

The Government Document in Early New Jersey History

Production—Distribution— Management

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Today's Topic

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- Public documents
- Government documents
- Government publications

“The Documents Association of New Jersey promotes the use of and access to government publications in libraries in the NJ area.”

The Two Questions

- What was New Jersey's first government publication?
- What makes government publications different?

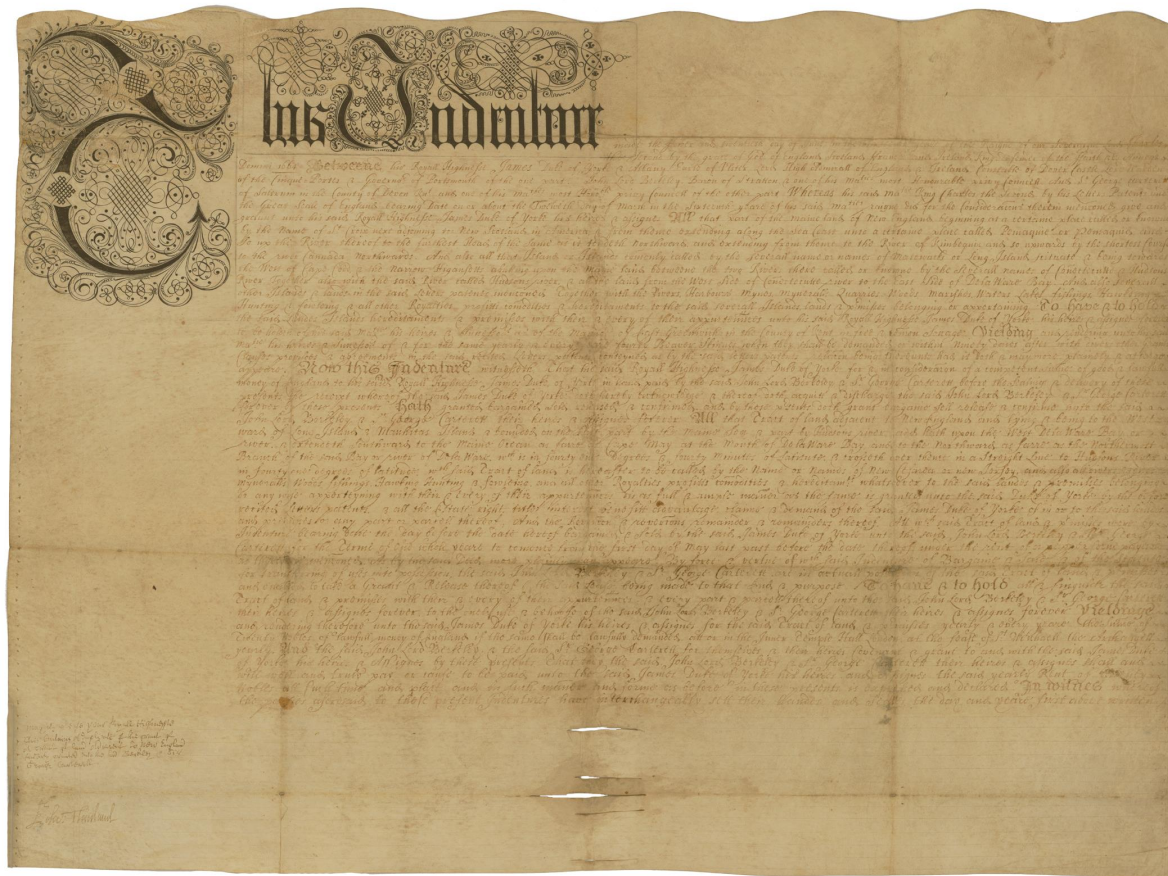
Where to Begin

“For practical purposes here, government publications can be said to date from after the invention of printing from movable type in the mid-1400s, or subsequent to the introduction of printing in the various jurisdictions.” (James Bennett Childs)



The Search for New Jersey's First Public Document

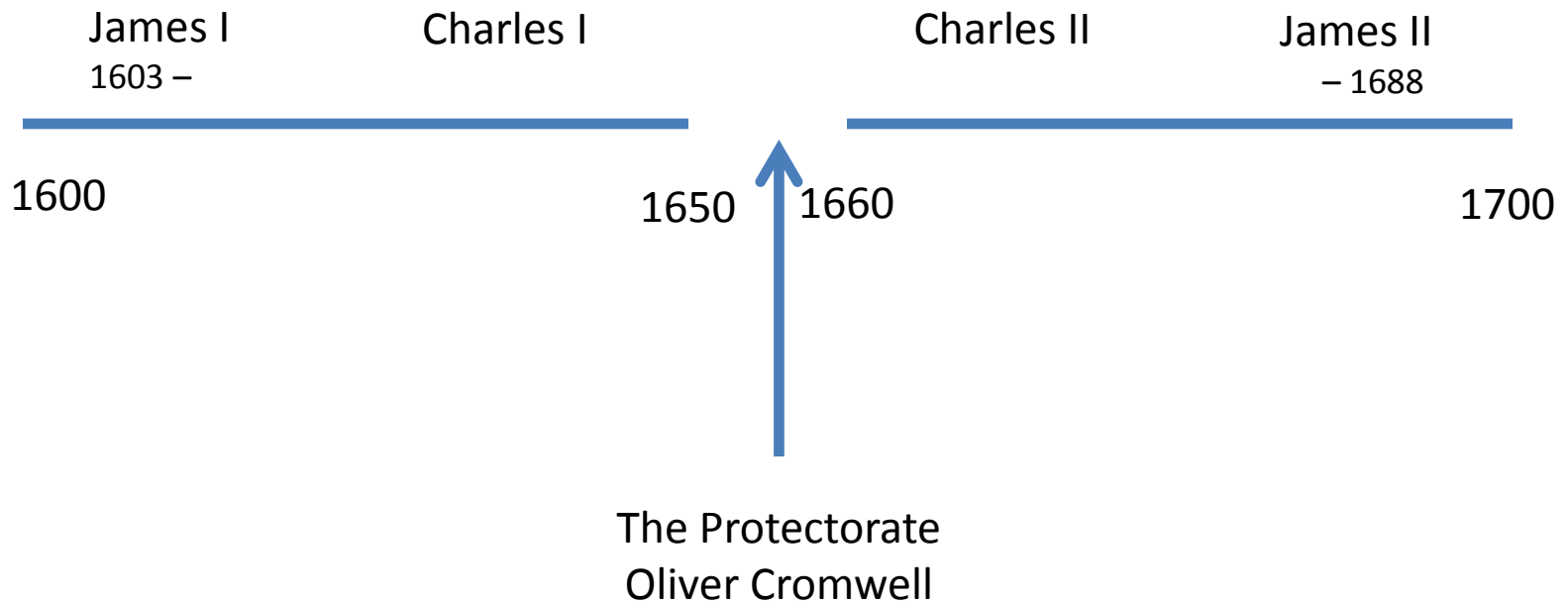
When Did New Jersey Begin?



