



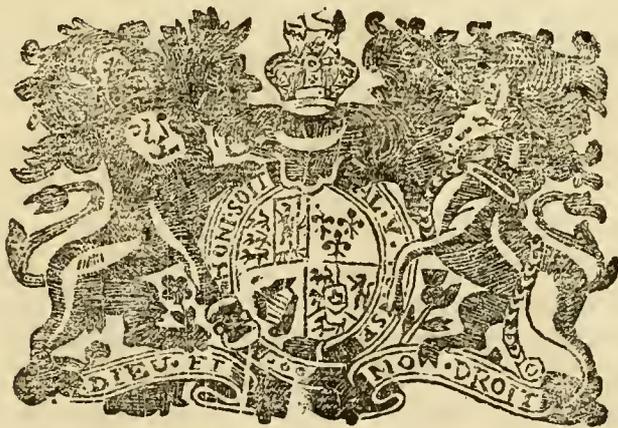


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THE
V O T E S
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
General ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Province of NEW-JERSEY.

Held at TRENTON on *Wednesday the Twenty Sixth of February* 1745-6.



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General ASSEMBLY

The Names of the Representatives.

City of Perth-Amboy,	Samuel Nevill,	Pontius Stelle.
County of Middlesex,	Philip Kearney	John Heard.
Monmouth,	John Eatton,	Robert Lawrence, Speaker.
Effex,	John Crane,	John Low.
Somerfet,	John VanMiddlefworth	Hendrick Fisher.
Bergen,	Lawrence VanBuskirk	David Demarest.
City of Burlington,	Richard Smith, jun.	Daniel Smith.
County of Burlington,	William Cooke,	Samuel Wright.
Gloucester,	Joseph Cooper,	Ebenezer Hopkins.
Salem,	William Hancock,	John Brick.
Cape-May,	Aaron Leaming, jun.	Jacob Spicer.
Hunterdon and Morris,	William Mott,	John Emley.

16th Assembly.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 26. 1745-6.

PURSUANT to His Majesty's Writs for electing Representatives to assist in General Assembly at Perth-Amboy on the fourth Instant and to several Prorogations of the General Assembly from time to time until this Day, then to meet at Trenton, Sixteen of the Representatives return'd, met accordingly; and Mr. Stelle and Mr. Hopkins were desired to wait on his Excellency and inform him thereof, and that they desire he will be pleased to appoint some Person or Persons to qualify the Members.

Mr. Stelle acquainted the Members, that Mr. Hopkins and himself waited on his Excellency with the said Message, and that he was pleased to say, That he had ordered a Dedimus to be sealed and would send it presently.

A Dedimus, authorizing *Robert Hunter Morris*, Esq; Chief Justice and one of the Council of this Colony, *John Reading*, Esq; one of the Council, *Pontius Stelle*, *Philip Kearney*, and *Charles Read*, Esqrs; or any two or more of them, whereof the said *Robert Hunter Morris*, or *John Reading* to be one, to tender and administer the Oaths to the Representatives of the several Cities and Counties, and to cause them to make and subscribe the Declaration according to Law, was produced and read, and the said *Pontius Stelle* was qualify'd before the said Chief Justice and *Charles Read*, Esq;

Four more of the Members were come in.

And then *John Heard*, *John Eatton*, *Robert Lawrence*, *John Crane*, *John Low*, *John Van Middleworth*, *Hendrick Fisher*, *Lawrence Van Buskirk*, *David Demarest*, *Richard Smith*, jun. *Daniel Smith*, *William Cooke*, *Samuel Wright*, *Joseph Cooper*, *Ebenezer Hopkins*, *William Hancock*, *John Brick*, *William Mott*, and *John Emley*, Esqrs. were qualified according to Law, before the said *Robert Hunter Morris*, Esq; Chief Justice, *Pontius Stelle* and *Charles Read*, Esqrs.

Then Mr. Secretary said, ' *Gentlemen, I am commanded by his Excellency to acquaint you, that its his Will you should immediately proceed to the choice of a Speaker.*

Several of the Members being just come from their Journey, and it being within Night, Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hancock* were desired to wait on his Excellency and request him to prorogue the General Assembly untill To-morrow.

Mr. *Fisher* acquainted the Members that Mr. *Hancock* and himself waited on his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say that he would send a prorogation.

Mr. *Secretary* immediately came and read a Prorogation under the Great Seal, whereby the General Assembly was prorogued to

Thursday, February 27. 1745,6.

The Members met and proceeded to chuse their Speaker, whereupon *Robert Lawrence*, Esq; was chosen and placed in the Chair.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Crane* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him thereof, and that the House desires to know when they shall wait upon his Excellency to present their Speaker.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himself delivered the said Message, to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that he would be waited on when he had a Council, which he would cause the House to be informed of.

The Members agreed to depart and meet again at two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met and agreed to meet again To-morrow Morning at 9 o'Clock.
Friday

Friday, February 28, 1745,6.

The House met, and (there not being a Quorum of the Council in Town) by his Excellency's Permission, it was agreed by the Members, that they should meet here again on *Monday* next at two o'Clock in the Afternoon, in order then to present their Speaker.

Monday, March 3. 1745-6.

The House met in order to present their Speaker to his Excellency, but there not yet being a Quorum of the Council in Town, as the House can be inform'd, and his Excellency not having signified his pleasure that the House should attend him this Day, the Members agreed to meet again to-morrow Morning at nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, March 4. 1745-6.

The House met, and *Philip Kearney*, Esq; was qualified before Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. *Read*, and Mr. *Stelle*; then *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; was qualified before Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Secretary *Read*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Kearney*; whereupon the House agreed, that Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Kearney* take their Seats in the House accordingly.

Then the Members agreed to meet again at two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*,
Gentlemen, *I am ordered by his Excellency to acquaint you that he is in the Council Chamber ready to receive your Speaker.*

The House went to attend 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 desired of his Excellency the usual Priviledges, which he readily granted, and that his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses, of which Mr. *Speaker* said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtain'd a Copy.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

YOUR Country having made Choice of you to represent them, I am in hopes that it will answer the good Ends of their doing it, and prove beneficial to all concern'd in the issue of your Meeting.

The Situation of Things, both with respect to ourselves and our Neighbours, made the meeting of you at this Time (or indeed sooner had it been practicable) necessary; and I am sorry to tell you, what you and all that behold

hold me may see, that my ill state of Health would not permit me to meet you at *Ambey*, as I fully propos'd (had I been able) to have done. This was so evident to the Gentlemen of the Council at their late meeting, that they advis'd me to call you to this Place, and this being the true Reason of my doing so, will, I hope, meet with a favourable Construction.

I need not tell you, that the Support of his Majesty's Government has been long since expired; and that there is not, nor hath not been for some time pass'd any Provision for the Officers necessary to administer it; without which it cannot be done, nor the Salutary Intentions of his Majesty's erecting this into a separate Government be answered.

I have been at the sole Charge of Expresses sent with the Publick Letters both to the Southern and Northern Governors, as well as those necessary to be employ'd in this Government: A time of War will make things of this Kind more frequent than usual, as it will the oftner Meeting of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, and expresses to summon them, as well as Messengers on other Occasions.

I shall not inlarge upon this Head farther, than heartily to recommend to the Gentlemen of the Council, and to you, to agree upon such a Disposition of the Money rais'd, and solely by the Law that makes it, applied to the Support of the Government, and the Incidents necessary for that Purpose, as will truly answer the Ends of raising it in the Manner it was done; and that without giving just Reason of Complaint to any Body, or Room for our Superiors to remark on a different Conduct.

His Majesty's Attorney General will lay before you, an Account of a late Riot or rather Inturrection at *Newark*. This was a natural Consequence of one that was some time before that; and tho' I did what by Advice of his Majesty's Council they judg'd at that Time sufficient to put a Check to an Evil that had two great a Probability of growing bigger, and to prevent its doing so, yet (as appears) it was without the Effect intended. So open and avowed an attempt in defiance of the Government and contempt of the Laws, if not high Treason, makes so high Approaches to it, as seems but too likely to end in Rebellion and throwing off his Majesty's Authority, if timely Measures be not taken to check the Intemperance of a too licentious Multitude. I therefore recommend this Matter to your most serious Consideration.

Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly,

A sincere and hearty Union amongst ourselves is at all times desirable, and the true Interest of every good Man and lover of his Country to promote; as it is the Duty of all to use their endeavours that it should subsist amongst Us, as being the best and firmest Foundation of our Peace and Happiness: But in time of War, when Dangers threaten, and unforeseen accidents often render ineffectual the best concerted Measures, an Union and Agreement amongst ourselves is absolutely necessary for our safety: I do therefore at this critical Juncture; recommend to you the promoting, to the utmost of your Power, an Agreement so evidently necessary for the publick
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wellfare, and to discourage every attempt that hath in the least a contrary tendency.

That some Provision may be made both for our defence against our Enemies abroad, and for our Security at home, by putting an effectual stop to the malevolent attempts against it; as well as some Provision for the assistance of our Neighbours, when necessary for their Security or the Preservation of His Majesty's Dominions and Interests. This, *Gentlemen*, as it deserves, so I hope it will effectually engage your serious Attention and Consideration.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

What I have said before has chiefly been with regard to ourselves and the present Scituation of our own Affairs, which I hope will not be without having its due weight and effect with you.

I have lately receiv'd from the Governors of *New-York*, *Boston*, and *Louisburgh* Letters relating to the publick Affairs and Scituation of Things at this Juncture, in which we are or may be greatly concern'd. I shall lay them before you for your Consideration, which I hope will be adequate to the importance of the subject Matter of them; especially those of Governor *Clinton* and the Governor of *Boston*, so far as they relate to the likeliest methods of the Defence of all concern'd.

Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly,

You have now an Opportunity of doing much good for the Publick, and I hope no Endeavours will be wanting on either part effectually to promote it; and that the Bills you shall agree upon to propose for my assent to be enacted into Laws, may be so justly and judiciously drawn for that purpose, that I may be under no difficulty of giving it.

The God of Peace direct your Consultations for the general Good.

LEWIS MORRIS:

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read again to-morrow Morning.

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

Wednesday, March 5. 1745-6

The House met.

According to the Order of the Day, his Excellency's Speech was read again, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do lay the Writs for electing the Representatives to sit in this General Assembly, with their Returns, before the House, which was immediately done accordingly.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That *Thomas Williams* be Door-keeper of this House.

Resolved,

That the Speaker and any three of the Members, be a sufficient Number to meet and adjourn from time to time, but that not less than Sixteen of the Members; including the Speaker, be a sufficient Number to proceed to any other Business.

Resolved,

That the Members Names to their Affirmative and Negative on any Question be entred in the Minutes of the House, if desired by any three Members.

Resolved,

That *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia* do print the Votes of this House, being first perused and signed by the Speaker.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* do direct the said Printer to print 200 sets of the Votes, and send 150 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.

Mr. *Hopkins* being indispos'd desired leave to go home, which was granted.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Eatton* informed the House, that Mr. *Low* and himself, being two of the Trustees appointed by the Act entitled, *An Act for applying Two Thousand Pounds of the Interest Money now in the Treasury arising from the Loans of the Bills of Credit for his Majesty's Service*, had perform'd the Trust imposed in them by the said Act, and were ready to lay their Accounts before the House when they will please to receive them.

Ordered,

That the said Accounts be laid before the House To-morrow Morning.

Mr. *Secretary* by his Excellency's Commands laid before the House the several Letters following.

1. A Copy of his Majesty's Orders to the respective Governors of the Colonies of *North-America*, dated *January 3d. 1744, 5.*

2. A Letter from the Governor of *Louisburg* to his Excellency, dated *26th. November, 1745.*

3. A Letter from the Governor of *Boston* to his Excellency, dated *13th. of January 1745.*

4. A Letter from the Governor of *New-York* to his Excellency, dated 27th of *January* 1745,6.

And the said Letters were read and referred to the Committee of the whole House to be considered with his Excellency's Speech.

The Attorney General also laid before the House four Papers, giving an Account of a late Riot at *Newark* in this Colony, and the said Papers were read, and referred to the said Committee of the whole House.

Resolved,

That the House will To-morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider his Excellency's Speech and the other several Matters to them referred.

And then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Thursday, March 6. 1745,6.

The House met.

Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Low* according to Order laid their Accounts before the House and they were read:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hancock* be a Committee to examine the said Accounts with the Vouchers, and make Report to the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider his Excellency's Speech and the other Matters to them referred : After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and desire leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met, and resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Matters to them referred ; after sometime spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and come to a Resolution to present an humble Address to his Excellency in answer to his favourable Speech ; to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of said Address.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Van Buskirk*, Mr. *Kearney*, Mr. *Cook* and Mr. *Van Middleſworth*

Middleworth be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Heard*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *D. Smith*, and Mr. *Hancock* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for support of the Government of this Colony.

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

Friday, March 7. 1745,6.

The House met and adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Heard* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Colony, brought in a Bill accordingly, which was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer* were qualified in the House before Mr. *Chief-Justice*, Mr. *Secretary*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Kearney*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer* take their Seats in the House.

And then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, March 8, 1745,6.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Low*, reported, that they had examined the same, and were ready to make their Report when the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered,

That said Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* accordingly read the Report in his Place, and then deliver'd it in at the Table, and it was approved of by the House and is as followeth, viz.

‘ The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of *John Eatton* and
‘ *Jo'n Low*, the Trustees of the Eastern Division of this Colony, appointed by
‘ a late Act of Assembly for laying out and shipping the Moiety of Two
‘ Thousand Pounds for the Use of his Majesty's Subjects at Cape-Breton, hav-
‘ ing carefully examined the said Accounts and Vouchers therein mentioned,
‘ do humbly report, that by the same it appears the said Moiety of Two Thou-
‘ sand Pounds was laid out according to the Directions of the said Act, and
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‘ the neat Proceeds thereof, after Deduction of Freight and Commissions,
‘ were shipp’d in Provisions to Governor *Shirley*, or the Commander in Chief
‘ at *Boston*, except the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings and Seven Pence three*
‘ *Farthings*, which still remains in the Hands of *John Eaton*, Esq; All which
‘ the Committee humbly submit to the further Consideration of this Ho-
‘ nourable House.

Mr. *R. Smith* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, reported, that the said Committee had drawn the same and were ready to lay it before the House when they would be pleas’d to receive it.

Ordered,

That it be laid before the House immediately.

Mr. *Smith* thereupon read the Draught of said Address in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, and it was read again Paragraph by Paragraph, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Then the House adjourn’d till *Monday* two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, March 10. 1745-6

The House met and adjourn’d till to-morrow Morning nine o’Clock.

Tuesday, March 11. 1745,6.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency, was read and compared, and Ordered to be sign’d by the Speaker, which was done accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Brick* do wait on his Excellency, and desire to be inform’d, when the House may attend him to present their Address.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himself had waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, and that he was pleas’d to say, *That he would receive the Address this Afternoon, and would let the House know when to attend him.*

The House adjourn’d to 2 P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Van Buskirk* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c. reported, that the Committee had prepared the same, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table, and it was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

“ Mr. Speaker,
 “ His Excellency the Governor has ordered me to acquaint you that he is
 “ now in the Council Chamber at *Kingbury*, ready to receive the Address
 “ of this House.

And then Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to attend his Excellency.

Being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had attended his Excellency, and presented their Address in the following Words, *viz*,

To His Excellency L E W I S M O R R I S, Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *New-Jersey* and Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral in the same, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey* in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency.

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, beg leave to assure your Excellency, that as our Country hath made choice of us to represent them, we are unanimously determined to serve them according to the best of our Understanding, with sincere desires that it may answer the good Ends of their choice, and prove beneficial to all concern'd in the issue of our Meeting.

As the Situation of Affairs with respect to ourselves, and our Neighbours; with your Excellency's ill State of Health, hath been adjudged, by Advice of his Majesty's Council, to be sufficient Reasons for the calling of Us at this Time, and to this Place, we shall proceed on such publick Business as may be necessary for His Majesty's Service: But as Amboy and Burlington are the Places appointed by His Majesty (agreeable to the Concessions made with the Crown at the surrender of the Proprietary Government) for the alternate sitting of the General Assemblies, we hope their removal to other Places will not be drawn into practice, oftner than the extraordinary Occasions of his Majesty's Service may require it.

