ¹ / ₈
Morris and Suffex, in D ^o - - - - -	277 - 16 - 04 ¹ / ₈
	<u>£. 2612 - 11 - 11³/₈</u>

Dr. SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; Treasurer, on the

1755, June and July, To Cash received on the £. 15 000, struck in April, 1755,	3443 - 17 - 0
September 27, To Cash received on the £. 15,000, struck in August 1755, £. 7500 - 0 - 0	} 7520 - 00 - 0
To Cash that this Sum turned out more than it was received for, 20 - 0 - 0	
To Cash received on the £. 10,000, struck in December 1755,	5000 - 00 - 0
1756, To Cash received on the £. 17,500, struck by virtue of a Law passed in June 1756,	8719 - 19 - 6
1757, April, To Cash received on the £. 10,000, struck by virtue of a Law passed the 7 th of March, 1757,	} 5000 - 05 - 0
July 7, To Cash received on the £. 5000, struck by a Law passed in June 1757,	
Dec. 23. To D ^o received on the £. 30,000, struck by virtue of a Law passed in October 1757,	15000 - 00 - 0
1758, May 9. To Cash received on the £. 50,000, struck by a Law in April 1758,	14427 - 00 - 0
By which it appears, that Mr. Treasurer Smith has received of the several Funds struck for the Use of the War,	} 61640 - 16 - 6
To Cash of Abraham Hewlings, Esq; a Commissioner, returned,	
1758, April 6. To Cash of Mr. Grant Gibbon, being Money returned that his Father received as a Commissioner,	49 - 17 - 4
9. To Cash of Jacob Spicer, Esq; returned,	14 - 09 - 2 ¹ / ₄
To Cash received of William Cook and Daniel Smith, Esqrs. being Money repaid by the Crown, in part of the Aids of this Colony in the last War,	1005 - 00 - 0
	<u>£. 6322 - 15 - 0¹/₄</u>

Dr.

Colony of NEW - JERSEY.

Per Contra,

Creditor.

Fund, granted for the Use of the late War.

1758, July 28th, By several Bundles of Paper Bills laid
before these Committees by the said
Treasurer, which were burned in their
Prefence, amounting in the Whole,
to - - - - - £. 3198 - 05 - 07

£. 3198 - 05 - 07

1758, July 28th, By several Bundles of Bills of Credit,
laid before these Committees by the
said Treasurer, which were burned in
their Prefence, £. 2298 - 16 - 7
By Monies remaining in the said Treas-
urer's Hands, to be cancelled when
changed into Jersey Bills, 313 - 15 - 4³/₈
£. 2612 - 11 - 11⁶/₈

*War Funds,**per Contra,**Creditor.*

1758, July 28. By sundry Receipts and Vouchers inspected, allowed and endorsed by
these Committees, of Monies paid by virtue of the £. 15,000, Act,
passed in April 1755, £. 4034 - 09 - 0

D^o. By sundry Receipts and Vouchers inspected, allowed and endorsed by
these Committees, of Payments made by virtue of the £. 15,000,
Law, passed in August 1755, 7255 - 00 - 0

By sundry Vouchers and Receipts for Monies paid by virtue of the
£. 10,000 Law, passed in December 1755, inspected, allowed and
endorsed by these Committees, 4990 - 00 - 0

By Cash paid by virtue of the £. 17,500 Law, passed in June 1756,
and other Laws, as per sundry Receipts and Vouchers, inspected,
allowed and endorsed by these Committees, 33561 - 14 - 8

By Cash paid Col. Peter Schuyler, as per a Law for that Purpose, 6000 - 00 - 0

By Receipts and Vouchers inspected, allowed and endorsed by these Com-
mittees, for Monies paid for Frontier Service, 1736 - 17 - 0

By Ballance, 4769 - 12 - 4⁵/₈

By Monies repaid by the Crown, a per the Dr. side, remaining in the
Treasurer's Hands, to be sunk when exchanged into Jersey Bills, 1005 - 00 - 0

£. 63322 - 13 - 0¹/₈

Dr. SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; Treasurer, To the

To the old Arrears of *Burlington* and *Cape-May*, as reported in 1753, &c. £. 32 - 00 - 09

By the Report in 1753, *Gloucester* stands charged with being in Arrear in the Interest arising in 1750, the Sum of £. 13 - 06 - 1. But upon inspecting Mr. *Allen's* Receipts to the Commissioners of the Loan-Office of that County, it appears they have fully discharged all the Interest arising in the Years 1748, 1749, and 1750, except £. 2 - 8 - 1. which they have now paid to *Samuel Smith*, Esq; the Residue being £. 10 - 18 - 0, was in the Hands of Mr. Treasurer *Allen*, and not credited by him, and still remains due from his Executors. - - £. 10 - 18 - 0.

To Cash from the *Gloucester* Commissioners, 02 - 08 - 1:

£. 13 - 06 - 1

To a Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, as per the same Report,

0 - 05 - 6

To Deficiencies as reported in 1753,

Cape-May, - - - £. 1 - 0 - 0
Burlington, - - - 2 - 7 - 6
Gloucester, - - - 0 - 8 - 9
Salem, - - - 3 - 0 - 6

£. 6 - 16 - 9

To a Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, in the £. 6000 Tax, in June 1752, as per Report in 1753, £. 6 - 00 - 0

D^o in *Burlington*, in the £. 2000 Tax in 1752, } 2 - 12 - 4
 as per the same Report,

£. 8 - 12 - 4

To a Ballance due from Mr. *Allen's* Executors, as per the Report in 1753, - - -

26 - 14 - 2½

To a Ballance remaining in Mr. Treasurer *Smith's* Hands, as per Report in 1753, - - -

180 - 15 - 9½

Support of Government.

To Monies payable on the Fund for Support of Government, from the following Counties, in 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, and 1757,

Cape-May, - - - - - £. 233 - 18 - 4
Cumberland, - - - - - 495 - 17 - 1
Salem, - - - - - 977 - 19 - 3
Gloucester, - - - - - 1094 - 10 - 4
Burlington, - - - - - 1750 - 05 - 3
Hunterdon, - - - - - 1984 - 17 - 2
Morris and *Suffex*, in 1753, 166 - 13 - 9½
Morris, in 1754, 1755, 1756, and 1757, 407 - 09 - 2
Suffex, in D^o - - - - - 203 - 15 - 6

£. 7583 - 17 - 3½

Colony of NEW - JERSEY, *per Contra,* *Creditor.*

By the old Deficiency of *Burlington* and *Cape-May*, as reported in 1753, &c. - - - £. 32 - 00 - 9

By a Deficiency remaining in the Hands of Mr. Treasurer *Allen's* Executors, as per the *Dr.* Side, - - - 10 - 18 - 0

By a Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, as per Report in 1753. 0 - 05 - 6

By Deficiencies since Mr. *Smith* came to the Office, viz.

By the Report in 1753, *Burlington* stood charged with being in Arrear in the Interest arising in 1753, £. 2-7-6, as per the *Dr.* Side of this Account ; but 13/10, being paid on another Fund by *Robert Smith*, Esq; we credit this Article therewith, which leaves a Ballance of

£. 1 - 13 - 8

Salem still outstanding, 3 - 00 - 6

4 - 14 - 2

By a Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, in the £. 6000 Tax, in *June*, 1752, - - - 6 - 00 - 0

Support of Government.

By Sundry Deficiencies in the County of *Gloucester*, due either on the sinking Fund or Support of Government, in one or more of the Years 1753, 1754, or 1756, the whole Arrears besides some other Deficiencies that was paid by Mr. *David Cooper*, amounting to - - - £. 54 - 19 - 4

By a Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, for 1753, due upon the Support of Government, from *John Garitson*, l. 1 - 11 - 9½

By D^o. in *Hunterdon*, due in 1757, from *Cornelius Wycoff*, supposed to be due on the £. 15,000, Fund, struck in *April*, 1755 ; But these Committees having sunk this Year's Quota thereof, we place this Deficiency to the Support of Government,

2 - 05 - 2½

3 - 17 - 0

1758, *July* 28. By sundry Receipts and Vouchers, inspected, allowed, and endorsed by these Committees, 6567 - 13 - 4

By two Mistakes, - - - 2 - 00 - 8

By Ballance, - - - 901 - 08 - 6½

£. 7583 - 17 - 3½

These

‘ These Committees submit it to the House, whether some effectual Measures should not be taken to recover the aforesaid old Arrears’.

PETER KEMBLE,
AARON LEAMING.

To all which the House agreed.

On a Motion of Mr. *Smith*, that the present Hurry had prevented his examining into the above Accounts.

Ordered,

That he have Leave to rectify any Mistake, if any such he makes appear, at some future Sitting.

Resolved,

That if the respective old Deficiencies in the above Report are not paid before the next Support Bill passes, they ought then to be levied on the respective Counties from which they are due.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Ladd* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House have received a Complaint from *Moses Totamy*, an *Indian*, that he is unjustly kept out of certain Lands on the River *Raritan*; that he hath a legal Right to; and it being out of our Province to enter into Matters of Controversy of that Kind, the House would be glad, if his Excellency would give him such legal Redress as may lie in his Power.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for altering one Part of a Six-Rods Road, which leads from Perth-Amboy Ferry to Burlington*; passed at last Sitting by the Council and Assembly, was now read, and the Stile changed from “the President to the Governor” agreed to, and sent up to the Council by Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Wetherill*.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted to Mr. *Ashfield*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Two Petitions were presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Lebanon*, *Tukesbury*, *Bethlehem*, and *Kingwood*, complaining of the Hardship of having two of their Neighbours whipped, by Order of a Court-Martial; and praying Redress; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed to settle the publick Accounts, made the following Report to the House, That *Joseph Yard* and *Hendrick Fisher*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed for defraying the Expence of his Majesty’s Troops on their March through this Province, had fully paid all Money by them received from the Treasury for that Purpose, and *l.* 16-7-0, more, which remained due to the said *Hendrick Fisher*, and is charged in a subsequent Account against the Province. To which the House agreed.

That *John Wetherill*, Esq; late Commissary and Pay-Master to the Forces on the Frontiers of this Province, had fully paid all Money by him received from the said Treasury, and *l.* 70-14-2½ more, which has since been repaid him by Mr. Treasurer *Smith*. To which the House agreed.

That *Joseph Harrison*, a Esq; late Commissioner, has fully paid all Money by him received from the said Treasury, and *l.* 1-5-2, more, which remains to be repaid him. To which the House agreed.

That

That Mr. *Grant Gibbon*, Son and Heir of Colonel *Nicholas Gibbon*, deceased, late Commissioner, produced an Account, whereby it appears the Deceased has paid all Money by him received from said Treasury, *l.* 49-17-4, excepted, which the said *Grant Gibbon* has since repaid to Mr. Treasurer *Smith*. To which the House agreed.

That *John Wetherill*, *Joseph Yard*, Esquires, and himself, had paid for quartering Soldiers at *Trentown*, *Prince-Town*, *Brunswick*, and the *Landing*, in the Year 1757, the Sum of *l.* 890-11-1, being *l.* 9-8-11, less than they received from Treasurer *Smith* for that Purpose; which they have now returned to the said Treasurer. To which the House agreed.

That the said *John Wetherill* and himself, had also paid for quartering Soldiers as aforesaid, at *Cranbury* and *Kingslon*, in the present Year, the Sum of *l.* 219-15-9², being the full of what they received from the Treasurers, Mr. *Johnston* and Mr. *Smith*, for that Purpose. To which the House agreed.

That *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; and himself, had also paid for quartering Soldiers as aforesaid, at *Perth-Amboy*, *Woodbridge*, *Piscataqua Landing*, and *Cranbury*, Sundries, in the present Year, the Sum of *l.* 1083-1-5, being *l.* 4-13-6, less than they received from Mr. Treasurer *Johnston* for that Purpose, which they have since paid him. To which the House agreed.

That *Hendrick Fisher*, Esq; a late Commissioner, in Conjunction with *Jacob Spicer*, Esq; had paid the Sum of *l.* 7716-7-7⁴, according to the several Laws entrusting them therewith, being *l.* 312-15-8³, less than the said *Hendrick Fisher* received for that Purpose, which he has repaid to Mr. Treasurer *Johnston*, and produced a Receipt for the same. To which the House agreed.

And that *Jacob Spicer*, Esq; a late Commissioner, in Conjunction with the said *Hendrick Fisher*, had paid the Sum of *l.* 3353-7-3³, according to the several Laws entrusting them therewith, being *l.* 14-9-2¹, less than the said *Jacob Spicer* received for that Purpose, which he hath repaid to Mr. Treasurer *Smith*, and produced his Receipt for the same. To which the House agreed.

Mr. *Paxson*; from the Committee aforesaid, reported to the House, that *John Allen*, Esq; late Pay-Master to the said Forces on the Frontiers, had paid *l.* 5946-17-8, according to Law, being *l.* 16-19-8, less than he received from Mr. Treasurer *Smith* for that Purpose, which remains as a Ballance due from the said *John Allen*. To which the House agreed.

And that Mr. *Minnee Fisher*, a Pay-Master to the Rangers, had paid *l.* 2326-9-0, according to Law, being *l.* 8-11-5¹, less than he received from Mr. Treasurer *Johnston* for that Purpose, which he has repaid to Mr. Treasurer *Smith*, and produced his Receipt for the same. To which the House agreed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting this House that the Council had passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes and Cripples, in Mannington, in the County of Salem, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*, without Amendment.

The House adjourn'd till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, August 11, 1758.

The House met.

John Allen, Esq; Son of the late Mr. Treasurer *Allen*, laid before the House, a Receipt from *Samuel Smith*, Esq; Treasurer, for the Sum of *l.* 11-3-6, being

being in Discharge of the Ballance of *l. 10-18-0*, reported Yesterday by the Committees, to be due from the Executors of the said Mr. Treasurer *Allen*; and also, in Discharge of the *5 s. 6d.* then reported to be due from the Loan-Officers of *Hunterdon*, 1750.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself, delivered the Message of this House to his Excellency, who was pleased to return to the House, in writing, the following Answer,

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I Will consider what are the best Means to Redress *Moses Totamy*, and will give Orders accordingly.’

FRA. BERNARD.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Defence of the Frontiers, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Vreeland* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Yard* reported, that Mr. *Vreeland* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council:

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Hoogland*, from the Committee on the publick Accounts, reported, that Col. *Peter Schuyler* had exhibited to the House an Account against this Province; but as he was not here himself, and it could not be well adjusted, they submit the same to the House.

The House taking the same into Consideration, among other Articles, do find he has charged the Province for his Expences while at *Canada*, the Sum of *£1333-9-0¹*, at which Time he charges *£. 30-3*, per Month, for his Pay as Colonel and Captain; which Article of Expences, exclusive of any other particular, seems extraordinary, and the House think ought not to be allowed him; but as he is absent, they think it expedient to defer the Settlement until he shall attend the same.

On a Motion made;

Resolved,

That this House will not for the time to come, provide pay for the quartering Officers contrary to the Act of Parliament in that Case provided.

Resolved,

That the Sum of *Seventy-six Pounds* be allowed Capt. *Rusco*, in Part of his Claim against this Colony; and that the same be provided for in the next Supply Bill.

On a Motion made, and the Question put, whether a Sum of Money should be advanced out the *l. 10,000*, to be made current by an Act for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, to purchase the Indians Claim to Lands in this Colony? it was carried for *Sixteen Hundred Pounds*, as follows;

For

For £. 16,00,
 Mr. Stevens,
 Mr. Ogden,
 Mr. Fisher,
 Mr. Hoogland,
 Mr. Vreeland,
 Mr. Read,
 Mr. Smith,

Mr. Paxson,
 Mr. Stokes,
 Mr. Leaming,
 Mr. Spicer,
 Mr. Yard,
 Mr. Middagb.

For Nothing.
 Mr. Wetherill,
 Mr. Holmes,
 Mr. Clement,
 Mr. Hancock.

For £. 1500.
 Mr. Vangelson,

Then the Question was put, whether the Money so advanced should be repaid into the Treasury by Lottery, or not? and it was carried for a Lottery, as follows ;

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
 Mr. Ogden,
 Mr. Fisher,
 Mr. Hoogland,
 Mr. Vreeland,

Y E A S.

Mr. Vangelson,
 Mr. Read,
 Mr. Ladd,
 Mr. Leaming,
 Mr. Spicer,

Y E A S.

Mr. Yard,
 Mr. Middagb.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
 Mr. Holmes,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Paxson,
 Mr. Clement.

And then Mr. Read, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled; *An Act to impower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony* ; which was read three Times ; and several Amendments being made thereto, on the Question, whether the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows ;

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
 Mr. Ogden,
 Mr. Vreeland,
 Mr. Read,
 Mr. Paxson,

Y E A S.

Mr. Ladd,
 Mr. Leaming,
 Mr. Spicer,
 Mr. Yard.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
 Mr. Holmes,
 Mr. Fisher,
 Mr. Hoogland,
 Mr. Vangelson.

N A Y S.

Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Middagb.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

On a Motion made, and the Question put, whether the Officers and Men taken in Captivity at *Oswego* and *Fort William-Henry*, that have not yet been provided for by Law, should be paid till the Time of their Death, or Return from Captivity ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That Provision be made in the next Supply Bill for their Payment.

The House adjourn'd 'till Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, August 12, 1758.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony* ; was read, and sundry Amendments being proposed, the same were agreed to, and the Bill as amended was re-engrossed and compared ; and on the Question, whether the said Bill as re-engrossed, do pass or not ? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Y E A S.

Mr. Stevens,
 Mr. Ogden,
 Mr. Fisher,
 Mr. Hoogland,
 Mr. Vreeland,

Y E A S.

Mr. Vangelson,
 Mr. Read,
 Mr. Paxson,
 Mr. Stokes,
 Mr. Ladd,

Y E A S.

Mr. Leaming,
 Mr. Spicer,
 Mr. Yard,
 Mr. Middagb.

N A Y S.

Mr. Wetherill,
 Mr. Holmes,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Miller.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Spicer do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence, The

The Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Bethlehem, Kingwood; &c.* in the County of *Hunterdon*, complaining of some cruel Usage by a Court-Martial, were read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Persons concerned, do attend this House at their next Sitting ; and that the Petitioners do serve the Parties complained against, with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House being informed by the Speaker, that a Person made a Purchase of Land, containing several Hundred of Acres in this Colony, in the Year 1722, got the Deed recorded at *Amboy*, and soon after went to Sea, and never yet returned to this Colony again : And a few Years ago, a Person in this Province took out Letters of Administration on said Purchaser's Estate, though he was no Ways a-kin to him ; and then the Administrator's Mother, as she was Executrix to the said Administrator's Father, brought a Suit against her Son, and declared against him as Administrator, on an old Book of Accounts of near thirty Years Standing ; to which said Administrator confess'd Judgment, with a great Sum of Interest for said Book-Debt : By Virtue whereof, the said Purchaser's Lands were sold by the Sheriff : Which Proceedings, if not prevented by a Law for that Purpose; may divest any Person of his Lands that dwells out of this Colony.

The House taking the same into Consideration ;

Ordered,

That it be deferred until the next Meeting of the Assembly, then to be considered, whether it be proper or not, to prepare an Act to prevent the like Proceeding for the Future.

An Account of £. 71-4, charged to Col. *Peter Schuyler*, as Interest on a Note he gave to Capt. *John More* ; as also the Sum of £. 43-8, Interest on a Note given by said Col. *Schuyler* to *Francis Lewis*, was laid before the House.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred till said Col. *Schuyler's* Accounts come under the Inspection of this House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting this House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony of New-Jersey*, without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the House the last Session, Mr. *Nevill* laid before the House, the Acts of Assembly of this Province, passed since the printing of the first Volume.

Ordered,

That all the publick Acts passed since that time, and which shall be in force while the said Work is going forward, be committed to the Press, under the Management, Direction, Correction and Inspection of Mr. *Nevill* ; and that he deliver Three hundred and twenty-three Books of the said Laws, well bound in Sheep-skin, to the House of Assembly, for the Use of the Province, at the Price of *Two pence per sheet*, with reasonable Allowance for binding : And that the said Mr. *Nevill* have the Liberty of printing what Number he shall think convenient and necessary for supplying the Publick with the said Laws, at the Price before-mentioned, for his own Use and Benefit : And that the Laws be printed by the King's Printer.

Ordered,

Ordered, Nemine Contradicente,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Wetherill* wait upon his Excellency, and desire, he would be pleased to dissolve the present House of General Assembly, as soon as the present Session expires, that the Country may have an Opportunity of a new Choice.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting this House, that the Council had passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony*, without Amendment.

Mr. *Paxson*, one of the Commissioners appointed to settle and pay for the Quartering of Soldiers for the Winter and Fall past, reported to the House, that *Charles Read*, *Hugh Hartshorne*, Esqrs, and himself had performed that Service, and paid the following Sums of Money for that Purpose, viz.

To sundry Persons in the City of <i>Burlington</i> , the Sum of	£. 695 - 16 - 4
To sundry D ^o in <i>Bordentown</i> , the Sum of	- - 200 - 04 - 7
To sundry D ^o in <i>Allens-town</i> , the Sum of	- - 76 - 19 - 0
To sundry D ^o in <i>Mount-Holly</i> , the Sum of	- - 48 - 06 - 1

Making in the Whole the Sum of - £. 1021 - 06 - 0 ;
Which being £. 23-14, less than they received out of the Treasury, the said Sum of £. 23-14, was now repaid to Mr. Treasurer *Smith*, by *Hugh Hartshorne*. To all which the House agreed.

Ordered;

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Wetherill* do wait on the Council, and desire to know, if they have any further Business before them; if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency to be dismiss'd.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself had delivered the above Message to the Council, who say, they have no further Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Wetherill* do wait on his Excellency, and desire he would please to pass the Bills before him, and dismiss the House, as they have no further Business before them.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him presently.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker*, his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same.

- I. An Act for the further Defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New-Jersey.
- II. An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor.

- III. *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight, and to end the Twenty-first of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-nine; and to discharge the publick Debts, and contingent Charges thereof, and for settling the Quotas in the respective Counties, and levying of a Provincial Tax.*
- IV. *An Act to impower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony.*
- V. *An Act for altering one Part of a Six-Rods Road, which leads from Perth-Amboy Ferry to Burlington.*
- VI. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes and Cripples, in Manington, in the County of Salem, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same.*

And then his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the House by the following Speech.

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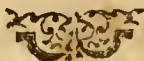
THE dangerous Situation in which the *American* Provinces are put by this just and necessary War, must make me very cautious of divesting myself of the Advice and Assistance of a General Assembly, for an Interval in which Events may happen, that may make it most critically necessary for me to call you together: And as you have already sat for a Time short of what many former Assemblies have been continued for; I don't see that there is any Occasion at present for me to run such a Risk: But I will bear your Request in my Mind; and when I think that I can comply with it, with Safety to the Country, will embrace the Opportunity. I thank you for your Care in providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, and for your ready Dispatch of such other Business as has come before you: And as this Season of the Year will make it very agreeable to you, to return to your Homes, I prorogue this General Assembly until Thursday the twelfth Day of September next ensuing, to meet then at *Perth-Amboy*.

Fra. Bernard.

By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint James Parker of Woodbridge, to print these Votes:

Robert Lawrence,

Speaker.



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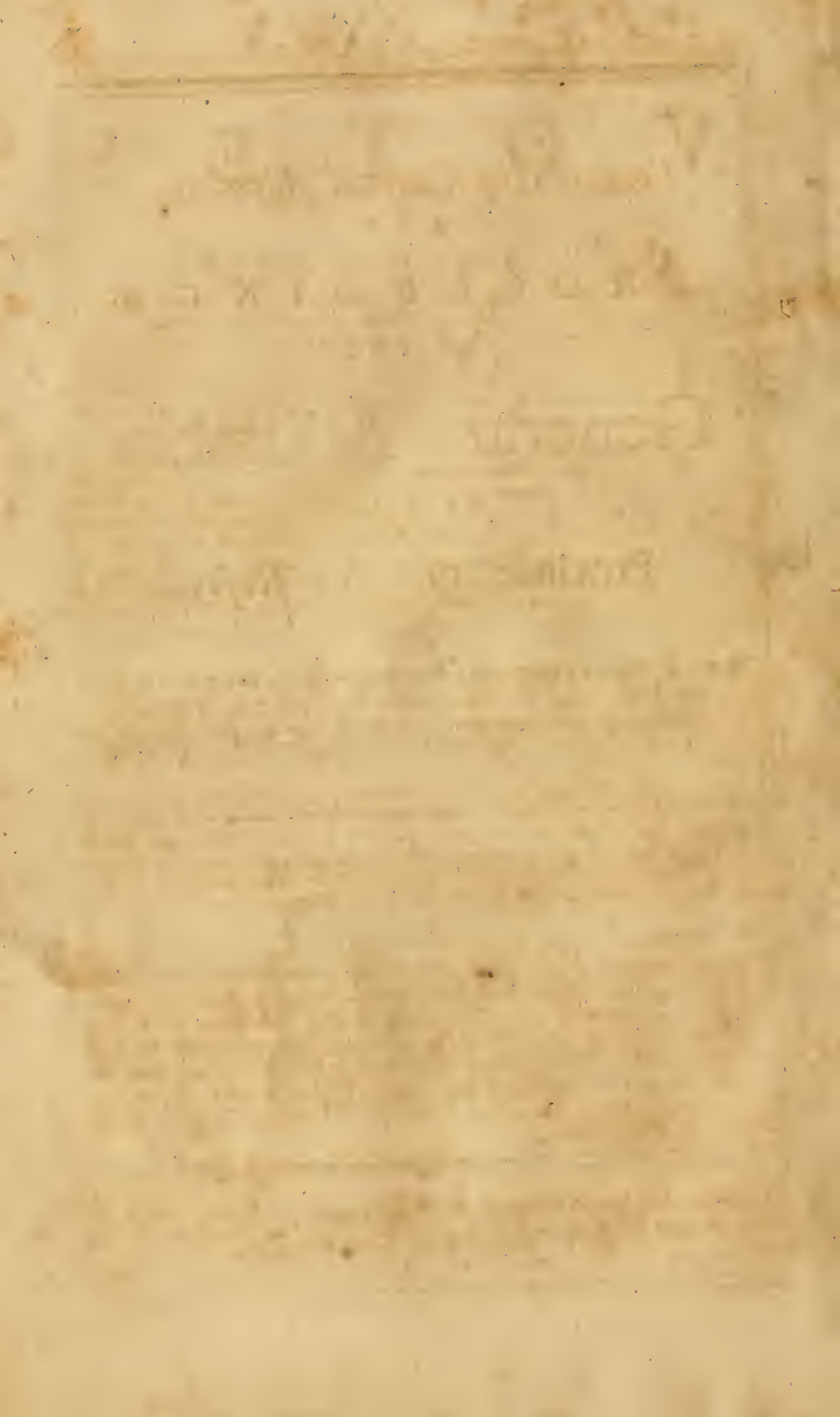
Province of *New-Jersey*,

AT a SESSION held at *PERTH-AMBOY*; began
March 8, 1759, and continued to the 17th Day of the same
Month, and then prorogued to the 17th Day of *April* following.