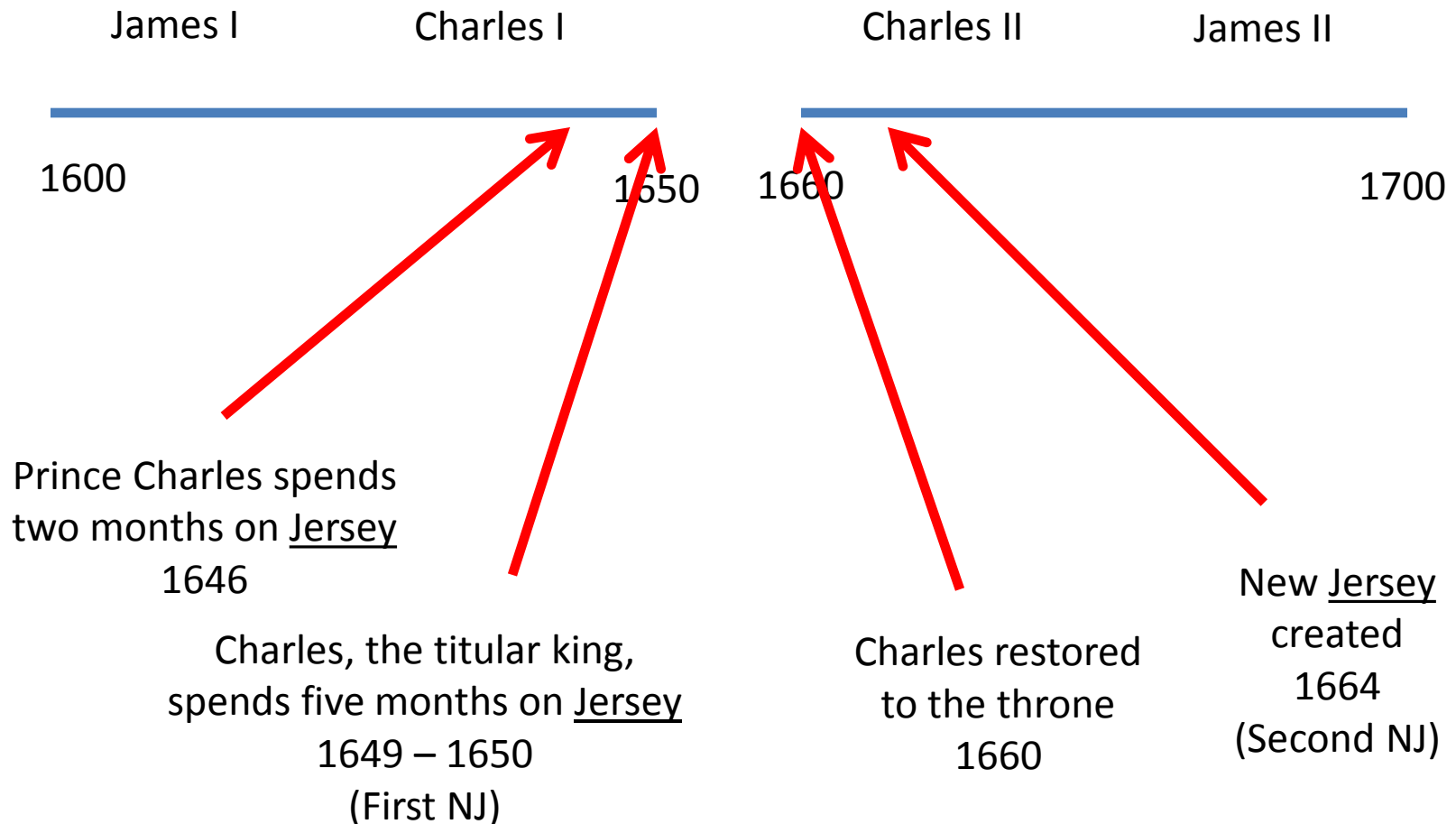
Original at the
New Jersey
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24 June 1664 release conveying land from James, Duke of York to Sir George Carteret and John, Lord Berkeley