As we are not unacquainted, that the Support of his Majesty's Government hath been some time expired, so we are willing, according to our Station, and the present Circumstances, of the Colony, to supply that deficiency. And all necessary expence your Excellency hath been at, in conveying Expresses or other Messages for

for the benefit of his Majesty's Colonies, (when an account of them shall be laid before us) will be provided for in the accustomed manner

The Papers giving an account of the Riot at Newark, and the Letters from the Governors of New-York, Boston, and Louisburgh are now under our Consideration; and we have Ordered a Bill to be brought into our House, for the better Settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions, which we hope will be formed in such a manner, as may effectually discourage things of that Nature; and we shall cheerfully join the other Branches of the Legislature, in any such further Measures, as we can conceive necessary, for the more effectual suppressing and discouraging all such dangerous Proceedings; or in any Thing that may be proper and necessary for us to do, for the Security of this Colony, or the Assistance of our Neighbours, if their should be Occasion.

The People of New-Jersey have always been of the Opinion, that a sincere and hearty Agreement amongst ourselves, is at all Times desirable, and now in a Time of War with our Foreign Enemies, and when a most unnatural Rebellion is stirred up and carried on in our Mother Country, by a Popish Pretender and his abandon'd Faction, against our rightful and lawful Sovereign King GEORGE the Second, we think such an Agreement absolutely necessary, as well for his Majesty's Interest as our own Safety, which we esteem to be inseparable: And notwithstanding any thing that may have been suggested to the Contrary concerning us, We have so good an Agreement subsisting amongst ourselves, as we hope will at all times discourage every Thing of a contrary Tendency, and that nothing less than what we conceive to be the true Interest of his Majesty, and the People of this Colony, shall ever prevail on us to enter into a Controversy with any other Branch of the Legislature. And we hope they will heartily join with us in removing every Grievance that may be likely to promote it, so that a perfect Union amongst all the Branches of the Legislature may be thereby established upon a solid and lasting Foundation.

We assure your Excellency, we shall readily embrace all proper Opportunities of doing Good for the Publick, and use our Endeavours, that what Bills we Pass, may be drawn in so judicious a Manner as we apprehend will be likely to promote it, that your Excellency may be under no difficulty in assenting to them.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I THANK You for this kind and hearty Address. And as it appears by
 “ it, that each of us have the same way of thinking, I am in hopes, that
 “ it will be succeeded by such an Agreement between the several Branches
 “ of the Legislature, as may be productive of the publick Good; and that
 “ all Endeavours to obstruct it, will be look'd upon and treated as they de-
 “ serve to be.

“ I am sorry that my ill state of Health, and the present Circumstances
 “ of Things made it necessary for me to meet you at this Time and Place.

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“ *Amboy*

“ *Amboy* and *Burlington* are the Places by His Majesty appointed for the fittings of Assemblies ; and I shall not willingly meet them in any other, when I can meet them there, unless the Situation of Affairs makes it necessary to do so.

“ It gives me great Pleasure to hear you so justly express your abhorrence of the unnatural Rebellion stirred up and carried on in our Mother Country, in favour of a Popish Pretender, by an abandon'd and wicked Faction, against our rightful and lawful Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* the Second, and hope all the Branches of the Legislature will very heartily agree to discourage any attempt of the like nature here ; or that has any tendency to disturb the Publick Peace and safety ; and that nothing will be capable of prevailing upon any of them to deviate from the true Interest of His Majesty and His good Subjects here, or from heartily joining to remove any thing that is justly and really a Grievance to the Publick, and promoting such an Union amongst themselves, as will be the surest Foundation for their future Tranquility. This I shall be very joyful to see, and gladly give my assent, where I may, to such Bills as will naturally be the good Effect of such a happy and desirable Concord.

L E W I S M O R R I S.

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

Wednesday, March 12. 1745-6.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer*, a Member of the House, presented a Petition to the House from divers Freeholders of the County of *Cape-May*, which was read, setting forth, That as the Paper Money of this Colony is annually sinking, they shall be unable to assist His Majesty if required, or support Government, &c. except a Bill shall pass for creating a Fund thereof sufficient to answer those Purposes, and the said Petition was ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions, was read a second Time, and, after some Debate, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, and resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill for better settling and regulating the Militia; &c.

After some time spent therein Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, 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 adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday

Thursday, March 13. 1745-6.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cooper reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto. And the said Amendments were read in their Places and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

William Mott and John Emley, Esqrs; Members for the County of Hunterdon, having informed this House, that the Grievance complain'd of to a former House of General Assembly, relating to the illegal Choice of Andrew Reed for a Loan-Officer for the said County of Hunterdon, still subsists; and this House having taken the same into Consideration, are unanimously of Opinion, that the same is a Grievance and ought to be redressed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill and Mr. Kearney do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House do humbly pray, that his Excellency would be pleased to order such Methods to be taken, to redress the said Grievance as to his Excellency shall seem meet.

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

Friday March 14, 1745, 6.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Low and Mr. Mott do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. Low reported, that Mr. Mott and himself delivered the said Bill to Mr. Rodman, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that House not sitting.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Kearney* and himself waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, and that he was pleased to say, “ That whether the Choice of *Andrew Reed* was lawful or not, was not for him to say, that being a point the Courts of Law are to determine, when brought properly before them, and that he should be very glad it were determined : That he should be always very willing to do all in his Power to remove any Grievance to the Publick, and should take the Opinion of the Attorney General concerning it, and the properest Method to bring it before a Court for its Decision, which Opinion he would lay before the Council for their Advice in the Case, and before the Assembly for their Consideration.

Mr. *Secretary* by his Excellency's Command laid before the House a Letter his Excellency has lately received from Admiral *Warren* and General *Pepperrell*.

And the said Letter (bearing Date *January 25th 1745,6*) was read; and ordered to lie on the Table for the Consideration of the Members.

Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, Mr. *Heard*, and Mr. *Low*, had leave to go Home, on extraordinary Occasions.

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

Saturday March 15, 1745-6

The House met.

By his Excellency's Permission, signified by Mr. *Kearney*, one of the Members of this House, the House adjourn'd until *Monday* fortnight, which will be the *Thirty-first* Day of this Month, then to meet here at *Trenton*.

B*y 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

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General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, March 31. 1746.

THE House met at *Trenton* according to Adjournment, and adjourn'd to
Tuesday, April 1. 1746.

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

Wednesday, April 2. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock:

Thursday, April 3. 1746.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Crane* do wait on the Council and desire to be inform'd, what Progress that House has made in the Bill for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions, sent up for their Concurrence on the 14th of last Month.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Hear'd* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Actions under Fifteen Pounds being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.

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A Motion

A Motion was made that a Bill be brought in *for making Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit.*

And a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put whether such Bill be now brought in or not, and it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Heard.
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Van Middlefworth,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. R. Smith	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Emley.	

Ordered,

That Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Crane, Mr. Wright, Mr. Stelle, and Mr. Emley be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for making Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit,* accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. Van Buskirk, Mr. D. Smith, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Van Middlefworth, and Mr. Fisher be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, and to take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the due Discharge of their Offices.*

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

Friday, April 4, 1746.

The House met.

Mr. Nevill from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to prevent Actions under Fifteen Pounds being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony,* reported, that the Committee had prepared a draught of such Bill and with leave delivered it in at the Table, and it was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Eatton reported, that Mr. Crane and himself went to wait on the Council with the Message of Yesterday, and that House not being sitting they delivered the said Message to Mr. Reading, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, who said, that he would lay it before the Council as soon as he had an Opportunity.

A Petition from the Freeholders Inhabitants of the two Southern Precincts, of the County of Salem, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the Inconveniency of the Largeness of said Precincts, and praying a Division of them into Six according to the Bounds specified in the Petition, may be confirmed by Law. And it was ordered a second Reading.

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Mr. R. Smith from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for making Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, reported, that the Committee had prepared a Draught of such Bill, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table ; and it was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Rodman, acquainting the House, That the Bill for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c. was read the first Time in that House on the 14th Day of March last, and read a second Time on the third Instant, and committed, and is now under the Consideration of the Committee.

Mr. Van Buskirk from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to oblige the several Sheriffs to give Security, &c. reported, that the Committee had prepared a Draught of such Bill, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table, and it was read and ordered a second Reading.

And then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Saturday April 5, 1746.

The House met.

The Bill to prevent Actions under Fifteen Pounds being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony, was read a second Time, and several Amendments made thereto in the House, both in the Title and Body of the Bill:

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter to him from His Excellency, recommending the Consideration of the Letter and Papers inclosed therein to the House, viz.

1. A Letter from His Excellency the Governor of New-York, dated March 31st. 1746.

2. Instructions from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, to the Interpreter sent to the Castles of the Six Nations, dated 22d. January 1745,6.

3. The Report of the Interpreter on his Return 25th February 1745,6,

And they were read and referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c. was read a second Time, and an Amendment made thereto in the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Amendment be engrossed.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday

Monday, April 7. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, April 8. 1746.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled *an Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read and compared and on the Question.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. Stelle and Mr. Cook do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c.* was read, and an Amendment made to the Title of the same.

And the said Bill now entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the due Discharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein*, was again read, and on the Question.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do pass:

Ordered,
That Mr. Eatton and Mr. Emley do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, was read a second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Stelle reported that Mr. Cook and himself according to order delivered the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pound, &c.* to the Council (then sitting) and desired their Concurrence.

Mr. Eatton reported that Mr. Emley and himself according to Order delivered the Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c.* to the Speaker in Council.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill, *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* 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 adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, April 9. 1746.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* 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 in the Afternoon.

The House met, and resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resum'd the Chair and Mr. *Cooper* 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.

And then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday April 10. 1746.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill *for making Current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, 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 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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

Ordered,

That the Report be made to-morrow Morning.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the House, That the Council have made some Amendments to the Bill, *for better settling and regulating the Militia*, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, and he delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Table and then withdrew.

A Petition of the Subscribers thereto Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Essex* was presented to the House by Mr. *Low*, one of the Members, and read, setting forth, that an Act passed by the General Assembly of this Province *for preserving the Timber*, &c. is hurtful to the Inhabitants of this Province in general and the County of *Essex* in particular, as also the Act *for laying a Duty on strong Liquors*, and praying leave to bring in a Bill or Bills for repealing or amending the said Acts.

Ordered,
That said Petition be read a second Time.

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

Friday April 11, 1746:

The House met.

The Council's Amendments to the Bill *for better settling and regulating the Militia*, &c. were read in their Places, and an Amendment made to the first of them, and the rest agreed to by the House

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Crane* do carry back the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and inform them thereof, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendment of this House.

Being returned Mr. *Nevill* reported that Mr. *Crane* and himself had deliver'd the said Message to the Speaker in Council.

According to order Mr. *Cooper* reported the Amendments to the Bill *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*.

And then the adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, and proceeded to consider the Amendments of the Committee to the Bill *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, and the said Amendments were read in their Places, and, with some Amendments made to them, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,
That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Petition of the Freeholders &c. of the two Southern Precincts of *Salem* County, praying a Confirmation of the Division of the said Precincts into Six, was read a second Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That it be referred to the Consideration of the House at their next meeting, and that Mr. *Hancock* have a Copy of said Petition to inform the other Freeholders of said County thereof, that they may then make their Objections thereto, if any they have.

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

Saturday, April 12. 1746:

The House met.

The Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, &c. was read a second Time.

Upon Motion of Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Crane* for leave to bring in a Bill or Bills according to the Prayer of the Petitioners, it is the Opinion of this House, that being met here at this unusual Place upon extraordinary Occasions for His Majesty's Service, that it is not convenient at this Time to grant the said Members that leave, but that the Consideration thereof be refered to the next Meeting of the General Assembly at *Amboy* or *Burlington*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the House, that the Council have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendment of the Council to the Bill entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia* &c.

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the several Amendments be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd to *Monday* next two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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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By order of the Board of the
James William
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ROBERT LAWRENCE, Clerk.

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General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, April 14. 1746.

THE House met and adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock

Tuesday, April 15. 1746.

The House met.

The Bill (engrossed with the several Amendments agreed to by both Houses) entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, was read and compar'd.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as now engrossed do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Heard* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the said Bill to the Council in order to be examin'd by that House.

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

Wednesday, April 16. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read and compared; and the Question being put whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Heard.
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Van Middlefworth,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. R. Smith	Mr. Mott,	
Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Emley.	
Mr. Cooke,		

Resolved,
That the said Bill do pass.

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

Mr. Heard, reported, that Mr. Spicer and himself, according to Order, went to carry the Bill, *for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* to the Council, but that House not being sitting they delivered the same to Mr. Reading, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

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

Thursday, April 17. 1746.

The House met.

Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Low and himself according to order carried the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, to the Council, and delivered it to the Speaker in Council, and desired the Concurrence of that House.

A Petition of a great Number of Persons, Inhabitants chiefly of the Northern Parts of this Province, whose Names are subscribed thereto, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they hold Lands by purchase from the Indians, which some of them and their Ancestors have been possessed of some scores of Years, that the Proprietors, so called, have brought sundry Suits against them for their Possessions, and threaten'd to load them with Multiplicity of Law-Suits, which occasion'd the late Stirs among them, especially at *Newark*; and praying that Way may be made for their Relief here, or that they may have Liberty of Application by their Committee or Substitutes to the Head and Fountain of Justice, &c. And in the mean Time that their past misconduct, if such, may pass away under an Act of indemnity, and all Processes against any of them relating to their Liberties and Properties

Properties have a Cessation, at least until his Majesty's Pleasure may be known; and that the Petition may be laid before his Excellency in Council.

Also a Petition of several Persons subscribed thereto, stiling themselves a Committee chosen by the above Petitioners, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, their several Claims to the Lands possessed by them; and praying that Way may be made by the Legislative Powers for their Relief, by granting to them freely to seek and use all lawful Means to obtain redress of their Wrongs, &c. by humble Application to his Majesty in Council: and that the House, if they think expedient, would lay this Petition before his Excellency the Governor in Council.

Ordered,
That the said Petitions have a second Reading.

Mr. *Nevill* in behalf of the Proprietors desired Copies of the said Petitions.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill*, or any other Person applying for the same, have Copies thereof.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the House, that the Council have made some Amendments to the Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c.* and he delivered the Bill and Amendments to Mr. Speaker, and then withdrew.

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and referred to further Consideration.

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

Friday, April 18. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met, and resumed the Consideration of the Councils Amendments to the Bill *to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c.*

Ordered,
That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Emley* do carry back the said Bill to the Council with their Amendments, and acquaint them, that this House agrees to the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 7th of said Amendments, and have made an Amendment to the 6th, to which they desire the Concurrence of that House, and have disagreed to the 8th Amendment of the Council; and in that Part adhere to the Bill.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himself waited on the Council with

with the Message of the House, and delivered the abovesaid Bill and Amendments to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Heard* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House desires to be inform'd, what Progress that House has made in the Bill, entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, sent up for their Concurrence on the 8th Instant.

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

Saturday April 19, 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Heard* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, according to the Order of Yesterday, waited on the Council with the Message of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the House, that the Council agrees to the Amendment made by this House to the Councils 6th Amendment to the Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security &c.* and do recede from the 8th Amendment of that House to the said Bill.

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the several Amendments agreed to by both Houses be engrossed.

And then the House adjourn'd till *Monday* next two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, April 21. 1746

The House met.

Mr. *Alexander* brought from the Council, the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, with Amendments made thereto by that House, and he delivered the Bill and Amendments to Mr. Speaker, and then withdrew.

And the said Amendments were read in their Places and referred to further Consideration.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Hopewell*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, complaining of a Grievance that *Andrew Smith* and *Benjamin Rounsevall*, Esqs; and *Joseph Houghton* and *Joseph Moore* have presumed to levy a Tax upon the Petitioner's and others of *Twenty Five Pounds*, in order to make a Causeway, &c. contrary to Law, and praying redress.

Ordered

Ordered,

That said Petition have a second Reading.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed for the due discharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein*, engrossed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the said Bill as now engrossed do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Van Buskirk* do carry the said Bill to the Council in order to be examined by that House.