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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, *Thursday, March 8, 1759.*

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly from Time to Time to this Day, a sufficient Number of the Members to proceed upon Business met, and Mr. *Smith* produced a Letter he had received from Mr. Speaker, desiring him to inform the Members, that he was so indisposed in Body, as not likely to be able to attend this Session. Whereupon Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Johnston* were desired by the Members, to wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him therewith, and desire his Leave to chose another Speaker, in the Room of *Robert Lawrence*, Esq;

Mr. *Nevill* informed the Members, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, had delivered the Message with them intrusted to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, That he readily consented, that the Members (considering the present Exigency) might proceed to the Choice of another Speaker, but that he thought it most proper that he be chosen only *pro tempore*; but should leave that Point to the Determination of the Members.

The Members taking the above Matters into Consideration, and being of Opinion, that chusing a Speaker *pro tempore*, is not warranted by Custom of Parliament in such Cases; and therefore proceeded and chose the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Speaker, in the Room of *Robert Lawrence*, Esq; and placed him in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Stevens* wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed when the House may attend him, to present their Speaker for Approbation.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him very soon.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, *That his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Presentation of the Speaker.*

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency. Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Speaker; and that his Excellency was pleased to declare his Approbation in the following Words:

'Gentlemen,

I Recommended to you, to chuse a Speaker *pro tempore*. only; for which I have the Authority of my Predecessor, and the Persuasion of my own Judgment. But as you have been of a different Opinion, I will not put a Stop to Business on this Account: However, as this Question deserves to be well considered before it has the Force of a standing Rule; I desire it may be remember'd, that my Assent to your present Choice, is not to be made a Precedent upon future Occasions: Upon this Condition, I approve of the Election of your Speaker.'

FRANCIS BERNARD.

After which Mr. Speaker desired of his Excellency, that the House might, at all Times, be protected in all their usual Privileges: Which his Excellency readily granted.

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And then his Excellency made a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy ; which, by Order, was read, and is in the Words following ;

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ I HAVE had the Honour to have his Majesty’s Commands signified to me by Mr. Secretary PITT, by which I am required to use my utmost Endeavours, to induce you to raise, with all possible Dispatch, at least as large a Body of Men as you did for the last Campaign, and as many more as the Number of the Inhabitants of this Province may allow ; to act in Conjunction with his Majesty’s *British* Forces, under the Command of his Commander in Chief in *America*. I have therefore called you together as soon as I possibly could, that you may take this great and important Business into your immediate Consideration.

‘ When we reflect upon the happy Success that has lately attended his Majesty’s Arms, we cannot sufficiently adore the Divine Providence. The Justice of his Cause, and the Steadiness and Unanimity of his Councils, have produced the desired Effects ; and have shown, that *France* is not so formidable as her own Insolence, and the Timidity of her Neighbours, have heretofore represented her.

‘ In *Europe*, by the extraordinary Virtue of one Man, the great and glorious King of PRUSSIA, supported moderately by *Great-Britain*, we have seen the whole Land-force of *France*, assisted, as it has been, by its unnatural Alliance with most of the *Germanick* and Northern Powers, repulsed and kept at Bay. By which lucky Diversion, whilst they have been defeated and disabled in those Fields, where they chose to exert their Force, they have render’d themselves defenceless in all other Parts. Hence a Terror has been struck throughout their Coasts ; their Fleets have been blocked up, their Fortifications have been dismantled, and their Shipping has been destroyed in their own Ports ; and their Trade has been ruined, by the cutting off their Communication with their Colonies abroad.

‘ In *Africa* they have lost the rich Settlement of *Senegal*. In the *West-Indies*, we have just received certain Advice, that the valuable Island of *Guadaloupe*, has been taken by our Forces. In *North-America*, their only Fortress of any great Strength, fortified to the best Advantage, defended by a large Garrison, and provided with all necessary Stores, has been obliged to submit to the *British* Arms. And tho’ another Expedition had not the Success that was expected, yet that Disappointment was, almost immediately after, retrieved by the taking Fort *Frentenac*, by a Detachment of Provincials : An Event, which, if it had produced no other Advantage, than the Change it has contributed to in the Minds of the Neighbouring *Indians*, is of the greatest Consequence.

‘ Nor have our Negotiations in *America* been less successful than our Arms. At the Treaty of *Easton*, (which was brought about by the wise Measures of the Governor of *Pennsylvania*, and in which this Province bore a considerable and honourable Part) a firm Peace has been concluded between the confederated *Indians*, with the Nations dependent on them, and the *English* ; and all Matters of Difference between them, have been amicably and fully adjusted. In Consequence of which, by the prudent and steady Conduct of
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‘ Brigadier-General *Forbes*, the *French* have been obliged to abandon the Country about the *Ohio* : And those very *Indians* who had hitherto defended them in the Possession of it, have received the *English*, and desired to be restored to that good Friendship, which they formerly had with them. We are also assured by them, that many Nations to the Westward and Southward of that Country, intend to take this Opportunity to put themselves under the Protection of the *British* Empire ; some renewing, and others now first commencing, an Alliance with the *English* Nation.

‘ Under these Circumstances, what have we not to hope for? The Forces that were before necessarily divided, may now be conveniently united ; and the Subduer of *Louisbourg* is to command the Invasion of *Canada*. With this fair Prospect before you, you would be injurious to yourselves, as well as ungrateful to your King, if you should not contribute all in your Power to the common Cause.

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ I shall order the Letter I have received from Mr. *PITT*, and one other from Major-General *AMHERST*, to be laid before you, under the Confidence expressed in them, that no unnecessary Communication of the Designations mentioned therein should be made. I shall also communicate to you, some Extracts from other Letters from General *AMHERST* ; from all which, you will perceive, that it is expected that you will send into the Field this Year, a greater Force than you did the last. I must therefore earnestly recommend to you, that, if you think the Circumstances of the Province will possibly admit of it, you will make an Addition to the Number of the Forces granted by you last Year. I shall have other Things to recommend to your Consideration ; but till you have formed your Resolutions on this Business, I shall not interrupt it with any lesser Concerns.

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ I should trifle with you, if I was to endeavour to use any Arts of Persuasion on this Subject : Your own Breasts will furnish you with more forcible Arguments for exerting yourselves to the utmost of your Power at this critical Time, than I can suggest ; every Motive that can influence the human Mind to Action, must incite you to this : Your Honour, your Interest, your Religion, your Property, your present Safety, and the Preservation of your Posterity ; in short, if you have a Mind to have the Freedom and Independence of your Country secured to all future Times, the present is that, in which it must be effected.’

*Perth-Amboy, Council-Chamber,
March 3, 1759.*

Francis Bernard.

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House the several Letters, &c. referred to in his Speech : Which were also read.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech, with the Letters and Papers aforesaid, have a second Reading To-morrow Morning.

Resolved,

That *William Bloodgood* be Door-keeper of this House this Session.

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

Friday

Friday, March 9, 1759.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time; and with the Letters therein referred to, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, and Matters aforesaid. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which by Leave, he reported as follows:

Resolved,

That One Thousand Men be raised, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Forces the ensuing Campaign; and that the said Number of Men shall consist of Volunteers only. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That for the Levying, Cloathing, and Paying the aforesaid Forces, and for other Services, there be immediately *Fifty Thousand Pounds* struck in Paper Bills of Credit; to be sunk by Provincial Taxes, in the Years 1764, 1765, 1766, and 1767. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That for an Encouragement to the said Volunteers to enter into the said Service, there be allowed a Bounty of *Twelve Pounds* to each. To which the House agreed.

And Mr. *Hancock*, (in Behalf of said Committee) desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee to prepare a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, Officers included, for his Majesty's Service for the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same, &c.* Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following,

' *Gentlemen,*

' **H**AVING been informed, that you have resolved to raise the same Number of Men which you granted last Year, I have some few Things to recommend to you, concerning the forming them for the best Purposes of Service.

' 1. A Thousand fresh Men are too many to be fitted for the Field by one Set of Field-Officers: There should be two Majors; and in such Case it will be better to have two Colonels, than a Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel. I shall thereby be able to form the Men into two Regiments or Battalions; which I am desirous of doing on many Accounts; particularly, as they will thereby be sooner disciplined, and made more servicable when in the Field.

' 2. In the Regiment of last Year, there were not Officers enough in Proportion to the Men: Three Officers are not sufficient for a Company of One Hundred Men: Among the Regulars there are four. I must therefore recommend to you, that you would either provide for Ten Companies, with four Officers each,

‘ each, or for Twelve Companies with three Officers each. The latter is the least expensive, and I think the best Method; as it will facilitate the raising the Men.

‘ 3. There must be an Adjutant to each Regiment or Battalion. This necessary Service was provided for last Year from the Pay of Non-effective Drums : If you approve of it, it may be so this Year.

‘ 4. In the former Regiment, the Pay of the Serjeants and Corporals was the same. This is subject to an Inconvenience ; for the Equality of Pay tends to destroy the Subordination ; besides, it leaves the Corporal nothing to expect as the Reward of his doing well. I must recommend to you, therefore, that without increasing the Charge, you add something to the Serjeants Pay, and take something from the Corporals, that there may be a material Difference between them.

‘ 5. The Men raised for last Year, were listed to serve to a certain Day : But I hope it will not be so this Year. It is impossible to foresee, where and how the Men may be employed at any certain Day towards the End of this Year : Possibly they may be at such a Distance, and engaged in such Business, as will be very agreeable to you all, and which you would be very unwilling they should desert. I must therefore particularly desire, that the Men may be enlisted to serve to the End of the Campaign : And will assure you, that they shall not be continued in Pay for any longer Time than the King’s Service shall require, and that no unnecessary Expence shall be incurred.’

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

Saturday, March 10, 1759.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following,

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I am sorry I am obliged to take Notice of your Disregard of the Message I sent you Yesterday ; every Word of which was dictated by my Concern for the King’s Service and your Credit.

‘ In regard to the Article I most earnestly recommended to you, the not confining the Service of the Men so much as it was last Year, you have acted directly contrary, and have confined it more. For this is alledged the Example of the Assembly of *New-York*. But if you would make their Proceedings a Precedent for yours, you should do it in all Things, and grant a larger Bounty and more Men : For to follow them in what makes against the Service, and to dissent from them in what makes for it, is to distinguish yourselves to your Disadvantage.

‘ I therefore desire, that you would reconsider that Article : For to me, there seems to be not the least Probability of the Campaign’s being over on the First of *November* next.’

March 10, 1759.

FRANCIS BERNARD.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, Officers included, for his Majesty’s Service in the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same, &c.* was read the second Time ; and sundry Amendments being made thereto, the same as amended, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

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That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of this Day, inform him, that this House do not conceive that they have treated his Message of Yesterday with any Disrespect, having taken the several Matters therein referred to, into their Consideration : And altho' they did not think it expedient to fall into all the Measures recommended, it was only in Consequence of their differing in Opinion with his Excellency ; a Right which they ought, in Duty to their Constituents and themselves, at all Times to exercise ; and since the Message of this Day, they have reconsidered the same, and are of Opinion, that there will no Difficulty arise in levying the Troops from the Sum allotted as a Bounty ; and that the Difficulty and Distress our Troops met with in their Return home from the Camp the last Campaign, induced the House to provide for them no longer than the first of *November* ; after which Time the Weather is usually very inclement in those Parts where we suppose the Operations of the Campaign may be ; and we are further confirmed in the Rectitude of this Resolution, by the Practice of our neighbouring Colonies.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Holmes*, and Mr. *Clement*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for continuing the *Five Pound Act*, the *Attachment Act*, and the *Fifteen Pound Act*.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, March 12, 1759.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself delivered the Message of Saturday last, with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony*, which will expire at the End of this present Session by their own Limitation : Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider his Excellency's Speech : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to a Resolution, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Hoogland*, Mr. *Vangeson*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Vreland*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Clement*, and Mr. *Middagh*, be a Committee to examine and settle the several Accounts of the Commissioners and other Persons appointed for laying out Money in Behalf of this Colony, yet outstanding, and make Report thereof to the House.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *King's-Town*, setting forth, That a Number of his Majesty's Regular Forces, last Fall was a Year ago, got Possession of a House, and Out-houses of *Samuel Nelson*, in *King's-Town*, who then resided in *New-York*, and kept the Possession of the same till the Spring following,

following, whereby the said *Nelson* suffered very considerable Damage in his said Buildings; praying Satisfaction may be made him for his said Damages: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Samuel Woodward*, one of the Captains in the *Jersey* Regiment; setting forth, That he has expended considerable Sums of Money in paying his Men Wages, which he has not yet received; and that he has been a considerable Time a Prisoner among the *French*, and has received no Wages for the same, since, or during his Captivity; praying Relief in the Premises: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *John Lawrence*, setting forth, That he is possessed of a Tract of Land in *Mansfield*, in the County of *Burlington*, through which a small Creek runs called *Malago Run*, navigable only for small Flats at High Water; praying an Act for damming or stopping the same: Which was read; and it appearing to the House, that the said Petitioner hath given publick and timely Notice of this Application, and no Objections appearing against the same,

Ordered,

That the said Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Whereupon Mr. *Smith*, in his Behalf, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable John Lawrence, of the City of Burlington, to stop out the Tide, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from *Jonathan Hampton*, late Victualler on the Frontiers, setting forth, That he had provided Provision for only Fifty Men, and that the latter End of *May*, Detachments from the Militia of the Counties were sent up, which he was ordered to victual; which he did, at a very dear Rate, until his Successor undertook the same in *September* following, when Provisions began to be cheap: And that he was out of Pocket by Reason of the Militia's being sent up as aforesaid, at least *Sixty Five Pounds*, more than his usual Allowance: And that he had built several Store-Rooms at the Forts: And that the Militia having no Provision made for their Pay, he was necessitated to advance for their Necessities; and many he wholly paid off: And that several Articles were omitted in the Settling his Accounts formerly; desiring the House to consider him in the above Premises: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *George Potter*, setting forth, That he was a Soldier in the *Jersey* Regiment; that he was taken Prisoner on *Lake-George* the Summer before last, and carried to *Canada*, and from thence to *Europe*; and that he has not received his Wages for the Time of his Captivity; praying Allowance for the same; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Robert Iselstine*, setting forth, That last Winter he supplied several of the Soldiers belonging to the *Jersey* Regiment, taken Prisoners at *Oswego*, and returned from Captivity, with Provisions and other Necessaries, in hopes of Satisfaction being made him by this Colony. And that one *John Warren*, one of the Prisoners aforesaid, was taken Care of by the Petitioner, in a long, expensive and tedious Sickness, whereof he died; praying that a reasonable Allowance may be made him for the Services and Expences aforesaid: Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from three of the Soldiers late belonging to the *Jersey* Regiment, that were taken Captives at the Reduction of *Fort William-Henry*, and from thence were carried Prisoners to *Canada*, where they underwent great Hardships before their Return home; praying that the House will take their Case into Consideration, and grant suitable Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions, one from *Daniel Price*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Goal of *Perth-Amboy*; and the other from *John Woolsey*, a Prisoner for Debt in *Trenton* Goal; were
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both presented to the House, setting forth their distressed Circumstances, and utter Inability to discharge their Debts; praying to be released from their Confinements; which were read, and ordered a second Readings.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Support of Government: which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That the Treasurer of the Eastern Division of this Colony, do lay his Accounts before this House; and that the Clerk serve him with a Copy of this Order.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Catherine Price* and *Anne Pidgeon*, setting forth, That they are seized in Fee of a certain Tract of Land, lying the East Side of *Center-Town*, in *Middlesex County*, which is conveniently situated for a Township; and that the *York Road* now runs across said Land, in such a Manner as prevents the Petitioners from laying out Lots with any Conveniency for settling a Township as aforesaid; therefore praying a Law to alter said Road to a greater Convenience of the Petitioners; which was read;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, at the next Sitting of Assembly, provided publick Notice of this Application and Order, be given in the publick News-Papers of *New-York* and *Philadelphia*, at least one Month before the Sitting of said Assembly, and no Objections appearing against the same.

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

Tuesday, March 13, 1759.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable John Lawrence, of the City of Burlington, to stop out the Tide from overflowing his Marsh, &c.* was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill for Support of Government; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, for the further Preservation of Timber in the Colony of New-Jersey.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed for drawing the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that they had prepared the same; which, by Leave, he read, and delivered in at the Table, where the same being again read, and several Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Preservation of Timber in the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, the great Damage and Inconveniences many of the said Inhabitants sustain, by Reason of a Dam formerly erected across *Woodberry-Creek*, whereby the Navigation thereof is intirely prevented; praying that the said Creek may be again opened by the Removal of said Dam; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

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The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which will expire at the End of this present Session, by their own Limitation*; was read the second Time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The Memorial of *Jonathan Hampton*, was read the second Time, and referred to the Committee on the Bill for Support of Government.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Robert Sproul*, of the City of *Pert-Amboy*; setting forth, That several of the Soldiers belonging to the *Jersey* Regiment, that were taken Prisoners at *Oswego*, at their Return into this Colony, were supported by the then Widow *Elizabeth Rattoone*, now the Wife of the Petitioner; for which, neither the said Widow or the Petitioner has received any Compensation; praying that the House will take the same into Consideration, and grant a proper Relief; which was read, and referred to the Consideration of the Committee on the Support Bill.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from Col. *John Parker*; setting forth, That in *April* last he presented a Memorial to the House, wherein he informed the House, that while he was at *Fort William-Henry*, he ordered a Parcel of Shirts and Stockings from *Albany*, for the Use of the *New-Jersey* Regiment, when under his Command; all which arrived at the Fort a short Time before the Surrender thereof; which, as he had not an Opportunity of delivering out, were taken at that Place; and that he was informed, an Account of such Necessaries bought, and Proof of his intending them for the Use of said Regiment, without any Advantage to himself, was requested by the House, in order to their granting Allowance for the same; and that he had now produced such Proof thereof as he hopes will be satisfactory to the House; praying Allowance for the same; which was read; and the House taking the same into Consideration; a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, Whether the said *John Parker's* Accounts, amounting to £.305:10:7. be allowed, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows;

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,

YEAS.

Mr. Freeland,
Mr. Vangelon,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Hancock,

YEAS.

Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Yard,

NAYS.

Mr. Weiberill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Hoogland,
Mr. Middagh,

Three Members being present in the House, were excused from giving their Votes on the above Question.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Sarah Morris*, Widow of *George Morris*, one of the late Soldiers in the *Jersey* Regiment, who was killed at *Fort William-Henry*; praying that she may receive the Arrears of Wages due to her Husband at his Decease; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Bill for Support of Government.

The Petition from *Kingston*, for Allowance to be made to *Samuel Nelson*, for the Damage done to his House.

The Petition of *George Potter*, for his Wages while in Captivity.

The Petition of *Robert Iseltine*, for Satisfaction for keeping and supporting Soldiers at their Return from Captivity. And,

The Petition of three of the *Jersey* Regiment, for their Wages while in Captivity, before read in the House; were all read the second Time, and committed to the Committee on the Support Bill.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of said Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

William McDaniel, a Lieutenant in the *Jersey* Regiment, exhibited to the House, an Account against the Colony, for Money paid several of the Soldiers of said Regiment while in Captivity, and returning home; which was read, and referred to the Consideration of the Committee on the Support Bill.

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

Wednesday, March 14, 1759.

The House met.

The engross'd Address to his Excellency, was read and compared,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Committee of Correspondents, laid before the House, several Letters he had received from the Agent; which were read.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Correspondents, write to the Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, desiring him to desist from any further Solicitations for an Emifion of Paper Money by Way of Loan, in this Colony.

The Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *Gloucester* County, praying for the opening of *Woodberry* Creek; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners, with their Opponents, attend the House of Assembly, the Fourth or Fifth Day of the next Meeting of the House at *Burlington*, in order to support their Allegations for and against the said Petition; and that the Petitioners serve their Opponents with timely Notice of this Order.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Preservation of Timber in the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

The engross'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, Officers included, for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign, &c.* was read, and compared; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows;

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,

Mr. *Johnston*,

Mr. *Weatherill*,

Mr. *Ogden*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Fisher*,

Mr. *Hoogland*,

Mr. *Vreeland*,

Mr. *Vangelson*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Read*,

Mr. *Hancock*,

Mr. *Yard*,

Mr. *Middagh*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Holmes*,

Mr. *Leaming*,

Mr. *Spicer*,

(Several Members being present in the House, were excused from giving their Voices in the above Question.)

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Read*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, in the Words following,

' *Gentlemen,*

' **I** Hereby send to you a Letter which I have received from his Excellency
' Governor *Dobbs*. I am wholly of his Opinion, and should recommend to
' you, to join in the Application he mentions, if I could learn that any of the
' neighbouring Provinces had resolved upon it: But till some of them have taken
' the Lead, it will be too premature a Step for us to take.'

March 14, 1759.

FRANCIS BERNARD.

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The Letter referred to in the above Message, was also read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The Treasurer of the Eastern Division of this Colony, agreeable to the Order of the House, laid his Accounts before the House.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Godfery* and *David Corfen*, setting forth, that a Petition was presented to the House last Session, from sundry Persons residing in *Cape-May*, praying that the Petitioners, for the Reasons therein contained, might be enabled to erect a Toll Bridge, at a Place called the Fast Landing, across *Cedar Swamp Creek*, in the County aforesaid; and that the present Petitioners had no Objections against erecting a Bridge, as proposed by the former Petitioners, provided the same might be a Draw or Swinging Bridge, and that it extend from the Land of *Jeremiab Corfen*, across said Creek; which was read, and referred to the next Session of Assembly at *Burlington*.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Read* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker of the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable John Lawrence, of the City of Burlington, to stop out the Tide from overflowing his Marsh, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tard* and Mr. *Vangeson*, do carry the above Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Tard* and Mr. *Clement*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report thereof to this House; and that Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Vreeland*, do inform the Council thereof, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Tard* reported, that Mr. *Vangeson* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted to the Council.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Vreeland* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Fisher*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed, when he will be waited upon by the House with their Address.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him very soon.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, in the following Words,

Ordered,

‘Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Kemble, Mr. Ashfield and Mr. Woodruff, be a Committee, to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Eastern Treasurer’s Accounts, &c. and that Mr. Ashfield do inform the House of Assembly thereof, and that To-morrow Morning, at the Treasurer’s Office, be the Time and Place of Meeting.’

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address, in the Words following.

To His Excellency FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty’s Province of New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, have taken Mr. Secretary PITT’s Letter into Consideration; and in Pursuance of the Method proposed, have, without Loss of Time, gone through the Necessary Measures for completing the Levies, with all the Expedition that the Nature of the Case seems to require.

We concur with your Excellency, that the happy Success which has lately attended his Majesty’s Arms, is a sufficient Cause to adore the Divine Providence. Those who can soon forget the Difference between the Situation of Things now, and but a little Time past, must let very distinguishing Turns of superior Direction soon escape their Notice, and but unthankfully receive the Blessings, that infinite Wisdom has been pleased to render very conspicuous among our Fellow Subjects of the English Nation: A Memento, that to a considerate Mind is not less extraordinary in its Nature, than it is a standing Obligation to Vigilance and Gratitude.

When we reflect upon the late happy Change, as restricted to Indian Affairs; the Part your Excellency bore in the promoting, and afterwards in the happy Execution of the Treaty at Easton; and this, tho’ almost one of the first Acts of your Government, and against very popular Prejudices, we must acknowledge your Excellency is intitled to the Thanks of the Publick: The Event has proved the Wisdom of the Action, and we hope the Success will still continue to evince its Utility.

As it was but just, to repair any Oversights respecting Indian Purchases in this Province, if any such there were; we cannot therefore but approve of your Excellency’s Conduct, in Conjunction with the Commissioners for Indian Affairs; and with Pleasure reflect, that whatever Omissions there may have formerly been, the same are now compleatly supplied; and the whole Province (excepting a small Claim of Totamie’s, and such Lands as the Indians hold by English Titles, in a Manner common to all Freeholders,) entirely exempted from Indian Claims, both to our and their full Satisfaction.

By Order of the House,

House of Assembly,
March 14, 1759.

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, March 15, 1759.

The House met.

On a Motion made, the Question was put, whether the Affair relating to the Petition for dividing the County, or Removal of the Court-House of the County of *Hunterdon*, be postponed till the End of the present War, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows,

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Wetberill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Fisher,

YEAS.

Mr. Hoogland,
Mr. Vangelon,
Mr. Read,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clement.

YEAS

Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer,

NAYS.

Mr. Ogden,
Mr. Vreeland,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagh,

The Petition of Capt. *Samuel Woodward*, was read the second Time; and the said *Woodward* was called before the House, and alledging that a considerable Sum of Money is due to him; the same was examined into as far as he had Evidence to lay before the House; but it appearing that the then Paymaster had drawn Money out of the Treasury, and is fully impowered to settle all Capt. *Woodward's* lawful Demands;

Ordered,

That the Settlement of said Matter, be referred to the said Paymaster; and that it is the Sense of this House, the same should be settled as soon as may be.