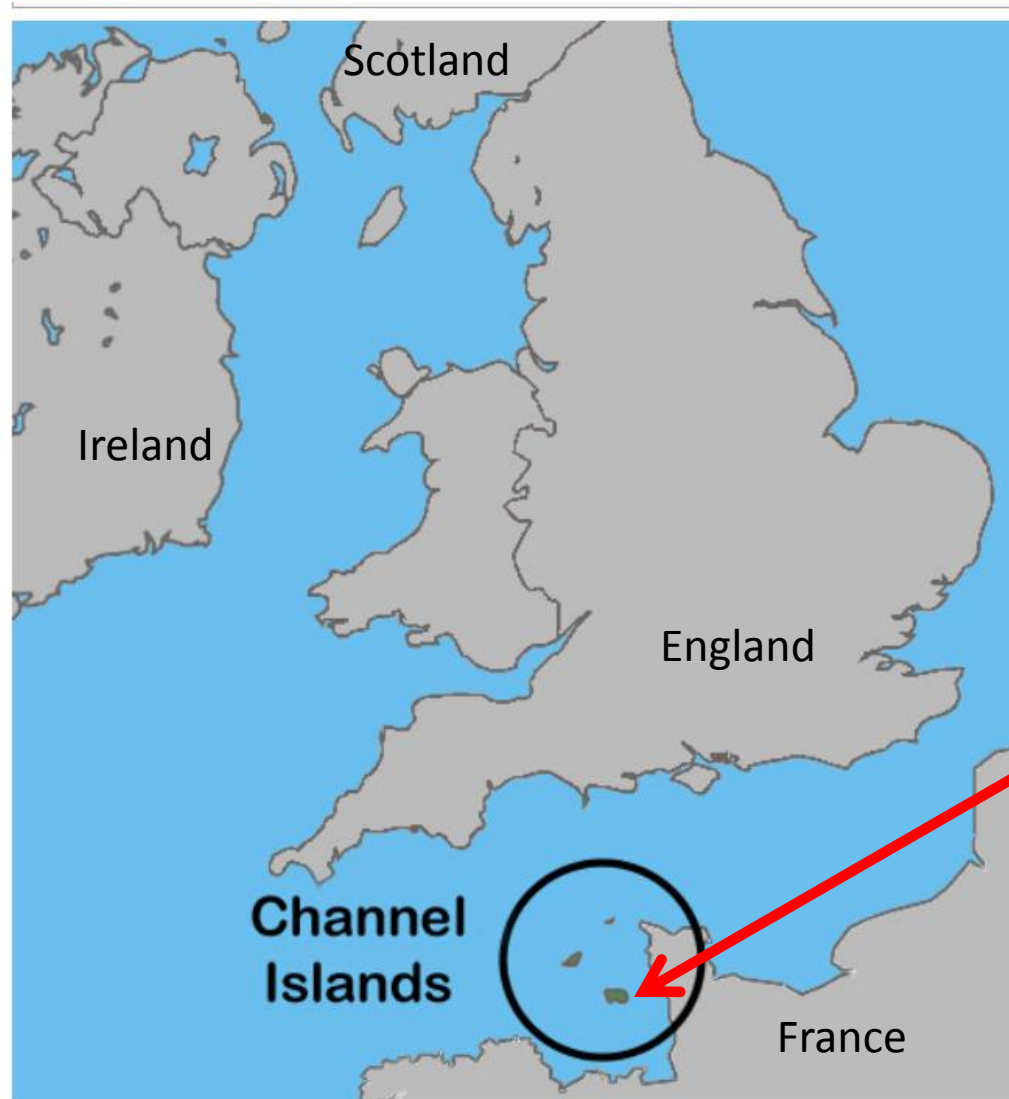
The House of Stuart



The House of Stuart, Jersey Events



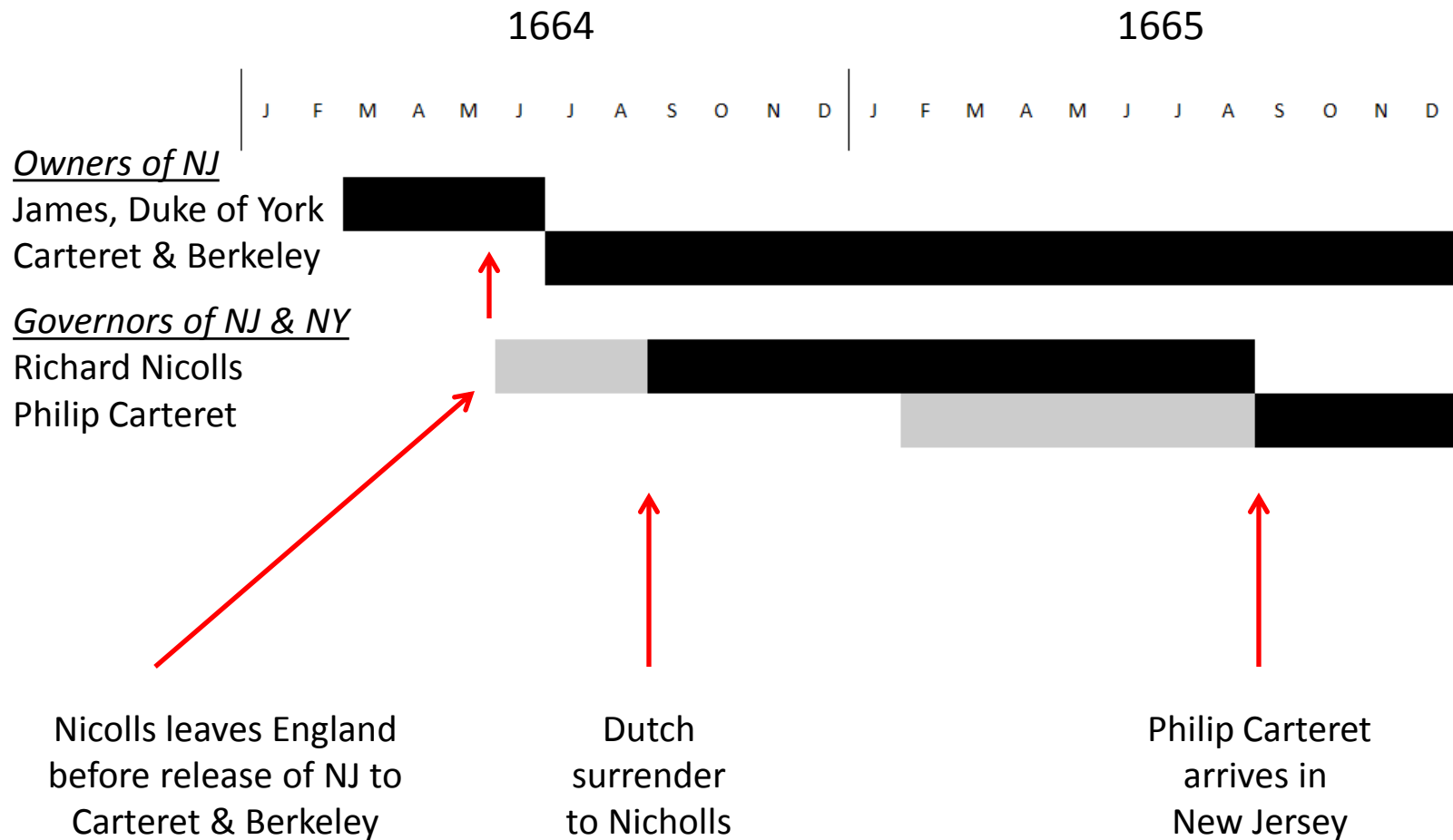
Island of Jersey



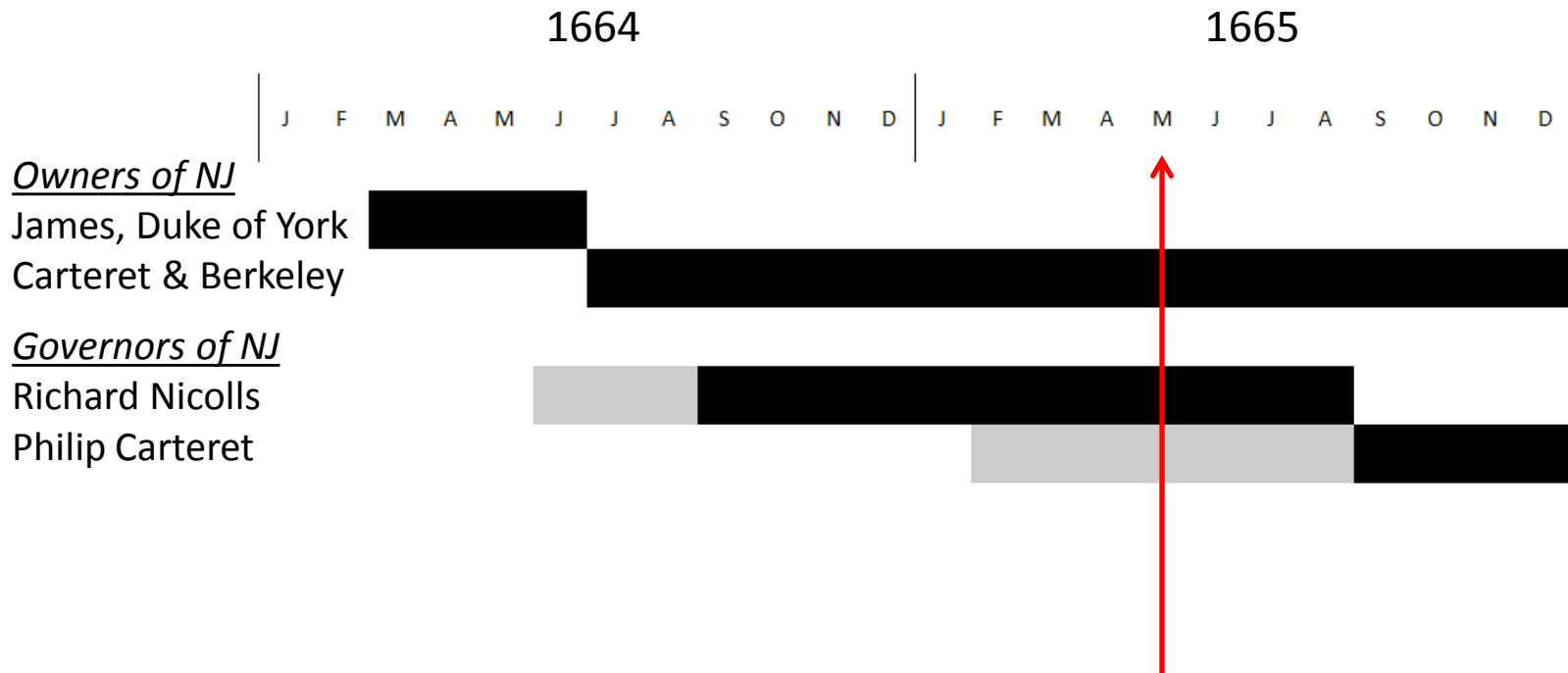
Jersey

Home of
the Carteret
Family

New Jersey's Beginnings