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

Tuesday, April 22, 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Van Buskirk* and himself delivered the Bill and Message they were intrusted with to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that House not sitting.

The House proceeded to consider the Amendments to the Bill, *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony.*

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and upon the Question disagreed to by the House.

Ordered;

That Mr. *Eaton* and Mr. *Hancock* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House disagrees to said Amendments, and adheres to the Bill.

The House adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Eaton* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself went to wait on the Council with the Message of the House, but the Council not being sitting, they delivered the Message with the Bill and Amendments to Mr. *Rodman*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, who said that he would lay them before that Board when they met.

The Petition of some of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was read a second Time.

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Ordered,

That the Petitioners, or some of them, and the Persons complain'd against, attend the House on Friday next at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon. And that the Petitioners serve one of the said Persons against whom they complain; with a Copy of the Petition and this Order, and give Notice thereof to the rest, and that the Clerk give Copies accordingly.

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

Wednesday, April 23. 1746.

The House met.

A Motion was made, that an Entry, propos'd to the House concerning the late Choice of a Loan-Officer for the County of *Hunterdon*, be made in the Minutes, and a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, whether the Entry be made in the Manner propos'd or not; and it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Eaton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> :
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ;	Mr. <i>Van Middlefworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> .
Mr. <i>Demarcst</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooke</i> ,		Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> .	

The Numbers being equal Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the same be entered, and it is as follows, *viz.*

“ Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Emley* laid before this House a Copy of the Proceedings in the Choice of a Commissioner of the Loan-Office for the County of *Hunterdon*, whereby it appears, that on the 9th Day of this Instant twelve of the Freeholders of said County, chosen by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled, *An Act for raising of Money for building and repairing of Goals, &c.* did chuse *Joseph Yard* to be a Commissioner of the Loan-Office for the said County of *Hunterdon*, in the Room of *Joseph Peace*, deceased, and that *William Morris*, *Martin Ryerson*, *Edward Rockbill*, and *John Van Sickel*, Esqrs; Justices of the Peace of said County, (one being of the Quorum) concurred with the Freeholders in the said Choice.

‘ It appears by the former Minutes of the General Assembly, that the above-mentioned four Justices were none of the Justices complain'd against for the illegal Choice of *Andrew Read*, to be a Commissioner of the Loan-Office!

‘ It does not any Ways appear to this House, that the Governor hath taken any further Notice of the Message of this House to him of the 13th of *March* last, than by his Answer thereto of the 14th of said Month, nor does it any ways appear that any of the Justices so complain'd of have concurred

‘ curred with the said Freeholders in their said Choice of *Joseph Yard*, or
‘ were present at the said Election.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke* and Mr. *Demarest* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House desires to be inform'd, what Progress that House has made in the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, sent to them for their Concurrence on the 16th Instant.

The House adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooke* reported, that Mr. *Demarest* and himself, according to Order; waited on the Council with the Message of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Alexander*, acquainting the House, that the Council have receded from their first Amendment to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, and do adhere to their second Amendment to the said Bill.

Also another Message from the Council by Mr. *Alexander*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, has had two Readings; and is now under the Consideration of a Committee of that House.

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

Thursday, April 24. 1746.

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Nevill*, that the Petition from the Inhabitants chiefly of the northern Parts of this Province, &c. And the Petition of the Persons stiling themselves their Committee, be now read a second Time, and a Debate arising thereon, the previous Question was demanded and put, whether that Question be now put or not? and it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Rodman* brought from the Council a Bill, entitled, *An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies*, for the Concurrence of this House.

And the said Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Nevill*, that whereas he thinks himself, together with the general Proprietors of this Province, reflected on in the
Petitions

Petitions from the Inhabitants chiefly of the Northern Parts of this Province subscribed thereto, and those who stile themselves their Committee, and that several Alegations therein incerted are untrue, the House would appoint a Day for the second Reading of the said Petitions, and that he may be then heard in Relation to the same.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions be read to-morrow, and that Mr. *Nevill* be heard concerning them.

The House proceeded to consider the second Amendment of the Council, to the Bill to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony; and a motion being made and the question put, that a Conference be desired with the Council thereupon? it pass'd in the affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Low*, be a Committee to confer with the Council accordingly, and the House desires Mr. *Speaker* to assist therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Stelle*, do wait on the Council and desire a Conference on the subject matter of the said Amendment, and that they will be pleased to appoint a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by this House, at such time and place as that House shall choote to consider thereon accordingly.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that M. *Stelle* and himself went to wait on the Council with the said Message, but that House not being sitting, they deliver'd it to Mr. *Rodman*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, who was pleased to say, that he would lay it before that board when they met.

And then the House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, April 25. 1746.

The House met.

The House resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration, the several Letters and Papers laid before this House by his Excellency's Directions on the 5th and 14th of the last Month and on the 5th Instant.

After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the matters to them referred, and that he was directed to report the Opinion of the Committee thereupon when the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the report be made immediately,

Mr. *Nevill* then read the report in his place, and it was agreed to by the House, and is as follows.

The Committee having considered the several Letters, desiring an Aid of Men for the Defence of *Louisburgh*, are of Opinion, that it would have been impracticable to have rais'd Men in this Colony in time for that Service, and as his Majesty's Forces design'd for *Cape-Breton*, were arrived in the Colonies in *America*, at the time those Letters were laid before the House, and are since sail'd for that Place: and as the Officers of the Regiment under the Command of his Excellency Governor *Shirley*, have lately beat up for and enlisted in this Colony a Number of Soldiers to serve his Majesty there, the Committee hope the Ends propos'd by those Letters are answered.

The Committee having also consider'd the several Letters and Papers from Governor *Clinton*, concerning the Appointment of Commissioners for the several Colonies, and giving an Account of the Disposition of the six Nations of Indians, are of Opinion, that this Colony being a Frontier of near three hundred Miles on the Sea, and navigable Rivers, is liable to be attack'd by the Enemy, and may have Occasion for all their Force to resist such Attack: Yet they shall be always ready and willing to assist his Majesty in any Expedition against his Enemies to the best of their Abilities and Circumstances; and their Neighbours if they should be invaded.

The Committee also took into Consideration the Papers relating to the late Riot at *Newark*, and are of Opinion, that as that matter is under the Consideration of the House the said Papers do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Order of the Day being read, *Ordered*, That the Reading the Petitions of the Inhabitants chiefly of the northern Parts of this Province, &c. be deferred till To-morrow.

Some of the Petitioners from *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, according to Order, attending, were called in, and *Andrew Smith* and *Benjamin Rounsavall* Esqrs; and *Joseph Moore*, three of the Persons complain'd against, also attending, were called in, and the Petition was read, and the Petitioners were heard in support of their Petition.

Then the said *Andrew Smith* and *Benjamin Rounsavall*, Esqrs; delivered in a Paper call'd their answer to the said Petition, which was read, and the Parties were ordered to withdraw.

The House having consider'd the said Paper, which seem'd to call in Question

on the Jurisdiction of the House as if they were proceeding to try the Cause, therefore rejected the same.

Then the Parties were called in again, and were inform'd by Mr. Speaker, that the House was not about to try the Cause, and that the Petitioners complain'd of a Grievance, which this House had Power to enquire into.

And the said Persons complain'd of acknowledged, the same.

Then they were directed to relate the Matter upon which the Allegations of the Petition were founded, which was done accordingly, and both Parties were fully heard, and then were directed to withdraw:

Ordered,

That the Matter be referred to further Consideration.

And then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, April 26. 1746:

The House met.

The Order of the Day being read, the Petition from the Subscribers thereto chiefly inhabiting the northern Part of this Province was read. Also the Petition of the Persons stiling themselves their Committee was read, and Mr. *Nevill* was heard concerning them.

And the Consideration thereof was deferred to a further Time.

And then the House adjourn'd till *Monday* next two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

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

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, April 28. 1746.

The House met.

THE House resumed the Consideration of the aforesaid Petitions from the Inhabitants chiefly of the northern Part of this Province, and the Persons stiling themselves their Committee; and a Motion being made that the said Petitions be sent by this House to the Governor in Council according to the Prayer of the Petitions, the previous Question was demanded and put, whether that Question be now put? And it pass'd in the Affirmative,

Then the Question was put, whether the said Petitions, with the Proposals of the said Persons stiling themselves their Committee, be sent to his Excellency the Governor in Council according to the Prayer of the Petitions or not? And it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hancock,	
Mr. VanMiddlefworth,	Mr. Brick,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Van Buskirk,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Mott,	
Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Emley.	

Ordered,

That Mr. Crane and Mr. Leaming do wait on his Excellency with the said Petitions and Proposals accordingly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*.

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

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

Tuesday, April 29. 1746.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the House, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Morris* to be a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by this House, on the second Amendment of the Council to the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court, &c.* and that the said Committees meet for that Purpose at the Council Chamber this Day at Twelve o'Clock.

Ordered

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House desires to be inform'd, what further Progress that House has made in the Bill for making current *Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, which, by the Message of the 23^d Instant, appears to have been then under the Consideration of a Committee of that House.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, according to Order, waited on his Excellency with the Petitions of the Inhabitants chiefly of the Northern Part of this Province, and their Committee, with their Proposals; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he would consider the said Petitions.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Hancock* reported that Mr. *Emley* and himself waited on the Council, with the Message they had in Trust, and delivered it to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to confer on the Councils second Amendment to the Bill to prevent *Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court, &c.* reported, that the Committees met at the Time and Place appointed, and that the Committee of the Council read and delivered to the Committee of this House their Reasons in writing for the said Amendment.

And the said Writing was read and considered of, and the House were unanimously of Opinion, that the said Reasons were not sufficient to induce the House to agree to the said Amendment.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the aforesaid Committee of this House do prepare a Draught of Reasons to be offered in behalf of the House, for disagreeing to the said Amendment.

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

Wednesday, April 30. 1746.

The House met.

A Petition of about Two Hundred and Fifty Persons, whose Names are subscribed thereto, calling themselves Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners and their Progenitors have regularly purchased, and long and quietly possessed their Lands and Inheritances: That notwithstanding which, sundry Persons, calling themselves Proprietors of *West-New-Jersey*, and sundry others calling themselves Agents for the *West-New-Jersey Society of England*, have claimed their Land, selling some, &c. That Numbers of them have been harassed with Writs of Ejectments without being able to have their Title brought to a determinate Issue: That whatever Trials at Law may be brought by their Adversaries, the Petitioners suppose must be determined by such as are either intrusted or byassed in the Claim of the said pretended Proprietors or Agents: That one of the said Society's Agents, as he styles himself, brought sundry Ejectments against the Petitioners, and on Trial could not produce Cause of Action, and the Causes were flung out of Court; that notwithstanding, the Officers of the Court obliged them to pay the Cost: That the Petitioners paid in one Bill of Chancery *Five Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds* cost, to their Opponents Attorney; and yet now Twelve or Thirteen Years after the same Bill revived again for more Cost. And the Court granted a Rule for the Defendants to send a Man home for a Discovery of the Title, and as soon as the Time was expired, before the Return of the Messenger, forced the Defendants to Tryal, denying their Evidence, although it was Matter of Record: Besides many more Complaints. Which violent Proceedings have provoked great Numbers into most violent Resolutions, &c. And praying that the House would take their Case into Consideration, and make such Provision for the Petitioners Relief, that their Titles may be regularly and fairly determined; that they may be capacitated, if Occasion requires, to transmit their Cause to his Majesty in Council, without such Multiplicity and Repetition of Suits, and that the House would lay their Petition before his Excellency in Council.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading and that the Clerk do give Copies thereof to any Persons desiring the same.

Mr. *Eatton*, one of the Committee appointed by a former House of Representatives to correspond with the Agent of this Colony, by order of the House laid before the House a Letter from the said Agent dated at London *October 29th 1745.*

Ordered,

That the same be read, and it was read accordingly, signifying that the
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Lords of Trade had reported their Opinion upon the Bill *for ascertaining the Fees &c.* That it was proper to be repealed for the Reasons set forth in their said Report, a Copy whereof he sends inclosed.

Ordered,

That they lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to draw Reasons for the House disagreeing to the second Amendment of the Council, to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court &c.* reported, that they had drawn the same, and with leave he read them in his Place, and they were approved of by the House, and ordered to be signed by the Speaker.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the Committee already appointed by this House to conferr with a Committee of that House on the aforetaid Amendment, are directed to give to a Committee of that House the Reasons of this House for disagreeing to the said Amendment, at such time and Place as that House shall appoint.

The House adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer* Reported that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself according to order waited on the Council with the Message of this House, and delivered the same to their Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Antill*, acquainting the House, that Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Morris* are appointed a Committee to Confer with the Committee appointed by this House, on the second Amendment made by that House to the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, and that they meet immediately at the House of Mrs. *Loveland* in Trenton.

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

Thursday, May 1st. 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported from the Committee appointed to conferr with a Committee of the Council on the second Amendment of that House, to the Bill *to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, that the Committee of this House had delivered to the Committee of the Council, the Reasons of this House, in writing, for disagreeing to the said Amendment, which the Committee of the Council were pleased to say, they would lay before that House.

A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Rodman* acquainting the House, that the Council recedes from their said Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Nevill* do wait on the Council with the said Bill, to prevent *Actions of Fifteen Pounds &c.* the same having been sent to this House when the Council signified their receding from their first Amendment to said Bill.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Nevill* and himself according to Order waited on the Council with the said Bill, and delivered it to their Speaker in Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Antill*, acquainting the House, that the Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was this Day pass'd by that House without Amendment.

The Bill from the Council for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies, was read a second Time, and on the Question, whether the said Bill be Committed or not? it pass'd in the Negative.

Yeas,	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,	Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Middleworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisber</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,
Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> .	Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,
	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> .

Ordered,

That the said Bill do lie on the Table to be Reconsidered at next Session.

Then a Motion was made and the Question put, whether the said Bill be printed for the Perusal of the Publick or not? and it pass'd in the affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas.	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Middleworth</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	

Ordered,

That the said Bill be printed in the Minutes of this House, but that the Clerk be excused from entering the same in the Journal.

The said Bill is as follows :

AN ACT for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies.

WHEREAS the due Course of the Law has been in a most notorious Manner, obstructed by two several Enormous Riots and Tumults at Newark, in the County of *Essex*, when His Majesty's Prison there was in a violent

violent Manner by great Multitudes of People twice broke open, and the Prisoners therein lawfully detained, rescued from thence, and His Majesty's known Officers beat and abused to the great Disturbance of the Publick Peace, tending to subvert His Majesty's Dominion and Authority in this Province, to alienate the Affections of the People from His Majesty's Government, and to encourage Contempt and Disobedience of the Laws of the Country.

THEREFORE, for the preventing and suppressing such riotous and tumultuous assemblies for the future.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council and General Assembly, now met and assembled, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That if any Persons to the Number of Twelve, or more, being unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously Assembled together, to the Disturbance of the Publick Peace at any time after the Publication hereof, and being required and commanded by any one or more Justice of the Peace, or by the Sheriff of the County, or by the Mayor or other chief Officer, Alderman, Burgeis or Justice of the Peace of any City, or Town Corporate, where such assembly shall be, by Proclamation to be made in the King's Name, in the form herein after directed, to disperse themselves and Peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Business, shall to the number of twelve or more (notwithstanding such Proclamation made) unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously remain or continue together by the space of one Hour after such command or request made by Proclamation, that then such continuing together to the Number of Twelve, or more, after such command or request made by Proclamation shall be adjudged Felony without Benefit of Clergy and the Offenders therein shall be adjudged Felons and shall suffer Death as in case of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the authority aforesaid, That the Order and Form of the Proclamation that shall be made by the Authority of this Act, shall be as hereafter followeth, (*that it to say*) The Justice of Peace or other Person authorized by this act to make the said Proclamation, shall, among the said Rioters, or as near to them as he can safely come, with a loud voice command, or cause to be commanded, silence to be while Proclamation is making; and after that, shall openly and with loud voice make or cause to be made Proclamation in these Words or like in Effect.