Resolved,

That a Gratuity be made Capt. *Woodward* in Consideration of his grievous Sufferings, and the Omission of charging Six Months Pay; for five Men, and that the said Gratuity be One Hundred Pounds.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for Support of Government: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and that by said Bill when passed into a Law, there is to be paid,

To his Excellency *FRANCIS BERNARD*, Esq; Governor of this Colony, at the Rate of One Thousand Pounds, *per Annum*.

To *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty Five Pounds, per Annum*.

To *Richard Saltar*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court, *Twenty-five Pounds, per Annum*.

To *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds, per Annum*.

To *Andrew Johnston* and *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs, Treasurers of this Colony, *Forty Pounds per Annum*, each.

To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*.

To *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, *Eighty Pounds per Annum*.

To *John Smith*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*.

To the Doorkeeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*.

To his Excellency *Francis Bernard*, Esq; *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House-Rent, provided he makes *Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence.

To the Chief-Justice, or any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for holding Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in Manner prescribed by said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each Time.

To each of the Council, for the Time they shall attend at any Sitting of General Assembly, during the Continuance of said Act, *Six Skillings per Diem*.

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To

To the Clerks of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance, the Sum of *Eight Shillings per Diem*; also *Four-pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer: Also, to *Abraham Clark, jun.* one of the Clerks, *Twenty Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, at this and former Sitzings.

To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, the Sum of *Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings and Four-pence*: And,

To *Andrew Johnston, Esq;* for Charges attending Expresses, *Two Pounds Two Shillings*.

To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six-pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit: And to each of the said Treasurers, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, for their extraordinary Services.

To *Samuel Nevill, Esq;* for extraordinary Services, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*, during the Absence of a Chief-Justice: And to the said *Samuel Nevill, Esq;* in full for his extraordinary Services, from the Time of *Mr. Aynsley's* Death, till the Twenty-first of May next, *Twenty-two Pounds*.

To *James Parker*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed for printing the Minutes of the House, during the Continuance of said Act; as also for printing the Laws passed at any Sitting as aforesaid, such Sums as *Charles Read, John Stevens, Hendrick Fisher, John Johnston, Henry Paxson, and John Ladd, Esquires*, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for said Services.

To the Serjeant at Arms who shall attend the Council, *Three Shillings per Diem*.

To the Serjeant at Arms who shall attend the House of Representatives, *Three shillings per Diem*.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for his Attendance, *Three shillings and six-pence per Diem*.

To *John Johnston, Esq;* to pay for a Room for the Assembly, *Twenty shillings* per Week; and to pay so much for Fire-wood and Candles used at this Sitting, as the same do cost.

To *Andrew Johnston, Esq;* the Sum of *Fifteen shillings* per Week, to pay for the Use of a Room, Fire-wood and Candles for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Term.

To *Charles Read, Esq;* to pay for the Redemption of *Sarah Decker* from the Indians, *Fifteen Pounds*.

To *Abraham Clark, jun.* in full of his Account, for copying Laws to send home, and other Services, the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds One shilling and Two-pence*.

To each of the Members of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance at any Sitting during the said Term, the Sum of *Six shillings per Diem*.

And that by a Clause in said Bill, provided for defraying fundry incidental Charges, there is to be paid (out of the Money made current for the Service of the present War) to *Jonathan Hampton*, any Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Nine Hundred Pounds*, that *Mr. Spicer, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Wetherill, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Yard*, or any two of them, shall certify to be due to him, for Pay of the Militia sent up on the Frontiers, and other Services by him performed.

To *Col. John Parker*, *Three Hundred and Five Pounds Ten shillings and seven-pence*, in full for Money disbursed for Shirts and other Articles, to the Regiment of this Colony, then under his Command.

To *John Stevens* and *Joseph Yard, Esquires*, or either of them, such Sums of Money, as they find necessary for discharging Arrearages due to any of the Officers or Soldiers in any of the former Regiments of this Colony, and such as have been taken Captive, till their Death, or Return into this Colony.

To

To *Thomas Bartow* and *John Smyth*, to pay *Jane Syers*, for Damage done by the King's Troops, such a Sum as will make her a reasonable Compensation for her Damage.

To Capt. *Samuel Woodward*, in Consideration of his Sufferings, and exclusive of his Pay; and in full for six Months Pay of five Men, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*.

To Capt. *Rusco*, in part of his Claim against this Colony, *Seventy six Pounds*.

Which Bill being read in the House, was agreed to, and ordered to be engross'd.

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engross'd Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, and to enl the Twenty first Day of May, One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty, &c.* was read, and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Preservation of Timber, &c.* was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the above Bills to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself, delivered the Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, &c.* And also, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable John Lawrence, of the City of Burlington, to stop out the Tide from overflowing his Marsh, &c.* without any Amendments.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Michael Hays*, and *Mary* his Wife, setting forth, That *Thomas Alstone*, late Husband of the said *Mary Hays*, on the 11th Day of *March*, 1756, in crossing *New-York Bay*, unfortunately got drowned, having in his Pocket a considerable Quantity of Money, among which was the Sum of *One Hundred and Ten Pounds*, in *Jersey Bills of Credit*; which, with the Body of the said *Thomas Alstone*, was intirely lost, and has not since been heard of; praying, that the said Money so lost, may be made up to the Estate of said Deceased; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On a Motion made,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this House, That if the Commissioners allow the Lieutenants and Ensigns belonging to the Regiment of this Colony, better Cloaths than the common Soldiers; it will be allowed in their Accounts.

Resolved,

That if the said Commissioners allow to the Officers Twelve Tents, they will be allowed in their Accounts.

Resolved,

That if the said Commissioners provide Thirty Great Coats for the said Regiment, they will be allowed in their Accounts.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, informing the House, That his Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency : Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, viz.

An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers (Officers included) for his Majesty's Service the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same ; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

After which his Excellency made a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly ; of which Mr. Speaker said he had (to prevent Mistakes) obtained a Copy ; which was ordered to be read ; and is in the Words following,

' Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I THANK you for the speedy Dispatch of this important Business : The Readiness and Unanimity with which you have proceeded therein, are manifest Proofs of your Duty to the King, and Zeal for his Service. I am sensible, that the Proportion of your Contribution to the common Cause, ought not to be reckoned by the Number of your Forces only : The Manner in which you cloath and furnish them, and the Punctuality with which you compleat your Numbers, (in both which you exceed almost all other Colonies) make your Men both more expensive, and more serviceable ; and the large Sums you are obliged to raise for this Purpose, will, I hope, sufficiently prove, that your Efforts on this Occasion, are the greatest that you think the Circumstances of the Province will bear. In this Light I shall represent you to such of his Majesty's Ministers, as I shall have the Honour to write to.

' Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

' When I spoke to you at the Opening of this Session, I told you, that as soon as you had formed your Resolutions on this Business, I should have other Things to recommend to you ; accordingly I now propose to you, to consider of the keeping up your Frontier Guard ; the Provision for which, will expire on the Twenty-first of May next. It is a Business that ought to be well weighed : On the one Hand, there is, to all Appearance, a perfect Peace with the *Indians* in that Neighbourhood ; and those at a Distance have given strong Assurances of their Intentions to live in Friendship with the *English* : On the other Hand, you know very well, that these Professions, however sincere when they are made, are not always to be depended upon in their Consequences. Trifling Causes ; a Misunderstanding with our People on the Frontiers ; a false Report circulated with Credit ; a little Advantage gained over us by the *French*, or, too quick a Progress in our Advantages over them, have, at different Times, occasioned the *Indians* to invade our Frontiers, when we have been lulled in a fatal Security, trusting to the Sincerity of friendly Professions, and the Faith of solemn Treaties : You will therefore consider well, whether it be advisable to leave the Frontiers intirely defenceless. However, I shall think it proper at this particular Time, to disband the whole Frontier Guard ; and if you should think it necessary to keep a Guard on the Frontiers, they will be easily raised, after the Regiment is sent into the Field.

' Another Thing I have to recommend to you, is, to consider of some Means to carry on a Trade with the neighbouring *Indians* : I have been assured by those that are well acquainted with *Indian* Affairs, that the firmest Peace

' you

‘ you can make with them will not be durable, unless you keep up an Inter-
 ‘ course with them to their Advantage; and this is to be effected best by Trade,
 ‘ which may be made to turn to your Advantage also. This Trade should be
 ‘ publick, and not private; as the latter, by its selfish and unconscionable
 ‘ Conduct, frequently does more Harm than Good. This public Trade may be
 ‘ either managed by Commissioners on Account of the Province, or by an
 ‘ incorporated Company, with a joint Stock, with an Exclusion of private
 ‘ Traders in either Case. The Trading-House should be fortified and garri-
 ‘ soned, as well to prevent Surprise, as to command Respect. This should be
 ‘ done at the Charge of the Province; and in one Case, may be considered as
 ‘ Part of the Expences of the Trade; in the other, as a Bounty for the En-
 ‘ couragement of it. Besides the securing the Affections of the *Indians*, other
 ‘ Benefits must accrue to the Province, from the Introduction of a new Branch
 ‘ of Trade into it. This Province is well situated for all the Purposes of Com-
 ‘ merce, but at present, wants both private Spirit, and public Encouragement.
 ‘ For which Reason, I must further recommend to you, that if you should
 ‘ determine to establish this Trade, you would make it one of the Terms of it,
 ‘ that after a certain Time, all Imports and Exports thereof, from and to *Great-*
 ‘ *Britain*, shall (as much as possible) be made directly and immediately, to and
 ‘ from some Port of this Province.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ It gives me great Pleasure to find, that my Service has been so acceptable to
 ‘ you and your Constituents. I must not expect, that my Endeavours for the
 ‘ Public Good, will often have such great Consequences, as the Negotiation at
 ‘ *Easton* produced; but I hope I shall act with the same Spirit, Attention and
 ‘ Industry, in all other public Business as I did in that: And tho’ Success is not
 ‘ to be commanded, I shall always endeavour to deserve it.’

FRANCIS BERNARD.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Colony, setting forth their Apprehensions of Danger from the *Indians*, in Case of a Disbandment of the Forces now stationed there; praying, that at least 75 of the present Guards may be continued for their Protection; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *Peter Middagh*, setting forth, That in an Engagement with the *Indians* on the Frontiers of this Colony, in *June* last, the Petitioner received a Ball through his Leg, which shattered the Bone, of which Wound he is not yet thoroughly cured; and that the Surgeon’s Charge for taking Care of the same, has amounted to about *Ten Pounds*, praying that the Legislature will grant him a Compensation for his Damages and Costs; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Friday, March 16, 1759.

The House met.

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His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House, a Letter he had received from Mr. Secretary *Pitt*, dated the 29th of *December* last, relating to compleating the Levies in this Colony for the ensuing Campaign ; which was read.

Col. *Peter Schuyler*, laid his Accounts against this Colony, before the House.

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

Saturday, March 17, 1759.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Ashfield*, informing the House, that the Council have pass'd the Bill, entitled, *An Act for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, &c.* And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Preservation of Timber, &c.* without any Amendments.

Ordered,

That the Treasurers of this Colony, or either of them, do distribute the Constitution Books in his or their Hands, to the several Members of the House of Representatives, when call'd or sent for, in the same Proportion with the Votes of the House, that the same may be equally distributed at the Discretion of the Members, among the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Ordered,

That the Act of Parliament for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and the Articles of War, be printed, and annexed, by Way of Appendix, to the Second Volume of the Laws of this Colony.

The House resuming the Consideration of Mr. *Bradberry's* Application at last Sitting, to be discharged from the further Service of the House, on Account of Indisposition ; and it appearing, that the said *Bradberry* has not on that Account, attended the House for a considerable Time past : The Question was thereupon put, whether the said *Bradberry's* Seat in the House, be vacated or not ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Y E A S.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Johnston*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Vreeland*,
Mr. *Vangelon*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Smith*,

Y E A S.

Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

N A Y S.

Mr. *Holmes*.

Resolved,

That the said Mr. *Bradberry's* Seat in the House be vacated.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ for the Election of a Member for the County of *Essex*, in the Room of the said *Richard Bradberry*, Esq; whose Seat in this House is vacated as above.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ashfield*, acquainting the House, That the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* without any Amendments.

The Petition of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Colony, for keeping up Part of the Frontier Guards ; was read the second Time.

His Excellency's Speech of Thursday last, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Middagh*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that this House is well pleased with his Intention of disbanding the Forces on the Frontiers; and are of Opinion, that if any real Necessity should appear for any further Force there, the neighbouring Militia may be ordered up to stay there till Fifty Men can be enlisted on the usual Terms; which we doubt not will be paid for in the usual Manner: And that as to the other Matters recommended to us, as it is very late in the Session, we beg the same may be referred to further Consideration.

The Petition of *Peter Middagh*, for an Allowance to be made him for his Costs attending the Wound he received on the Frontiers of this Colony from the *Indian* Enemy, was read the second Time; and the House taking the same into Consideration,

Resolved,

That if the Commissioners allow a Gratuity to the said *Peter Middagh*, for the Damage he sustained as aforesaid, they will be allowed the same in their Accounts.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee appointed to settle the publick Accounts, reported, that *Robert Ogden*, Esq; and *Abraham Clarke*, jun. two of the Commissioners appointed for paying for quartering Soldiers in this Colony, have paid for quartering Soldiers in the County of *Essex*, the Year past, the Sum of *One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Two Pounds, Four Shillings and Nine-pence Halfpenny*, being *Eighteen Pounds Five Shillings and Two-pence Halfpenny* less than they received for that Purpose; which Ballance still remains in their Hands. To which the House agreed.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from *Amos Ogden*, a former Ensign of the *Jersey* Regiment, setting forth, That he was taken Prisoner at *Oswego*, and lost his Cloaths and Baggage, &c. and that while he was a Prisoner in *Canada*, was obliged to be indebted to Col. *Schuyler*, for the Sum of *Ninety One Pounds, Three shillings and Six-pence*; and that his Expences from *Canada*, till he returned to *Halifax*, amounts to *One Hundred and Eight Pounds Three shillings and Four-pence*, praying that the same be allowed him from the Colony; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Yard* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself, delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee appointed to settle the publick Accounts, reported, that the Committee having examined the Accounts of the Ten Commissioners employed by the Act passed in *April*, 1755, find by the several Vouchers produced, that they have disbursed in the Service, the Sum of *Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty seven Pounds, Nine shillings and Three-pence Halfpenny*; but for want of the Western Treasurer's Accounts, which are at *Burlington*, they cannot certify the Sums they have received out of the Treasuries. To which the House agreed.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee on Accounts, reported, that *John Stevens*, Esq; one of the Commissioners, laid before the said Committee, a regular Account, and concurrent Vouchers, for sundry Disbursements, including Commissions thereon, amounting in the Whole, to the Sum of *Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Pounds, Thirteen shillings and Three-pence Three Farthings*. And by the same Account it also appeared, that the said *John Stevens* had received from the Public Treasury, including some Remnants left of Soldiers Cloathing, the Sum of *Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy One Pounds Eleven shillings and Two-pence*; so that there is due on Ballance from the said *John Stevens* to the Province, the Sum of *Seventeen shillings and Ten-pence Farthing*, which is to be carried to the Credit thereof, in a new Account against the same. To which the House agreed.

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The Committees of the Council and Assembly, on the Eastern Treasurer of *New-Jersey's* Accounts, do report, that they have met, and examined the said Treasurer's Vouchers for the Sum of *Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty two Pounds, seven shillings and Eleven-pence Farthing*, to November the Twenty-seventh, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight, which he has paid on the several Laws for Support of Government: And also Vouchers for the further Sum of *Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Five Pounds, Eight shillings and sixpence Three Farthings*, to January the Seventeenth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, which he has paid on the several War Funds; and as there are some Accounts necessary to be laid before them that at present cannot be come at, they beg further Time to finish the Whole in.

By Order of the Committees,

Perth-Amboy,
March 17, 1759.

L. M. ASHFIELD, } Chairmen.
JOS. YARD, }

To which Report of the Committees, the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Leaming*, do state the said Treasurer's Accounts, to be reported and entered on the Minutes of next Sitting; and that they do then exhibit an Account of their Time and Trouble on the Occasion, that the same may be discharged.

A Memorial was presented to the House, from Doctor *Benjamin Stakes*, setting forth, That he was ordered by General *Abercrombie*, to return to *Canada*, July the 21st, and did not return till the Beginning of *December*; and that Col. *Johnston* told him, he could not answer to pay him for the Time he was absent by said Order; praying an Allowance may be made him for that intervening Time; which was read, and referred to further Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait on the Council, and desire to be informed, whether they have any Business before them; if not, that this House purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismissal.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the above Message to the Council, who say they have no Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Hoogland*, do wait on his Excellency, and desire him to pass the Bills now before him, and dismiss the House, as they have no further Business before them.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Hoogland* and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

I. An ACT for the further Preservation of Timber, within this Colony of New-Jersey.

II. An ACT for continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony, which will expire at the End of this present Session, by their own Limitation.

III. An

III. *An ACT for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty; and to discharge the publick Debts, and contingent Charges thereof, and for settling the Quotas in the respective Counties, and levying a provincial Tax; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

IV. *An ACT to enable John Lawrence, of the City of Burlington, to stop out the Tide from overflowing his Marsh and Meadows, adjoining to, and on both Sides of Malago Creek or Run, in the Township of Mansfield, and County of Burlington.*

And then his Excellency prorogued the General Assembly, to the Seventeenth Day of April next.

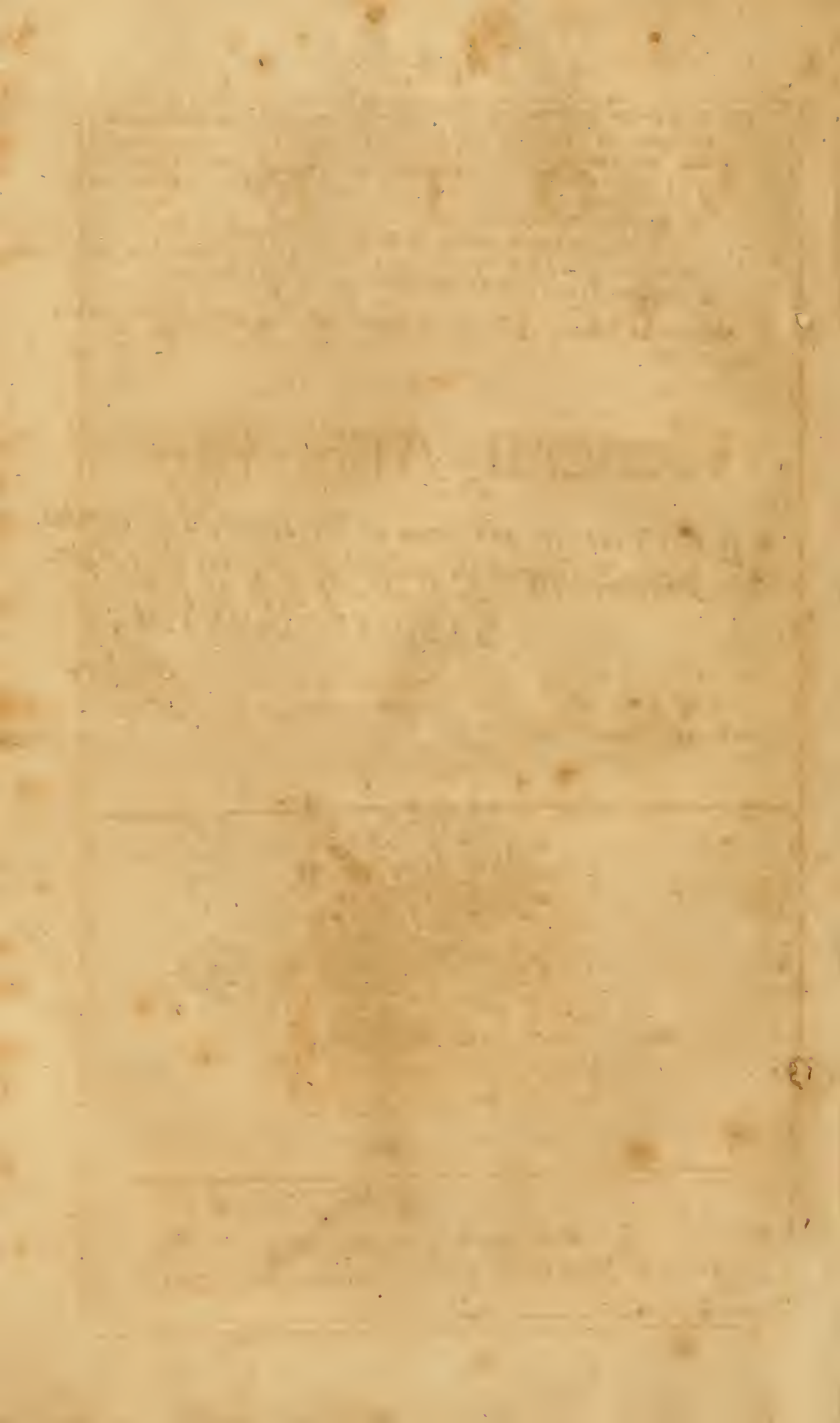


*By Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint
James Parker of Woodbridge, to print these Votes.*

SAMUEL NEVILL,

Speaker.





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 Province of *NEW-JERSEY*.

At a SESSION held at *Perth-Amboy* ; began *March 11*, 1760, and continued to the 26th. Day of the same Month, and then adjourn'd to the 13th Day of *May* following.



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Votes of the General Assembly.

PERTH-AMBOY, *TUESDAY*, March 11. 1760.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly from time to time to this Day, the House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Wednesday, March 12. 1760.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o' Clock.

Thursday, March 13, 1760.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Wetherill* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him; that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himself delivered the above Message to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him in about an Hour.

Ordered,

That the Serjeant at Arms do give Notice to *Robert Lawrence*, *Samuel Stokes*, and *Henry Paxson*, Esqrs, Members of this House, that the Service of the Colony requires their immediate Attendance.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, informing the House that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait on his Excellency. Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which by Order of the House was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I AM honoured with his Majesty's commands to the same purpose with those which I communicated to you last year; to induce you to raise with all possible dispatch, within this Government, at least as large a body of men as you did for the last Campaign, and as many more as the Number of its inhabitants may allow, to act in conjunction with his Majesty's British troops, under the command of his Commander in chief in *America*, for the further Reduction of *Canada*. I have called you together with all possible expedition, that you may lose no time of shewing your gratitude to his Majesty, by a most ready and hearty obedience to his gracious Commands, which are wholly dictated by his fatherly care for the preservation of his Subjects on this Continent.

‘ At the opening of the last Session, I had great occasion to congratulate you on the Success of his Majesty’s Arms: but how rapid has the progress of them been since? Victories and Acquisitions have followed one another so close, that we have not been able to keep pace with them in our Thanksgivings: We have been lost in Amazement at the great things God hath done for us, and have found our hearts too full to express our sense of his mercies.

‘ The time is now come, which a few years ago was the object of our wishes more than our hopes. The exorbitant and heretofore formidable Power of *France* is humbled to the dust, her Trade lost, her Credit sunk, her Treasury exhausted, and her Fleets destroyed, even to what she owned to be her last Resource. *Canada* the inveterate and implacable Enemy of these Provinces is hunted down, and waits only for the March of the British Army to surrender the yet-unreduced parts of it: These are (under God,) the effects of the Wisdom and Steadiness of his Majesty’s Councils, and the Conduct and Bravery of his Forces; These are the fruits of those Armaments, to which you have contributed your proportional, tho’ small, Share; and These are the Encouragements, which will induce you to continue the same Efforts till the whole Work shall be compleated.

‘ *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

‘ I shall order the letter I have received from Mr. Secretary *Pitt* and also one other from Major General *Amherst* to be laid before you; from whence you will see the Necessity of furnishing your full Complement of Men for the service of this Year: Two Provinces on this Continent have already set the example. I am also to inform you that the Lords of the Treasury have out of the money granted by the parliament of *Great-Britain* for that purpose allotted to this Province near 10,000 pounds sterling for its service in the year 1758, which is to be paid to the order of the whole Legislature. It will therefore be proper, either by a concurrent Resolve, or by a Clause in an Act, to give the Treasurers a special Power to receive this Money and place it to the publick account.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I shall have occasion to speak to you again, when the important Business I now commit to you has had your full consideration. At present I have nothing more to add, but to desire that you would maintain the credit you have acquired in the Prosecution of this War, by your Earnestness, Unanimity and Dispatch, in providing for the speedy Ending of it.

FRA. BERNARD.

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House the Letters referred to in the above Speech.

Ordered,

That his Excellency’s Speech have a second Reading.

Mr. *Stevens* informed the House, that *John Johnston, Esq;* one of the Members of this House, for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, is lately deceased.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ for the Electing a Representative for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, in the Room of the said *John Johnston*, Esq;

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

Friday, March 14, 1760.

The House met.

John Ogden, Esq; being returned a Representative for the County of *Essex*, in the Room of *Richard Bradberry*, Esq; (whose Seat in this House was vacated) was qualified in the House before Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Read*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* do take his Seat in the House.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several Prisoners for Debt, now confined in *Trenton* Goal, setting forth their distressed Circumstances, and utter Inability to discharge their Debts; praying a Law for their Relief; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business of the Colony.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several of the Soldiers who deserted from the *Jersey* Regiment in 1758, that were excused from Military Censure, upon their going on the Service in the following Campaign without any Bounty, setting forth, That they complied with the Law, by going on the last Year's Campaign, but think it a Hardship to be denied the same Bounty allowed to other Soldiers; praying that Provision may be made for paying them the usual Bounty for the last Year's Service; which was read and referred to further Consideration.

Col. *Schuyler* laid before the House, an Account of a Surgeon's Mate, formerly belonging to the *Jersey* Regiment, procuring Medicines for a Detachment of said Regiment, omitted being charged in any former Account; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Pennorth Croid*, a Soldier in the *Jersey* Regiment, setting forth, That he being out on a detached Party, was set upon by the Enemy and wounded, whereby he has been at large Expence for Board and Doctering, and being unable to support himself under the aforesaid Expences; praying Relief in the Premises; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business of the Colony.