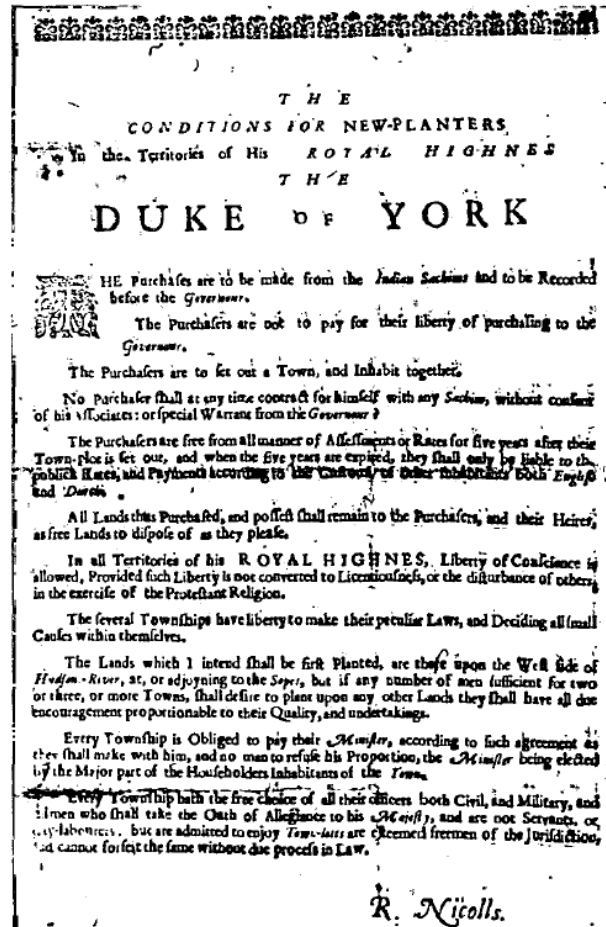


New Jersey's Beginnings



Nicolls made a journey through the woods to Boston, and returned back in a months time.

The Conditions for New-Planters in the Territories of His Royal Highness the Duke of York *Cambridge: Printed by Samuel Green. 1665*