OUR SOVEREIGN LORD THE KING, CHARGETH AND COMMANDETH all Persons being assembled, immediately to disperse themselves, and peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Business, upon the Pains contained in the Act made in the Nineteenth Year of King GEORGE the Second, for preventing Tumults, and riotous Assemblies: *GOD SAVE THE KING.* And every such Justice, and Justices of the Peace, Sheriff, Mayor, or other chief Officer, Alderman, or Burgeis aforesaid, within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions, are hereby Authorized, Impowered, and Required, on Notice, or Knowledge of any such unlawful, riotous and tumultuous Assembly, to resort to the Place where such unlawful, riotous and tumultuous Assembly shall be to the Number of Twelve or more, and there to make or cause to be made Proclamation in manner aforesaid.

AND

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Persons to the Number of Twelve, or more, unlawfully, riotously or tumultuously Assembled together, to the Disturbance of the publick Peace, shall unlawfully or with Force demolish, pull down or break open any Prison, Goal or Court-House; or begin to demolish, pull down or break open any such Prison, Goal or Court-House, That then every such demolishing, pulling down or breaking open; or beginning to demolish, pull down, or break open, shall be adjudged Felony, without benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Death as in Case of Felony without benefit of Clergy.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons do or shall with Force and Arms, wilfully and knowingly oppose, obstruct, or in any Manner wilfully and knowingly let, hinder, or hurt, any Person that shall begin to proclaim, or go to proclaim according to the Proclamation hereby directed to be made, whereby such Proclamation shall not be made, That then every such opposing, obstructing, letting, hindering or hurting such Person or Persons so beginning or going to make such Proclamation as aforesaid, shall be adjudged Felony without benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Death as in Cases of Felony without benefit of Clergy. And that also every such Person and Persons so being unlawfully, riotously, and tumultuously Assembled to the Number of Twelve as aforesaid, or more, to whom Proclamation should or ought to have been made if the same had not been hindred as aforesaid, shall likewise, in Case they or any of them to the Number of Twelve or more, shall continue together, and not disperse themselves within one Hour after such Let or Hindrance so made, having Knowledge of such Let or Hindrance so made, shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Death, as in Case of Felony, without benefit of Clergy.

AND TO THE END that no Person may be ignorant of the Penalties contained in this Act, BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be openly read once at every Session of the Supreme Court, Circuit Court, and Court of Quarter Sessions within this Province.

AND BE IT ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and be in force for the Term of five Years, and from thence to the End of the next Sessions of General Assembly, and no longer.

The House adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Resolved,

That the House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill for *Support of Government*.

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

Friday, May 2. 1746.

The House met, and *Resolved* itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill for *Support of Government*: After some time spent there-
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in Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, 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 adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met and adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday May 3. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next two o'Clock in the Afternoon

Monday, May 5. 1746

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, May 6, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on his Excellency, and desire that he would be pleas'd to inform the House, when they shall attend him to obtain his Excellency's Assent to the Bills now before him.

The House adjourn'd for an Hour.

The House met.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House. In Answer to which his Excellency was pleas'd to say, that he had been so very ill that he had not been able to consider or even to read any of the Bills besides the Militia Bill. That former Houses of Assembly had declared, they were ready and willing to support the Government as usual, provided they could obtain the Acts then offer'd for his Assent. And he was pleas'd to declare and assure the House, that if they would support the Government in the usual Manner, he would assent to the said Bills.

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

Wednesday, May 7. 1746.

The House met.

A Motion was made that the Letter from the Agent, which was heretofore laid before this House, be now entred upon the Minutes, and a Debate arising, and the Question being put, thereupon the previous Question was demanded

demand'd and put, whether that Question be now put or not? And it pass'd in the Negative.

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> .
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cocke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,
Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Middlefworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,
Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,
	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> .

A Motion was made and the Question put, that a Message be sent to His Excellency in the form propos'd and read to the House, and it pass'd in the affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Low</i> ,
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van Middlefworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,		Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,
Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,		Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,

Resolved,

That the said Message be sent accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait upon his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House are willing to support the Government in as ample a Manner as the present Circumstances of this Colony will admit of: But the Treasury at present being very low, and a large Debt contracted on the Province to defray the Expence of the several long sittings of the General Assembly, &c. and not knowing how soon we may be called upon to assist his Majesty or defend ourselves on some Emergency. Nevertheless a Majority of the House do assure his Excellency, that they are willing, upon his Excellency's giving his Assent to the Bills now before him, to do it in the following Manner, *viz.* To give the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time Being, *Five Hundred Pounds* per Year for two Years, to commence the 23d of *September 1744*, and to end the 23d of *September 1746*. And the other Salaries &c. in the usual Manner, to be paid out of the Money now in the Treasury.

And also as a grateful acknowledgement to his Majesty, and his Excellency, for the benefits they hope this Colony will receive by those Bills, do further assure his Excellency, that Provision will be made in the said Bill *for support of Government*, for the Payment of *One thousand Pounds* to his Excellency, or to his Executors or Administrators, out of some of the first Interest Money arising from the Act, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand*

Pounds in Bills of Credit, now before his Excellency for his assent, when His Majesty's Royal assent shall also be obtained thereunto.

The Houle adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houle met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself, waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer. " That as there was too much Reason to believe, that from the beginning of this Contest, the House never intended to joyn in the *Support* of the Government, but made use of several Pretences to avoid the doing of it; So now it plainly appears, that when they might have had all the Acts they pretended to desire, and were seemingly so fond of, and the *Forty Thousand Pound Bill* pass'd, with a suspending Clause, they refuse to have them upon the Terms they have hitherto asked them.

" I will (as I have assured them) pass the Bills they seem so fond of, on Condition they join in supporting the Government in as large and ample a Manner as usual, and not otherwise. By this their Constituents may see, that they might have had the *Forty Thousand Pounds* they desired, if his Majesty would be pleased to approve of it.

A Motion was made; and the Question put, That a Message be sent to his Excellency to acquaint him, that this House cannot, at this Time, support the Government in any other Manner than as proposed by the Message sent to his Excellency this Day, and it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,
Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kearny</i> .
Mr. <i>Low</i>	Mr. <i>Cooke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Middlesworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Emley* do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that this Houle cannot, at this Time, support the Government in any other Manner than as proposed by the Message sent to his Excellency this Day.

Ordered,

That a Paragraph of the Letter from *Richard Patridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, and the Copy of the Report therein mentioned, be entred in the Minutes.

And the said Paragraph is as follows, viz.

" AND now I am to acquaint you, that notwithstanding the Endeavours we have used, respecting the two Acts with suspending Clauses, that which is called the *Fee ACT*, the Lords of Trade have reported their Opinion upon it to the Lord's Justices, (a little before the King came over,) That it was proper to be repealed for the Reasons set forth in their said Report, a Copy whereof comes inclosed; whereupon I apprehended I should not be just to the Trust you repoted in me, if I did not exhibit a Petition to the King in Council, in order that I might be heard by Council, learned in the

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“ Law, before the said Report should meet with the Royal Approbation, especially as I had Instructions to use my Endeavours to get the said Act approved here, and for that we were not heard by Council before the Lords of Trade; and accordingly I have, by my Petition, put a Stop to it, in order to be heard before the Lords Committee of Council, and which will now lay till I hear from you, and receive your particular further Instructions how to proceed therein, and to furnish me with all the necessary Arguments in support of the Act, with as many Evidences duly authenticated of Matters of Fact as you can.

And the said Copy of the Report is as follows.

To their EXCELLENCIES the LORDS JUSTICES.

May it please your LORDSHIPS,

“ WE have had under our Consideration an Act passed in his Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey in December 1743, entitled, *An Act for ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several Officers in the Colony of New-Jersey*. We have also consulted Mr. *Fane*, one of his Majesty's Council at Law, upon this Act, who has no Objection thereto in point of Law: But as Mr. *Morris* His Majesty's Governor of the said Colony, has informed us, that the Fees directed to be paid by this Act to the Officers of the several Courts of Judicature, are so inconsiderable that no Persons of Character or Reputation will care to accept of Employments therein. We humbly propose to your Excellencies that the said Act may be repealed. And as a further Reason for the Disallowance thereof, we likewise humbly take leave to lay before your Excellencies the annexed Account of the Proceeding of the Assembly of His Majesty's said Colony upon this Occasion, taken from the Votes of that House, who ordered a Copy of this Act to be printed as a Rule for the People there to govern themselves by, notwithstanding it was pass'd with a Clause declaring that the same should not be in force till his Majesty's Royal Assent was had thereunto. Which is most humbly submitted,

Whitehall, August

15. 1745,

*Monson,
R. Plumier,
Ja. Brudonell,
B. Leweson Gower.
J. Pitt.*

AN ACCOUNT of the Proceedings of the Assembly of his Majesty's Province of New-Jersey, in Relation to an ACT passed there in 1743, for ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several Officers in that Colony.

“ ON the 21st of October 1743, a Bill entitled, *An Act for ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several Officers in the Colony of New-Jersey*, was brought into the House of Representatives of the said Colony, where being unanimously agreed to, it was carry'd up to the Council for their Concurrence, who made several Amendments to the Bill, some of which the Assembly objected to, and Committees of both Houses were appointed to confer upon and settle the same, which being done, the Bill was passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly, with a Clause suspending the Execution of it untill his Majesty's Pleasure should be known, Notwithstanding which the House of Representatives, with a Design to defeat the

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“ true Intent and Meaning of the said Clause, did on the 5th of December following, come to this Resolution, *That as there is no General Law for establishing Fees in this Colony yet in Force, it is the Opinion of this House, that the Act entitled, An Act for ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several Officers in the Colony of New-Jersey, passed by the Governor, Council and General Assembly this Session, as it has the Approbation of the three Branches of the Legislature here, ought to have a due Weight with the Judges and all others concerned. And that they ought to take the said Act for their Rule to govern themselves by, untill his Majesty's Pleasure be known concerning the same*; and to the End that the said might be made Publick for the Service aforesaid, they ordered it to be printed. The Governor alarmed at this unprecedented Behaviour and Proceeding of the Assembly, proposed to them amongst several others the following Queries, *viz. By what Authority they took upon themselves to say, that an Act expressly enacted, not to be in Force till the King's Pleasure is known concerning it, ought to be a Rule to the Judges and others to govern themselves by? And likewise, by what Authority they ordered the same to be printed as a Rule for the Government of the People?* To which Queries the Governor desired a direct Answer, whereupon the Assembly came to the following Resolution, *That as this House only gave their Opinion of an Act which had pass'd the three Branches of the Legislature here, and have not assumed to themselves any unwarrantable Authority, they think themselves not accountable for that Opinion, and that it is not Consistent with the Honour and Dignity of this House, and the Trust reposed in them to give any other Answer.* This Proceeding of the Assembly induced the Governor to take notice (in a Speech he made to both Houses on the 10th of December 1743) of the Illegality of the Assembly's carrying that, or any other Act into Execution, that had been passed by the three Branches of the Legislature, with a Clause providing, that the same should not be in Force till his Majesty's Pleasure was known; and likewise told them, that he hoped they would be more prudent than to make any Order for Printing the same. Notwithstanding which, at their next Session, they carried their former Order into Execution, and a Copy of the Act was printed in the Votes of the House of Assembly of the 20th of November 1744, for the Purposes aforesaid.”

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

Thursday, May 8. 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himself, according to Order, waited on his Excellency with the Message of the House, and read it to him, in Answer to which his Excellency was pleased to say, That it was very well, he should not alter his Resolution.

The House adjourn'd till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Representation of *John Cox*, of *Trenton*, Esq; was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That by some Facts (tho' much misrepresented) in the Petition lately presented to this House, from the Persons calling themselves Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Middlesex* and *Somerset*,

Somerset, he thinks it was intended to be levelled at the Claim his Family have long set up to some Lands on which some few of the Petitioners dwell : That as to the first part of the Petition, he takes himself not to be concerned in it. That the Coſts mentioned to have been paid in one Bill of Chancery, was untrue in Fact, there being ſundry Bills brought by the People themſelves which occaſioned ſo great Coſts. That there was a Years time given to the Perſon who went to *England* to diſcover the Title, before the Cauſes were brought on again : And the Evidence not allow'd by the Court was only a Letter from ſome Perſons in *England* to a Perſon here, informing him, that they had agreed with the Grandfather of the Reſepentant for *Maidenhead* ; a Thing notoriously untrue ; but if it had, as it was only the Allegation of the Parties concern'd, it could not be Evidence ; and they might have excepted to the Opinion of the Court, which they did not do. That the Meſſenger on his return, when on his Death bed, directed his Executors to purchaſe the Lands he held under the Claim of the Petitioners, of the Reſepentant. Alſo, ſetting forth, the particular Steps taken by his Father and him in the ſeveral Proſecutions for their Rights, the juſtneſs of their Title, and the great Difficulties they have been put to in recovering their Rights, and the Lenity ſhewn to thoſe who had moſt obſtinately perſiſted in oppoſing. And that as the King has directed the Method of appealing to his Maſteſty in Council, by another Mode than the Petitioners have taken ; as Numbers of the Petitioners are no Parties to the Suits ; as it is impoſſible by this Method to ſend the proceedings and Proofs before His Maſteſty ; as it is an open attack upon the Conſtitution of the Colonies, and the Manner of appealing appointed by the King, tending in its Nature to Sedition, &c. he hopes that it will meet with all the Diſcouragement the Nature of the Thing deſerves.

The Houſe adjourn'd for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary,

Mr. Speaker.

I am order'd by his Excellency to acquaint you, that he expects the Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber at *Kingsbury*.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to attend his Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the Bill entitled, *An Act for better ſettling and regulaving the Militia of this Colony of New-Jerſey, for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*. And then to prorogue the General Aſſembly till to-morrow about this Time (which is about five of the Clock) then to meet at *Trenton*.

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B*Y* 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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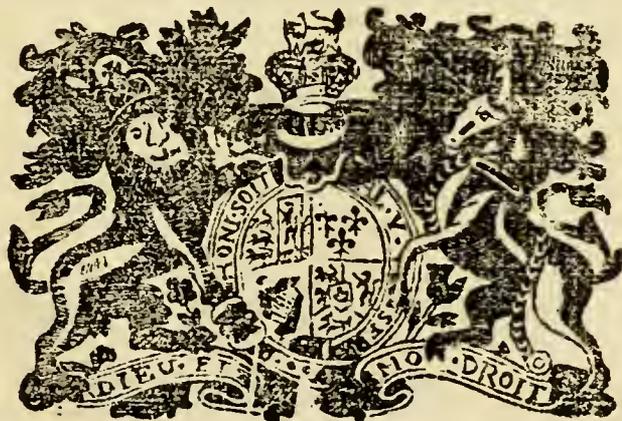
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OF THE
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Held at *Trenton* on *Friday* the *Ninth* of *May* 1746.



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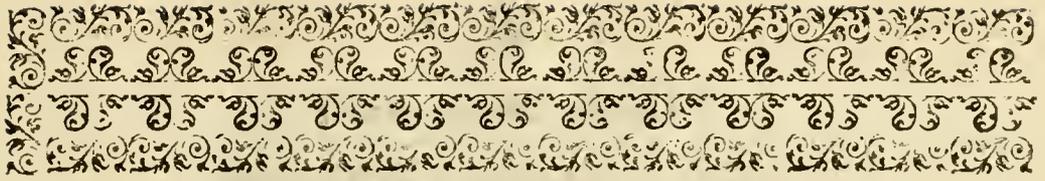
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General ASSEMBLY

T R E N T O N, *Friday, May 9. 1746.*

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Prorogation of Yesterday, Twenty of the Members met.

Resolved,

That the Speaker and any two of the Members be a sufficient Number to meet and adjourn from Day to Day.

The House being inform'd, that the Governor is very ill, adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 10. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next.

Monday, May 12. 1746

The House met and adjourn'd 'till To-morrow.

Tuesday, May 13, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wednesday, May 14. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Thursday

Thursday, May 15. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Friday, May 16. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 17. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till Monday next.

Monday, May 19. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow

Tuesday, May 20. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wednesday, May 21. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow,

Note, On this Day His Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Esq; Governor of this Colony, dyed, whereby the Government devolved on the Honourable JOHN HAMILTON, Esq; eldest Councillor.