A Petition was presented to the House from *William Thorn*, of the Township of *Woodbridge*, setting forth, That in crossing *New-York* Bay in *January* last, he unfortunately lost overboard without any Possibility of Recovery, the Sum of £. 269-12-4, in *Jersey* Bills of Credit; which said Sum is sunk to the Province at the intire Loss of the Petitioner, unless he can obtain Relief from the Colony; praying that the said Sum may be replaced to the Petitioner out of other Paper Money of this Colony; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly for doing the publick Business.

Four Petitions, all of one Tenor, were presented to the House, from sundry of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of *Eversham*, *Springfield*, *Northampton* and *Chester*, in the County of *Burlington*, setting forth, That a Bridge is necessary to be built over *Cooper's* Creek, at or near *Thomas Spicer's*, on the publick Road leading from *Burlington* to *Philadelphia*; praying that the same may be built by the City of *Burlington*, the Townships of *Chester*, *Eversham*, *Northampton*, *Willingburg* and *Springfield*;

field, in the County aforesaid, and Part of the Township of *Waterford*, in the County of *Gloucester*; and that all other publick Bridges necessary to be built or maintained on any navigable Stream in the County of *Burlington*, as far up as the Tide flows, may be maintained at the publick Expence of the whole County; which were read, and referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly for doing the publick Business.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry of the Inhabitants of *Waterford*, in the County of *Gloucester*, praying, That a Bridge may be built and maintained over *Cooper's Creek*, on the publick Road leading from *Burlington* to *Philadelphia*, at the Expence of the City of *Burlington*, the Townships of *Chester*, *Eversham*, *Northampton*, *Willingburgh* and *Springfield*, in the County of *Burlington*, and that part of the said Township of *Waterford*, that lies between the River and *Salem Road*; which was read, and referred as above.

Several Petitions were presented to the House, from several of the Inhabitants living along *Rariton River*, and Places adjacent; praying that *John Van Voorbies*, of the County of *Somerjet*, may be licenced to build a Grist Mill on *Rariton River*, near the Place where his Mill now stands, and supply the same with Water from said River, in such a Manner as not to obstruct the Navigation thereof; which was read, and referred as above.

Charles Read, Esq; one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House a Letter he had received from *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; of *London*; which was read, informing, that the Sum of £. 9166, *Sterling*, is allotted to this Province, by the Lords of the Treasury, out of the Money granted by Parliament, and that the same is to be drawn out of his Majesty's Exchequer, by some Persons impowered by the whole Legislature of this Colony.

A Petition was presented to the House, from several Persons living near *Newton Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, That they are possessed of considerable Tracts of Marsh and Swamp on the Banks of said Creek, which at present lies uncultivated by Reason of the Tides overflowing the same; praying a Law for damming the said Creek at the Mouth thereof, for the Benefit of said Marsh; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of General Assembly for doing the publick Business.

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

Saturday, March 15, 1760.

The House met.

The House being informed, that the *New-Jersey* Regiment has suffered greatly, by the Neglect of Duty in several of the Officers of the same, during the last Campaign, to the Discouragement of Soldiers entering into the Service, and to the Oppression of many of the Inhabitants of this Colony;

Whereupon it is Ordered,

That Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *John Ogden*, Mr. *Hoogland*, and Mr. *Holmes*, be a Committee to enquire into the Truth of the said Information, and make Report thereof to this House; and that said Committee have Power to send for Persons and Papers.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, March 17, 1760,

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, March 18, 1760.

The House met, and adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

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The House met.

Samuel Smith, Esq; informed the House by Letters, that his Indisposition of Body rendered him incapable to attend the Service of the House this Sitting.

His Excellency's Speech was read the second Time; and with the Letters therein referred to, was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on his Excellency's Speech, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to several Resolutions; which by Leave he reported as follows.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his Speech. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That One Thousand effective Volunteers (Officers included) be immediately raised by this Colony, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Forces the ensuing Campaign. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That for the Levying, Cloathing and Paying the aforesaid Forces, and for other Services, there be immediately £. 45,000, struck in Paper Bills of Credit, to be sunk by Provincial Taxes, in equal Proportions, in the Years 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, and 1773. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That for an Encouragement to the said Volunteers to enter into the said Service, there be allowed a Bounty of *Twelve Pounds* to each. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Robert Ogden*, Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Hoogland*, be a Committee to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Wetberill*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *John Ogden*, and Mr. *Vangeson*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, (Officers included) to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Forces the ensuing Campaign; and making Provision for the same, &c.

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

Wednesday, March 19, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Stevens*, from a Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising 1000 effective Volunteers*, &c. which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the aforementioned Bill: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising 1,000 effective Volunteers*, &c. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto: Which said Bill, as amended, being again read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

A written Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, in the following Words.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ **I** SEE in your Minutes of Yesterday, that you have resolved to strike £. 45,000 in Bills of Credit, to be sunk in the Years 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, and 1773.

‘ I must desire you would consider the Restrictions I am under, in Regard to striking Bills of Credit, as they have appeared to you from the Papers and Messages I have heretofore had Occasion to send to you. And though I have, upon Account of the Emergencies of the War, taken the Liberty to depart from the Letter of my Instructions, where apparent and urgent Necessity hath required it; yet, I shall not think myself excusable in so doing, when there is no Necessity. It appears plain to me, that **all** the Money wanted for the Service of this Year (by appropriating thereto, the Money now due from the Treasury in *England*;) may be sunk within the Year 1768, without charging any Year with more than the Present is, and some other Years are now charged. How then can I answer for postponing the Sinking this Money for Five Years more than there is an Occasion for?

‘ It hath been considered as an happy Circumstance for these Provinces, that at a Time when they have been called upon to raise large Sums for the Support of the War, they have been furnished with extraordinary Means for so doing: There has been great Plenty of Money brought into the Country; and in Consequence of it, the Produce of Lands has bore an extraordinary high Price. When the War is over, the Price of Produce will be continually sinking, and Money will gradually grow scarce. Therefore, to postpone the Payment of the Provincial Debt, from a Time of Plenty to a Time of Scarcity, (or at least of less Plenty) will be removing a light Burthen from yourselves, by laying an heavy One on Posterity.

‘ I must therefore earnestly recommend to you, to reconsider this Resolve, and make it practicable for me to consent to it. But if you desire that it should stand, I will Mention to you the only Terms upon which I can admit it; namely, that you add another Resolve, that all the Money that has been, or shall be, given to this Province, for their Service in this War, by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, shall, in the first Place, be applied to the sinking of the Money to be raised for the Service of this Year. In such Case I shall be justified, by considering the latter as the principal Fund, and the former as a supplemental One.

FRA. BERNARD.

March 19, 1760.

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

Thursday, March 20, 1760.

The House met, and adjourn’d till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Inhabitants of *Saddle River Precinct*, in the County of *Bergen*, setting forth the great Expence they are obliged to be at in building and repairing the Bridge, necessary to be made in said Precinct; praying that it may be done at the Expence of the whole County; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of Assembly for doing the publick Business.

His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House Letters he had lately received from the Earl of *Sterling*, acquainting him, that the Warrants to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury, then lay before his Majesty, who having entrusted that Right Honourable Board with the settling the Quotas of the respective Provinces, in the Sum granted by Parliament, for a Compensation to the Colonies for their vigorous Efforts in the Year 1758, his Lordship out of Regard to this Colony, and lest they should suffer by the Death of their Provincial Agent, had presented to the Lords of the Treasury a Memorial, setting forth the Service of this Colony on that Occasion.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker, by Letter, do return the Thanks of this House to the Earl of *Sterling* for this Service done the Colony, and beg the Continuance of his Countenance and Favour on every Occasion which may offer during his Residence in *Great-Britain*.

His Excellency also, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House a Letter from Major *Robert Rogers*, recommending it to the Legislature, to reward the uncommon Fatigues and Bravery of the Detachment from the *New-Jersey* Regiment, who were of his Party in the Reduction of the Indian Town of *St. Francis*, in *Canada*.

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

Friday, March 21, 1760.

The House met.

Several Petitions were presented to the House, one from Captain *Amos Ogden* and Lieutenant *Josiah Banks*; one other from Ensign *Daniel Coe*, and one other from Lieutenant *William Pew*, all of one Tenor; setting forth, That they enlisted a Number of able bodied Soldiers for the *Jersey* Regiment; which, at the Time of the Review, happened not to be wanted for the Service of said Regiment, praying that they may be reimbursed the Expences they were necessarily put to in raising and subsisting said Men, from the Time of their enlisting until the Time of their Discharge as aforesaid; which Petitions were read, and referred to the next Sitting of Assembly, for doing the publick Business.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the Justices, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, setting forth, That, pursuant to a Law of this Colony, the Inhabitants of said County formerly met, and elected a Place for building a Court-House and Gaol in said County, which, by Experience, proves very inconvenient for that Purpose; praying a Law to empower them to erect said Court-House and Gaol, at or near *Casper Shaver's* House in said County; which was read, and referred as above.

A Petition was presented to the House, from diverse of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, setting forth, That the Precinct of *Pequannack*, in the said County, is over-burthened with the Expences of building and maintaining Bridges; praying that the same for the future may be supported at the public Expence of the County; which was read, and referred as above.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed to draw the Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported that they had drawn the same; which, by Leave, he read and delivered in at the Table, where the same being again read, and several Amendments thereunto made, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engross'd.

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

Saturday,

Saturday, March 22, 1760.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Ogden do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be informed when he will be waited on by the House with their Address.

Col. Schuyler laid before the House his Accounts with the Colony for the Year 1759.

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. Ogden and himself, delivered the Message of the House with them entrusted to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him very soon.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address, in the Words following:

To His Excellency FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of *New-Jersey*, and Territories thereon depending in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Representatives of said Colony, in General Assembly met.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly conven'd, beg Leave to return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for the early Advice you gave the Members of the General Assembly, of the Necessity of their meeting on a Matter very important to the Welfare of this Colony, and for your favourable Speech at the opening the Session.

We assure your Excellency, that we entertain the most grateful Sense of his Majesty's paternal Care over his Colonies; and shall exert ourselves to the utmost of our Power, to add as great a Number of Troops to his Majesty's Army, as our Circumstances will admit of.

We esteem the great Blessings of Providence on his Majesty's Arms, as a certain Indication of the Justice of his Cause; and with the utmost Thankfulness, adore the Divine Goodness, in the extraordinary Interposition of Heaven in our Favour.

The Steadiness and Wisdom of his Majesty's Councils; the Confidence of the Nation in his Ministers; the Bravery of his Forces both by Sea and Land, give us the most joyful Expectations, that he will, by the Favour of Providence, be enabled to oblige the French King to submit to equitable Terms of Peace, and to restrain him from making such unjustifiable Encroachments on his Neighbours, as have occasioned, in their Consequences, the Ruin of his Navy, Loss of his Trade, the Dismembering his Dominions, and greatest Distress among all his Subjects.

The Letter from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary PITT, and his Excellency General AMHERST, laid before the House by your Excellency, convince us of the Necessity of supplying Troops for the general Service, and we have resolved to send this Year a compleat
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and well-appointed Regiment into the Field, to act under the Direction of his Majesty's Commander in Chief; and hope, that both the Officers and Men, will support the Credit and Honour our Regiment hath justly obtained in the Course of the American Wars.

We shall take effectual Care to authorize proper Persons, to receive, and place in the Treasury, the Sum allotted for the Quota of this Colony, out of the Money which the Tenderneſs of his Majesty and the British Parliament for theſe Infant Colonies, have induced them to grant, in Aid of the heavy Taxes to which the vigorous Proſecution of this War has ſubjected the Colonies: And we moſt thankfully receive this Bounty.

By Order of the Houſe,

March 22, 1760.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

To which his Excellency was pleaſed to give the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

I THANK you for this dutiful Addreſs, wherein your Loyalty and Gratitude to his Majesty are ſo fully and forcibly expreſſed: I ſhall take Care to repreſent it ſo, that you may ſtill appear in that favourable Light, in which you have been deſervedly placed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, March 24, 1760.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for raiſing One Thouſand effective Volunteers, &c.* was read and compar'd; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill do paſs or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Hoogland,	Mr. Ladd,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Wetherill,	Mr. Vreland,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. R. Ogden,	Mr. Vangeſon,	Mr. Yard,	Mr. Miller.
Mr. J. Ogden,	Mr. Read,	Mr. Middagh,	
Mr. Fiſher,	Mr. Paxſon.		

Resolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. Robert Ogden and Mr. Yard, do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Ogden reported, that Mr. Yard and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entrusted to the Council.

Capt. Silas Newcomb exhibited to the Houſe, an Account charged againſt the Colony for cloathing Articles and other Neceſſaries he procured for ſeveral of the Soldiers belonging to his Company in the laſt Year's Campaign; which was read, and referred to Mr. Yard, one of the Commiſſioners appointed for cloathing ſaid Regiment, to examine and pay ſo much thereof as he may judge reaſonable.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from Capt. Zephaniah Luce, ſetting forth, That he inſiſted a Number of Recruits for the laſt Year's Campaign, that happened

not to be wanted for the Service; and that he subsisted said Recruits from the Time of their Inlistment, to the Time of their Review; praying a Reimbursement of the Expences he was necessarily put to, in inlisting and subsisting the same; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting of Assembly, for doing the public Business.

George Brown, one of the Lieutenants of the Militia, exhibited to the House an Account charged against the Colony, for Expences he was necessarily put to, in guarding a Number of Deserters belonging to the *Jersey* Regiment, in the Year 1758, from *Pertb-Amboy* to *Albany*; which was read, and referred to Mr. *Stevens*, one of the Commissioners appointed for cloathing said Regiment, to examine and pay.

Whereas by a Law of this Colony, passed in the Thirty First Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, *An Act for making current Thirty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for his Majesty's Service in the present War*, Col. *John Johnston* was authorized to purchase Two Thousand Stands of Arms for the Use of the Colony, which were to be distributed in the several Counties, for the Use of the Inhabitants thereof, and to be deposited with the Colonels of the Militia of said Counties; which Arms have accordingly been purchased and imported, and now are in Store at the City of *Pertb-Amboy*; it is therefore Ordered, That the said Colonels do apply to the Executors or Administrators of said *John Johnston*, Esq; lately deceased, and receive the Quota of Arms allotted to the Counties they may respectively belong to, and produce a Charge against the Colony, for the Expences they may be at in transporting the same to the said Counties.

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

Tuesday, March 25, 1760.

The House met.

John Martin exhibited to the House, an Account against the Colony, for House-Rent for a Hospital for the Regulars quartered in *Pertb-Amboy*, in the Year 1757; which was read, and referred to the Commissioners appointed for paying of such Expences in said Year, for them to settle and pay.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, &c.* without any Amendment.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, enacting the same, viz.

An Act for raising One Thousand effective Volunteers, (Officers included) for his Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign, and making Provision for the same; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

After which his Excellency made a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker obtained a Copy; which, by Order of the House, was read, and is in the Words following;

Gentlemen

‘ *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

‘ I RETURN you thanks for your unanimous and quick dispatch of the important Business which I proposed to you by his Majesty’s especial command. I will make the best use that I can of the Powers you have given me to raise a Regiment for the service of the next Campaign.

‘ When I received his Majesty’s Commands to attend his Service in the Province of *Massachusetts Bay*, I was ordered to stay here till Mr. *Boone*, appointed to this Government should arrive. I have been advised by his letter dated from *Charles-Town*, the 14th day of *February* last, that He will set out for this Province with all convenient dispatch. As He will desire to meet you soon after his arrival, I suppose it will be agreeable to you to postpone the rest of your business until He shall have an opportunity of calling you together. This you will consider of upon your return to your House,

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I do assure you that I shall leave this Province with regret : your good disposition towards his Majesty’s Government and your kind acceptance of my Services had given me the fairest prospect of an easy and creditable Administration. I had flatter’d myself, that I might have done lasting Service to this Province, in assisting to compose the Differences that still prevail in it ; to remove the few Fears and Jealousies, if any, that now remain ; to rectify the little errors in policy, which have inadvertently crept into the Administration ; and above all, to establish a perfect Harmony in the general Government, upon the surest Foundation, an exact Balance of the several Political Powers which compose it.

‘ These good Works I had promised myself success in, trusting more to your Knowledge and Discretion than to my own Abilities and pretending to no greater Merit, than an earnest Desire to contribute all that I could to the service of the public. This will become the business of another Gentleman, from whose known Candour and Prudence, every thing that I could have done and more may be well expected. I can now only contribute to this purpose by reminding you with my last words of, what I proposed to you with my first, this Political Truth ; that in order to keep the *British* Constitution in good Health. It is necessary to preserve the legal Distinctions of the Regal and Popular Rights and to take good Care that neither shall encroach on the other.

‘ *Gentlemen,*

‘ I take this opportunity to wish you all possible Prosperity ; and to return you and, through you, the rest of the Province, my sincere thanks for the Favours I have received, assuring you, that I shall always bear in my Mind a grateful Remembrance of them.

FRA. BERNARD.

The House taking into Consideration the above Speech, agreed upon an Address to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Stevens*; do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be pleased to receive the same.

Mr.

Mr. Read reported, that Mr. Stevens and himself, delivered the above Message to his Excellency; who was pleased to say, he would send for the House immediately.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive their Address.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and with the House, went to wait on his Excellency: Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Excellency, and presented their Address, in the Words following:

To His Excellency FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of *New-Jersey*, and Territories thereon depending in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Representatives of the said Province, in General Assembly met:

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly conven'd, beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that the Unanimity and Dispatch with which we have prepared the Bill passed this Day, proceeded from our being truly sensible of the Importance of those Matters, which you, by his Majesty's Command, laid before the House: And we are assured, that your Zeal for his Majesty's Honour, and the Interest of *America*, will induce you to exert your utmost Efforts for compleating the Levies, and speedily ordering the Regiment to the general Rendezvous.

The Matters which now lie before the House are numerous, and of Consequence; therefore must necessarily employ us for a considerable Time, whenever we enter upon them: And the Season of the Year pressing upon our private Affairs, as the postponing them at present cannot be of any great Disservice to the Publick, we incline to defer proceeding on them till the Arrival of Mr. Boone, who may perhaps indulge us with a Recess till we have got in our Harvest; unless his Majesty's Commands, or the Safety of the Colony, should require our meeting sooner.

We return your Excellency our hearty Thanks, for the Regard you have manifested for the Colony, since your first Arrival among us. The Confidence we and our Constituents have deservedly placed in you, would have put it more in your Power to have convinced us of any Errors which you suppose have, through Inadvertance, crept into the Polity of the Colony: As we are truly sensible, that the Body Politick may be disordered as well as the natural Body, and that it can only be kept in Order, by preserving to the Crown and the People, the true and exact constitutional Rights of each; we do assure your Excellency, that we have not the least Inclination to encroach on the known Rights of any other Branch of the Legislature; and shall steadily and inviolably adhere to the Preservation of the Privileges of our House, and Liberties of our Constituents, and conscientiously transmit these invaluable Blessings to our Posterity without Diminution.

Your Excellency's leaving this Government, we esteem as a publick Loss, having in our Minds anticipated the Happiness we had the greatest Probability of enjoying under your Administration; Your Knowledge in the Profession you exercised antecedent to his Majesty's Appointment of you to preside here, flattered us with Hopes of a speedy and equitable Decision in the only Litigation of Consequence which exists in the Colony; and your general Conduct will remain gratefully impressed on the Minds of the People, who will ever consider themselves in a Manner interested in your future Ease and Happiness.

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The Character you are pleased to give us of your Successor in the Administration, gives us great Satisfaction ; and if he should, like yourself, be so happy as to come to an early Knowledge of the Genius of the People, and fortunate in receiving his Information concerning us, from such as know, and are Friends to the Colony, we hope all our publick Affairs will still continue to be carried on with Harmony and Dispatch.

By Order of the House,

March 25, 1760.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*

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

Wednesday, March 26, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. Secretary informed the House, that it is his Excellency's Pleasure, that the House adjourn themselves to the 13th Day of *May* next, then to meet at *Burlington*.

The House adjourn'd accordingly.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to
print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL,
Speaker.



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At a SESSION held at *Burlington*; began *October 29th*, 1760, and continued to the 5th of *December* following, and then prorogued to the 5th of *January* following.



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Votes of the General Assembly.

BURLINGTON, *October 29, 1760.*

PURSUANT to His Excellency's^x several Prorogations of the General Assembly to this Day, the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business are met; and ready to receive any Thing he may have to lay before them.

Mr. *Smith* acquainted the House, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself had performed the Order of the House; and his Excellency was pleased to say, he was under the Necessity of postponing what he had to lay before the House for a little Time.

Andrew Smyth, Esq; returned a Member for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, in the Room of *John Johnston*, Esq; deceased, attending, was called in, and took the usual Qualifications before Mr. Speaker and Mr. *Read*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smyth* do take his Seat in the House.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o' Clock.

Thursday, October 30, 1760.

The House met.

Ordered,

That all Persons concerned in the Disposal of the Publick Monies of this Province, whose Accounts are not yet settled, do lay the same before the House, on or before Thursday the 6th of *November* next, at farthest.

The several Petitions from the Townships of *Springfield*, *Evesham*, *Northampton*, *Chester* and *Waterford*, presented to the House last Sessions, for building a Bridge over *Cooper's Creek*, &c. were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency, is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had attended his Excellency, and that he was pleased to make a favourable Speech to the Council and Assembly; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read; which was read accordingly, and is as follows, viz.

x Gov. *Boone*, who arrived at *Perth* - 'Gentlemen'

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

ANIMATED with Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and affected with a most grateful Sense of His Royal Favour conferred upon me, I feel myself, Gentlemen, uncommonly happy, when I reflect, that the Acknowledgement expected of me, the pleasing Return required for His Majesty's gracious Condescension, is no other, than that I should promote, to the Utmost of my Power, what the best of Sovereigns has most at Heart, the Happiness of his People. Your's, Gentlemen, is now become my Duty and peculiar Concern; and the very Circumstance of my being till this Time a Stranger to you in your Legislative Capacities, is an Argument of my having preferred your Convenience to my own Inclination to meet you earlier.

I bring with me, Gentlemen, a Heart disposed to Harmony; and though our Form of Government calls, at all Times, from those in my Sphere, for a strenuous Assertion of His Majesty's lawful Authority, yet whilst I have the Honour to be at the Head of this Province, you may depend, Gentlemen, upon your Rights and Privileges being safe from every Violation or Infringement,

I have Nothing in particular from His Majesty's Ministers to lay before you. But,

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Support Bill is some Time since expired. You know, by the 23d Instruction, already entered upon your Journals, what I am ordered to propose to you; you know also what is prescribed me, with regard to the Disposal and Issuing of Publick Money; nor can you be ignorant how grossly the late Method pursued, is a Deviation from the Principles of the Constitution. There never was a Reign, Gentlemen, when the Hands of Government might be strengthen'd with more Security to the People, nor ever Times more auspicious for receiving Confidence, and banishing Jealousy from your Bosoms. To Power well employed, you owe your present Ease and Security; to that you owe the inoffensive Condition that a perfidious and once formidable Enemy is reduced to. Consult the Spirit of the Constitution, and yield to the Emotions of Gratitude, which His Majesty's Parental Attention (so happily and effectually directed to the Preservation of every Thing dear to you) must have excited; and I shall indulge myself, with the pleasing Hopes of my Administration's being rendered memorable, by fresh Instances of your Affection, Fidelity and Loyalty.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

After so fortunate a Campaign, I cannot but wish you Joy, on the strongest Probability of Peace and Affluence being secured to you by the Wisdom of His Majesty's Councils, and the prudent and spirited Efforts of His Arms. You have now little to dread from without; maintain therefore Tranquillity within, and make a Return to God for the Blessings vouchsafed you, by a charitable and benevolent Behaviour to one another.

As to me, Gentlemen, I am urged by the strongest Incentives to interest myself in your Welfare; for from the Prosperity of the Province, I shall derive publick Consideration, and from your good Opinion, my private Happiness.

Burlington, October 30, 1760.

THO. BOONE.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read a second Time.

The several Petitions from the Townships of *Springfield*, *Evesham*, *Northampton*, *Chester* and *Waterford*, for building a Bridge over *Cooper's Creek*, &c. were read the second Time. And,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Paxson* and Mr. *Stokes*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill in Pursuance of the Prayer of the said Petitions.

A Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Piscataway*, and Parts adjacent, in the County of *Middlesex*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That a pernicious Practice is lately introduced, and grown to a considerable Height among them, of importing Persons from other Provinces, to go through Inoculation for the Small-Pox, to their great Danger and Annoyance; and praying some Method may be taken upon, to prevent the same.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and rebuilding and maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from the County of Burlington, to Cooper's Ferries, and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Robert Smith*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That he hath given up all his Effects to his Creditors; nevertheless some of them have brought Actions, and obtained Judgment and Execution against his Body thereon; praying the House will afford the Petitioner such Relief, as they in their Wisdom shall see meet; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Two Petitions, the one from several Prisoners for Debt in *Trenton* Jail; the other from several Prisoners for Debt in *Somerset* Jail; were presented to the House, and read, setting forth their several Hardships from Confinement, and praying an Act of Assembly for their Relief; and the same are ordered a second Reading.

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

Friday, October 31, 1760.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, &c.* was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Miller*.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Memorial from the Correspondents and Commissioners of the Society in *Scotland*, for propagating Christian Knowledge, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the great Expence the Society hath been at from time to time in Christianizing the Indians in *North-America*, and in sending Missionaries among them, and particularly in establishing the Rev. Mr. *John Brainard*, their Missionary, among a Settlement of Indians formerly at *Cranbury*, but now at *Brotherton*, in this Province; praying the House will take the said Settlement of Indians into their Consideration, and make such Provision for the same, as they in their Wisdom shall see meet: And also a Memorial in Part to the same Purpose, from the said Mr. *Brainard*, and setting forth sundry particular Conveniences the said Indians are in Want of.

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That the said Memorials be read a second Time.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Building a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of *Piscataway*, and Parts adjacent in the County of *Middlesex*, was read a second Time; and,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Andrew Smyth* and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Paxson* and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee, to enquire what Laws are expired, or are near expiring, and to make Report thereof to the House forthwith.