Landing at Elizabethtown



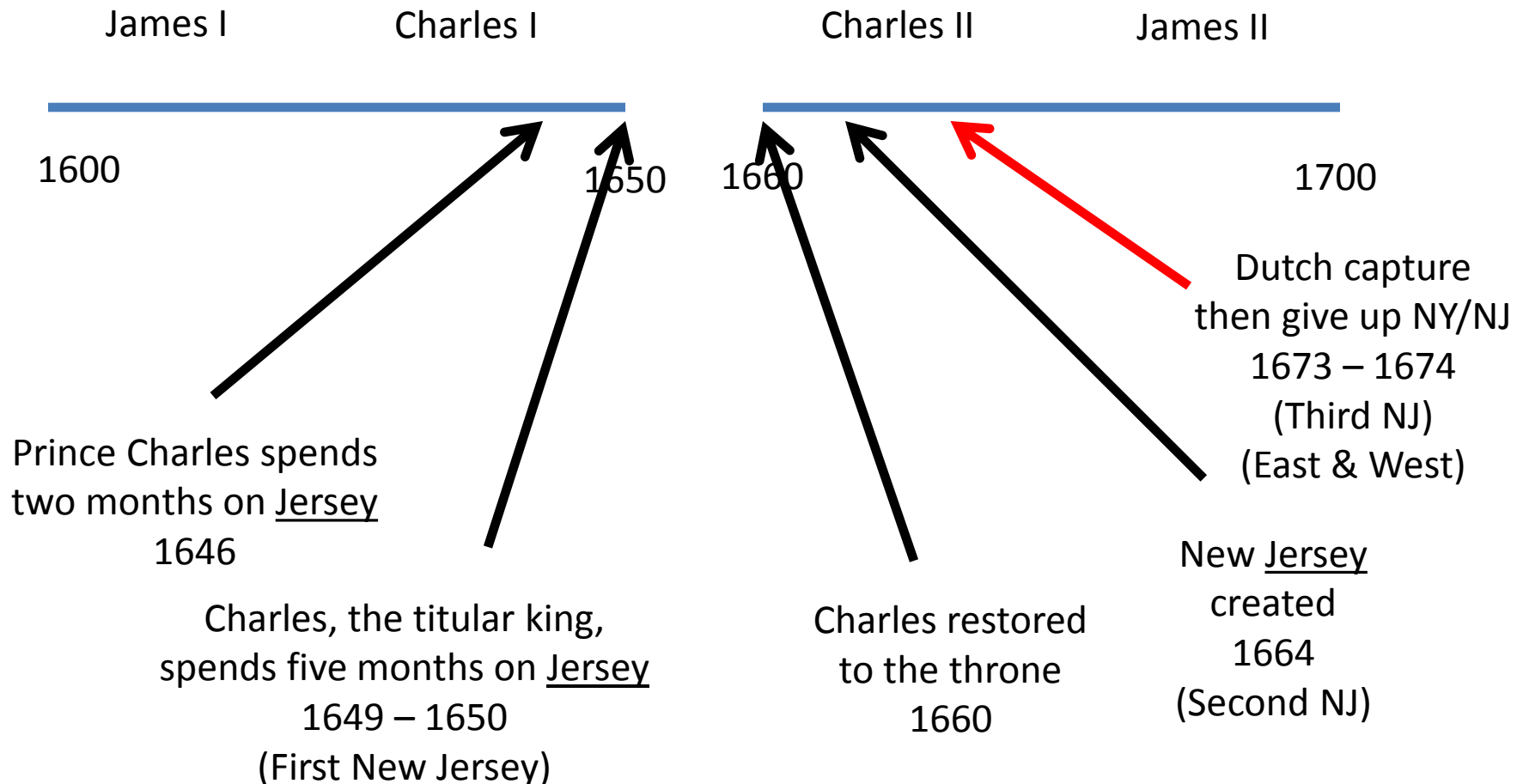
Howard Pyle

Another View

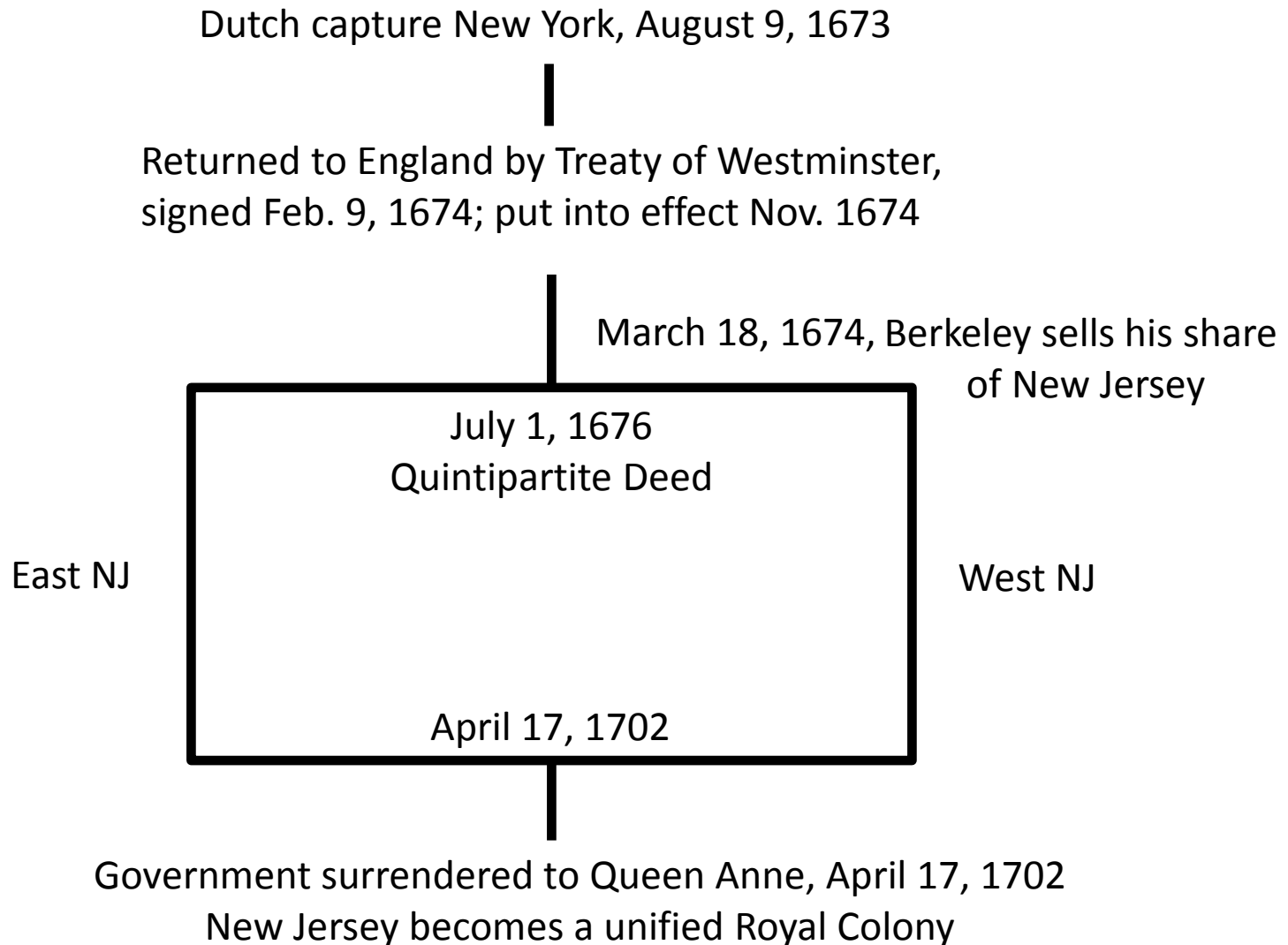


THE LANDING OF CARTERET IN NEW JERSEY.

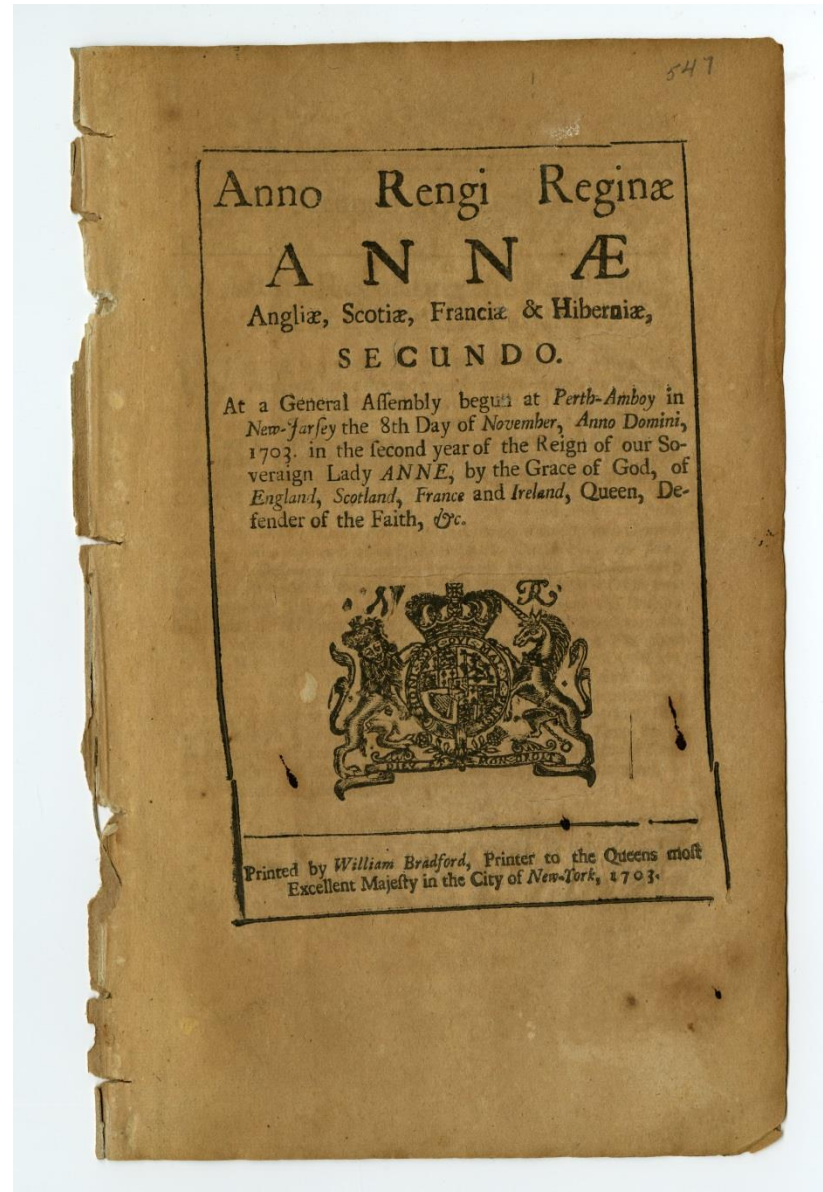
The House of Stuart, The Dutch Return



Government of New Jersey 1674 – 1702



New Jersey's First Government Publication



Original at
The Historical Society
of Pennsylvania

Anno Secundo ANNÆ Reginae.

An Act for Regulating the Purchasing
of Land from the Indians.