Thursday, May 22. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow

Friday, May 23. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 24, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till Monday next.

Monday, May 26. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Tuesday, May 27, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wednesday

Wednesday, May 28, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Thursday, May 29, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Friday, May 30, 1746,

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Saturday, May 31. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till *Monday* next.

Monday, June 2, 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Tuesday, June 3. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Wednesday, June 4. 1746.

His Honour the President was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to *Wednesday* next, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

P E R T H - A M B O Y, Wednesday, June 11. 1746.

Pursuant to a Prorogation of the General Assembly by the honourable *John Hamilton*, Esq; President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of this Colony, to this Day, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*; the House met accordingly, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, June 12, 1746.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Stelle*, do wait on his Honour the President, and acquaint him, that there are a sufficient Number of the Members in Town to proceed upon Business.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself waited on the President, with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say, that he would send a Message to the House immediately.

A Message from the President by the D. Clerk of the Council, desiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Honour.

Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on the President, who was pleased to make a favourable Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That the said Speech be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows, viz.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

THE Government of this Province having devolved on me by the Death of his Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Esq; late Governor of this Province, and by Virtue of his Majesty's Letters Patent, which constituted him Governor; I take this Opportunity to acquaint you thereof; and that on the first Day of this Month I received a Letter from the Duke of *New-Castle*, His Majesty's principal Secretary of State, directed to his said Excellency, or the Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, with other Letters to the Governors of his Majesty's Colonies on this Continent to the Southward, as far as *Virginia*, which I immediately forwarded by an Express to the Governor of *Pennsylvania*; which Letter I laid before you Gentlemen of the Council on the fourth Instant, who thereon unanimously advised me forthwith to meet the General Assembly of this Province, and by reason of my present ill State of Health, to prorogue them to meet here upon the Eleventh Day of this Instant; being the shortest Time that was conceived possible to give Notice thereof to the several Members, and for them to meet: And I forthwith sent Expresses to the several Members of the General Assembly to meet here accordingly.

The Matter that will demand your earliest Care, and which I am commanded by his Majesty to recommend to you in the strongest Manner, is the joining heartily in promoting the Expedition which his Majesty has been pleased to undertake against the *French* at *Canada*. This undertaking, the particulars of which you will see by the Duke of *New-Castle's* Letter, (the Contents whereof I shall order to be laid before you) seems so justly calculated for the Benefit, future Safety, and perpetual Peace of all his Majesty's Colonies on the Continent of *America*, that we cannot enough admire his Majesty's Royal Goodness and Favour towards his *American* Subjects manifested on this Occasion: And therefore I cannot in the least doubt but you will exert yourselves at this time, and fall upon the most effectual Measures to promote and encourage an Undertaking so Beneficial to us all, and thereby shew your Duty to the best of Kings, and your Zeal for the Interest of your Country, which nothing can advance more than the Success of this Expedition.

I shall

I shall avoid laying any Business before you at present, which may interfere with your immediate Consideration, of what I have recommended to you, or is not necessary to be gone through for promoting it, and shall supply what I have omitted here, in respect of other Exigencies of this Province, by subsequent Messages.

Gentlemen,

As this Expedition is of the utmost Importance to us all, the Season of the Year far advanced, and the Time you have for acting your Part, of necessity must be very short; I heartily recommend to you the utmost Zeal, Unanimity and Dispatch in the Business under your Consideration.

J O H N H A M I L T O N.

Ordered,

That his Honour's Speech be read again To-morrow Morning.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, by his Honours command, laid before the House, the Duke of *New-Castle's* Letter, mention'd in his Honour's Speech, which Letter is dated at *Whitehall, April 9. 1746.*

And the said Letter was read and ordered a second Reading.

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

Friday, June 13, 1746.

The House met.

His Honour the Presidents Speech was read a second Time, and referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

The Letter from the Duke of *New-Castle* was also read and referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Matters to them referred: After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, 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 and resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Matters to them referred: After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions.

1. *Resolved,*

1. *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Honour the President in Answer to his favourable Speech.

To which the House agrees.

2. *Resolved*, That Provision shall be made for *Five Hundred* able bodied Men, being Freemen, as well Native Indians, of this Colony, as white Men, if so many shall voluntarily enlist themselves, to serve as common Soldiers in the intended Expedition against *Canada*, pursuant to his Majesty's Commands, signified by the Duke of *New-Castle*, in his Letter recommended by His Honour the President to the Consideration of the House.

And the Question being put, whether the House agrees thereto or not, it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	
Mr. <i>Newill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Middlefworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	} These five vo- ted for 350 Men.
Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fisher</i>	Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Kearney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooke</i> .	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,		Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,		Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,		Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	

3. *Resolved*, That there shall be paid to each of the said Men who shall so enlist as Voluntiers in this Colony, the Sum of *Six Pounds* Proclamation Money, as a Bounty over and above His Majesty's Pay, and they shall also be provided each with a new Watch-Coat, a good Blanket, with Arms, Ammunition, Provisions and other Necessaries.

To which 3d Resolution of the Committee the House agrees

Mr. *Cooper*, further reported, that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, purchase Arms and Ammunition for the said Soldiers.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newill*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooke*, and Mr. *Stelle*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Honour the President, in answer to his favourable Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Van Middlefworth*, Mr. *Newill*, Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Cooke*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for making current *Twenty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and for applying so much of the said Sum as shall be necessary for raising, arming, cloathing, victualling and transporting the Forces that shall be enlisted in this Colony, pursuant to the above Resolutions, and making Provision for sinking the said Bills of Credit.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock,

Saturday

Saturday, June 14. 1746.

The House met and adjourn'd till Monday next eight o' Clock in the Morning.

Monday, June 16, 1746.

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

Tuesday, June 17, 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to his Honour the President, reported, that the Committee had prepared the same, and with leave he delivered it in at the Table; and it was read, and some Amendments made thereto in the House, and then being read Paragraph by Paragraph, it was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be signed by the Speaker.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on his Honour and desire to know when the House may attend him with their Address.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself, waited on his Honour with the Message of the House, and that he was pleased to say, That he would let the House know when to attend him by a Message.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met,

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for making current Twenty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, and for applying so much of the said Sum as shall be necessary for raising, arming, cloathing, victualling and transporting the Forces, &c. reported, that the said Committee had prepared a Draught of the said Bill, and were ready to deliver it in when the House would please to receive the same.

Ordered,

That it be received immediately.

And the said Bill was brought in accordingly and read.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second Time To-morrow Morning.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to attend his Honour.

Being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had attended the President with their Address, which is as follows.

To the Honourable JOHN HAMILTON Esq; President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Province of New-Jersey.

The humble Address of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly met.

May it please your HONOUR,

“ WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives
 “ of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, now in General Assembly convened,
 “ humbly beg leave to return your Honour our hearty Thanks for your fa-
 “ vourable Speech to both Houses. We readily acknowledge what you
 “ have been pleased to communicate to us, That the Government of this
 “ Province hath devolved on you by the Death of His Excellency *Lewis*
 “ *Morris*, Esq; late Governor thereof, and by Virtue of his Majesty's Let-
 “ ters Patent, which constituted him Governor.

“ We are sorry for your Honours present ill State of Health, and heartily
 “ wish you a good Recovery; towards which we beg leave to assure you,
 “ we will contribute all in our Power, by using our utmost Endeavours to
 “ render your Administration quiet and easy.

“ Your early Care and great Diligence in immediately sending Expresses,
 “ and convening the General Assembly of this Colony upon this Extraordi-
 “ nary Occasion, we look upon as an Instance of your hearty Attachment to the
 “ common Cause.

“ We on our parts forthwith proceeded to take the Matter referred to us
 “ in your Honour's Speech, into our serious Consideration: And we agree with
 “ you, that we cannot enough admire His Majesty's Royal Goodness and
 “ Favour towards his *American* Subjects, manifested in the Expedition he
 “ hath been pleased to Order against the *French* at *Canada*. An undertaking,
 “ we own to be justly calculated for the benefit, future Safety, and perpetual
 “ Peace of all his Majesty's Colonies upon the Continent of *America*; and
 “ which we gratefully acknowledge as a fresh Instance of his paternal Care
 “ of us, and that he is not unmindful of the Welfare and Preservation even
 “ of his remotest Subjects.

“ And to shew our Zeal and Sincerity upon this important Occasion. we
 “ have already resolved to provide for Five Hundred Voluntiers, to be raised
 “ in this Colony, for the present Expedition, in the following Manner.

“ We have unanimously resolved, to give a Bounty of *Six Pounds* to every
 “ private Soldier, (being a Freeman) or Native well affected Indian, who
 “ shall enlist in the said Service, besides the Pay allowed them by the King.

“ We

“ We have unanimously resolved, to furnish them with Provisions and other
 “ Necessaries thereto appertaining, agreeable to his Majesty’s Royal Will and
 “ Pleasure, signified in the Duke of *New-Castle’s* Letter.

“ We have also taken that Part of his Graces, Letter into our Consideration
 “ which relates to Arms and Cloathing for the Men to be raised, and which
 “ is recommended to the Care of the several Governors to provide : And not
 “ knowing of any publick Money which you can apply for this Service, there-
 “ fore to render your Honour’s Administration the more easy, and to shew
 “ our honest and hearty Intentions to promote and forward every Projection
 “ that may tend to the publick Good, we have also unanimously resolved to
 “ furnish the Voluntiers, which shall be raised in this Colony as aforesaid,
 “ with Arms, Ammunition, and such Cloathing as our present Circumstances
 “ will admit of, as doth appear by our said Resolves. And we shall order
 “ an Accompt of this Part of the Supplies to be laid before your Honour, de-
 “ siring you to apply to Lieutenant General *St. Clair*, for a reimbursement
 “ thereof to the Province, whom his Majesty hath authorized and impowered
 “ to make a reasonable Allowance for defraying that Expence, as appears by
 “ the Duke of *New-Castle’s* Letter afore-mentioned.

“ And we shall proceed to take into our further Consideration the Ways
 “ and Means of raising this Supply in a Method the most expeditious and
 “ least burdensome to the People we represent, and suitable to the present
 “ low Circumstances of the Colony; for which Purpose we have ordered a
 “ Bill to be brought into our Houle for making current Twenty Thousand
 “ Pounds in *Bills of Credit*, and for applying so much of the said Sum as shall
 “ be necessary for the present Service; and also making Provision therein for
 “ sinking the said *Bills of Credit*; without which Paper Credit it would be
 “ impracticable for us at present to raise the Money any other Way, not
 “ doubting of his Majesty’s Royal Favour and good Disposition towards his
 “ Loyal Subjects of *New-Jersey*, in approving of their Proceedings upon this
 “ sudden Emergency.

“ We beg leave to observe to your Honour that what we have now and
 “ heretofore done upon such like Occasions, hath always been with the
 “ greatest Chearfulness and Dispatch, in which we have exerted ourselves to
 “ the utmost of our Power and Abilities for the Advancement of his Ma-
 “ jesty’s Honour, and the common Good of his Subjects, and have thereby
 “ shewn our Duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings, and our Zeal for the
 “ Interest of our Country.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

To which his HONOUR was pleased to make the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Heartily thank you for this Address. The Gratitude you therein express for
 His Majesty’s Goodness, and the Zeal and Unanimity with which you have
 proceeded

proceeded, and resolve to proceed, in answering His just Expectations, cannot but greatly recommend you to His favour, and to the Good-Will of all who have the Interest and Safety of the British Colonies at Heart.

The Assurances and Marks you give of your Endeavours to render my Administration quiet and easy, I gratefully accept; and in return, assure you, that I shall not be wanting in what's in my Power to do, for the publick Good, and Honour and Interest of this Colony.

The House having receiv'd Information from Mr. Nevill, one of their Members, that one *Ezekiel Forman*, of *Monmouth County*, has lately insulted and abused Mr. Speaker, treating him with very approbious Language.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Sergeant at Arms to bring the said *Ezekiel Forman* forthwith before the House.

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

Wednesday, June 18th. 1746.

The House met.

The Order of the Day being read, the Bill *for providing for the Forces to be raised here*, was read a second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill *for making current Forty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*.

Then the House resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill, *For providing for the Forces to be raised in this Colony*: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in Matter to them referred, and desired leave to sit again: To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met,

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, brought in the said Bill, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed in the Consideration of the Bill, *For providing for the Forces to be raised in this Colony*: After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matter to them referred, and had directed him to report

report it as their Opinion, That as his Majesty has recommended it to the several Governors, to take Care that the Soldiers to be raised may be provided with Arms and Cloathing, and has authorized and impowered Lieutenant General St. Clair to make a reasonable Allowance for the defraying that Expence. (The Money for which Service this House, for the Reasons mentioned in their Address, have resolved to supply for the present, by striking Bills of Credit sufficient for that Purpose.) And as his Majesty has also recommended it to the Council and Assembly of *New-Jersey*, to provide a sufficient Quantity of Provisions for the Subsistence of the Troops, it will be proper to bring in separate Bills for those Purposes; To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Demarest* and Mr. *Stelle*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, *for the Encouragement of the enlisting of Men in this Colony of New-Jersey for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, and for making Provision for their Subsistence for four Months, and for Transporting them to Albany, in the Province of New-York.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Van Middlewörth*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, *for making current Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Honourable John Hamilton, Esq; Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of arming, and cloathing the Forces to be rais'd in this Colony for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, and providing for sinking the said Bills of Credit.*

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

Thursday, June 19. 1746.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter he receiv'd, after the House rose Yesterday, from his Honour the President, wherein was inclosed a Copy of some Paragraphs of a Letter from Governor CLINTON to his Honour, desiring him to endeavour to send all the fighting *Indians* within this Government, to *Albany*, to join the Six Nations on this Occasion; and that he hopes it will be thought reasonable that this Government, with the others to the Southward, should bear a Proportion of the Expence attending their engaging with them.

The House taking the same into Consideration are of Opinion, That they have already done all in their Power in that Respect, having resolved to give the Bounty, and make the same Provision for the *Indians* in this Colony, who shall engage in the Service as for the other Forces to be rais'd here.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Fisher* do wait on his Honour and acquaint him that the House has got the Business in a good Forwardness which was recommended

recommended in his Speech: And as he was pleased to intimate that he would inform the House by Messages of any other Affairs he had to recommend to them. They now desire his Honour will be pleased to recommend what other Business he thinks necessary to be done at this time, that the House may proceed therein as they shall have Leisure, their private Affairs requiring that they should make the utmost Dispatch.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself waited on the President with the Message of the House, and that he was pleased to say, that he would call the Council and lay it before them.

The Bill for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit. was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Low*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, according to order brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Pounds in Bills of Credit to enable the Hon. John Hamilton, Esq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the time Being, to defray the Expence of arming and cloathing the Forces to be raised in this Colony, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, and providing for sinking the said Bills of Credit.*

And the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

The Bill for making current, &c. according to the order of the Forenoon, was read a 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 take into Consideration the said Bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* 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.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement of the Inlisting of Men in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, and for making Provision for their Subsistence for four Months, and for transporting them to Albany in the Province of New-York.*

And the said Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading To-morrow Morning.

The Sergeant at Arms attending, he was called in, and inform'd the House, that he had *Ezekiel Forman* ready to bring before the House.

Ordered

Ordered,
That he remain in Custody till further Order.

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

Friday, June 20. 1746.

The House met.

The Bill *for the Encouragement of the inlisting of Men, &c.* according to the Order of the Day, was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Message from his Honour the President by the Deputy Clerk of the Council in the following Words,

GENTLEMEN,

WHEN I spoke to you at the opening of this Session, I purposely avoid-
ed recommending any thing to your Consideration but what related to the Expedition against *Canada*, because I did then, and do still think that Affair of so much Consequence to his Majesty's Service, and the speedy Dispatch of it so likely to prove Beneficial to all his Colonies, that it ought to be gone through before any other Business was entered upon.