A Petition from *William Thorn*, of *Woodbridge*, presented to the House at a former Sitting, setting forth, that the Petitioner in crossing *New-York Bay*, lost the Sum of £. 269 : 12 : 4, light Money, in *Jersey Bills of Credit*, and praying Allowance from the Colony for the same, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from several of the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, signed by 179 Hands, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the great Want of a Court-house and Goal in the said County; and praying a Law for building the same near *Casper Sheaver's*, in said County; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Newton*, in the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth the great Benefits of damming up *Newton Creek*, and praying an Act of Assembly for that Purpose, was presented to the House, read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of diverse of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, was read, setting forth the Necessity of erecting and supporting several Bridges at a very great Expence; which the Petitioners conceive would lay too heavy on the Township of *Pequanack, &c.* and praying Relief in the Premises.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

Several Petitions were presented to the House, from the County of *Morris*, signed by 190 Hands, setting forth the Hardships they labour under, by having no Members allowed to represent them in General Assembly; praying the Legislature to grant them the usual Privileges the other Counties enjoy, in being represented by Two Members in General Assembly for the future; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Precinct of *Saddle River*, in the County of *Bergen*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the great Hardship that Precinct lays under in Building and Repairing its Bridges; and praying the same may be made a County Charge; which was ordered a second Reading.

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

Saturday, November 1, 1760.

The House met.

A Petition

A Petition was presented to the House from *Lot Evans*, a Prisoner in *Burlington Gaol* for Debt, setting forth, the Hardships of his Confinement; and praying Relief by Act of Assembly; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Hancock*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for erecting the Bridge over Salem Creek into a Toll Bridge*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *William Pew*, a Lieutenant in the *New-Jersey* Regiment, presented to the House at a former Sitting; was now read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Lawrence*, from the Committee, appointed to enquire what Laws have expired, or are near expiring by their own Limitation; made the following Report in Writing; to wit,

An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Province, will expire at the End of this Session.

An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, for the Tryal of small Causes, will expire at the End of this Session.

An Act for the better Enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves, will expire at the End of this Session.

An Act for reviving an Act, for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt, is expired.

A Petition was presented to the House from Capt. *Nathaniel Rusco*, setting forth, That the Province is yet considerably in Arrear to him; and praying the same may be taken into Consideration; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Persons from coming from other Provinces to be inoculated within this Province*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Monday, November 3, 1760.

The House met.

The Act, intituled, *An Act for the Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the erecting the Bridge over Salem Creek into a Toll Bridge*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Miller*.

Four Petitions from the Townships of *Gloucester*, *Newton*, *Waterford*, and the Town of *Gloucester*, in the County of *Gloucester*, presented to the House at a former Sitting, setting forth, that a great Number of the Inhabitants of said County are seated on Lands out of the Limits of any Township within the same, by Reason whereof they have been exempted from paying any Taxes, &c. praying the House will take the same into Consideration, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and Rebuilding and Maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Stokes* do carry the same to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House, from some of the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that the Subscribers met at the Town of *Gloucester*, to chuse a County Collector, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Assembly of this Province; but there not being a sufficient Number met, they could not proceed to make the said Choice; praying a Law to remedy the said Omission, and the like Inconveniencies for the future; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Miles Bunn*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Perth-Amboy*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the Petitioner's distressed Circumstances, and praying an insolvent Act may pass.

Ordered,

That the same have a second Reading.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Stokes* and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

His Excellency's Speech was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Several of the Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, praying for the Opening of *Woodbury* Creek, attending, were called in; and it appearing that the Petitioners had not given their Opponents proper Notice, according to a former Order of this House:

Ordered,

That the Petitioners, with their Opponents, do attend this House on Monday next, the tenth of this Instant *November*; and that the Petitioners do serve *John Sparks*, *James Whitall*, and *William Wood*, with a Copy of this Order, on or before Friday next.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Paxson*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Stokes*, Mr. *Clement*, Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *J. Ogden*, be a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the several Persons who have been concerned in laying out the Publick Money of this Colony, and report to the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Danger of Spreading the Small-Pox in the County of Middlesex, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *R. Ogden*.

Ordered,

That the respective Treasurers of this Province do lay their Accounts before the House.

Mr. *S. Smith*, one of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House, fundry Letters which the said Committee had wrote and received, on Behalf of the Province.

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

Tuesday, November 4, 1760.

The House met.

The Western Treasurer, agreeable to the Order of the House Yesterday, laid his Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Clement*, or any three of them, be a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Western Treasurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report to the House: And that Mr. *A. Smyth* and Mr. *Hogland* do inform the Council thereof, and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, and Time and Place of Meeting.

A Petition

A Petition from the Justices, Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Sussex*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the said County is represented in the General Assembly by the Members for the County of *Hunterdon*, who are chosen by the Freeholders of *Hunterdon* alone, and have not full Knowledge of the Situation and Circumstances of the said County of *Sussex*; praying the Privilege of being represented by Members chosen and returned from the said County of *Sussex*:

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading:

A Petition from the Magistrates and Grand-Jury of the County of *Sussex*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that by the advanced Reward for killing Wolves and Panthers in this Province, the said County of *Sussex* is very much burthened, it lying contiguous to the Provinces of *New-York* and *Pennsylvania*, where the Præmiums for killing Wolves and Panthers is much less; and praying, that the late Supplement to the Law for encouraging the killing of Wolves and Panthers may be repealed, at least for the said County of *Sussex*.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time:

Mr. *A. Smyth* reported, that Mr. *Hogland* and himself had delivered the Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Two Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Morris* and *Sussex*, were presented to the House, and read, setting forth the pernicious Consequences of erecting Pounds, Wears and Baskets in the River *Delaware*, for catching of Fish, by which great Quantities of young Fish, and Fry of Fish, are destroyed, to the great Prejudice of the Publick; and praying a Law for Remedy of the said destructive Practices.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be read a second Time:

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Danger of Spreading the Small-Pox in the County of Middlesex, &c.* reported the said Bill with several Amendments to the same; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed:

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

The House met:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *R. Ogden*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to establish Courts for the Trial of small Causes; and also a Bill, for the better enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *J. Ogden* be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony.

The Petition of *William Thorn*, of *Woodbridge*, setting forth his Loss of a large Sum of Money, in *Jersey* Bills of Credit, and praying Allowance for the same, was read a second Time, and also several Affidavits confirming his said Loss; and the said *William Thorn* being called in, and fully examined on his Qualification, his Petition is referred to further Consideration.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Danger of Spreading the Small-Pox in the County of Middlesex, by Non-Residents coming into the said County to be inoculated*, was read, and compared: On the Question;

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *A. Smyth* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House from *Peter Penier*, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is a foreign Protestant, and has married a Woman intituled to Lands in this Province, praying an Act to naturalize him; which is ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Owners of the Meadows on *Woodbury Creek*, and Branches thereof, was presented to the House, and read, complaining, that the Petitioners have several Times applied for a Law to open the said Creek and Branches, but have had the Misfortune to be misrepresented to the House; and praying that they may have an Opportunity to be fully heard.

Ordered,
That the said Petition have a second Reading.

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

Wednesday, November 5, 1760,

The House met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *S. Smith* and Mr. *Yard*, be a Committee to bring in an Act, to adjust the Proportions of the Money granted by Parliament to this Colony, in order to lessen their respective sinking Funds on each County.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from *Stephen Barnes*, a Prisoner in *Sussex County*, was presented to the House, and read, complaining of his hard Circumstances, and praying the House will prescribe a Method for his Relief.

Ordered,
That his Petition have a second Reading.

The Petition of *Peter Penier*, a Foreign Protestant, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization, was read the second Time; and a Certificate being produced, from the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; of the said Petitioner's having taken the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and the Abjuration, according to Law.

Ordered,
That the said *Penier* have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of his Petition.

Mr. *Yard*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Continuing the Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Thursday, November 6, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Johnston*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House being informed, that some of the Witnesses in the Affair of *Woodbury Creek*, which was ordered to be heard before this House on Monday next, are sick, and unable to attend.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Cause be put off till Thursday the 13th of *November* Instant ; and that *William Wood* serve *Habbakuk Ward*, one of the Parties concerned, with a Copy of this Order ; and that all such written Evidence will be admitted on the hearing on each Side, as can be made appear to be taken by *David Cooper*, in the Presence of one of each Party, and attested to before a Magistrate ; provided it also appears, that such Evidence was not able to personally attend this House.

Mr. *S. Smith* reported, that Mr. *Yard* and himself, according to the Order of the House, had prepared a Bill to adjust the Proportions of the Money granted by Parliament, &c. and are ready to lay the same before the House, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read immediately. Which was read accordingly, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Edward Broadfield*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioner left his Native Country, to establish a Fishery in this Province, and hath been at great Trouble and Expence to procure the Necessaries, for catching and curing Sturgeon and other Fish ; but finds his Hopes intirely blasted by the prevalent Custom of erecting Pounds, Baskets and Wears, in almost every Part of the River *Delaware*, by which great Destruction is made of Fish, both in Season and out of Season, to the great Detriment of the Publick in general, and of the Petitioner in particular ; praying the House will take such Measures, as they shall think proper to prevent the like Practices for the future.

Ordered,

That his Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Suffex*, praying Leave to build a Court-house and Prison on *Caspar Sheaver's* Plantation, was read the second Time ; and the Sheriff of *Suffex*, Col. *Van Campen*, &c. being called in, and fully examined, as to the proper Place and Situation for building the said Court-house and Prison.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Yard* and Mr. *Middagh* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill to build a Court-house and Jail on *Casper Sheaver's* Plantation, or within a Mile thereof.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

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

Friday, November 7, 1760.

The House met.

A Petition from *Anthony White*, *James Neilson*, and *Samuel Kemble*, in Behalf of themselves and other Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset*, *Middlesex*, *Hunterdon*, and *Morris*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, together with *Hendrick Fisher*, Esq; a Member of this House, were impowered by many of the Inhabitants of the said Counties, to raise by Subscription, as much Money as will defray the Expence of building a Bridge across *Raritan River*, at the Place called *Bound Brook* ; but being fully satisfied, that the Subscription-Money will fall greatly short of finishing the said Work, do pray Leave to erect a Lottery, to raise Money enough to compleat the same.

Ordered,

That the Petition be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Owners of a certain Tract of Tide-Meadow and Cripple, situate on the South Side of *Cobansie Creek*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the said Meadow and Cripple is now within Bank,
but

but for Want of proper Means to oblige each of the Owners to maintain their several Proportions of the same, it is almost useless; praying the House will pass an Act to remedy the said Complaint.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition from the Owners of the Meadows lying on *Little Timber-Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have lately erected a certain Bank, Dam, and other Water-works, across the said Creek, the doing of which promiseth considerable Advantage to all the Owners of the same Meadows, provided the said Works can be supported equally by all the Owners; praying the House will pass an Act, to enable them to chuse Managers Yearly, to maintain the said Works, and to tax the several Owners equitably.

Ordered,

That the same Petition be read the second Time.

A Petition from *Ruth Price*, was presented to the House, and read, complaining, That the Petitioner is a poor unfortunate Widow, with Six Children, and hath lain above three Months in *Burlington* Jail for several Debts, which she has no Prospect of paying; and praying an Insolvent Act for her Relief.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Yard*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for Building a Court-House and Jail in the County of Sussex*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for Erecting the Bridge over Salem Creek into a Toll Bridge*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Saturday, November 8, 1760.

The House met.

The Petition of the Owners of the Tract of Meadow and Cripple on *Cobanſe Creek*; was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the Petition.

The Petition from the Owners of the Meadows on *Little Timber-Creek*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the Petition.

Mr. *Clement*, on the Behalf of the Owners of the Meadows on *Little Timber-Creek*, in Pursuance of the Leave granted by this House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on Little Timber-Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to support and maintain a certain Bank, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Proportion of the Money granted, or to be granted by Parliament to this Colony, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *R. Ogden*.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for erecting the Bridge over Salem Creek into a Toll Bridge*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Miller* do carry the same to the Council, for Concurrence.

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

Monday, November 10, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Kemble*; one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Miller*, in Behalf of the Owners of the Meadow and Cripple on *Cobansse Creek*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows or Marshes in Fairfield, in the County of Cumberland, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on *Little Timber-Creek*, &c. was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Clement* and Mr. *Stokes*.

The Petition from some of the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, complaining of the Omission of chusing a County Collector, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *S. Smith* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to rectify the said Omission, and to prevent the like Omissions for the future.

The several Petitions from the Townships of *Gloucester*, &c. for erecting Townships, were read the second Time; and,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *A. Smyth*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to run out the Lines of the several Counties of this Province, as they are now ascertained by Law, and the several Townships where necessary, and to include extra-parochial Inhabitants.

Mr. *R. Ogden*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Proportion of the Money granted, or to be granted, by Parliament to this Colony*, &c. was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Asbfield*, in the Words following:

“ Ordered,

“ That Mr. Asbfield do acquaint the House of Assembly, that Mr. Kemble, Mr. Saltar, and Mr. Asbfield, or any two of them, are appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to inspect the Western Treasurer's Accounts; and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands; and that To-morrow Morning at Nine o'Clock, at the Treasurer's Office, be the Time and Place of Meeting.

“ By Order of the House,

“ S. Blackwood, pr. Clerk.”

“ Council-Chamber, Nov. 10, 1760.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* have Leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the Fairs throughout this Province.

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That Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *J. Ogden* and Mr. *A. Smyth*; be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Highways throughout this Province.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, November 11, 1760.

The House met, and adjourn'd till Two o' Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Proportion of the Money granted, or to be granted by Parliament to this Colony, in order to lessen the sinking Funds on each respective County*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The several Petitions from the County of *Morris* and *Saddle-River* Precinct, relating to Bridges and Surveyors, were read the second Time, and referred to the Committee for bringing in a Bill to regulate Highways, &c.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself had delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Johnston*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Kemble*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for erecting the Bridge over Salem Creek into a Toll-Bridge*, without any Amendment.

The Petition from the Justices and Grand Jury of the County of *Suffex*, praying a Repeal of the late Supplement to the Law for encouraging the killing of Wolves and Panthers, was read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the said Petition be granted or not? it was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.

Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hoogland*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagh*,

NAYS,

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Read*,

NAYS.

Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Leaming*.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table,

The Petition from the Justices, Freeholders and other Inhabitants of *Suffex*, praying the said County may be represented in the General Assembly, by Members chosen out of the said County, was read the second Time; and on the Question;

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petitions from *Cumberland* and *Morris*, praying for Members to represent them in General Assembly, being read the second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Yard*, Mr. *Middagh* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to allow the said Counties to choose each of them two Members, according to the Prayer of their Petitions.

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The Act, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners, &c. of the Meadows on Cohanse Creek, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Hancock and Mr. A. Smyth.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o' Clock To-morrow Morning,

Wednesday, November 12, 1760,

The House met.

Four Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Sbrewsbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying their Bridges may be made a County Charge, were presented to the House, and read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Jacob Morris, William Reynolds, James Wilson* and *Matthew Rober*, Prisoners for Debt in *Monmouth* Jail, praying an Insolvent Act for their Relief; were presented to the House, and read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hancock, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows, &c. on Cohanse Creek, &c.* reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Clement, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows, &c. on Little Timber-Creek, &c.* reported the same without any Amendment; which being read: On the Question;

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of his Excellency's Speech: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Lawrence, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through his Excellency's Speech; and had come to several Resolutions; which the Committee had directed him to report, whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Lawrence reported the Resolutions of the Committee as follows.

1. Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency, in Answer to his favourable Speech. To which the House agreed:

2. Resolved,

That the Government be supported. To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Ladd, be a Committee, to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Wetberill, Mr. Paxson and Mr. J. Ogden, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

On a Motion made: And the Question put, Whether the following Resolve be agreed to, or not? It was carried for the Resolve, as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland,

YEAS.

Mr. Read,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Yard.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetberill,
Mr. Lawrence,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Stokes,

NAYS.

Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Middagh.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That Provision be by Law made for applying such Part of the £. 1600, given for Indian Affairs as is not yet laid out, towards defraying such Expences as were necessary in removing the Indians, and settling them at *Brotherton*, in such Manner as the Commissioners for Indian Affairs shall think just and equal.

The Memorial from the Correspondents and Commissioners of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge; and the Memorial from the Rev. Mr. *John Brainard*, both respecting the Indian Settlement at *Brotherton*, in this Province, were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the said Memorials do lie on the Table, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Lawrence,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. J. Ogden,

YEAS.
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ladd,

YEAS.
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Yard,
Mr. Middagb.

NAY.
Mr. R. Ogden.

Ordered,

That the said Memorials do lie on the Table.

On a Motion made, and the Question put, Whether the House do now enter into the following Resolve, or not? it was carried as follows:

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Lawrence,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. S. Smith,

YEAS.
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hancock,

YEAS.
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Middagb.

NAYS.
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Yard.

Resolved,

That this House will not make any Provision for any Person to live among the Indians.

The House adjourn'd till Two o' Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to run out the Lines of the several Counties of this Province, as ascertained by Act of Assembly, and the several Townships where necessary, and to include extraparochial Inhabitants*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Township of *Evesham*, in the County of *Burlington*, was presented to the House, praying for a Law, to clear a Stream of Water on the Southerly Branch of *Ancocas* Creek; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for Building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Suffex*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *R. Ogden* and Mr. *Miller*.

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

Thursday, November 13, 1760.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *Amos Austin*, setting forth, That *Hester Austin* his Wife, was lately convicted at the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of *Burlington*, of several notorious Adulteries; and that she now lives, and for many Years past, hath lived very unhappily with the Petitioner, and is daily spending his Substance; and humbly praying the House will pass an Act to divorce him from his said Wife.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr.

Mr. R. Ogden, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Building a Court-House and Gaol in the County of Sussex*; reported the same with several Amendments; which were read in their Places, and some additional Amendments being made thereto, the same as amended was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows or Marshes in Fairfield, in the County of Cumberland, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; being read and compared; On the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hancock and Mr. Miller do carry the same to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Act, intituled, *An Act for the further Continuing the Act of General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Province, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Middagh.*

Mr. Hancock reported, that Mr. Miller and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Kemble, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House adjourned till Two o' Clock; P. M.

The House met.

According to the Order of the Day, the Parties concerned for and against the Dam at Woodbury Creek, attending, were called in, and on both Sides fully heard; and then they were ordered to withdraw, and the Consideration thereof adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

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

Friday, November 14, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions from Hunterdon, Morris and Sussex, and Edward Broadfield, against the erecting of Pounds, &c. in the River Delaware, for the catching of Fish, and obstructing the Navigation, were read the second Time, and referred till next Session, that it may be seen what the Legislature of Pennsylvania may do on the Occasion; as it is probable Nothing can be effectually done without their Assistance; and because it has not appeared to this House, that any of the Parties concerned in erecting the said Pounds have had Notice of the Application against them: And if it appears at the next Session, that publick Notice has been given in the News-papers of this Application, and Nothing then appears against it:

Ordered,

Thst the Members of Hunterdon have Leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petitions.

A Petition from George Andreas Virselius and Jacob Antony, praying an Act to naturalize them, was presented to the House, and read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ashfield, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Act, entitled, *An Act to ascertain the Proportion of the Money granted, or to be granted by Parliament to this Colony, in order to lessen the sinking Funds on each respective County, without any Amendment.*

The House resuming the Consideration of the Affair of *Woodbury Creek*, and a Debate arising thereon ; the Question was put, and carried in the Affirmative, whether the Persons benefited by the Dam, shall have a Law to open the Creek for their own Conveniency, on Condition they make such Satisfaction to all Persons injured by making the said Dam, in such Manner as Persons indifferently and mutually chosen between them shall think just and equal ; and in Case they cannot agree upon such Men, that the said Damages shall be assessed by Persons named in the Act?

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *R. Ogden* be a Committee to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The House adjourn'd till Two o' Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Lawrence*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Continuing the Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Province, was committed, reported the same with several Amendments thereto ; which were read in their Places ; and on the Question ;*

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *Yard*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for vesting the Right of Election of Representatives, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, in the Counties of Cumberland and Morris ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.*

The Petition from *George Andreas Virselius* and *Jacob Antony*, praying an Act for their Naturalization, was read the second Time ; and a Certificate being produced from the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; of their having taken the proper Oaths and Abjuration according to Law : On the Question,

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the Petition.

Several Petitions presented to the House, at the last Sitting, from Capt. *Amos Ogden*, Lieutenant *Josiah Banks*, and Ensign *Daniel Coe*, were read, setting forth, That they severally enlisted a Number of able-bodied Soldiers, for the *Jersey Regiment* ; which at the Time of their Review happened not to be wanted for the Service of said Regiment ; praying that they may be reimbursed the Expences they were necessarily put to, in raising and subsisting said Men, from the Time of their Enlisting, until the Time of their Discharge, as aforesaid.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions have a second Reading.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Case of *William Tborn* of *Woodbridge*, and it appearing upon clear Evidence, that the Fact of his losing by Accident, in the Bay of *New-York*, the Sum of £. 231:2, Proclamation Money, in Bills of Credit of this Colony, is undoubtedly true.

Resolved,

That the said Sum of £. 231:2, be allowed him out of the Exchange Money now in the Treasury ; and that Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *A. Smyth*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The Petition of *Amos Austin*, praying for a Divorce from his Wife *Hester Austin*, was read the second Time, and referred for further Consideration to the next Session.

The Petition from *Anthony White*, and others, praying for a Lottery, to raise Money to build a Bridge over the River *Rariton*, at *Bound Brook*, was read the second Time ; and on the Question, whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not, it was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On a Motion made.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to revive such Part of the Act, entitled, *An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony* ; as relates to Lotteries, and also to amend the Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c.*

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

Saturday, November 15, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Committee of Correspondence; laid before the House several Letters, which the said Mr. *Spicer*, as one of the Committee, had sent to, and received from, the late Agent of this Province, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and his Executors ; which were read ; and the said late Agent's Accounts are referred to the Committee on the Support Bill.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify William Thorn, for a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit of this Colony lost by Accident* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Little Timber Creek, &c.* was read and compared ; and on the Question,

Resolved;

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clement* and Mr. *Stokes*, do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Continuing the Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Province*, was read and compared ; and on the Question,

Resolved;

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *J. Ogden*, do carry the same to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Clement* reported, that Mr. *Stokes* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Kemble*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee formerly appointed to settle the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts, made the following Report in Writing ; which was agreed to by the House.

" The Committee appointed in *March 1759*, to inspect the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*, agree that *Aaron Leaming* do make the Report contained in the following Accounts to the House of General Assembly.

The Hon. ANDREW JOHNSTON, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of N. Jersey, Dr.

Old Deficiencies and

To Part of the £. 25-14-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, that was reported in 1727, to be outstanding in <i>Middlesex</i> , in the Tax for Support of Government in 1726, and which in 1727, 1728, and 1729, was reduced to		L. 18-18-5 $\frac{1}{4}$	
To another Arrear in <i>Middlesex</i> , in the Tax of 1730, for Support of Government,		25-00-0	- £. 43-18-05 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Arrears in the Interest as per Reports, in 1744, 1747, &c. viz.			
<i>Bergen</i> , 21-4-9 $\frac{1}{4}$,	<i>Essex</i> , 72-6-5 $\frac{1}{4}$,	<i>Middlesex</i> , 38-12-7 $\frac{1}{4}$	- 132-3 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Part of the Deficiency of L. 73-14-0, in the County of <i>Somerset</i> , in the Interest of the £. 40,000, that was reported in 1753, afterwards reduced to L. 17 --- as per Report in June 1754, and now L. 15-15-0, thereof being paid by <i>Jeronimus Vaneft</i> , leaves an Arrear of		1-05-0	
To the said Sum received of <i>Jeronimus Vaneft</i> ,		15-15-0	- 17-00-0
To Ballance due to the Colony, as per Report in June, 1754,			- 1158-05-5
To Monies payable on the 21st of November annually, from the Eastern Counties, by the several Support-Ac'ts, as follows: <i>Bergen</i> omitted in 1753, provided for by the last Clause of the Support-Ac't in 1754,			- 197-13-11
1754, November 21.	<i>Middlesex</i> ,	181-05-5	
	<i>Monmouth</i> ,	262-17-4	
	<i>Essex</i> ,	155-14-3	
	<i>Somerset</i> ,	223-06-2	
	<i>Bergen</i> ,	131-16-0	
			- 954-19-02
1755, November 21:	<i>Middlesex</i> ,	271-18-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	<i>Monmouth</i> ,	394-06-0	
	<i>Essex</i> ,	233-11-4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	<i>Somerset</i> ,	334-19-3	
	<i>Bergen</i> ,	197-14-0	
			- 1432-08-9
1756, November 21.	To the like Sums from the said Counties,		- 1432-08-9
1757, November 21.	To the like Sums from the said Counties,		- 1432-08-9
1758, November 21.	To the like Sums from the said Counties,		- 1432-08-9
			£. 2,233-15-9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Touching the two old Arrears first above-mentioned on the Debtor-Side, these Committees esteem it necessary to observe, That by Act for Support of Government for Five Years, to commence the 23d of September, 1725, and end the 23d of September 1730, (See Mr. Kinsley's Book, page 172) the County of *Middlesex* was to raise by Taxes,

in 1726,	-	-	-	£. 125-0-0
in 1727,	-	111-08-11		
in 1728,	-	111-08-11, and,		
in 1729,	-	114-18-00		

Amounting to £. 337-15-10, in the said three last mentioned Years,

That by the Reports in 1727 and 1730, it appears, there was a Deficiency of £. 25-14-5 $\frac{1}{4}$, in the said Tax of the Year 1726.

Add the Deficiency of 25-14-05 $\frac{1}{4}$, to
337-15-10 the Quotas of the three last mentioned Years,

Makes, £. 363-10-03 $\frac{1}{4}$,

That Mr. Kearney, the then Treasurer, received of that Sum, £. 344-11-10: So that there then remained an Arrear of £. 18-18-5 $\frac{1}{4}$; which has been reported as such ever since.