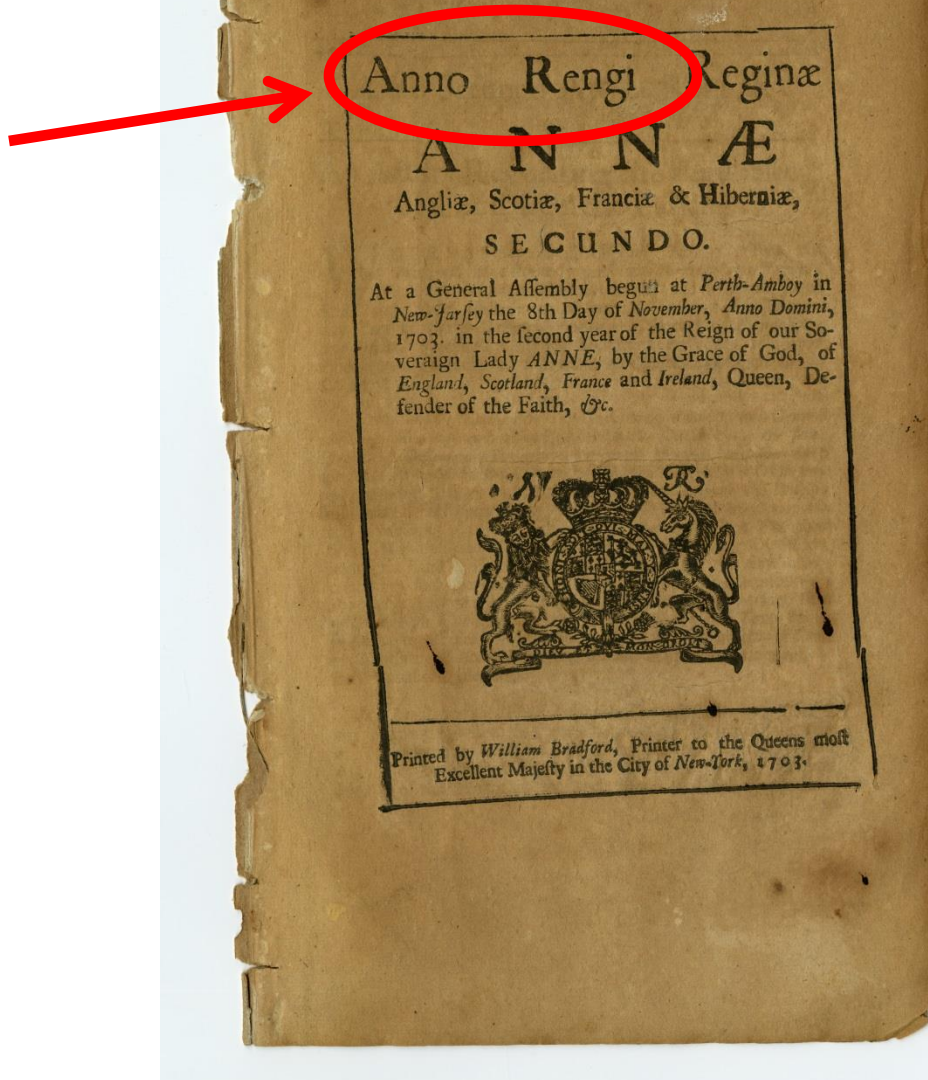
WHEREAS Several ill disposed Persons within this Province, have formerly presumed to enter into Treaties with the *Indians* or Natives thereof, and have purchased Lands from them, such person or persons deriving no Title to any part of the Soil thereof under the Crown of England, or any person or persons Claiming by, from, or under the same, Endeavouring thereby to subvert her Majesties Dominion in this Country.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Governour, Council, and General Assembly now met and Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Person or Persons whatsoever forever hereafter shall presume to buy, take a Gift of Purchase in Fee, take a Mortgage or Lease for Life or Number of Years, from any of the *Indians* or Native or Natives for any Tract or Tracts of Lands within this Province, after the first day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Three, without first obtaining a Certificate, under the hand of the Proprietors Recorder, for the time being, certifying such person hath a Right and stands entituled to a Propriety, or share in a Propriety, such person or persons shall produce such Certificate to the Governour for the Time being, in Order to Obtain a License to purchase such Quantities of Land or Number of Acres from the *Indians* or Natives aforesaid, as such Certificate mentions.

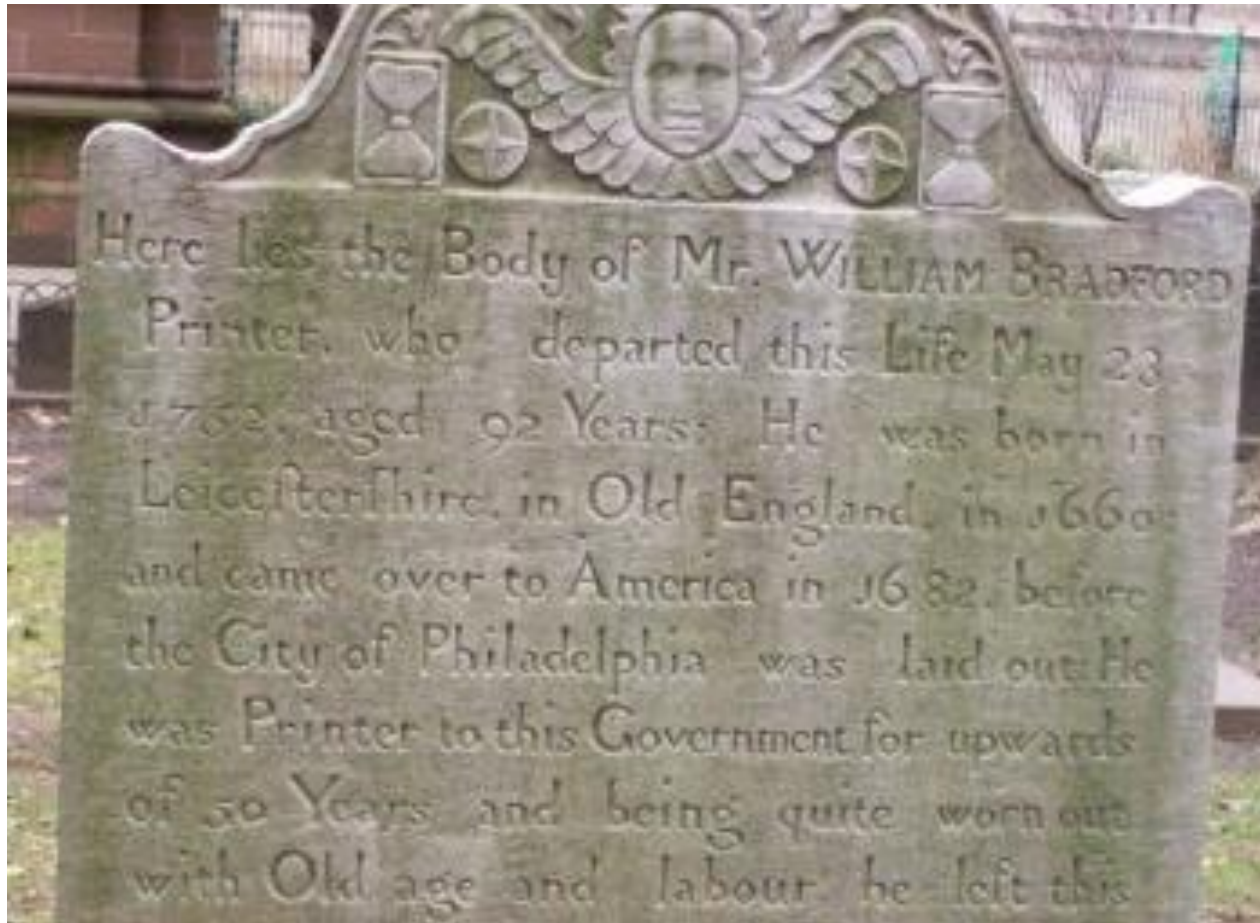
And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall presume to buy, purchase, take Gift or Mortgage or Lease of any Land contrary to this present Act, he or they so offending shall forfeit Forty Shillings Money of this Province, for each Acre of Land so obtained,
to