When I reflect, Gentlemen, on the Consequences of this Undertaking, upon the many Things we have to do in this Affair, and upon the Shortness of the Time we have for preparing our Troops for a March into the Enemy's Country, I cannot help being of Opinion, that this, and this alone, should engross our whole Thoughts; however upon the Receipt of your Message of this Day, by Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Fisher*, I immediately called together His Majesty's Council, and laid it before them for their Advice; and they were unanimously with me in Opinion, that no other Business ought to be undertaken till this was gone through; and if then it was inconsistent with the private Interest of the Members to continue together longer at this busy Season, that I should grant them a short Recess till after Harvest.

The House resolv'd it self into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill, *for the Encouragement of the inlisting of Men, &c.*

After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* 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 of *Ezekiel Forman* was presented to the House and read, praying to be heard concerning the Matter alledged against him.

Resolved,
That the said *Ezekiel Forman* be heard before a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered

Ordered,

That the Sergeant at Arms bring him immediately before the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House for that purpose : After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker (being sent for in) resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooke*, Chairman, reported that the said *Ezekiel Forman* was brought before the Committee, and was fully heard, and then was ordered to withdraw, as also Mr. Speaker was pleased to withdraw : And that the Committee, having considered the Affair, are of Opinion, that the said *Ezekiel Forman* hath used Mr. Speaker in a very indecent Manner, knowing him to be a Member of this House, and that therefore he ought to acknowledge his Offence, and ask Pardon of the House ;

To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the said *Ezekiel Forman* do acknowledge his fault, and ask Pardon of the House accordingly.

The House adjourn'd to 2. P. M.

The House met, and resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill for the *Encouragement of the enlisting of Men, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* Chairman, 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 To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Saturday, June 21. 1746.

The House met.

Resolved,

That *John Titus*, who hath attended as Door-Keeper this Session, be Door Keeper of this House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill, *to encourage the enlisting of Men, &c.*

After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* 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.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* have leave to go home upon Extraordinary Occasions.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House

to proceed on the above said Bill: And after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, 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.

Ezekiel Forman attending at the Door, was called in, and made the following Declaration, *viz.*

I acknowledge, that a due Regard ought always to be had to the Honour of this House, and am heartily sorry that I should incur the Displeasure of the House; and assure them that it never was my Intention to do so, and do humbly ask Forgiveness for so doing.

Ordered,
That the said *Ezekiel Forman* be discharged out of the Custody of the Sergeant, paying his Fees.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning next eight o'Clock.

Monday, June 23. 1746

The House met,

And resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill *to encourage the enlistment of Men*, &c. After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, 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 To-morrow Morning eight o'Clock.

Tuesday, June 24, 1746.

The House met and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill *to encourage the enlistment of Men*, &c. After sometime spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, 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 in the Afternoon.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill *to encourage the enlistment of Men*, &c. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported that the Committee had gone thro' the Bill, and made several Amendments, as well to the Title as Body of said Bill.

And the Bill with the Amendments was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Then the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill for making Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, &c.

After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Nevill, Chairman, reported that the Committee had made some further Progress therein, and desired leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

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

Wednesday, June 25, 1746.

The House met and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill for making Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, &c.

After some Time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Nevill, Chairman, 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 engrossed Bill entitled *An Act to encourage the enlisting of Five Hundred Freemen, or native well affected Indians in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service, in the present Expedition against Canada, for making Provision for their Subsistence for four Months, for transporting them to Albany in the Province of New-York, and for defraying the Expence thereof out of the Interest Money arising from the Loans of the Bills of Credit of this Colony;* was read the third Time, and two Amendments made thereto by the Houle.

And then the Question being put, whether the said Bills do pass or not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

<p>Yeas.</p> <p>Mr. Nevill, Mr. Stelle, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Heard, Mr. Eatton, Mr. Crane, Mr. Low, Mr. Van Middleworth,</p>	<p>Yeas.</p> <p>Mr. Fisher Mr. Van Buskirk, Mr. Demarest, Mr. Cooke. Mr. Brick, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Emley,</p>	<p>Nays.</p> <p>Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Wright, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Hancock.</p>
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Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

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

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself according to order waited on the Council with the Bill entrusted to them and delivered it to the Chairman in Council.

The House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill for *making Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, &c.* After some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the House would be pleas'd to receive it.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

And the said Bill was read with the Amendments, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning eight o'Clock;

Thursday, June 26. 1746.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Honourable John Hamilton, Esq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the time Being to defray the Expence of Arming, and Cloathing the Forces to be rais'd in this Colony for his Majesty's Service, in the present Expedition against Canada, and directing the Manner of sinking the said Bills of Credit,* was read the third Time and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass: It was carry'd in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Spicer* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

Mr.

Mr. *Low* reported that Mr. *Spicer* and himself according to order delivered the said Bill for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, &c. to the Speaker in Council.

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

Friday, June 27, 1746,

The House met and adjourn'd 'till two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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

Saturday, June 28. 1746.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the House that the Bill entitled, *An Act to encourage the inlisting of Five Hundred Freemen or well affected Native Indians in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, &c.* AND ALSO the Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Hon. John Hamilton, Esq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of arming and cloathing the Forces to be raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, and directing the Manner of sinking the said Bills of Credit,* were severally passed by that House this Day.

Ordered,

That there be printed forthwith *One Hundred and Sixty Sets* of the Laws which shall be passed this Session to be distributed in the same Manner as those passed in 1743. And further to five Captains on the present Expedition, each one, and for the Use of the Agent four.

And also there shall be printed *Two Hundred and Seventy Sets* of the Law pass'd last Session for settling the Militia, to be delivered by the respective Treasurers to any one of the Members of the several Counties as follows.

For <i>Middlesex</i>	31	For <i>Burlington</i>	24
<i>Essex,</i>	27	<i>Hunterdon and Morris</i>	38
<i>Bergen,</i>	22	<i>Gloucester,</i>	20
<i>Somerset,</i>	21	<i>Salem,</i>	26
<i>Monmouth,</i>	23	<i>Cape-May,</i>	12

To be distributed in each County as follows,

To the Members each	-	-	-	1
Col. Lieut, Col. Major, and Captains, each	-	-	-	1
First Judge of the County	-	-	-	1
Mayors, each	-	-	-	1
Clerk of the County,	-	-	-	1
Clerks of Corporations and Precincts, for the Use thereof, each	-	-	-	1

And

And further the Treasurers to give as follows.

To the Commander in Chief	_____	4
Each of the Council,	_____	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court,	_____	1
Each of the Treasurers,	_____	1
The Attorney General,	_____	1
For the Use of the Agent	_____	4

Ordered,

That *Joseph Cooper*, Esq; and Mr. *Thomas Spicer*, agree with a Printer for printing the Laws, and direct him to do it forthwith, and immediately send them to the respective Treasurers of this Colony.

Ordered,

That *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print the Bills of Credit, directed to be printed by a Bill pass'd this Session by both Houses, when it shall have obtained his honour the President's Assent, provided the said *William Bradford* will undertake it at as reasonable a Rate as any other Printer, otherwise the Persons appointed may agree with such other Printer as they see fit.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, that this House have gone through the Business he was pleased to recommend to them, and that if he has nothing further to recommend at this Time, the House desires he will be pleased to dismiss them.

Resolved

That Thirteen of the Members shall be a sufficient Number to send the Sergeant at Arms for the absent Members.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself, according to order, delivered the Message of the House to his Honour.

A Petition of two Prisoners now in the Goal of *New-Brunswick*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that their Debts amounts to so much that they are not entitled to the Benefit of the Act for relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt, and praying that the said Act may be enlarged.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met,

A Message from His Honour by Mr. Secretary: Mr. Speaker, *His Honour expects the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.* Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to attend his Honour.

Being returned Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had attended his Honour the President, who was pleased to give his Assent to two Bills enacting the same, entitled as follows, viz.

1. *AN ACT to encourage the enlisting of Five Hundred Freemen, or native well affected Indians in this Colony of New-Jersey, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada: For making Provision for their Subsistence for four Months: For transporting them to Albany in the Province of New-York: And for defraying the Expence thereof out of the Interest Money arising from the Loans of the Bills of Credit of this Colony.*

2. *AN ACT for making current Ten Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to enable the Honourable John Hamilton, Esq; Commander in Chief of this Colony, or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, to defray the Expence of arming and cloathing the Forces to be raised in this Colony, for his Majesty's Service in the present Expedition against Canada, and directing the Manner of sinking the said Bills of Credit.*

And then to make a Speech to both Houses, which is as follows, viz.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I thank you for this seasonable supply for promoting the Expedition, and for your Zeal and Dispatch in the Grant of it.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

There have been too most notorious Riots at Newark in the County of Essex, where his Majesty's Authority and Laws have been treated with the greatest Disrespect and Contempt. His Goal there was twice broke open, and the Prisoners therein lawfully detained, were taken out and carryed away in Triumph: His Majesty's known Officers beat and abused in the lawful Exercise of their Offices, and this was done at one time by about 150, at the other by upwards of 300 Men, and at both Times they gave out, that they could have twice the Numbers if they were necessary; and all this was done for no other reason, but because a Man was sued in a common Action of Trespas, for cutting Timber on some Lands that he had a Claim to: And it was then, and I am told is now given out, that these People will not suffer any legal Proofs to be executed on any Man that lives on Lands held by an *Indian* Right; and boast that their Numbers are so great, that they are not afraid of being punished for these Crimes. All the Methods that it was prudent for the Government to use, have been taken to put a Stop to this growing Evil, and it appears that they have all proved ineffectual; and it has not been in the Power of the Government hitherto to bring any of the Delinquents to Justice. Upon this I think it my Duty to observe to you, that so open avowed an Attempt to throw off their Dependance on the Crown of *Britain*, and flying in the Face of the Government, and obstructing the Course of legal Proceedings, and owning and avowing this; and boasting in their Numbers and Strength to protect themselves against the Laws, is of such dangerous Consequence to his Majesty's Authority in his Plantations, that unless we fall upon Measures effectually to punish it for the time passed, and by severe Laws to prevent Things of that Nature for the Time to come, we shall have

have reason to fear the Resentment of his Majesty and a *British* Parliament, which may be too heavy for us to bear.

I therefore, in his Majesty's Name, recommend to you, to proceed with the utmost Dispatch in such vigorous Measures as may be most conducive to restore the Peace and Tranquility of the Province, that the Laws may again have their due Courte, and his Majesty's Subjects may be again at Liberty to take the Benefit of those Laws.

You can't be ignorant that the Government has been without any Support for nigh too Years, and that there is a considerable Debt due to the several Officers of the Government, and those whose time has been employed in the Service of the Publick : I must therefore recommend to you to make Provision for the Payment of those Debts, and for the future Support of the Government, which I shall expect will be done in as ample a Manner as has been hitherto usual.

My Love for the Province will be a sufficient Inducement to me to do every Thing for its Interest and Prosperity, consistent with his Majesty's Royal Instructions.

These Things, *Gentlemen*, are what I have at present to recommend to your Consideration ; but if your continuing longer together at this busy Season of the Year, will be prejudicial to your private Affairs, I am willing to grant you a Recess ; and you have my leave to adjourn yourselves for a Fortnight at a Time, until I shall, by circular Letters, order you to meet ; or you may now proceed to Business.

JOHN HAMILTON.

And then the House, according to his Honour's Permission, adjourn'd until Saturday Fortnight, the 12th Day of July next.

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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John ...
County ...



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General ASSEMBLY

T H U R S D A Y, *October 9.* 1746

PURSUANT to his Honours several Adjournments to this Day, Sixteen of the Members met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on his Honour and acquaint him; that there is a sufficient Number of the Members met to proceed upon Business, and desire to know, if his Honour hath any Thing to lay before them.

Mr. *Kearney* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had waited on the President with the Message of the House, in Answer to which his Honour was pleased to say, That the House might proceed on what Business was before them, and when the Council met he would send a Message to the House.

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

Friday, October 10, 1746,

The House met,

Ordered,

That his Honours Speech of the 28th of *June* last be again Read, which was read accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Speech.

After sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to a Resolution, that a Bill be brought in *for the Support of Government*, and desired leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eaton*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Demarest*, and Mr. *Hancock*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Message from his Honour was read, which is in the following Words,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I HAVE called you together at this Time, to lay before you some Things that will require your immediate Consideration, and have been obliged to meet you at this Place, because my ill State of Health and great Weakness of Body would not permit me to attend you any where else.

Agreeable to His Majesty's Orders to me, I endeavoured to raise as many Men as I could, and such was the Inclination of the People in general to serve His Majesty and their Country on this important Occasion, that in seven Weeks after the Publication of His Majesty's gracious Intention, and the handsome Encouragement and Provision you had resolved to make, I had upwards of *Six Hundred and Sixty* Men raised in this Province and ready for Service: Out of which I formed *six* compleat Companies, *five* of which are upon the Establishment of this Province, and the other, upon my Recommendation to the Governor of *New-York*, is put upon the Establishment of that Province, and what Men remained, which were not sufficient to form a compleat Company, were permitted to go to *New-York* to fill up a Company there.

The Secretary will lay before you Copies of the several Orders I have given, and the Letters I have wrote to the Commissioners appointed for cloathing and arming the Troops, and the Commissioners for victualling and transporting, will inform you in what Manner they executed the Trust reposed in them, upon which I can only say, that the Commissioners have used the greatest Dispatch that could be expected, and I am well assured, the Things provided are of the best kind.

I have further to inform you, that the several Necessaries being provided, the five Companies, upon the Establishment of this Province, were put on board the Transports, and set Sail for *Albany* on the *third* of *September* last, and arrived there on the *ninth* in good Health. The Orders, Instructions and Letters I gave and wrote on that Occasion, will be laid before you for your more particular Information.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

As the Troops are now at *Albany* ready for Service, when His Majesty thinks fit to Order, and are to remain in that Country the ensuing Winter, and as the Communication by Water between us and them will be cut off by the closing of *Hudson's River*, and as there's only four Months Provisions sent with them, which will be expended about the End of *December* next, I heartily recommend it to you to make a further Provision for them, so as it may be sent up before the Rigour of the Season comes on.

I have received some Dispatches which give me Intelligence of a Fleet of *Eighteen* Sail of *French* Men of War, with a considerable Number of Transports, said to contain *four Thousand* Land Forces, being on the Coast of *America*: What Part of the *English* Settlements they intend to attack, is, as yet, uncertain; but it is more than probable the *French* King would not send such a considerable Armament into *America* without some Intentions to the Prejudice of His Majesty Dominions, and it behoves them all to be upon their Guard, and I make not the least doubt but your Zeal for the Safety of your Country, will induce you to fall upon such Measures as will enable us to make a good Defence in Case they should attempt to Land in this Province, or to afford a ready Assistance to our Neighbours, should any of them be attacked. What Orders I have issued for giving the Alarm upon the Approach of an Enemy, and for the Assistance of the Neighbouring Province of *New-York*, together with the said Dispatches, will be laid before you by the Secretary.

As to what further relates to our own Province, I must refer you to what I said at the Close of the last sitting.

Perth-Amboy,
Oct. 10. 1746.

JOHN HAMILTON.

The several Dispatches and Papers referred to in the above Message relating to the *French* Fleet, were also read, and the said Message, Dispatches, and Papers were ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till two' o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. *Eaton*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of Government, brought in a Draught of the said Bill, which he delivered in at the Table, and it was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Saturday, October 11. 1746.

The House met.

His Honours Message, with the several Papers and Dispatches sent therewith, was read and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

Monday, October 13. 1746.

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

Tuesday, October 14, 1746.

The House met and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill *for support of Government*: And after sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, 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 and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for support of Government*: And after sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, 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,

Wednesday, October 15. 1746.

The House met and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for support of Government*: After sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill; and had come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to report when the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* accordingly reported the Resolutions of the Committee as followeth,

Resolved,

That the Government be supported for one Year, to commence the *Twenty second of May* 1746 and to End the *22d of May* 1747. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That in and by the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey for one Year, &c.* when passed into Law, there be paid

To the Honourable JOHN HAMILTON, Esq; President and Commander in Chief of this Colony, or to the Commander in Chief, for the Time being, the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Chief Justice for the Time being, for holding the Supream Courts at *Pertb-Amboy* and *Burlington*, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? It was carried in the Negative.

Then the Question was put, what should be the Sum? and it was carried for *One Hundred-Pound*.