That the Deficiency of £. 25, was also Part of the Tax for the above-mentioned Support of Government, and commenced in 1730, as appears by the Report, 1733: And,

That these Deficiencies have been continued to be charged in all the Reports of the Committees for the said Accounts, ever since their Commencements respectively; as may be seen in the Reports of 1727; July 7, 1730; August 11, 1733; March 14, 1738; June 26, 1740; November 3, 1741; --- 1744; February 9, 1747; June 8, 1753, and June 21, 1754.

Per Contra,

Cr.

Support of Government.

	By the Two Deficiencies in <i>Middlesex</i> , as per the Debtor-Side, - - - -	£. 43-18-05 ¹ / ₄
	By the Three Deficiencies in <i>Bergen</i> , <i>Essex</i> , and <i>Middlesex</i> , as per the Debtor Side, - - - -	132-03-10 ¹ / ₄
1759,	By a Deficiency in <i>Somerset</i> , as per the Debtor Side, - - - -	1-05-00
March 16,	By fundry Warrants, Certificates, Receipts, and other Vouchers, examined, allowed, and endorsed by the Committees, this Day, brought down to	
	November 27, 1758; amounting to - - - -	5,982-07-11 ¹ / ₄
	Balance due to the Colony, - - - -	2,074-00-06 ³ / ₄

£. 8,233-15-9¹/₄

By Order of the Committees,

L. M. ASHFIELD.

AARON LEAMING.

November 15, 1760.

*The Hon. ANDREW JOHNSTON, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey,
On Account of Supplying the Provincial Forces, &c. Dr.*

1755. October.	To Cash at Times received from the Signers of the first £. 15,000,	-	£. 11,556-03-0
	To Ditto received of the Signers of the second 15,000,	- - -	7,491-00-0
1756. February 9.	To Ditto received from the Signers of the 10,000,	- - -	5,000-00-0
August 30.	To Ditto received at Times from the Signers of the 21,000,	10,436-8-0	
	Retained in the Treasury Part of this Sum for exchanging ragged and torn Bills,	- - - - - 1,750-0-0	
			8,686-08-0
To Cash received by his Excellency Governor <i>Belcher</i> , from <i>London</i> , and by him ordered into the Treasury, viz.			
Six Chests of Silver, which on counting were found to contain			
	6,910½ Pieces of 8, at 7/6 each.	- - - - -	2591-8-9
	One Chest of Gold, containing 1766 Half Johannes's, at 57/6 each,	-	5077-5-0
In small Money, viz. Three Quarter Johannes's at 28/9,			
	Ten and a half English Shillings at 1/6	0-15-9	
	Four Coppers,	0-00-3	
		- 5-2-3	
			7,673-16-0
1757. June	To Cash received from the Signers of the second 10,000,	- - -	5,000-05-0
July 4.	To Ditto received from the Signers of the 5,000,	- - -	2,500-10-0
November.	To Ditto received from the Signers of the 21,000,	- - -	63-12-0
	To Ditto received from the Signers of the 30,000,	- - -	15,000-00-0
	To Ditto returned by <i>Henry Fisher</i> , Esq;	- - -	100-00-0
1758. May & June.	To Ditto received from <i>Mr. Nevill</i> , one of the Signers of the 50,000,		24,453-00-0
August 4.	To Ditto returned by <i>Sam. Nevill</i> , Esq; one of the Commissioners,	60-00-0	
	To Ditto returned by Ditto.	- - - 4-13-6	
			64-13-6
9.	To Ditto returned by <i>Henry Fisher</i> , Esq; Commissioner,	- - -	312-15-8½
	To Ditto returned by <i>John Stevens</i> , Esq; Ditto.	- - -	580-00-0
November.	To Ditto received from <i>S. Nevill</i> , Esq; Remainder of the 50,000,	-	547-01-0
	To Ditto received from the <i>Hon. James Hude</i> , Esq; Signer of the last 10,000,		5,000-00-0
			£. 94,029-4-2½

*Per Contra,**Cr.*

By fundry Receipts, Orders and Vouchers, from <i>May, 1755</i> , to <i>January 28, 1758</i> , inspected, allowed and endorsed, by these Committees.	£. 56,713-14-10
By fundry Receipts, Orders and Vouchers, from <i>April 28, 1758</i> , to <i>July 24</i> , following, inspected, allowed and endorsed, by these Committees,	28,010-07-10
By Ditto, from <i>August 9, 1758</i> , to <i>January 17, 1759</i> ; allowed and endorsed by these Committees,	6,761-06-10 ³
Ballance due,	2,543-14-08

£. 94,029-04-02³

*By Order of the Committees,**November 15, 1760.*

L. M. ASHFIELD.

AARON LEAMING.

Pursuant to a former Order of the House, the Petition for Erecting a Bridge at the Place called the *Fast Landing*, in the upper Precinct of *Cape May*, across *Cedar Swamp Creek*, and the subsequent Petition, relative to some Regulations respecting the same, were considered : And,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* have Leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and the subsequent Concessions of both Parties.

The Bill *for the Support of Government*, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Bill: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from the Owners of the Marshes overflowed by a Water Course, distinguished by the Name of *Wills Creek*, in the County of *Cape-May*, setting forth, That the said Marshes, if prevented from being overflowed by the Tide, might prove more beneficial to the Petitioners; and that the Petitioners have given publick Notice of their Application to this House; praying the House will pass an Act, to enable them to stop out the Tide from overflowing the said Marshes; which was ordered a second Reading.

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

Monday, November 17, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer*, according to Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive such Parts of an Act, entitled, An Act to impower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Lands in this Colony; as relates to Lotteries; and also to supply the Defects of another Act, for suppressing Lotteries, and other Gaming within this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

According to Leave of this House, a Bill was brought in, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Penier, George Andreas Virselius and Jacob Antoni*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *S. Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Freeholders, in Conjunction with three Justices of the Peace, to chuse a Collector for each respective County within this Province*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Running and Marking the Lines between the several Counties and Townships of this Colony*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places: And some further Amendments being now made thereto; on the Question;

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

A Remonstrance, and also a Petition, were presented to the House, from several of the Creditors of *Robert Smith*, controverting some of the Facts set forth in his Petition, and praying the House will not pass an Act to relieve the said *Robert*, at least before they are heard against it; which were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Candles be brought in. And they were brought in accordingly.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-house and Goal in the County of Suffex*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hogland* and Mr. *Middagh* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

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

Tuesday, November 18, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *J. Ogden* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Kemble*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *S. Smith*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and fix in what Money the Taxes to the respective sinking Funds shall be hereafter paid into the Treasury*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Hogland* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and marking the Lines between the several Counties and Townships of this Colony*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *A. Smyth* and Mr. *Paxson* do carry the same to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Peter Penier, George Andreas Virselius, and Jacob Antoni*, was read the second Time; and on the Question;

Ordered, to be engrossed.

The Petition from the Owners of the Marshes overflown by *Wills-Creek* in *Cape-May*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition.

Mr. *Paxson* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Morris*, the Speaker of the Council.

The Bill, entitled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Freeholders, in Conjunction with three Justices of the Peace, to chuse a Collector for each respective County within this Province*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being now made thereto; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify William Thorn, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Tard*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for vesting the Right of Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, in the Counties of Cumberland and Morris*, was read the second Time; and on the Question;

Ordered,

That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *A. Smyth*.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o' Clock To-morrow Morning,

Wednesday, November 19, 1760,

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Freeholders, in Conjunction with three Justices of the Peace, to chuse a Collector for each respective County within this Province*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ladd and Mr. Clement do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and fix in what Money the Taxes to the respective Sinking Funds, shall be hereafter paid into the Treasury*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Paxson and Mr. A. Smyth.

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify William Thorn, &c.* reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question; the said Bill with the Amendments, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. A. Smyth, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and fix in what Money the Taxes to the respective Sinking Funds, &c.* reported the same without any Amendment; which was read; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ladd reported, that Mr. Clement and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Kemble, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. Spicer, on the Behalf of the Owners of the Marshes overflown by Wills Creek, in Cape-May, by Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes and Cripple Swamp, in the County of Cape May, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the *Bill for Support of Government*; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Leaming, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd till Two o' Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House, from Peter Maclean, of Perth-Amboy, setting forth, that a Soldier was billeted on him during a long Time that he was sick; praying Allowance may be made him from the Colony for the same; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Support-Bill.

Mr. S. Smith laid before the House, an Account from Thomas Scattergood, Esq; late Mayor of Burlington, for nursing and maintaining a sick Indian at Burlington, in July, 1757; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Support-Bill.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from Christopher Baueysen, setting forth, that he was born under the Dominion of a Foreign Power, but hath resided in this Province for upwards of eight Years past; praying an Act for his Naturalization; and a Certificate being produced from the Honourable Samuel Nevill, Esq; of the said Baueysen's having taken the necessary Qualifications, according to Law.

Ordered,

That his Name be inserted in the Bill for naturalizing Peter Penier, and others.

The

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Penier, George Andreas Virselius, Jacob Antoni and Christopher Baueysen*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hogland* and Mr. *Middagh* do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill for *Support of Government*: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and had come to several Resolutions; which by Leave of the House, he reported, and delivered in at the Table, where the said Resolutions were read, and are as follows, *viz.*

1. *Resolved,*

That in and by said Bill, when passed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency THOMAS BOONE, Esquire, at the Rate of *One Thousand Pounds, per Annum*, for two Years, to commence the 4th of July last. To which the House agreed.

2. To the Chief Justice of this Colony for the Time being, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds per Annum*. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Read*,

YEAS.

Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Yard*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

3. To the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

4. To the Honourable *Richard Saltar*, Esq; Third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

5. To *Courtland Skinner*, Esq; Attorney-General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

6. To the Honourable *Andrew Johnston*, and to *Samuel Smith*, Esqrs. Treasurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

7. To *Charles Read*, Esq; Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

8. To *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Agent of this Colony at the Court of Great Britain, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the House of Representatives, *Eighty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

9. To *John Smyth*, Esq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, *Twenty Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

10. To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds per Annum*. To which the House agreed.

11. To his Excellency *Thomas Boone*, Esq; at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, for House-Rent; provided he makes *Ambey* or *Burlington* the Place of his Residence. To which the House agreed.

12. To his Excellency *Thomas Boone*, Esq; Governor of this Province, in Addition to his Salary for the first Year, in Consideration of the extraordinary Expence attending the Transportation of himself and Family, in a Time of War, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto, or not? it was carried as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Yard*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Hogland*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Stokes*,

NAYS.

Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Middagh*.

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote for the Affirmative.

13. To

13. To any one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Colony, for attending the Circuit Courts in Manner prescribed by the said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each Time. To which the House agreed.

14. To each of the Gentlemen of the Council, for the Time they respectively have attended, or shall attend at this or any other Sitting of General Assembly, within the Time aforesaid. *Six Skillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

15. To *Samuel Smith*, Esq; one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, or any other Clerk of this House, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Eight Skillings per Diem*; also *Four pence per Sheet*, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer. Also to the said *Samuel Smith*, Esq; *Twenty Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper at this Sitting. To which the House agreed.

16. To *Abraham Clark*, jun. one of the Clerks of the House of Representatives, for Pen, Ink and Paper, at the late Session at *Amboy*, *Five Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

17. To the Secretary, for Charges attending Expresses to this Time, in full of his Account, the Sum of $\text{£. } 45 : 1 : 10$. To which the House agreed.

18. To each of the Treasurers of this Colony, *Six-pence per Pound*, for exchanging the ragged and torn Bills of Credit. And to each of the said Treasurers, *Fifteen Pounds per Annum*, for their extraordinary Services during the said two Years. To which the House agreed.

19. To the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; in Addition to his Salary, the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*, for each of the said two Years. To which the House agreed.

20. To *James Parker*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes of the House, during the Continuance of this Act; and to the King's Printer, for printing the Laws passed at this or any other Sitting as aforesaid, such Sums as *Charles Read*, *Hendrick Fisber*, *Andrew Smyth*, *Henry Paxson* and *John Ladd*, Esquires, or any two of them, shall agree to be paid for the said Service. To which the House agreed.

21. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who hath attended or shall attend the House of Representatives during the said Term, *Three Skillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

22. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who hath attended or shall attend the Council in Manner aforesaid, *Three Skillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

23. To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives for the Time being, who hath attended or shall attend in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Skillings and Six-pence per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

24. To the Executors of *Richard Partridge*, Esq; late Agent of this Colony, in full of his Accounts, the Sum of $\text{£. } 152 : 9 : 2$. To which the House agreed.

25. To *Henry Paxson*, Esq; to pay *John Shaw*, the Sum of *Thirty-five Skillings per Week*, for the Use of a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the House of General Assembly. To which the House agreed.

26. To the Honourable *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *Twenty Skillings per Week*, to pay for the Use of a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the Council, during any Sitting within the said Time. To which the House agreed.

27. To *Andrew Smyth*, Esq; to pay for a Room, Firewood and Candles, for the House of Assembly at their Sitting in *March* last, *Thirty-five Skillings per Week*. To which the House agreed.

28. To *Samuel Smyth*, Esq; to pay for sundry petty Expences for the Use of the House of Assembly, $\text{£. } 2 : 4 : 4$. To which the House agreed.

29. To *John Wetherill* and *Hendrick Fisber*, Esqrs, such Sum as on Enquiry they find just, to allow the Honourable *James Hude*, Esq; for the Use made of his Store by his Majesty's Regular Troops: And also to *John Wetherill* and *Andrew Smyth*, Esquires, such Sums as they find just to allow *Peter Maclean*, for nursing a Regular Soldier at *Perth-Amboy*, there being no Hospital then provided. To which the House agreed.

30. To

30. To the Magistrates of the City of *Burlington*, or either of them, the Sum of £. 13 : 9 : 5, to reimburse the said City, for the Charge of a Mohawk Indian who had the Small-Pox among them. To which the House agreed.

31. To the Honourable *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; the Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds*, in full of the first Subscription to the second Book of Laws going forward by Order of the House of General Assembly : Also, the Remainder of the Sum that may be due, for printing and binding the said Books, so soon as the said *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; shall produce a Certificate from the Persons receiving the same, of their being delivered according to the Order of the General Assembly. To which the House agreed.

32. To the Speaker, and each of the Members of the House of Representatives, for their Attendance, at this or any other Sitting, during the said Term, *Six Skillings per Diem*. To which the House agreed.

33. To his Excellency *Francis Bernard*, Esq; late Governor of this Province, for Arrears of his Salary to the Time of the present Governor's Arrival, and House-Rent while he lived at *Perth-Amboy*, the Sum of £. 126 : 12 : 11. To which the House agreed.

And on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed, or not ? it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Candles be brought in. And they were brought in accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Yard* be a Committee to adjust the late Agent's Accounts to the Time of his Death, in order that the same may be inserted in the Support-Bill.

Resolved,

That *Joseph Sherwood*, Esq; Attorney at Law, of *Austin Fryars, London*, be appointed Agent to this Colony at the Court of *Great Britain*; and that the Committee of Correspondence, as such, do correspond with him.

Mr. *Hogland* reported, that Mr. *Middagh* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Woodruff*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

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

Thursday, November 20, 1760.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify William Thorn for a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit of this Colony lost by Accident*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *A. Smyth* do carry the same to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Petition of *Robert Smith*, and the Remonstrance and Petition of several of his Creditors against him, were read the second Time; and,

Ordered,

That the said *Robert Smith*, and the Parties against him, be heard before this House by their Council, on Saturday next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, to make out their several Allegations and Defence: And that the Serjeant at Arms do forthwith serve them with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Spicer*, according to Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Joseph Corson, Isaac Beaner, John Mackey, James Willets, and their Associates, to build by Subscription, a Toll Bridge and Causeway in the County of Cape-May*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions; praying for an Insolvent Act, were read the second Time. And Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Yard*, by Leave of this House, brought in a Bill for that Purpose; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met:

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and fix in what Money the Taxes to the respective Sinking Funds, shall be hereafter paid into the Treasury*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* and Mr. *Hogland* do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *A. Smyth*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for vesting the Right of Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, in the Counties of Cumberland and Morris*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, Whether the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, or not? it passed in the Negative.

YEAS.

Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Leaming*,

YEAS.

Mr. *Yard*,
Mr. *Middagb*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*,
Mr. *Read*,

NAYS.

Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Spicer*,

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that Mr. *Hogland* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council return the Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and marking the Lines between the several Counties and Townships of this Colony*, with several Amendments thereto; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House: Which were read in their Places; and on the Question, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

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

Mr. *Read*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency; which was read; and on the Question, agreed to by the House; and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Stevens* do wait upon his Excellency, and know of his Excellency, when he will please to receive the Address of this House.

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

Friday, November 21, 1760.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared:

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do sign the same.

Mr.

Mr. *Read* reported, that Mr. *Stevens* and himself had waited upon his Excellency, to know when he would please to receive the Address of this House; who was pleased to say, He would come into the Council Chamber, and inform the House thereof soon.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that his Excellency was in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Address of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That the House had presented their Address to his Excellency, in the Words following.

To His Excellency THOMAS BOONE, Esquire, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Nova-Cæsarea, or New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending, in America, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the said Province, in General Assembly convened.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of New-Jersey, in General Assembly convened, sensible of the many Blessings we derive under the present Administration, and warmed by the glorious Prospect of having the antient Enemy to the Quiet of North-America, disabled from interrupting her future Progress, are desirous to demonstrate the grateful Sentiments we entertain of the Importance of such Benefits; and therefore think it a Duty indispensable, to return our Acknowledgments, first to the King of Kings, and then to the King our Sovereign, for these, with the many other Instances of Parental Regard, which hath long distinguished his illustrious Reign; and for Years past brightened up with a Lustre unknown to former Generations. Late, very late, may that Period arrive, which is to finish a Life so valuable! And may the Monuments of National Exertion, particularly the Monument of Canada, remain, to bless Britain and her Colonies, whilst Britain and her Colonies shall remain sensible of the Importance and Value of such a Blessing! And that we trust will be till Time shall be no more.

As to the late Methods of issuing Publick Money, we believe they are capable of a better Construction, than seems at first to have occurred to your Excellency; it being no other than what has been usual with your Excellency's Predecessors, during all the last and present War; who doubtless thought the Methods warrantable; and no-Inconvenience that we know of, has ever attended it; but on the contrary, a considerable Promotion of his Majesty's Service.

Your Excellency's preferring our Convenience to your own Inclination, in delaying the Time of our Meeting, is not the only Presage of future Kindness, that the little Time you have been among us, has given Reason to expect. Happy in the Prospect, that your Administration will be beneficial to the Publick, and easy to yourself, permit us to embrace this first Opportunity of congratulating your Accession to this Government; and Arrival in it, at a Period when the signal Success of his Majesty's Arms seems to promise happier Times than have lately been known; and when, in all Probability, your Excellency will have an ample Field for exerting those Talents, at promoting publick and private Happiness, which, we have Reason to conclude, you are both by Inclination and Abilities qualified for.

And

And as Harmony in all publick Business, upon a proper Foundation, is a most desirable Attainment, we can assure you, Nothing on our Part shall interrupt it.

We have agreed to Support his Majesty's Government, in as ample a Manner as usual, and hope it may prove to your Satisfaction.

We heartily wish Your Excellency may long live among us, to enjoy the Satisfaction of having rendered a whole People happy: The publick Consideration it gives, is an interesting Motive; the conscious internal Superiority which invariably attends it, is a Recompence that Diadems cannot give, nor the Accidents of Time impair: Your Excellency well knows its Advantages; nor have we the least Reason to doubt, but that the happy Experience will be yours.

Signed by Order of the House,

Burlington, Nov. 21, 1760.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker,*

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

“ I AM happy to receive your cordial Acknowledgements of the Advantages derived to you, by his Majesty's Concern and Tenderness for North-America: Your Conduct will, I dare flatter myself, correspond with these Declarations of Gratitude; but it was scarce necessary, Gentlemen, to point out any Thing that regards your future Security, to those to whom you owe your Preservation.

“ I am extremely obliged to you, Gentlemen, for giving me a Gleam of Hope, that the Inconsistency which I represented touching the publick Money, may have its Period with the War, during which it has continued.

“ Every Mark of Confidence, I shall set the utmost Value upon; and every Instance of your Bounty, shall be employed in maintaining the Rank of your Governor: In both these Lights, I return you, Gentlemen, my hearty Thanks, for the Manner in which you have provided for the Support of Government.

“ I hope, by an invariable Pursuit of the true Interests of this Province, to improve in your Esteem; and to be thought not unworthy hereafter of your entire Confidence.

THO. BOONE.

Burlington, Nov. 21, 1760.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for running and marking the Lines between the several Counties and Townships of this Colony*, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Ladd and Mr. R. Ogden do carry the said Bill to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kemble, desiring the House to send to the Council, the Petitions upon which the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-house and Goal in the County of Suffex*, was founded.

Ordered,

That Mr. J. Ogden and Mr. A. Smyth do carry the said Petitions to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows or Marshes in Fairfield, in the County of Cumberland, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same* : And also, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows lying on Little Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to support and maintain a certain Bank, Dam, and other Water-works, lately erected across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same ; and to keep the Water Course of said Creek clear ; without any Amendment.*

Mr. *A. Smyth* reported, that Mr. *J. Ogden* and himself delivered the Petitions with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled; *An An to erect and establish Courts for the Trial of small Causes* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *R. Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Act, entitled, *An Act to revive such Parts of an Act, entitled, An Act to im-power certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Lands in this Colony, as relates to Lotteries ; and also to supply the Defects, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Read* and Mr. *A. Smyth*.

Mr. *R. Ogden*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill for the Continuance of the *Attachment Act* ; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Saturday, November 22, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, made the following Report in Writing. To which the House agreed, *viz.*

“ The Committees appointed to settle the Western Treasurer's Accounts agree, that AARON LEAMING, do make the following Report to the House of Assembly,

Dr.

SAMUEL SMITH, Esquire, Treasurer of the Western Division

Loan-Office Principal Money.

1760. To a Deficiency in the Principal, outstanding in Burlington County, as per Report in 1758,	£. 1035-00-0
To a Deficiency in the Principal, outstanding in Salem County, as per the same Report,	743-18-6
	<u>£. 1778-18-6</u>

Old Arrears, and Loan-Office Interest.

1760. To the old Arrear still outstanding in Burlington, in the Interest, as per Report in 1753,	£. 18-08-11
To Ditto in Burlington, as per Ditto,	13-07-02 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Ditto in the Interest in Cape-May, as per Report in 1758,	0-04-07 $\frac{3}{4}$
	<u>£. 32-00-9</u>
To Cash paid by John Allen, Esq; being the Ballance due from his Father, as per Report in 1758,	£. 10-18-0
To D ^o of D ^o , being an Arrear in the Interest in Hunterdon, as per Report in 1758,	0-05 6
	<u>11-03-6</u>
To an Arrear in Burlington, as per Report in 1758.	£. 1-13-8
To Ditto in Salem, in the as per Ditto.	3-00-6
	<u>4-14-2</u>
	<u>£. 47-18-5</u>

Dr.

SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; Treasurer, to the Colony

Support of

To a Deficiency in Hunterdon, in the £. 6000, Tax, in June 1752, as per Report in 1758,	£. 6-00-0
To a Deficiency in Gloucester, as per Ditto, since paid by David Cooper.	54-19-4
To the two Deficiencies in Hunterdon, said to be due from Garrison and Wycoff, as per Ditto Report; the £. 2-5-2 $\frac{1}{4}$, being paid by Wycoff,	3-17-0
To Ballance, as per Report in 1758,	901-08-6 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Ballance brought from the Account of Deficiencies.	11-03-6
To Cash of Mr. Turner returned,	0-17-6
1758, To Taxes payable from the Western Counties, on the Support-Act,	
August 20. the 21st of November, 1758; viz.	
Burlington,	£. 375-01-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gloucester,	234-10-9
Salem,	209-11-3
Cape May,	50-02-6
Hunterdon,	425-06-6
Morris,	111-02-6
Cumberland,	106-05-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Suffex,	55-11-6
	<u>1567-11-3</u>

1759, Nov. 21. To the like Sums payable from the said Counties, on the Support-Act, 1567-11-3

£. 4113-08-4 $\frac{1}{2}$

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1760. By Cash of Daniel Smith, Esq; in Part of Burlington Deficiency, as per Dr. Side,		
June 14. remaining in Mr. Smith's Hands, to be cancelled,	l. 351-16-6	
By Principal Money still outstanding in Burlington, Part of the l. 1035-00-0,	683-03-6	£. 1035-00-0
By one Bundle of Bills cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of Salem, and burned by these Committees, being Part of the l. 743-18-6, as per Dr. Side,	280-14-0	
By Arrear still outstanding in Salem, Part of the said 743-18-6,	463-04-6	743-18-6
		£. 1778-18-6
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By the two Arrears in Burlington and Cape-May, as per the Debtor Side,	- - -	£. 32-00 9
By the two Arrears in Burlington and Salem, as per the Debtor-Side,	- - -	4-14-2
Ballance carried to Support of Government.	- - -	11 03-6
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		£. 47-18-5
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Government.		
By a Deficiency in Hunterdon, as per the Debtor-Side,	- - -	£. 6-00-00
By one Ditto in Hunterton, due from John Garrison, as per Ditto.	- - -	1-11-9½
1760, Nov. 11. By sundry Vouchers allowed and endorsed by the Committees,	- - -	1975-04-08
Ballance,	- - -	2130-11-10½
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		£. 4113-08-04½
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AARON LEAMING.

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SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; Treasurer, to the Colony

Frontier-

1758, Dec. 7.	To Cash of Joseph Yard, Esq; one of the Signers of the last	£. 10,000,	l. 2150-0-0
1759, Jan. 29.	To D ^o of D ^o , being the Remainder of one Moiety of the said	£. 10,000,	2750-0-0
			£. 5000-00-0
			£. 5000-00-0

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SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; To the Colony of New-Jersey.