New Jersey's First Typographical Error

Anno Regni



First to Print a New Jersey Government Publication



William Bradford
1663 – 1752

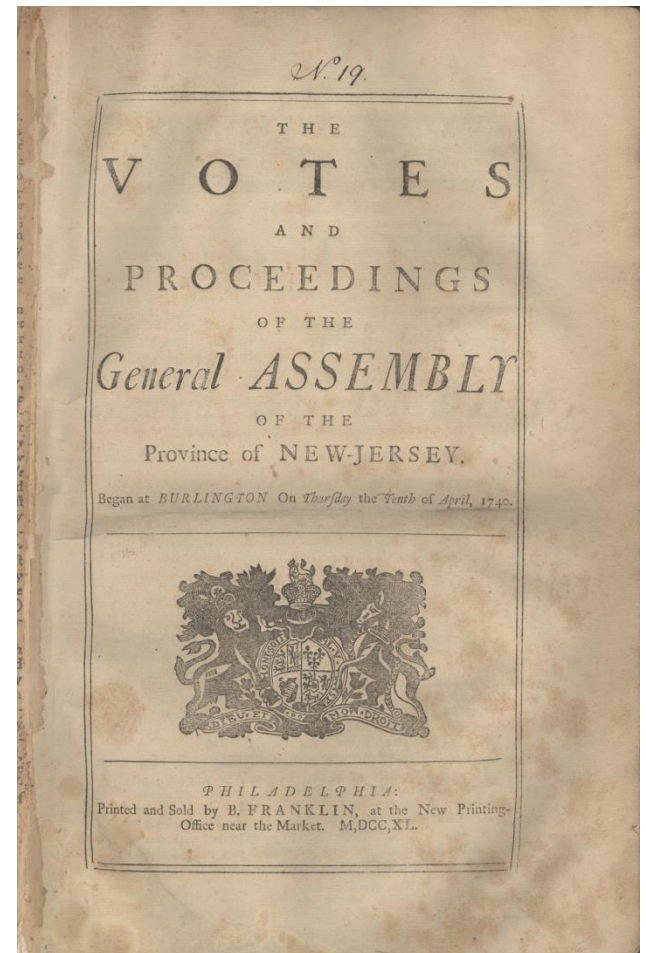
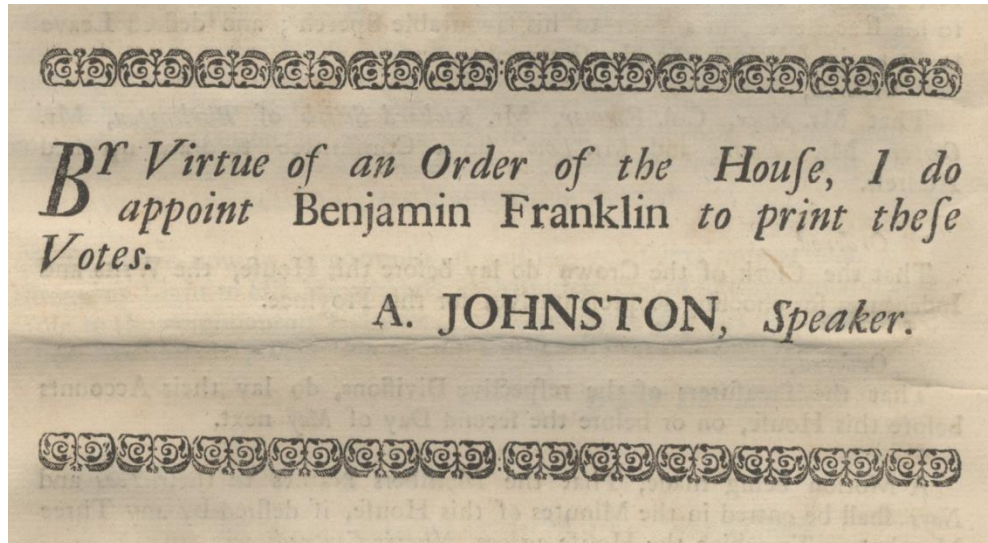
Find A Grave
Russ Dodge

A Printer Arrives



From *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*
With Illustrations by E. Boyd Smith
1916

Selection of Printer 1740



Books on Hand belonging to the Legislature—1796

The following is a List of the Books on Hand belonging to the Legislature:

- 1 Acts of George II. in 17 Vols. Folio.
- 2 D'Ewes's Journals of the British Parliament in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, 2 Copies Folio.
- 3 Journals of the Assembly of New-Jersey, 14 Vols. Folio.
- 4 Journals of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, 3 Vols. Folio and three Pamphlets.
- 5 Do. of the Senate of the United States, 4 Vols. Folio and one Pamphlet.
- 6 State Papers and Votes of Assembly, 7 Vols. Folio, from 1745 to 1793.
- 7 Votes of Assembly, 2 Vols. Folio, from 1780 to 1793.
- 8 Massachusetts Laws, 1 Vol. Folio.
- 9 1 Vol. Laws of New-York, Folio.
- 10 1 Do. Pennsylvania Do.
- 11 1 Vol. Grants and Concessions by Learning and Specer.
- 12 1 Vol. Newell's Edition of the Jersey Laws.
- 13 1 Vol. Allinson's Do.
- 14 2 Do. by Wilson.
- 15 4 Vols. Pamphlets of the Jersey Laws, bound.
- 16 5 Vols. of New-Jersey Laws and Ordinances.
- 17 4 Vols. Journals of Council.

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- 48 2 Vols. Journals of the British Parliament in 1749, 50 and 51.
- 19 Cunningham's Law Dictionary, 2 Vols. Folio.
- 20 Vattel's Law of Nations, 2 Copies Octavo.
- 21 Sheridan's Dictionary, 2 Copies Octavo.
- 22 Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws, 2 Vols. Do.
- 23 Paley's Philosophy, 2 Copies Do.
- 24 Blackstone's Commentaries, 4 Vols.
- 25 Laws of New-York, 2 Vols. and 1 odd Vol.
- 26 Journals of the old Congress, except the 7th and 9th Vols.
- 27 Journals of the Assembly of Pennsylvania from 1780 to 1790, incomplete.
- 28 Laws of Pennsylvania of 1791.
- 29 1 Pamphlet Acts of Congress.
- 30 1 Do. Communications from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Congress of the United States.
- 31 Report of the Secretary of the Treasury containing a Plan for the further Support of the publick Credit.
- 32 Minutes of the Convention, ratifying the Constitution of the United States.
- 33 Massachusetts Perpetual Laws, 1 Vol.

The House rose without Day.

Source: *Votes and Proceedings of the Twentieth General Assembly of the State of New-Jersey*, 18 March 1796 (Original at the New Jersey State Library)

Books on Hand belonging to the Legislature—1796: A Closer Look

9 1 Vol. Laws of New-York, Folio.
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Print Order in Votes & Proceedings

12 February 1752

Ordered,

That the said Printer print 273 Sets of the Votes of the House this Session, as soon as conveniently he can, and send 48 to the Treasurer of the Western Division, to be distributed as follows.