For £. 50	For £. 50.	For £. 100:	For £. 100.
Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Nevill,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Brick,
Mr. VanBuskirk,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Emley,
		Mr. R. Smith,	

To the Second and Third Judges for the time being; the Sum of *Twenty five Pounds* each. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays;	Nays.
Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Kearney,	who all voted
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. R. Smith,	for £. 30
Mr. VanBuskirk,	Mr. Emley,	Mr. D. Smith,	

To the Attorney General, for the time being; the Sum of *Forty Pounds*. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? it was carried in Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Eaton,
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Demarest,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Emley,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Low,			

To each of the Treasurers, for the Time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To *Richard Partridge* Esq; Agent of this Colony, or to the Agent for the Time being, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Circuits, for the Time being, *Twenty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council, for the Time being, *Ten Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

To each of the above Officers, except the President, their Arrearages in the above Proportion for the Time from the 23d of *Sept. 1744*, to the 22d of *May 1746*. And also to the Clerk of the Circuits for the Year ended *Sept, 23,*

1744. for his Salary, voted but omitted to be apply'd in the last Act for *Support of Government*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, to which the House agreed.

Mr. *Nevill* further reported, the Resolutions of the Committee concerning the contingent Charges of the Government, which were agreed to by the House and are as followeth.

Resolved,

That in and by the said Act there be paid.

To the Chief Justice, or other Judge in his absence, for holding the Circuit Courts, and Courts of *Oyer and Terminer*, since the 23d. of *Sept.* 1744. until the expiration of the said Act, for each time he hath or shall hold the said Courts, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, unless he hath had, or is to receive, Satisfaction otherwise for the same.

To each of the Council for their attendance at this or any other Sitting during the Continuance of the said Act, and also for their Attendance at former Sittings, since the Year 1743. the Sum of *Six Shillings per Diem*.

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for his attendance in manner aforesaid, *Eight Shillings per Diem*, also the Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds*, for entering the Minutes of this and said former Sittings fair in the Book, copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes, since the last Provision made by Law, for payment for said Service, and to *Benjamin Franklin*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed for printing the Laws, since Provisions was made for payment thereof, or that shall be passed this or any other Sitting, during the Continuance of the said Act; such Sums as *Richard Smith, jun.* *Joseph Cooper* and *Daniel Smith, Esqrs.* or any two of them shall agree for.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, for his attendance on the House of Representatives, this or any other Sitting during the said Term of one Year, and for attending at the former Sittings since the Year 1743, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, for his attendance on the Council in manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for the Time being for his attendance in manner aforesaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem*. also to *William Petty*, Door-keeper, *Thirty Shillings* to pay for Firewood and Candles, for the use of the House at a former Sitting.

To the Heirs or Executors of *John Parker*, for the use of a Room, Firewood and Candle, &c. the Sum of *Twenty Shillings per Week*, during this present Sitting, and the former Sittings at *Perth Amboy*, not provided for by Law.

To Col. *John Reading*, to pay for the use of a Room, Fire and Candle, for the Council, the Sum of *Twelve Shillings per Week*, during this present Sitting and the former Sittings of General Assembly, since the Year 1743.

To *Andrew Johnston, Esq;* his Account for remitting the Agent's Salary, &c. to the 23d of *Sept.* 1744, the Sum of *Eleven Pound Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence*.

To

To Richard Smith, jun. Esq; the Sum of Two Hundred Forty three Pounds sixteen Shillings and two pence three Farthings, to be remitted to Richard Partridge, Esq; Agent of this Colony, in full for his Disbursements, to the 10th. July 1745.

To the Executors of his late Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Esq; his Account for Cash paid for an Express to Philadelphia, with the Declaration of War and Expences in apprehending the Counterfeiters of York Bills, the Sum of Four Pound seventeen Shillings.

To the Speaker and each of the Members, for the Time each of them hath attended at the Sittings of General Assembly, since the Year 1743, or have attended or shall attend at this or any other Sitting during the said one Year, the Sum of Six Shillings per Diem.

Ordered,

That the said several Sums be incerted in the Bill, which being done accordingly.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engross'd.

And then the House adjourn'd till two o'Clock this Afternoon.

The House met.

Resolv'd,

That the Draught of an humble Address to His Majesty be brought into the House, and that therein the House will congratulate His Majesty on the late happy Deliverance of his Person and Government, from the desperate Attempts of a Popish Pretender, and his deluded Faction.

Ordered,

That Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Stelle, Mr. Cooke and Mr. Low be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Address accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Thursday, October 16, 1746.

The House met.

The engross'd Bill, entituled, An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey, for one Year, to commence the 22d. Day of May, 1746. and to end the 22d. Day of May, 1747. and to discharge the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof, was read, and compared and on the Question.

Resolv'd,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the said Bill to the Council, for their concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider His Honours Message, and the several Papers sent therewith.

After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them refer'd, and had come to some Resolutions thereupon, which he was directed to Report, when the House would be pleas'd to receive it, and that the Committee desired leave to sit again; to which the House agreed,

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* thereupon reported the Resolutions of the Committee, as follows

Resolved,

That a further Supply of Provisions be sent to the Forces raised in this Colony, now at *Albany*.

Resolved,

That Provision be made, for paying the Subsistence of so many of the Forces raised in this Colony, from the Time of Mustering, to the Time of their Embarkation for *Albany*, as shall be made appear to this House, were truly enlisted to serve his Majesty, according to the Intent of the Law.

And the said Resolutions were agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Kearney*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Demaree* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for a further Supply of Provisions for the said Forces.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself, according to Order, went with the Bill, for Support of Government, to the Council Chamber, but the Council not fitting, they waited on the *President*, who inform'd them, that there had not been a Councillor in Town, since the Beginning of this Sitting of *General Assembly*, but that he expected there would be a Council held this Day.

Ordered,

That the Bill be committed to the Care of Mr. *Speaker*, and it was delivered to him accordingly.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The

The House met,

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an humble Address to His Majesty, presented the same to the House, and it was received and read, and some Amendments being made thereto, the House agreed to the same, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,

That the said Address be engrossed.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for a further supply of Provisions, for the Forces, &c. brought in the same, which was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Friday, October 17. 1746.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to His Majesty, with two fair Copies thereof, were read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* Sign the same, which was done accordingly, and the said Address is as followeth.

To His most Excellent Majesty, GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Representatives, of the Colony of Nova Cætatea, or New Jersey, in America, in General Assembly convened.

Most gracious Sovereign.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of your Colony of *New Jersey*, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Presence, to congratulate your Majesty on the Deliverance of your Kingdoms, from the late Attempt of a wicked abandon'd Popish Pretender.

It was with Astonishment and Abhorrence, that we heard of a Number of People in your Majesty's Dominions, who (void of Understanding, and insensible of the Blessings flowing from your mild and auspicious Reign) have suffered themselves to be so far deluded by our common Enemies, as desperately to engage in open and publick Rebellion against your Majesty's Person and Government, vainly attempting to Subject a free People, to the miserable Slavery of a Popish arbitrary Power.

As our Civil and Religious Principles teach us an Aversion to, and Abhorrence of the Superstition, Idolatry, and Tyranny of the Church of

' Rome, so had these Rebels been suffered to have Usurp'd the Power of ruling over your Majesty's loyal Subjects, We in your Plantations must undoubtedly have been subjected to their Resentment, We are therefore under the greatest Obligations to be thankful unto Almighty God, who by his good Providence, hath so graciously interpos'd for the Preservation of your Royal Person and Government.

' So happy an Interposition as it gives us this Opportunity, so it makes it our indispensable Duty also, to acknowledge your Majesty's paternal Care for the Safety of your People, which hath been so signally demonstrated, in your Majesty's permitting one of your Royal Offspring to expose himself for their Preservation, to the Fury of Men, more desperate savage and unnatural than the Beasts of our Wilderness.

' It is a peculiar Happiness that many of our fellow Subjects enjoy, to be near your Royal Person, and to partake of the immediate Influence of a Government We feel (in part) the good Effects of, for which We return your Majesty our most humble Thanks, in that you have been most graciously pleas'd from Time to Time, to instruct those Persons your Majesty hath been pleas'd to appoint to preside over us, to protect us in our civil and religious Liberties. This to us is a Demonstration of your Majesty's Care and tender Regard, and that it is extended even to the remotest of your Subjects.

' We humbly beseech Almighty God, who can bring Good out of Evil, to frustrate the Councils of your Majesty's Enemies, and make their wicked Devices subservient to the Establishment of your Person and Family, (if possible) more firmly in the Affections of your People, That he may Bless all your Majesty's Councils, and grant Succes to your Endeavours for the Establishing an honourable and lasting Peace in Europe, and all these your Majesty's Plantations: That your Majesty may long live, to enjoy the Crown you wear, with Ease and Delight, exceeding in Honour your illustrious Ancestors: That when it shall please him to part you from an earthly Diadem, it may be to receive a Crown more premanent and glorious, and that Great-Britain, with all your Majesty's Dominions, may be always happy, in an uninterrupted Race of your Royal Offspring reigning on the British Throne.

Divers of the Members of this House being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Substance of this Address, with their usual Exception to the Stile.

By Order of the House,
ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.

Ordered,
That the Persons appointed to correspond with the Agent, do transmit the said Address to him to be presented by him to His Majesty.

The Bill, for a further Supply of Provisions for the Forces at Albany, was read a second Time, and some Amendments being made thereto in the House.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd 'till two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to make current Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling the Forces lately raised in New Jersey, on an Expedition against Canada*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. Crane and Mr. Leaming do carry the Bill to the Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Crane reported, that Mr. Leaming and himself, according to Order, went with the said Bill to the Council Chamber, but the Council not being sitting, they waited on the President, who inform'd them, that there were none of the Council in Town that he knew of, but that he had sent the Sergeant for them, and expected there would be a Council to-morrow.

Ordered,
That the Bill be committed to the Care of Mr. Speaker, and it was delivered to him accordingly.

Mr. Speaker inform'd the House, that last Night the *Grand Jury*, of the County of *Middlesex*, came to his Lodging, and desired him to inform the House, that it was made appear to them, that some Suits have been lately brought in the County Courts, or Mayors Courts, of this County, on Bonds or Penal Bills, where the respective Conditions of such Obligations were for the Payment of Sums of Money, that with the Interest did not amount to *Five Pounds* Proclamation Money, though the Obligation exceeded said Sum, upon which some of the Defendants paid Costs, and that one of those Suits was brought separately against two Obligors, when but *Four Pounds eleven Shillings* Money, at eight Shillings *per Ounce*, was due on the Condition, and the Cost of said Suit exceeded *Nine Pounds*, upon which the said Jury intended yesterday to petition this House to-day, to take the same under their Consideration, but their Business being ended sooner than they expected, and the Court being like to end that Night, they had not Time to Petition as aforesaid, and that the said *Grand Jury* requested this House to take the same under their Consideration.

The House accordingly were moved to take the same into Consideration, but the Business of this Sitting being near at an end.

Resolved,
That at the next Sitting, the House will make inquiry into the same.
The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock,

Saturday,

Saturday, October 18. 1746.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Eatton*, do wait on his Honour and acquaint him, that this House has gone through all the Business they can conveniently do at this Time, and as there is not a Council in Town, and it's not known to the House when there will be, they desire leave to adjourn themselves till *Thursday* next, and so from Time to Time, as there may be occasion, until the Bills passed by this House, this Sitting, shall have been gone through by the Council, and shall have been assented or not assented to by his Honour, if they shall come before him.

Mr. *Kearney* reported, that Mr. *Eatton* and himself, according to Order, waited on his Honour, with the Message of the House, in answer to which, he was pleased to say, that he was willing to grant the Request of the House, and they might adjourn accordingly.

Resolved,

Nemine Contradicente, that Mr. *Speaker* and any three of the Members, be a sufficient Number to receive Messages from the Council, and make all necessary Entries, relating thereunto, and to wait on the President, on his giving his Assent to the Bills, or either of them, passed by this House this Sitting, if he shall send for the House for that Purpose, and in the mean Time to adjourn from Time to Time, as they shall see Occasion, but not to enter upon any other Business.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* deliver the Bills committed to his Care, to Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Stelle*, and that they, or either of them, deliver the said Bills to the Council when they meet, for their concurrence.

Ordered,

That the Printer send the Votes to *Richard Smith*, jun. Esq; at *Burlington*.

And then the House, according to his Honour's Permission, adjourn'd until *Thursday* next.

Thursday, October 23. 1746.

The House met according to adjournment.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that according to the Order of the House, of the 18th Instant, he delivered the Bill for Support of Government, and the Bill, to make current Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling the Forces, &c. to the Speaker in Council, this Day, for their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned till nine o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

Friday

Friday, October 24. 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* acquainted the House, that it was his Honours Pleasure, that the House should adjourn until *Wednesday* next, and the House adjourned themselves until *Wednesday* next accordingly.

Wednesday, October 29. 1746.

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

Thursday, October 30. 1746.

The House met, and adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 31. 1746.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Kearney*, inform'd the House, that according to the Request of the Members, they had waited on his Honour, and acquainted him, that there are but fifteen of the Members in Town, and no more expected, that by a standing Rule of the House, not less than sixteen are to proceed to Business, and therefore they prayed his Honour would be pleas'd to give Permission to the House to adjourn to Mr. *Heards*, at *Woodbridge*, who is a Member of this House, and unable to attend here, and from thence to this Place again, which his Honour readily granted.

And the House adjourned to Mr. *Heards*, at *Woodbridge* accordingly.

Sixteen of the Members met at Mr. *Heards*, according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Heard*, one of the Members, being ill and unable to attend the Service of this House at *Perth Amboy*, without whom there are not sixteen Members, that do now attend, and no more being soon expected. It is therefore *Resolved*, that fifteen Members be a sufficient Number to proceed upon the Business of this House, relating to His Majesty's Service.

And then the House adjourned to meet at *Perth Amboy*, at two of the Clock this Afternoon.

The House met according to Adjournment, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 1. 1746.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Bill entitled, *An Act to make current Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds,*

in Bills of Credit, &c. passed that House on the 24th Day of *October* last, and that they have no further Business before them.

The House adjourn'd for half an Hour.

The House met.

A Message from the President, by the deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. *Speaker*,

His Honour requires the Attendance of this House, in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to attend his Honour.

Being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resum'd the Chair, and reported, that the House had attended his Honour the President, and that he was pleased to give his assent to the Bill entitled, *An Act to make current Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling the Forces lately raised in New Jersey, on an Expedition against Canada.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Newill* and Mr. *Van Middlesworth* do wait upon his Honour, and acquaint him, that this House desires he will please to give his directions to *Peter Schuyler*, Esq; Colonel of the Forces raised in this Colony, to send an Account to his Honour Monthly, of the State of the said Forces, and of the Number of Men remaining in each Company, at the Time of sending such Account, with the Names of those who shall have deserted the Service, whereby it may be the better known to the Legislature what further Provision to make for the said Forces, in case it should be necessary.

Mr. *Newill* reported, that Mr. *Van Middlesworth* and himself waited on his Honour with the said Message, and that he was pleased to say, that he would give directions to Col. *Schuyler* accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait upon his Honour, and acquaint him, that this House has gone through all the Business they can conveniently do at this Time, and therefore desire his Honour will be pleased to dismiss them.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself waited on his Honour with the said Message, and that he was pleased to say, he would send a Message to the House presently.

A Message from the President, by the deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. *Speaker*,

I am commanded by his Honour to acquaint this House, that it is his Pleasure, this House should adjourn themselves until the 25th of this Instant, then to meet at *Perth Amboy*.

And then the House adjourn'd to the 25th Instant accordingly.

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

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

M O N D A Y May 4. 1747.

PURSUANT to Adjournments by his Honour the President from Time to Time until this Day, the House met, and there not being a sufficient Number to proceed upon Business, adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 5, 1747.

The House met, and there not being a sufficient Number to go upon Business, adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The House met, and there being now a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business, according to a Resolve of this House, of the 31st of *October* last.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearney* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait upon his Honour, and acquaint him, that the House are ready to receive any thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Kearney* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself waited on his Honour with the Message of the House, and that he was pleas'd to say, He would send an Answer immediately.