On the War-

	To Balance, as per Report in 1758,		£. 4769-12-04
	To Balance brought from the Account of the Frontier-Guard,		1887-10-00
1758, Aug. 10.	To Cash of Minne Fisher, (by his Father) said to be the Balance of his Account,		8-11-05
10.	To Ditto of John Stevens, Esq; said to be the Balance of his Accounts,		9-08-11
12.	To Ditto of Hugh Hartstorne, Esq; that he received to pay for quartering Soldiers,		23-14-00
15.	To Ditto of Mr. Daniel Ellis, being Money returned on Behalf of Col. Sharw,		96-05-04
Sept. 2.	To Ditto of Hugh Hartstorne, Esq; Signer of the	£. 50,000,	l. 3345-09-0
	To Ditto of Ditto, Remainder of one Moiety of the said	£. 50,000,	7227-12-0
			10,573-01-00
1759, April 17.	To Ditto in Part of the last	£. 50,000,	l. 5502-00-0
May 15.	To Ditto of Ditto, in Part of Ditto,		6125-00-0
June 12.	To Ditto of Ditto, in Part of Ditto,		7522-10-0
June 12.	To Ditto of Ditto, being the Residue thereof, and 7 s. more,		5150-17-0
			25,000-07-00
Aug. 25.	To Ditto of William Morris, Esq; being the Bounty of William Robbins and Gilbert Rogers, two Deserters,		24-00-00
1760, July 4.	To Ditto of Abraham Hewlings and Joseph Hollinshead, Esqrs, said to be their Balance as Commissioners in 1755.		31-12-08
Aug. 11.	To Ditto of Hugh Hartstorne, and Daniel Smith, jun. Esqrs, at several Times, being one Half of the	£. 45,000,	22,500-00-00
			£. 64,924-02-08

Dr.

SAMUEL SMITH, Esq; Treasurer, to the Colony

Sinking-

	To Balance as per Report in 1758,		£. 313-15-4
	To Cash of William Cook and Daniel Smith, Esqrs.		1005-00-0
	To Ditto payable on the First Sinking-Fund,		
1758, and 1759,	From Cape-May,		£. 51-02-11
Nov. 21.	Cumberland,		108-07-09
	Salem,		213-13-11
	Gloucester,		239-03-05
	Burlington,		383-10-03
	Morris and Sussex,		170-00-07
	Hunterdon,		433-03-11
			2599-01-02
	On the £. 15,000, Law, passed in April, 1755;		
	From Cape-May, in the Years 1758, and 1759;		£. 167-01-09
	Cumberland, in Ditto.		354-03-08
	Salem, in Ditto,		698-10-11
	Gloucester, in Ditto,		781-16-01
	Burlington,		1250-03-09
	Hunterdon, in Ditto,		1417-15-02
	Sussex and Morris.		555-12-08
			5225-04-04
	On the £. 15,000, Law, passed in August, 1755.		
	From the said Counties in 1758, and 1759.		5225-04-04
			£. 13,368-06-28

of New-Jersey,

Per Contra,

Cr.

Guard.

1758, and 1759. By sundry Receipts, Vouchers, and Accounts, allowed and endorsed, by
the Committees, the 11th of November, 1760, - - - - - £. 3112-10-0
Balance carried to the War-Fund, - - - - - 1887-10-0
£. 5000-00-0

Per Contra,

Cr.

Funds.

1760, Nov. 11. By sundry Receipts and Vouchers, allowed and endorsed this Day, by the
Committees, amounting to, - - - - - £. 55,588-05-3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Balance due to the Colony, - - - - - 9,335-17-5

£. 64,924-02-08 $\frac{1}{4}$

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AARON LEAMING.

of New-Jersey :

Per Contra,

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Funds.

1760, Nov. 11. By a Bag of Bills cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of Burlington,
the 9th Day of May, 1759, which was burned by these Committees, containing, £. 4742-13-4
By Ditto cancelled by Ditto, the 14th of May, 1760, which was burned by
the Committees, containing, - - - - - 6600-05-9
Balance remaining uncanceled, - - - - - 2025-07-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Of which the Sum of £. 24-13-7 $\frac{1}{2}$, is yet outstanding in the
County of Gloucester.

£. 13,368-06-2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Errors excepted, Nov. 21, 1760.

By PETER KEMBLE.
AARON LEAMING.

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Mr.

Mr. A. Smyth, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive such Parts of an Act, entitled, An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony, as relates to Lotteries; and also to supply the Defects of another Act, for suppressing Lotteries and other Gaming within this Colony*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places: And several additional Amendments being now made; on the Question, Whether the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Hogland,

YEAS.

Mr. Read,
Mr. Foxsen,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Middleton.

NAYS.

Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Leaming,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue and amend the Attachment Act*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Read and Mr. Stevens.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue and amend the Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. R. Ogden and Mr. Hogland.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes*; was read the second Time; and several Amendments being made thereto in the House, on the Question, the same as amended, was agreed to, and Ordered, to be engrossed.

According to the Order of the Day, the Council, and some of the Parties, for and against the Petition of *Robert Smith*, attending, were called in, and on both Sides fully heard, and the Consideration of that Affair is referred till Monday next.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kemble, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Peter Penier, George Andreas Virselius, Jacob Antoni, and Christopher Bauyefsen*: And also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify William Thorn for a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit of this Colony lost by Accident*; without any Amendment: And that the Council return the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Freeholders in Conjunction with three Justices of the Peace, to chuse a Collector for each respective County within this Province; with several Amendments thereto; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

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

Monday, November 24, 1760.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,
" I SEND you a Letter from Governor Pownall, to Governor Bernard, relating to
" the Fire at Boston; which I promised the latter to lay before you: A Calamity
" so dreadful, and so little to be guarded against, requires no Exaggeration to raise
" Compassion: Those that are generous enough to feel for others; those that have
" Consideration enough, to think of what may happen to themselves, have a melan-
" cholly, but noble Occasion before them, for the Exertion of their Beneficence.
" And as the Loss sustained has been prodigious, so can no Donation, however ample,
" be deemed profuse by your Constituents, when not only the Spirit and Generosity of
" a Province, but Humanity and Love for your Fellow Subjects, in the most distressful
" Circumstances, is publicly to be demonstrated.

THO. BOONE.

And the said Message and Letter therein referred to were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Fisher* from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue upon an equitable Footing, the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *William Foster, Esq.*, and divers other Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, complaining of the pernicious Consequences of Fairs in this Province; and also of the bad and dangerous Practice of setting Traps for Deer; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House, according to Order, resumed the Consideration of the Case of *Robert Smith*.

Ordered,

That a Clause be inserted in the Insolvent Act for his Relief.

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

Tuesday, November 25, 1760.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Freeholders, in Conjunction with three Justices of the Peace, to chuse a Collector for each respective County within this Province; with the Council's Amendments thereto*, was read; and on the Question, Whether the said Amendments be agreed to, or not? it was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *A. Smyth* and Mr. *Paxson* do carry the said Bill and Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House disagrees to the said Amendments, and adheres to the Bill.

Mr. *R. Ogden* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, the said Bill with the Amendments, was agreed to, and *Ordered* to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive such Parts of an Act, entitled, An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony, as relates to Lotteries; and also to supply the Defects of another Act for suppressing Lotteries and other Gaming within this Colony*, was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*.

YEAS.

Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Yard*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Leaming*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Ladd* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *A. Smyth* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Committee appointed to adjust the late Agent's Accounts to the Time of his Death, made the following Report in Writing:

' Mr. *Speaker*,

' Mr. *Yard* and myself, on inspecting the Accounts of Mr. *Partridge*, the late Agent, and his Executors, and the Laws relative thereto, do find, by Account as stated by the said Agent, *January 31st, 1759*, Ballance in his Favour £. 138-12-6, Sterling Money, as supposed: That by a Law for Support of Government, pass'd in 1758, his petty

Expences

Expences to the 23d of *March*, in the same Year, was provided for, and fixed at £. 72: And by another Law for the same Purpose, pass'd in 1759, his Salary was fully provided for to the Time of his Death; which happening on the 6th of *March*, 1759, nine Months and thirteen Days Salary only became due by Virtue of that Provision, amounting (Errors excepted) to the Sum of £. 62-17-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, making with the £. 72, afore said, the Sum of £. 134-17-8 $\frac{1}{4}$, Proclamation Money, for which Provision is already made by Law, tho' the Money not actually remitted; the Residue of the said £. 138-12-6, Sterling, remains to be provided for; as also £. 30-8, more, Charge of an Instruction for issuing Paper-Money, advised to have been obtained, by his Letter of *Feb.* 19, 1759; and likewise charged in his Executors Accounts, with the £. 50, more for extraordinary Trouble relative to that Affair; which is humbly submitted to the House,

by

JOSEPH YARD,
JACOB SPICER.

Ordered,

That the Sum of £. 152-9-2, Proclamation Money, be inserted in the Support-Bill, in full of the late Agent's Accounts.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, in these Words.

“ Ordered,

“ That Mr. *Smith* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and fix in what Money the Taxes to the respective Sinking Funds, shall be hereafter paid into the Treasury*; is passed this House without any Amendment: And also, to carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Continuing the Act of the General Assembly of this Colony, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Province, with the Amendments thereto annexed, is passed this House, with one Amendment to the Title, and several to the Body of the said Bill; and to desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.*

“ By Order of the House,

“ S. Blackwood, per Clerk.”

And on the Question, whether the House agrees to said Amendments, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and to End the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; was read and compared: and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.,

Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS,

Mr. *Hogland*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Stokes*,
Mr. *Ladd*,

YEAS,

Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Yard*.

NAYS.

Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Holmes*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *J. Ogden* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was presented to the House, from the County of *Somerset*, signed by 121 Hands, setting forth, That the present Situation of the Court-House and Goal in said County, has by long Experience been found very discommodious, not only by Reason of the great Distance some have to go, but especially on Account of Entertainment, there being no Town, nor any Prospect of one being erected, as was at first expected; and praying an Act of Assembly to enable the Petitioners to remove the said Court-House

and

and Goat by Subscription to the Town of *Bridgewater*, in the said County, on some convenient Spot between *Bound* and *Middle Brook*, as being the most central Part and Metropolis of the aforesaid County; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Message from his Excellency, and Letter therein referred to, relating to the Fire at *Boston*, were read the second Time; and on the Question, whether the House will relieve the Sufferers by Legislative Act, or not? it was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,

YEAS.
Mr. Read,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Ladd,
Mr. Yard.

NAYS.
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. Lawrence,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland.

NAYS.
Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Spicer.

A Letter from *Joseph Borden*, jun. Esq; to the Speaker, was laid before the House, complaining of the pernicious Practice of branding their Pork Barrels with the Word "*Burlington*." by Persons who do not reside in the County of *Burlington*; and desiring an Act may pass to oblige the Inhabitants of this Province, to brand their Pork with their proper Names, and the Name of the County they dwell in; by which every Man and County will have the Merit they are justly intitled to; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

The House met.

Mr. Stevens reported, that Mr. Ladd and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Smith, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill, re-engrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act passed in the Twenty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*; was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. A. Smyth and Mr. Hogland do carry the said Bill to the Council.

Mr. Read reported, that Mr. J. Ogden and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Paxson do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. A. Smyth reported, that Mr. Hogland and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Read from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts, from Persons who abscond themselves*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; and several additional Amendments being now made to the same; on the Question,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Read reported, that Mr. Paxson and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Act, entitled, *An Act to continue upon an equitable Footing, the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Fisher.

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

Wednesday, November 26, 1760,

The House met.

Mr. Lawrence, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Amendment of the Laws relating to Highways and Bridges within this Province*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. A. Smith, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for such of his Majesty's Regular Troops as could not be accommodated in the Barracks last Winter, and other incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Hogland do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. Wetherill, by Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to remedy the neglect of chusing County Collectors within this Province*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue upon an equitable Footing the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; reported the same with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and several additional Amendments being now made thereto; on the Question, whether the said Bill as amended be engrossed or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

Mr. Stevens,
Mr. A. Smyth,
Mr. Wetherill,
Mr. R. Ogden,
Mr. J. Ogden,
Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Hogland,

YEAS.

Mr. Paxson,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Clement,
Mr. Leeming,
Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Yard,

NAYS.

Mr. Lawrence,
Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Read,
Mr. S. Smith,

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Hogland and himself, delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Read, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Saltar, acquainting the House, that the Council return the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; with one Amendment to the same, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House: And the Question being put, whether the House doth approve of the said Amendment, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Council's Amendment thereto be re-engrossed.

Ordered,

That Candles be brought in. And they were brought in accordingly.

The Bill re-ingrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt*; was read, and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Read and Mr. Paxson do carry the said Bill to the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes*; was read, and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. R. Ogden and Mr. J. Ogden do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

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

Thursday, November 27, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. Read reported, that Mr. Paxson and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. R. Ogden reported, that Mr. J. Ogden and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. Woodruff, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Woodruff, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government*, &c. and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive such Parts of an Act, entitled, An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to Land in this Colony, as relates to Lotteries; and also to supply the Defects of another Act, for suppressing Lotteries and other Gaming within this Colony*; without any Amendment.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Kemble, acquainting the House, that the Council return the Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves; with one Amendment to the Title, and several to the Body of the Bill; requesting the Concurrence of this House to the said Amendments: And on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the said Amendments or not?* it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be re-engrossed.

Ordered,

That Candles be brought in. And they were brought in accordingly.

The Act, entitled, *An Act to remedy the Neglect of chusing County Collectors*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. S. Smith, and Mr. A. Smyth,

The Act, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey*; was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. S. Smith and Mr. A. Smyth.

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

Friday

Friday, November 28, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. S. Smith, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of each County to adjourn, and to remedy the Neglect of chusing County Collectors*; reported the same with one Amendment to the Title, and several to the Body of the Bill; which were read in their Places; and on the Question agreed to; and the said Bill as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue upon an equitable Footing, the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ladd, and Mr. Clement do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens, Mr. Fisher, Mr. R. Ogden, and Mr. A. Symth, or any three of them, be a Committee to inspect and adjust Col. Johnston's, Stephen Crane's, and John Taylor's Accounts, and report to the House, at the next Session.

The Bill re-ingrossed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves*; was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Ladd, and Mr. Clement do carry the said Bill to the Council.

The Petition from *Somerset*, relating to the Removing of their Court-House and Goal, was read the second Time, and referred for further Consideration.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency, is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker returned the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited upon his Excellency; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, to commence the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and to end the Twenty-first Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An Act to ascertain the Proportion of the Money granted, or to be granted, by Parliament to this Colony, in order to lessen the Sinking Funds in each respective County.*

3. *An Act to explain and fix in what Money the Taxes to the respective Sinking Funds, shall be hereafter paid into the Treasury.*

4. *An Act to amend and revive an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.*

5. *An Act for the continuing an Act passed in the Twenty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony.*

6. *An Act for Running and Marking the Lines between the several Counties and Townships of this Colony.*

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7. *An Act for the Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for erecting the Bridge over Salem Creek, into a Toll-Bridge.*

8. *An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Cooper's Creek, and Rebuilding and Maintaining other Bridges on the great Roads from Burlington County to Cooper's Ferries; and for keeping the new Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair.*

9. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Little Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to support and maintain a certain Bank, Dam, and other Water-works, lately erected across the said Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same; and to keep the former Water Course of said Creek open and clear.*

10. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows or Marshes in Fairfield, in the County of Cumberland, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same.*

11. *An Act to indemnify William Thorn, for a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit of this Colony lost by Accident.*

12. *An Act for naturalizing Peter Penier, George Andreas Virselius, Jacob Antoni, and Christopher Bauesen.*

Mr. Ladd reported, that Mr. Clement and himself, delivered the two Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read the second Time; and several Amendments being made thereto in the House: On the Question; the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. S. Smith, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey*; reported the same with several Amendments; which were read in their Places; and the Consideration of the said Bill and Amendments, is referred till To-morrow Morning.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,*

“ **I** This Instant receive a Letter from Col. Schuyler, who would have been here in Person, but is not in a Condition to travel: He desires me, to recommend to you the Settling of his Accounts; which I do most cordially: A Gentleman who has deserved so highly of the Publick, should meet with no Embarrassments. He desires also to be informed, to what Day the Regiment is to be paid; having been already longer on Duty than the Time provided for, and not yet discharged. I earnestly request, Gentlemen, that by some speedy Resolution, you will enable me to give comfortable Tidings, to a Set of Men that have been engaged in the Service of their Country during this protracted Campaign.”

THO. BOONE.

Burlington, Nov. 28, 1760.

Which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to impower the Justices and Freeholders of each County to adjourn, and to remedy the Neglect of chusing County Collectors*; was read and compared; and on the Question;

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Resolved,

Resolved,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *R. Ogden* and Mr. *Ladd* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

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

Saturday, November 29, 1760.

The House met.

His Excellency's Message of Yesterday, was read the second Time; and on the Question, Whether such of Col. *Schuyler's* Accounts, as now lie before the House, be at this Time settled, agreeable to his own Request, or delayed till he is able to attend the House? It was carried as follows;

NOW.	NOW.	DELAYED.	DELAYED.
Mr. <i>Stevens,</i>	Mr. <i>Hyland.</i>	Mr. <i>Wetherill,</i>	Mr. <i>Clement,</i>
Mr. <i>A. Smyth,</i>	Mr. <i>Read,</i>	Mr. <i>Lawrence,</i>	Mr. <i>Leaming.</i>
Mr. <i>R. Ogden,</i>	Mr. <i>S. Smith,</i>	Mr. <i>Holmes,</i>	Mr. <i>Spicer.</i>
Mr. <i>J. Ogden,</i>	Mr. <i>Ladd,</i>	Mr. <i>Paxson,</i>	Mr. <i>Yard,</i>
Mr. <i>Fisher,</i>		Mr. <i>Stokes.</i>	

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for the now Settling the said Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Leaming*, do wait upon his Excellency; and in Answer to his Message of Yesterday, inform him, That this House proposes to go into the Examination of such of Col. *Schuyler's* Accounts as lie before them: And desire that his Excellency will please to order, that the Regiment of this Colony may be forthwith disbanded: And that the House is of Opinion, Col. *Schuyler* ought to pay them for their services of this Month, and no longer; as the Men's coming Home in such a season, will require Commissioners to be appointed, to adjust the Time for their coming to them; for which Pay, the House will proceed to provide in the most suitable Manner they are capable of.

Mr. *R. Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Ladd* and himself delivered the Bill which them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock. Monday Morning.

Monday, December 1, 1760.

The House met.

Ordered,

That when Mr. *Nevill's* Second Volume of *New-Jersey* Laws, are printed and bound, that he deliver;

To his Excellency the Governor,	-	-	-	2
To each of the Gentlemen of the Council one,	-	-	-	12
To <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; for the Use of the Agent,	-	-	-	2
To each of the Judges of the Supreme-Court one,	-	-	-	3
To the Clerk of the Supreme-Court	-	-	-	2
To each of the Treasurers one	-	-	-	2
To the Attorney General	-	-	-	1
To the Clerks of the Assembly, for their own Use, each one	-	-	-	2
To the said Clerks, for the Use of the House,	-	-	-	4

To the Members of the House of Assembly, as follows,

<i>Middlesex,</i>	-	-	29
<i>Monmouth,</i>	-	-	31
<i>Essex,</i>	-	-	17
<i>Somerset,</i>	-	-	21
<i>Bergen,</i>	-	-	18
<i>Burlington,</i>	-	-	51
<i>Gloucester,</i>	-	-	27
<i>Salem,</i>	-	-	22
<i>Cape-May,</i>	-	-	16
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	-	-	38
<i>Morris</i>	-	-	19
<i>Cumberland,</i>	-	-	22
<i>Suffex,</i>	-	-	25

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And the Members of the House, when they receive those ordered for the said Counties, are to distribute them as follows, viz.

To the Members of the present House of Assembly each one,	-	-	24
To the first Judge of each County one,	-	-	13
To the Clerk of each County one, for the Use of the Court and himself,	-	-	13
To Mayor's each, one for his own Use,	-	-	4
To the Clerk of each Corporation one, to the Use of the Corporation Court and himself,	-	-	4
To the Clerk of each Precinct one, for the continual Use of the Inhabitants of the Precinct, and to be transmitted to his Successor in Office,	-	-	
To the Collector of each County one, to be transmitted to his Successor, for the Use of the Office,	-	-	13
To the Collector of each Precinct one, to be transmitted to his Successor, for the Use of the Office.	-	-	
To the Assessor of each Precinct one, to be transmitted to his Successor, for the Use of the Office.	-	-	
To the Boards of the Justices and Freeholders, respectively, one of each Volume, for the Use of said Board successively,	-	-	26

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Smith, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes*; without any Amendment: And that the Council return the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue upon an equitable Footing, the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; with one Amendment to the Title, and several to the Body of the Bill; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House adjourn'd till Two o' Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue upon an equitable Footing, the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; together with the Amendments made thereto by the Council; was read, and the said Amendments in their Places; and on the Question, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, and 6th, were agreed to by the House; then the Question was put, whether the 4th and 7th be agreed to, or not; and it was carried in the Negative.

Resolved,

That this House doth disagree to the said 4th and 7th Amendments, and adhere to the Bill in the Parts there amended.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them with the Resolutions of the House thereupon.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Joseph Corson, Isaac Beaner, John Mackey, James Willets, and their Associates, to build by Subscription a Toll Bridge, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Stokes*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Meadows, Marshes and Cripple Swamp, in the County of Cape May, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself delivered the Bill and Message with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *A. Smith* desired Leave to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets, in Lotteries erected out of this Province; and more effectually to prevent Gaming; and to revive Three publick Lotteries appointed by a former Law of this Colony*; and on the Question, Whether he have Leave to bring in said Bill, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows.

YEAS.
Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Hogland*,

YEAS.
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*,
Mr. *Yard*,

NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *S. Smith*,
Mr. *Paxson*,
Mr. *Clement*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *A. Smyth*, have Leave to bring in said Bill.

Mr. *Andrew Smyth*, accordingly brought in a Bill, entitled as above; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey*; and several Amendments being made thereto, the said Bill on the Question, was agreed, to as amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, December 2, 1760.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets in Lotteries erected out of this Province, &c.* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Read* and Mr. *Fisher*.

Mr. *Read*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee, to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Joseph Corson, Isaac Beaner, John Mackey, James Willets, and their Associates, to build by Subscription a Toll Bridge, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

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The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *John Ogden* and Mr. *Stokes* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *J. Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Stokes* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, in these Words :

“ *Ordered,*

“ That Mr. *Smith* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of each County to adjourn, and to remedy the Neglect of choosing County Collectors*; is passed this House without any Amendment: And also, that he carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Dam across Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester*; with the Amendments thereto annexed, and acquaint them, that this House do adhere to the 4th and 7th Amendments made to the said Bill.

“ *By Order of the House,*

“ *S. Blackwood, pr. Clerk.*”

“ *Council-Chamber, December 2, 1760.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Robert Ogden* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them, that this House desires a free Conference on the subject Matter of the 4th and 7th Amendments aforesaid: And that this House have appointed Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *R. Ogden*, Mr. *Paxson*, and Mr. *Ladd*, to be a Committee for that Purpose; and desire that the Council will appoint a Committee to confer with them thereon, together with Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Fisher*, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets, in Lotteries erected out of this Province; and more effectually to prevent Gaming, &c.* reported the same, with several Amendments thereto; which were read in their Places; and on the Question, the said Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council have agreed to a free Conference upon the subject Matter of the 4th and 7th Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester*: And that they have appointed Mr. *Saltar*, and him the said Mr. *Smith*, a Committee, to meet the Committee of this House, for that Purpose, at the House of *Joseph Hollinshead*, at 6 o’Clock this Afternoon.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey*; was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Hogland* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; was read the second Time; and on the Question, ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Hogland* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for such of his Majesty's Regular Troops as could not be accommodated in the Barracks last Winter, and other incidental Charges*; was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Bill: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

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

Wednesday, December 3, 1760.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Ogden* and Mr. *Stokes* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets in Lotteries erected out of this Province, and more effectually to prevent Gaming, and to revive Three publick Lotteries appointed by a former Law of this Colony*; was read and compared; and on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

YEAS.
Mr. *Stevens*,
Mr. *A. Smyth*,
Mr. *R. Ogden*,
Mr. *J. Ogden*,
Mr. *Fisher*,

YEAS.
Mr. *Hogland*.
Mr. *Vrelandt*,
Mr. *Read*,
Mr. *Ladd*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Holmes*,
Mr. *Paxson*,

NAYS.
Mr. *Stokes*.
Mr. *Clement*,
Mr. *Hancock*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Ogden* and Mr. *Stokes* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *R. Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Stokes* and himself delivered the two Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for such of his Majesty's Regular Troops as could not be accommodated in the Barracks last Winter, and other incidental Charges*: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Lawrence*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, Paragraph by Paragraph, and had made one Amendment to the Title, and several to the Body of the Bill; which the Committee are ready to report whenever the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. *Lawrence* reported the said Bill, now entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and other incidental Charges*; with the Amendments; which were read in their Places, and on the Question, the said Bill as amended by the Committee was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Joseph Corson, Isaac Beaner, John Mackey, James Willets, and their Associates to build by Subscription a Toll Bridge and Causeway in the County of Cape-May*, was read and compared; and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *A. Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Two o' Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Lawrence*, from the Committee appointed on the Publick Accounts, made the following Reports, *viz.*

Dr.

The Commissioners for Building the Barracks at Amboy; providing Furniture therefor, and paying billeting Money,

To Cash paid by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esquire,	-	-	-	£. 3969-19-4
To sundry Articles by them paid.	-	-	-	85-03-3

£. 4055-02-7

Burlington, Nov. 18th, 1760. Inspected the above Account, and report it right.
In Behalf of the Committee,

JOHN OGDEN,
HENRY PAXSON.

Thomas Scattergood, William Skeeles, *and* Hugh Hartshorne, *Esquires,*
Commissioners for Building the Barracks at Burlington,

To Cash paid <i>Thomas Scattergood</i> , by <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	-	-	-	£. 630-06-0
To Ditto paid <i>William Skeeles</i> , by Ditto,	-	-	-	1004-08-0
To Ditto paid <i>Hugh Hartshorne</i> , by Ditto,	-	-	-	965-06-0
To sundries sold by <i>William Skeeles</i> ,	-	-	-	10-08-0
To Ditto, by <i>Hugh Hartshorne</i> ,	-	-	-	30-08-8
To Ditto, by <i>Thomas Scattergood</i> ,	-	-	-	2-12-6

£. 2643-09-2

Errors excepted, *November 28, 1760.*

By HENRY PAXSON,
JOHN OGDEN.