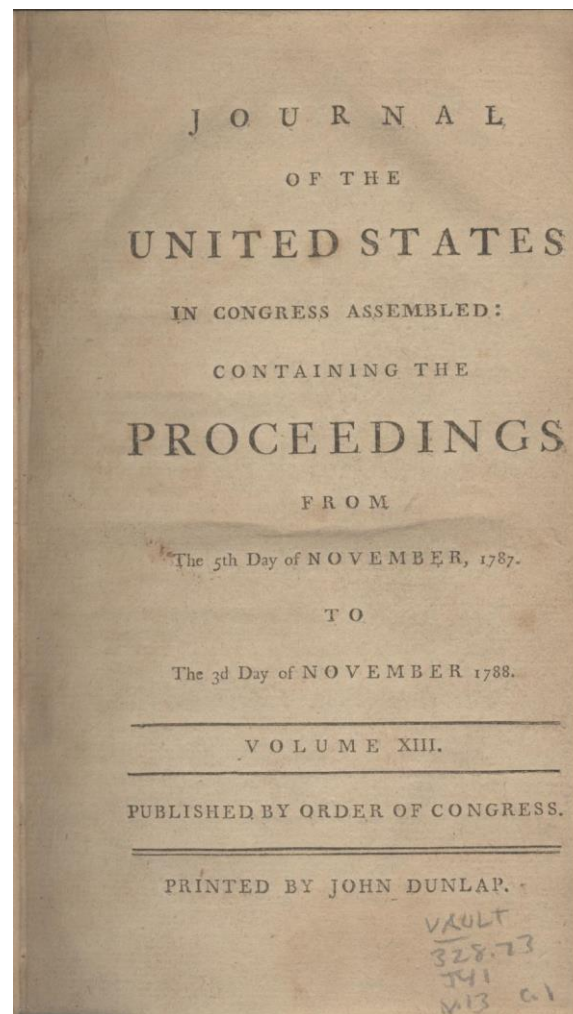
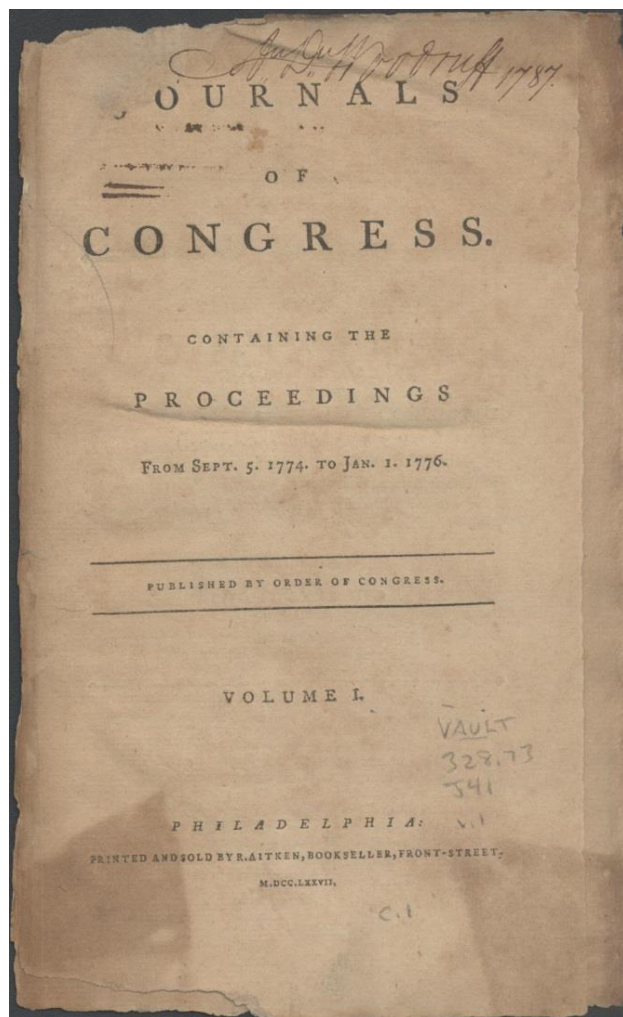
To the GOVERNOR	8
Each of the Council	2
The Agent	6
The Officers of the House	2
and Council each	5 1

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the House, or their Order, as follows.

<i>Pertb-Amboy</i>	10	<i>Burlington City</i>	10
<i>Middlesex</i>	16	<i>Burlington County</i>	16
<i>Monmouth</i>	30	<i>Gloucester</i>	16
<i>Essex</i>	25	<i>Salem & Cumberland</i>	20
<i>Somerset</i>	18	<i>Cape-May</i>	12
<i>Bergen</i>	16	<i>Hunterdon & Morris.</i>	36

Mr. Fisher reported, that Mr. Ogden and himself waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, and that he was pleased to say, he would send for the House as soon as he had a Council.

First Deposit to States 1777 – 1788



States to Send 13 Copies of Legislative Acts to the Secretary of Congress

On motion of Mr. Gerry, seconded by Mr. Hardy,
Resolved, That the secretary of Congress apply to the executives of the several states, for thirteen copies of the legislative acts thereof, since the first of September 1774, inclusive: that one sett of the said acts be retained for the use of Congress, and that he deliver to the delegates of each state, one sett (exclusive of its own acts) for the use of the legislature thereof. And the secretary is further directed to adopt a similar mode for procuring the acts which may hereafter be passed as aforesaid, to the end that every state being thus informed, may have the fullest confidence in the other states and derive the advantages which may result from the joint wisdom of the whole.

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1853

Section: Statute Laws of the Separate States

Subheading: New Jersey

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No.

Sets.

Vols.

NEW JERSEY.				
Statute Laws, from 1664 to 1684,				
Compiled by Leaming and Spicer,	A.	1	1	1
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Compiled by Leaming and Spicer,	A.	1	1	1

Grants and Concessions Record As It Appeared in 1900

Appears under the heading “New Jersey.”

The Grants, Concessions, and Original Constitutions of the Province of New Jersey, the Acts Passed during the Proprietary Governments, and Other Material Transactions Before the Surrender thereof to Queen Anne. The Instrument of Surrender, and Her formal Acceptance thereof. Lord Cornbury's Commission and Instructions consequent thereon. Collected by some gentlemen employed by the General Assembly, and afterwards published by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of said Province, with proper Tables alphabetically digested containing the principal matters in the Book. By Aaron Learning and Jacob Spicer. Philadelphia: W. Bradford [1758].

A Librarian Takes Charge



Library of Congress

What Happened 1853 to 1900?

- Country's First Librarians' Convention, 1853

Issues discussed: Cataloging, classification and indexing, exchanges between libraries, selection of books, and distribution of government documents.

- Charles A. Cutter's *Rules for a Printed Dictionary Catalogue*, 1876

Issued as part two of *Public Libraries in the United States of America Their History, Condition, and Management* (Presented at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education.)

- Printing Act of 1895

Consolidated sales, library distribution, and cataloging and indexing of government publications within GPO under the Superintendent of Documents.

Government publications constitute
a borderland between archives and
libraries.

Friedrich Facius

Archival Arrangement

The structure of an Archive should reflect the structure of the organization that produced the documents collected in it.

Government Publications Bibliographer/Librarian



GPO Photo Collection

Public Documents Library, 1895 – 1972



Adelaide Hasse

“As her understanding of government information deepened over time, Hasse became ever more convinced that work with documents required an understanding of the structure and functions of government as an organization”

The New Woman as Librarian: The Career of Adelaide Hasse by Clare Beck, 2006

“The study of government documents, or government publications, or official literature, is the study of the mechanism of modern government as expressed in its publications.”

United State Government Publications: A Handbook for the Cataloger by Adelaide Hasse, 1902

1664

17th Century



The Governor

1703

18th Century



The Printer

1796

19th Century

1853



The Librarian

20th Century

1876



1895

The Bibliographer