Joseph Hollinshead and Hugh Hartshorne, Esquires, on Account of furnishing the Burlington Barracks in 1758, and Part of 1759.

1759, March 22.	To Cash receiv'd of Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	£. 307-10-0
April 11.	To Cash receiv'd of Ditto,	-	-	-	-	323--8-0
	To sundry Parcels of Wood included in our Account, that was delivered to the Mefs Houfe,	-	-	-	-	10-12-0
	To an Account of House-Rent allowed by the Officers,	-	-	-	-	10-00-0
	To Ballance due to these Accountants,	-	-	-	-	89-10-0

£. 74^I-00-9^E₂

The Commissioners for Building and Furnishing the Barracks at Brunswick,

1760.	To Cash paid the Commissioners, by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; in 1758.	-	£. 1137-16-8
	To Ditto paid Ditto, by Ditto, in 1756,	-	1048-02-6
	To Ditto paid Ditto, by Ditto, in 1760,	-	120-12-0
	To Ditto paid Ditto, by <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Elquire,	-	600-00-0
	To Ditto paid Ditto, by Ditto,	-	25-18-2½

L. 2932-09-4⁵

To the Province of NEW-JERSEY,

Cr.

By Cash disbursed by the Hon. Samuel Nevill, Esq;	- - -	£. 1106-18-11
By Ditto, by Thomas Bartow, Esq;	- - -	1565-05-11
By Ditto, by John Smyth, Esq;	- - -	1089-15-09
		<u>£. 3862-00-07</u>
Commissions at 5 per Cent.	- - -	193-02-00
		<u>£. 4055-2-7</u>

To the Province of New-Jersey,

Cr.

1760. By Cash disbursed by Thomas Scattergood, as per Account, for Materials, and to Workmen, for which he produced proper Vouchers.	- - -	£. 701-17-02
By Ditto disbursed by William Skeeles, as per Ditto,	- - -	796-17-11
By Ditto disbursed by Hugh Hartshorne, as per Ditto,	- - -	812-19-03
		<u>£. 2311-14-04</u>
Commissions at 5 per Cent.	- - -	115-11-08
		<u>£. 2427-06-00</u>
By Cash paid Samuel Smith, Esq; by Thomas Scattergood,	- - -	21-19-06
By Ditto, paid Ditto, by William Skeeles,	- - -	52-01-03
By Ditto, paid Ditto, by Hugh Hartshorne,	- - -	142-02-05
		<u>£. 2643-09-03</u>

To the Colony of New-Jersey, per Contra,

Cr.

By Sundries, as per Hugh Hartshorne's Account, as allowed by the Committee,	- - -	£. 324-11-09
By Sundries, per Joseph Hollinshead's Account, as allowed by the Committee,	- - -	350-11-05½
By Sundries paid the Officers at the Mefs House, as per their Receipts, allowed by the Committee,	- - -	30-12-00
By the Commissions on the above Sum, at 5 per Cent.	- - -	35-05-09
		<u>£. 741-00-09½</u>

Errors excepted, by the Committee.

WILLIAM HANCOCK,
EBENEZER MILLER,
JOHN OGDEN.

To the Province of New-Jersey,

Cr.

1760. By Cash disbursed by Hendrick Fisher, Esq; for Materials, and to Workmen, as per Account of Particulars, for which he produced proper Vouchers.	- - -	£. 1324-03 05¼
By Ditto by Reuben Rummion,	- - -	720-16-02½
By Ditto by Joseph Mount,	- - -	747-16-11¼
		<u>2792-16-07½</u>
Commissions at 5 per Cent.	- - -	139-12-09
		<u>£. 2932-09-04½</u>

Dr. Commissioners for paying billeting Accounts of the Regular Troops,

1739. To Cash paid by the Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq; - - - £. 500-00-0

Errors excepted, by the Committee, Nov. 28, 1760.

per JOHN OGDEN.

Dr. Robert Ogden, Jacob Dehart, and Cornelius Hetfield, Esqrs, for Building and Furnishing the Barracks at Elizabeth-Town, Wood for the same, and Billeting,

1759. To sundry Sums received from Treasurers Johnston and Smith, from June 7, 1758, to September 23, 1760, amounting to, - £. 3404-10-0
 To Cash received for Damages done the Barracks, and Lime and Stone sold, - 19-15-9
 To a Mistake, - 1-11-2
 Ballance due, - 164-00-9½
 £. 3589-17-8½

Dr. New-Jersey, To Joseph Yard, John Allen, and Theophilus Severns, Esqrs, appointed to pay for the Soldiers that were billeted in Trenton, in 1758,

1759. To sundry Persons paid, as per Account of Particulars, examined by the Committee, amounting to - £. 320-14-0

Dr. New-Jersey, To Joseph Yard, Esq; one of the Commissioners

1759. To sundry Payments, as per the proper Vouchers inspected and allowed of by this Committee, amounting to, - £. 3290-14-09½
 To Capt. Newcomb's Account, per Order of the House, - 15-05-09
 Commissions at Two per Cent. - 3306-00-06½
 66-02-05
 3372-02-11½
 Ballance due to the Province 67-07-00½
 £. 3439-10-00

To the Province of New-Jersey,

Cr.

By Amount of billeting Account, as per Account, Particulars properly proved,	£. 467-04-08 ⁷ / ₂
Commissions at 5 per Cent.	23-07-03
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Ballance due to the Province,	£. 490-11-11 ¹ / ₂
	9-08-00 ¹ / ₂
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	£. 500-00-00
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To the Colony of New-Jersey,

per Contra

Cr.

By fundry Disbursements allowed by the Committee, amounting to	£. 3589-17-8 ⁵ / ₄
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Errors excepted, November 28, 1760.

per

HENRY PAXSON.
AARON LEAMING.

Per Contra

Cr.

1759, July 4. By Cash received of Samuel Smith, Esq;	£. 230-00-0
August 27. By Ditto of Ditto,	60-00-0
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Ballance due to Yard, Allen and Severns.	290-00-0
	30-14-0
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	£. 320-14-0

December 5, 1760. *We the Committee appointed to inspect the publick Accounts of New-Jersey, have carefully examined and inspected the above Account, and find there is a Ballance of Thirty Pounds Fourteen Shillings, due from the said Province, to Joseph Yard, John Allen, and Theophilus Severns; as Witness our Hands, the Day and Date abovesaid,*

HENRY PAXSON,
JOHN OGDEN,
SAMUEL STOKES.*for Cloathing the Regiment,*

per Contra

Cr.

1759, March 30. By Cash of Samuel Smith, Esq;	£. 615-00-0
May 1. By Ditto of Ditto,	200-00-0
9. By Ditto of Ditto,	224-10-0
24. By Ditto of Ditto,	1950-00-0
July 27. By Ditto of Ditto,	450-00-0
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	£. 3439-10-0

This Side compared with Treasurer Smith's Account,

November 28, 1760;

per

HENRY PAXSON,
AARON LEAMING.

Examined Treasurer Johnston's Accounts also, but did not find that Mr. Yard had received any Money from him.

AARON LEAMING.

Dr.

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, To John Stevens and Joseph Yard, Esqrs,*

To Cash paid, as <i>per</i> Account of Particulars and Vouchers examined and allowed by the Committee,	£. 3712-18-5 $\frac{1}{4}$
To Commissions at Two <i>per</i> Cent.	74-05-2 $\frac{1}{4}$
1760, Dec. 3. To Cash paid Treasurer <i>Smith</i> , for Ballance, as <i>per</i> Receipt,	£. 3787-03-8 $\frac{5}{8}$
	138-05-3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£. 3925-09-0

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to John Stevens, Esq; one of the Commissioners for Clothing,*

1759. To Cash paid for Sundries, as <i>per</i> Account of Particulars and Vouchers, examined and allowed by the Committee,	£. 3133-03-7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Commissions at Two <i>per</i> Cent.	62-13-3
Nov. 22. To Cash returned to <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; as <i>per</i> Receipt,	35-02-7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	£. 3230-19-6 $\frac{1}{4}$

Dr. *The Province of New-Jersey, to John Johnston and John Stevens, Esqrs,*

1756. To Sundries paid for by <i>John Johnston</i> , as <i>per</i> Account of Particulars and Vouchers, examined and allowed by the Committee,	£. 121-18-10
To Ditto paid for, by <i>John Stevens</i> , as <i>per</i> Account of Particulars and Vouchers, examined and allowed by the Committee,	137-18-01 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£. 259-16-11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dr. *The Honourable Samuel Nevill, Esq; and Hendrick Fisher, Esq;
To the Province of New-Jersey,*

1760. To Cash paid them by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq;-	£. 1149-17-6 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Commissioners for paying such of the Provincials as were captivated,

Cr.

By Cash of Treasurer <i>Johnston</i> , at sundry Times,	- - - - -	£. 2819-15-0
By Ditto of Treasurer <i>Smith</i> , at sundry Times,	- - - - -	1105-14-0
		<u>£. 3925-09-0</u>

*Burlington, December 3, 1760.**By Order of the Committee,*

JONH OGDEN,
HENRY PAXSON.

&c. of 1000 Provincials (including Officers) commanded by Col. Peter Schuyler,

Cr.

1759, March 15.	By Ballance of Account as Commissioner for the Year 1758,	- - - - -	£. 0-17-10 ³ / ₄
	By Cash of Treasurer <i>Johnston</i> , at sundry Times,	- - - - -	1193-15-0
	By Ditto of Treasurer <i>Smith</i> ,	- - - - -	2000-00-0
	By sundries fold belonging to the Province, per Account of Particulars examined by the Committee,	- - - - -	36-06-8
			<u>£. 3230-19-6¹/₄</u>

*Burlington, Nov. 22, 1760;**By Order of the Committee,*

HENRY PAXSON,
JOHN OGDEN.

Commissioners for building Block-Houses on the Frontiers,

Cr.

1755, Decem. 27.	By Cash of the Hon. <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division,	- - - - -	£. 249-00-00
	Ballance due to <i>John Johnston</i> and <i>John Stevens</i> ,	- - - - -	14-16-11 ³ / ₄
			<u>£. 259-16-11³/₄</u>

*Burlington, December 3, 1760.**By Order of the Committee,*

JOHN OGDEN,
JOHN WETHERILL.

Commissioners for paying the billeting of Soldiers in 1758,

Cr.

1760.	By Cash paid in full for billeting in and near <i>New-Brunswick</i> , per <i>William Oute's</i> Receipt of 23d June, 1758.	- - - - -	£. 1149-17-6 ³ / ₄
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Errors excepted By

JOHN OGDEN, *In Behalf of the Committee.*

Dr.

Dr. Mr. Thomas Eaton, Pay-Master to the New-Jersey Regiment, in 1757,

1757.	To Cash received of the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; Treafurer, at several Times,	£. 2871-08-06
	To Ditto received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treafurer, at several Times,	- - 1716-01-10
		£. 4587-10-04

Dr. Muster-Masters and Commissioners for the New-Jersey Regiment, in 1760,

To Cash paid <i>Robert Friend Price</i> , by <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	- - - -	£. 3800-00-00
To Ditto, paid <i>Peter Middagb</i> , by Ditto,	- - - -	3600-00-00
To Ditto, paid <i>Hendrick Fisher</i> and <i>John Hogland</i> , by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq;	6846-12-00	
To Ditto, daid <i>Joseph Harrison</i> , by <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	- - - -	2600-00-00
To Ditto, paid <i>Robert Ogden</i> , by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq;	- - - -	1502-10-00
To Ditto, for fundry Remnants sold by <i>Robert Ogden</i> ,	- - - -	59-13-11
To Ditto, paid <i>Andrew Smyth</i> , by the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq;	- - - -	1800-10-00
To Ditto, paid Ditto, by <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq;	- - - -	42-01-02
To Ditto, for fundry Remnants sold by <i>Andrew Smyth</i> ,	- - - -	28-16-05
		£. 20,280-03-06

Dr. John Hogland, Esq; one of the Muster-Masters,

1759.	To Cash received of the Honourable <i>Andrew Johnston</i> , Esq; Treafurer, at several Times,	£. 3210-00-00
	To Ditto, received of <i>Samuel Smith</i> , Esq; Treafurer,	- - 4000-00-00
		£. 7210-00-00

To the Colony of New-Jersey,

per Contra

Cr.

1757. By Monies paid as per Accounts and Vouchers allowed by the Committee, amounting to	£. 3965-03-2
Commissions, at Five per Cent. thereon,	198-05-2
By Money lost at the Surrender of Fort William-Henry,	28-10-0
By Monies paid for the Commissioners, as per Account,	371-16-0
Ballance due to the Colony,	23-16-0
	<u>£. 4587-10-4</u>

The Committee recommend to the House, to remember that when the Accounts of John Taylor, Esq; as Commissioner in 1757, are settled, that the above mentioned Sum of £. 371-16-0, be charged to the Debit of his Account.

Dec. 3, 1760, Errors excepted, by the Committee.

HENRY PAXSON.
SAMUEL STOKES.

To the Province of New-Jersey,

Cr.

1760. By Cash disbursed by Robert Friend Price, for Levy, Bounty, and Substinance, as per Account properly vouched,	£. 3686-05-6
By Ditto, for Contingencies allowed by the House of Assembly	12-02-9
By Ditto, disbursed by Peter Middagh, for Levy, Bounty and Substinance, as per Account and Vouchers,	3357-11-0
By Ditto, disbursed by Hendrick Fisher and John Hogland, for Ditto, as per Ditto,	6556-06-0
	<u>13,612 05-3</u>
Commissions at One per Cent.	136-02-5
	<u>13,748-07-8</u>
November 7, 1760. By Cash paid to Samuel Smith, Esq; by Robert Friend Price,	64-12-6
By Ditto paid Ditto, by Peter Middagh, November 8, 1760,	208-17-6
By Ditto paid Ditto, by Hendrick Fisher and John Hogland,	224-14-9
By Ditto disbursed by Joseph Harrison, for sundry Necessaries, for which he produced proper Vouchers,	£. 2451-05-6½
By Ditto, by Ditto, for Contingencies allowed by the House,	3-00-0
By Ditto, by Robert Ogden,	1518-04-1½
By Ditto, by Andrew Smyth,	1834-13-9¼
	<u>5804-03-5</u>
Commissions on Ditto at Two per Cent.	116-00-0
	<u>£. 5920-03-5</u>
By Cash paid Samuel Smith, Esq; by Joseph Harrison, as per Receipt, dated Nov. 7, 1760,	96-13-2
By Ditto, paid Ditto, by Robert Ogden,	16-13-9
	<u>£. 20,280-03-6</u>

Burlington, 28th November, 1760. By Order of the House of Assembly, we have examined the Accounts, and proper Vouchers therefor, of the four Muster-Masters, and three of the Commissioners for providing for the Provincial Regiment this Year, as above stated.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN OGDEN.
AARON LEAMING.

To the Province of New-Jersey.

per Contra

Cr.

1759. By sundry Vouchers allowed by the Committee, amounting to,	£. 6681-01-6
Commissions thereon at One per Cent.	66-16-3
October 23, By Cash returned the Honourable Andrew Johnston, Esq;	412-04-0
1760, November 21. By Ballance returned Treasurer Smith,	49-18-3
	<u>£. 7210-00-0</u>

Inspected by

HENRY PAXSON,
JOHN OGDEN,

The

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Marshes and Cripple Swamp in the County of Cape-May, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same*, was read and compared; and on the Question;

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *A. Smyth* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Robert Ogden* had Leave of the House to be absent on extraordinary Occasions.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *A. Smyth* and himself delivered the two Bills with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Stevens*, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the 4th and 7th Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue the Dam across Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester*, reported, that the said Committees had met at the Time and Place appointed, and had agreed upon certain Clauses to be inserted in the said Bill, in Lieu of the 4th and 7th Amendments aforesaid; which by Leave of the House he reported: And the said Clauses being read in their Places; on the Question, were agreed to.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Council's Amendments agreed to by this House, and the said additional Clauses, be re-engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till 9 o' Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, December 4, 1760.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and other incidental Charges*, was read and compared: And on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass, or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *J. Ogden* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *J. Ogden* and himself delivered the Bill with them entrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Woodruff*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preservation of the publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey*; also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets in Lotteries erected out of this Province, &c.* and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Marshes and Cripple Swamp, in the County of Cape May, to keep the Tide from overflowing the same*; and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; without any Amendment.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments agreed on by the Council and this House, entitled, *An Act to continue the Dam across Woodbury Creek in the County of Gloucester*, was read and compared; and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ladd* and Mr. *Hogland* do carry the said Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Lawrence*, from the Committee on the publick Accounts, reported, that they had inspected Col. *Schuyler's*, and Capt. *Rusco's* Accounts, as far as they are able, and find it impracticable at present to settle either of them, for Want of Vouchers, and their personal Attendance.

Ordered,

That the said Accounts be settled at the Beginning of next Session.

Mr. *Ladd* reported, that Mr. *Hogland* and himself delivered the re-engrossed Bill with them entrusted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Jacob Spicer, Esq; one of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, laid before the House, the several Accounts of their Proceedings and Disbursements relative thereto; which were received, and referred to the Committee on the publick Accounts.

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

Friday, December 5, 1760.

The House met.

Mr. *Lawrence*, from the Committee on the publick Accounts, reported, That they had gone through the Accounts of the Commissioners on Indian Affairs, and examined their Vouchers; and that the State thereof, is as follows, *viz.*

An Account of the Money received from the Treasury, and expended by the Commissioners appointed to purchase the Lands in New-Jersey belonging to the Indians. Dr.

To Cash paid Indian Purchase for the Northern Parts of the Province,	£. 492-10-6
Ditto paid for the Southern Parts of D ^o . including £. 17-16, advanced by William Fester, Esq;	49-10-0
Ditto paid for the Purchase of the Lands at Brotherton,	745-00-0
Deeds, Proofs, and Recording,	9-17-0
Paid Daniel Ellis, for surveying, and a Draught,	2-10-0
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To Cash paid by Charles Read, Esq; to Samuel Smith, Esq; for Ballance due to the Province,	1299-07-6 10-18-6
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	£. 1310-06-0

Errors excepted, 4th December, 1760,

By us, CHARLES READ,
JACOB SPICER.

By Order of the Committee,

JAMES HOLMES.
HENRY PAXSON,

An Account of Money received from the Treasury, and expended by his Excellency Governor BERNARD, and the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, at Burlington, Philipsburg, and Easton, Anno Domini 1758, for Purposes mentioned in a Resolve of the General Assembly, August 8, 1758. Dr.

To Expences paid by Mr. Read, for Meeting of the Minisink Indians at Burlington, August, 1758,	£. 15-03-4
To Expences at the Indian Treaty at Easton, as per Account paid by Mr. Read,	108-03-7
To Ditto paid by John Stevens, per Account,	40-05-2
To Cash paid Modilane, a mischievous Warrior, to content him for the Loss of Thirty Buck-Skins taken from him by the English, l. 5.	To Nickas, l. 4-10,
	9-10-0
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To Ballance due to the Province from William Fester, Esq; who is now absent,	l. 32-4-0,
Cash paid by Charles Read, Esq; to Samuel Smith, Esq; Treasurer,	6-6-8, -----
	38-10-8
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	£. 211-12-9

Errors excepted, 4th December, 1760.

By us, CHARLES READ,
JACOB SPICER.

By Order of the Committee,

JAMES HOLMES.
HENRY PAXSON.

*per Contra**Cr.*

1758. August 30.	By Cash of Treasurer Smith, to Mr. Read,	- - - - -	£. 750-0-0
October 28.	By Ditto, of Ditto, to Mr. Spicer,	- - - - -	510-6-0
1759. June 9.	By Ditto, of Ditto, to Mr. Foster,	- - - - -	50-0-0
			<u>£. 1310-6-0</u>

*per Contra**Cr.*

1758.	By Cash received of Treasurer Johnston, by John Stevens,	- - -	£. 40-05-02
	By Ditto paid Mr. Spicer, Receipt given by Spicer,	- - -	<u>12-11-10</u>
			52-16-0
	By Ditto paid Mr. Spicer, at the Treaty.	- - -	32-11-6
	By Ditto of Ditto, to Governor Bernard, advanced to Mr. Spicer,	- - -	5-08-0
1759. Jan. 13.	By Ditto of Ditto, to Mr. Read,	- - -	<u>120-17-3</u>
			<u>£. 211-12-9</u>

Resolved,

Resolved,

That this House doth approve of the Conduct of the said Commissioners, in purchasing the Claims of the *Indians* to Lands in this Colony; and as they have done it without Reward to themselves,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do return the Thanks of this House to them, for their Services therein.

Whereas by a Law of this Colony, Col. *John Johnston*, deceased, was authorised to purchase Two Thousand Stands of Arms, with Accoutrements and Ammunition, for the Use of the Colony :

Ordered,

That the Executors of the said *John Johnston*, do deliver the Proportion thereof, belonging to the County of *Cape-May*, to *Henry Young*, Esq; or *Aaron Leaming*, Esq; or either of their Orders, for the Use of the Militia of *Cape-May*, according to Law.

A Petition was presented to the House, and read, from *John Hammond*, setting forth, That the Petitioner served many Years as a Soldier in the Regiment of this Province, and has not received his full Pay for the Service of the Year 1759; and being now, thro' Age and Sickness, reduced to great Want, humbly craves such Relief, as the House in their Goodness shall see meet.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred for further Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nard* and Mr. *Hogland*, do wait upon the Council, and desire the Council to acquaint this House, what Progress they have made in the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Suffex.*

The House adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That the Settlement of *Joseph Hollinshead's* Accounts, be referred till next Session.

Mr. *Hogland* reported, that Mr. *Nard* and himself, delivered the Message with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Clement*, do wait upon his Excellency, and desire he will please to dissolve the present House of General Assembly, when the present Session is over.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Saltar*, acquainting the House, That the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, for the Month of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and other incidental Charges*; and also the Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony*; without any Amendment.

Mr. *Saltar*, also brought from the Council, the Minute of that House, relating to the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Suffex*, in these Words.

“ Council-

“ Council-Chamber, November 22, 1760,

“ P R E S E N T,

“ Mr. MORRIS,

“ Mr. KEMBLE,

“ Mr. WOODRUFF,

“ Mr. SMITH.

“ Mr. Kemble, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for building a Court-House and Goal in the County of Suffex*, was referred; reported, “ That they had considered the said Bill, and Petitions relating to the same, sent up “ from the House of Assembly: That it did not appear to the Committee, that the “ said Place, by the Bill fixed for building the Court-House and Goal, was the most “ convenient and proper for that Purpose; nor were the Committee, for Want of “ sufficient Information, able to say what Place was the most convenient:

“ Whereupon it was *ordered*,

“ That the said Bill and Petitions do lie on the Table.

“ *Ordered*,

“ That the Persons soliciting the said Bill, lay before this House, at the next “ Session, such Maps or other Evidence, as they may judge necessary, to shew the Con- “ veniency and Propriety of the Place mentioned in said Bill: And that any others, “ that may be interested in the Matter, be at Liberty at the same Time, to exhibit “ such Maps or other Evidence, as may tend to inform the House, which is the most “ proper Place, in the said County of *Suffex*, for a Court-House and Goal.

“ *Ordered*,

“ That the Clerk transmit a Copy of this Minute, to the next Court of General “ Sessions of the Peace for the said County, to be there publicly read.

“ *A true Copy of the Minutes.*

“ By Order of the House;

“ S. BLACKWOOD, *per Clerk.*”

Mr. Lawrence reported, that Mr. Clement and himself, waited on the Governor, and delivered the Message with them entrusted; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, the House should hear from him before they broke up.

Ordered,

That the Committee of Correspondence, do write to the Agent of this Colony, acquainting him, that the Reason no Name is inserted in the Support-Bill of this Session, as Chief-Justice of this Province, is because the House would not interfere in the Dispute between the two Gentlemen claiming the said Office, and not out of any Disrespect to the Gentleman who at present does the Duty of that Station, and who, it is said, acts therein by Virtue of his Majesty's Commission during Good Behaviour; on which Account, the House is informed, the Dispute lies before his Majesty, who, we doubt not, will take Order therein as shall be most agreeable to Justice and the known Laws of the Land.

Ordered,

That Mr. Stevens and Mr. Paxson do wait upon the Council, and inform them, that this House desires to know, Whether they have any Business before them? if not, that this House proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

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Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself, performed the Order of the House to the Council, who said, they have Nothing before them.

Ordered,

That the same Gentlemen wait upon his Excellency, to desire, he will be pleased to pass the Bills before him, and dismiss the House.

Mr. *Stevens* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself delivered the Message with them entrusted, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, the House should hear from him presently.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency, is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of this House immediately.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House waited upon his Excellency; who was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, enacting the same, viz.

1. *An Act to provide for the Pay of the New-Jersey Regiment, for the Month of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, and other incidental Charges.*
2. *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes.*
3. *An Act for the Preservation of the publick Records of the Colony of New-Jersey.*
4. *An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.*
5. *An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets in Lotteries erected out of this Province, and more effectually to prevent Gaming, and to revive Three publick Lotteries appointed by a former Law of this Colony.*
6. *An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony.*
7. *An Act to empower the Justices and Freeholders of each County to adjourn, and to remedy the Neglect of choosing County Collectors.*
8. *An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.*
9. *An Act to continue the Dam across Woodbury-Creek, in the County of Gloucester.*
10. *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of some Marshes and Cripple Swamp, in the County of Cape May, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the same.*

And then said,

“ Gentlemen”

“ *Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*
 “ **F**ROM this amicable Session, I draw the most favourable Omens of our
 “ future Concord. With Regard to your Request for a Dissolution,
 “ *Gentlemen of the Assembly,* you may depend, that when I think it necessary
 “ for his Majesty's Service, or your Advantage, that I shall not fail to exert
 “ those Powers which his Majesty has condescended to invest me with. I
 “ do prorogue this Assembly to *January 5th*, then to meet at *Amboy*,

THO. BOONE.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
 appoint *James Parker*, of *Woodbridge*, to print
 these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL,
Speaker.