A Message from his Honour, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

His Honour has ordered me to acquaint you, that he has sent Expresses for the Council, and expects them here this Evening, and chooses to defer laying any thing before the House till they meet; but if they should not

attend as expected, he would communicate what he had to lay before the House, To-morrow Morning by Message.

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

Wednesday, May 6. 1747.

The House met.

A Message from his Honour, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

HIS Majesty's Service, and the Safety of the Province, made it necessary for me to call you together at this Time, and my own bad State of Health obliges me to meet you at this Place.

The Provisions supplied to the Forces raised in this Province, now quartered at *Albany*, have been for some Time expended, and the Cloaths that were furnished them, with the Money lent the Government, are for the most Part worn out, as you will observe from Col. *Schuyler's* Letters to me, which I have ordered to be laid before you.

By an Express from Col. *Schuyler*, which arrived on *Monday* last, I have received Information, that the five *Jersey* Companies have mutinied and taken a Resolution to go off with their Arms and Baggage, if they do not receive his Majesty's Pay that was promis'd them at their Enlistment: I have ordered this Letter to be laid before you, and the two Officers that Col. *Schuyler* has sent Express on this Occasion, to attend you, and by them you will find it next to impossible to keep those Men longer together without at least some part of their Pay.

As the Troops were raised in pursuance of his Majesty's Orders and have been kept together, to wait his further Directions, I must recommend it to you to make such Provision for the paying, subsisting, and cloathing them as may be necessary to keep them in a Readiness to march whenever his Majesty shall think it for the Interest of his Dominions to give Orders for that Purpose.

The distracted State of the Province occasioned by the many great Riots, obliges me again to call upon you to take some vigorous Measures to punish those daring Disturbers of the publick Peace: These People have grown strong and numerous, by passing so long with Impunity, for besides those two great Riots at *Newark*, which happened in the late Governor's Life-time, and which were recommended to you by him, there have been since so many bold and daring attempts made to throw off his Majesty's Authority, and their Dependence on the British Throne, that they call loudly for the severe Resentment of the Legislature.

These

These bold People have in a publick Manner denied his Majesty's Title to *New-Jersey*, they have refused to pay Obedience to his Laws and have publickly contemned his Authority, they have broke open his Goals, beat and abused his Officers and Ministers of Justice, turn'd People out of the quiet Possessions of their Lands, and put others into their Places: They have associated themselves together in Defiance of the Government, have frequently met in great Numbers, and marched from one Part of the Province to another, insolently giving out that they are so strong and numerous, as not to be afraid of any Force the Government are able to bring against them. All the Steps that it was prudent and in the Power of the Government, have been taken to bring the Criminals to Justice, and put a Stop to so dangerous and growing an Evil, but these Measures have all proved ineffectual, and have only occasioned fresh Riots and Contempts of his Majesty's Authority, in Consequence of which, the Course of common Justice has been for some Time at a Stand. These Matters are all so publickly known that particular Proofs are needless, however, I have ordered the several Letters and Papers relating to those Disturbances to be laid before you for your perusal.

I must observe to you, that it is impossible to suppose *Great-Britain* will part with so valuable a Colony as *New-Jersey*, or that his Majesty will suffer his Authority and Laws to be trampled under Foot in any Part of his Dominions, tho' ever so remote from his Royal Person, and the Attempt to do it is certainly as vain as it is weak and wicked. If the People of *New-Jersey* will not be governed by mildest of Laws, they themselves will thereby render it necessary to govern them by Force, for we cannot suppose that a *British* Parliament will suffer these Things long to pass with Impunity.

My Duty to his Majesty, and my Regard for the Safety of the Province, obliges me to recommend this Matter to your most serious Consideration, and as any the least Delay in a Matter of this Importance will be of dangerous Consequence, I hope you will proceed with the utmost Dispatch in such Measures as may be most conducive to restore the Peace of the Province, and by severe Laws prevent the like Disturbances for the Time to come.

Gentlemen,

You are not unacquainted that the several Officers of the Government have been without any Salaries or Support for upwards of three Years, which is contrary to his Majesty's gracious Intentions expressed in his Royal Instructions. I do, therefore recommend it to you, to make such Provision for the Support of his Majesty's Government, as will be adequate to the Purpose, and agreeable to his Majesty's Intentions.

Pertb-Ambcy,

JOHN HAMILTON.

May 6. 1747.

And the said Message was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, with the said Message delivered to the Speaker four Letters from Col. *Schuyler* to his Honour, and one from Governor *Clinton*, to be laid before the House, which Letters were read.

And

And it not appearing by Col. *Schuyler's* Letters, what Number of the Forces rais'd in this Colony, now remain under his Command,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Crane* do wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, that the House desire to be informed what Accounts Col. *Schuyler* has sent him of the Number of Men remaining in each Company, pursuant to his Honour's Directions for that Purpose, acknowledged to have been received by said Col. *Schuyler*, in his Letter of the 26th, of *February* last.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himself waited on his Honour with the Message of the House.

Ordered,

That the Clerk give Notice to Capt. *John Dagworthy*, Capt. *Henry Leonard*, and Lieut. *Thomas Robinson*, that the House requires their Attendance pursuant to the President's Order, signified by his Message, at Four of the Clock this Afternoon, to give the House Information upon Oath, of what they know of the Number and State of the Forces raised in this Colony.

The House adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The House met.

The Deputy Clerk of the Council, by Order of his Honour, laid before the House, an Account of the Number and State of the Forces raised in this Colony, with the Names of the Deserters, as they were on the 9th of *March* last, sent by Col. *Schuyler*, in Obedience to his Honour's Directions.

His Honour's Message was read a second Time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Message.

And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and had come to a Resolution that a *further Supply of Provisions be sent to the Forces raised in this Colony, now at or near Albany,* and desire leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Kearney*, and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for a *further Supply of Provisions for the said Forces.*

According to Order, Capt. *Dagworthy*, Capt. *Leonard*, and Lieut. *Robinson* attended, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to receive their Information, and after hearing them, they had leave to withdraw, and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr.

Mr *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for a further *Supply of Provisions*, brought in the same, which was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Letter from Capt. *James Parker*, one of the Captains of the Forces raised in this Colony, directed to Mr. *Speaker*, with an Affidavit inclos'd giving an Account of the Bounty-Money received by him for his Company, were read.

Ordered,

That they remain in the Hands of the Clerk till the House shall take those Matters into Consideration.

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

Thursday, May 7. 1747.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to make current, One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further Victualling and providing for the Forces lately raised in New-Jersey, on an Expedition against Canada*, was read a second Time, and some Amendments were made thereto in the House.

Ordered.

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till 2 P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to make current One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further victualling and providing for the Forces lately raised in New-Jersey, on an Expedition against Canada* 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. *Heard* and Mr. *Crane* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Heard* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himself delivered the said Bill to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that House not sitting.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Honour's Message; after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported

reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referred, and had come to a Resolution, that an Answer to his Honour's Message be prepared and sent to him : To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, and Mr. *Kearney* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the said Answer.

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

Friday, May 8, 1747.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Rodman*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill entitled, *An Act to make current One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further victualling and providing for the Forces lately raised in New-Jersey, on an Expedition against Canada.*

Mr. *Smith* from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Answer to his Honour's Message, reported, that they had prepared the same and with leave, he delivered it in at the Table, and it was read and some Amendments being made to the same, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait upon his Honour with the said Answer, which is in the following Words, *viz.*

May it please your Honour,

WHEN your Honour in *June* last recommended the forwarding the Expedition against *Canada*, it is well known to your Honour, we readily went into such Measures, in Compliance with his Majesty's Pleasure, signified to us by the Duke of *Newcastle's* Letter, then laid before us, that we not only provided Provisions for Five Hundred Men, raised in this Colony, which was all his Majesty required from the Province, but also over and above, gave a Bounty of Six Pounds a Man, to each Man so to be Inlisted, to encourage their Inlistment: And at the same Time, we passed a Bill for the making current *Ten Thousand Pounds*, to enable your Honour to Cloath and Arm the said Forces. All of the said Ten Thousand Pounds we cannot learn is yet expended.

This we beg leave to observe to your Honour, is such a Mark of our Zeal for his Majesty's Interest, as we are not informed that any of our neighbouring Provinces have gone into.

At that Time there was nothing mentioned in the Duke of *Newcastle's* Letter, nor by your Honour recommended to us, of paying those Forces, and this House having already exerted themselves to the utmost Ability of the Colony, they are in no Condition of doing it at present.

We

We are very sorry to hear there is such an Uneasiness amongst the Forces, but as we are daily in Expectation of hearing from Home, at which Time we make no Doubt but they will receive their Pay and Cloathing from his Majesty, agreeable to the Duke of *Newcastle's* Letter above-mentioned, and as that was the Condition on which they Inlisted into this Expedition, and as we have now granted them a third Supply of all necessary Provisions, we hope that they will behave themselves like reasonable Men, and return heartily to their Duty in his Majesty's Service.

As to the Matter of those Riots, lately committed in this Province, and recommended to our Consideration, it is with great Concern and Abhorrence, we look upon these Proceedings, esteeming them to be of very ill Consequence, and shall willingly do our Duty in joining with the other Branches of the Legislature for the making proper Laws for suppressing such Proceedings, and discouraging the like for the future: But as the doing thereof will require great Consideration, and more Time than we have at present, being now only called, as we understood, to make some further Provision for the Forces, which we have chearfully done.

We hope those riotous Proceedings may not be continued, but if they should, at our next Meeting we may have more Time to consider and transact these and the other Affairs of this Province, and doubt not but that in the mean Time, your Honour will take all prudent Measures to stop the Growth of those Proceedings, and do what shall be most proper and needful until the same can be remedied by some Act or Acts of this Province.

And with respect to the *support of Government*, by your Honour's Message, recommended to our Consideration, we beg leave to say, we have done what is in the Power of this House to do, for that it appears by the *Minutes* of this House, that at our last Sitting here on the 23^d of *October* past, a Bill for the Support of this Government, was carried up to the Council, and delivered to the Speaker in Council, for the Council's Concurrence, since which this House has not had any Account or Information concerning the said Bill, and therefore they conceive that they have done their Duty in this Respect.

And as a Bill has now passed this House and the Council, to make current, *One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further victualing and providing for the Forces, &c.* The House desires your Honour's Assent to the same, and there being no other Business at present before the House they pray your Honour to dismiss them.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Stelle*, and himself, according to Order, waited on his Honour, with the Message of the House, and read and delivered it to him, and he was pleased to say, he would dismiss the House To-morrow.

Mr.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the House 29 Papers which were delivered him for that Purpose by the Deputy Clerk of the Council, after the House adjourn'd this Morning, being the Papers mentioned in the President's Message relating to the Riots.

Ordered,

That the said Papers be left in the Hands of the Clerk of this House, unless called for by the President or Commander in chief, until this House shall proceed upon that Affair.

The House adjourn'd for half an Hour.

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

Saturday, May 9. 1747.

The House met.

A Message from the President by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

Mr. *Speaker,*

His Honour requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Mr. *Speaker* accordingly left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Honour, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair and reported, that the House had attended his Honour, who was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill, entitled,

An Act, to make current One Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, for the further victualling and providing for the Forces lately raised in New-Jersey, on an Expedition against Canada.

And that he was also pleased to give the House leave to adjourn themselves until *Monday* the Twenty-fifth Instant.

And then the House adjourn'd until *Monday* the Twenty-Fifth Instant accordingly.

B*Y* 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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O F T H E
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General ASSEMBLY

T H U R S D A Y, *August 20. 1747.*

THE General Assembly having been adjourn'd from time to time by the late President and Commander in Chief of this Colony, the Hon. JOHN HAMILTON, Esq; deceased, and also by the Honourable JOHN READING, Esq; his Successor, and since by His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER; Esq; Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Nova Caesarea* or *New-Jersey*, and Territories thereon depending in *America*, and Vice Admiral in the same, &c. continued by Adjournments to this Day, Sixteen of the Members met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Cooper* wait on his Excellency and acquaint him; that the House are ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Being returned, Mr. *Eatton* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself had perform'd the Order of the House.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Excellency requires the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber 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 both Houses, of which Mr. *Speaker* said he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech be read, and it was read accordingly, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

I DO in the first Place give Thanks to Almighty GOD, my great and kind Preserver from the Perils of the Seas, and in a Time of general War, and for my safe arrival.

I am sensible you must have long since heard of His Majesty's Grace and Favour to me in appointing me to the Government of *Nova Caesarea* or *New-Jersey*; and I have been impatiently waiting in *England* for the Opportunity of a Passage in a Ship of War, and have embraced the first bound this Way.

I have published His Majesty's Royal Commission at *Pertb-Amboy* and at this Place, as has been usual. And according to my Duty and my Oath to His Majesty (and renewed here) I shall strictly conform myself to the Kings Commands, and to the Powers granted me therein, as also to the additional Authorities contained in the King's Royal Order to me, and from these Things I think you will not desire me to deviate.

While I was at the head of two considerable Provinces in *New-England*, my Administration was often approved by His Majesty; and altho' he was pleased, for his own wise Reasons, to remove me after having had the Honour of his Royal Commission there upwards of *Eleven* Years, yet I accept, with all Thankfulness, his conferring on me the Government of this fine flourishing Province, as a repeated publick Testimony of His full Satisfaction in my Conduct in the Government of those Provinces.

I am, *Gentlemen*, glad to have this early Opportunity of meeting you in General Assembly, tho' it is my Misfortune to be so much a Stranger as I am at present to your publick Affairs, and to the Circumstances of this Province; but I promise you to devote myself to obtain the best knowledge I can of them, that I may be the more capable of accomplishing my own warm Desires and firm Resolutions of doing every Thing in my Power that may contribute not only to the general Wellfare of the Province, but my good Wishes are extended to the Protection and Ease of every Individual among you; and while I shall thus Conduct myself, I am sure I shall in the best Manner do my Duty, and thereby render myself acceptable to the best of Kings, who always looks upon the Happiness of His People inseparably blended with His own Honour and Interest.

Gentlemen of the Council,

As His Majesty has been pleased to Honour you with Seats at this Board, and thereby has not only made you a Part of the Legislative Power, but Counsellors also to His Governor, and to which you have been duly qualified; I shall on all Occasions much esteem your Advice and Assistance for my better managing the Affairs of the Government.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

It is more peculiarly your Priviledge and Duty to make the necessary Supplies for the Payment of the publick Debts, and for the Support of the Government; I therefore shall not doubt of your early and effectual Care in Things that so nearly affect His Majesty's Honour and Service; as well as the Safety and real Interest of the People whom you represent. And while I am on this Head, not only in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, but also the better to prevent any future Difficulty, I am to acquaint you, that His Majesty expects you to settle on me, an ample and honourable Salary suitable to the Dignity of His Majesty's Governor. And in this you will consider, how much what passes for Money among you has been depreciating for some Years past, and will therefore fix the Value of my Salary that I may not suffer in time to come. I must also inform you, that I have been at a great Expence in my Commissions, Equipage, and other Charges relating to the Government, of which I shall not doubt your reasonable Consideration (as has been usual in His Majesty's other Governments) and that you will make suitable Provision for a House to receive me, and I shall be glad to pitch upon such a Place for my Residence as may best consist with His Majesty's Honour, and with the Ease of the People, as well as my own Conveniency, altho' the last will have the least Weight with me.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly.

It gives me much Concern to find by the Addresses from several Corporations in my Way from *Pertb-Amboy* to this City, that some Parts of the Province are in great Confusion, thro' the audacious Attempts of a Set of seditious Persons, to shake off their Allegiance to the King, to trample upon his Laws, and to subvert all Rule and Government. If there be any Reason for Complaints, it's the incumbent Duty of all People to seek Redress from the Laws of the Land, and from their Rulers, *and to submit to every Ordinance of Man for the Lord's sake.* I am sorry to have this Difficulty to encounter at my first coming among you, yet it shall not discourage me, but, I hope, the Governor, Council, and General Assembly will unite as one Man to endeavour to fall into such Measures, as, by the Help of God, may put an End to the present Disorders, and restore lasting Peace and Tranquility to the Government, and to all the People; and then I am sure the present and future Generations will have Reason to rise up *and call us blessed.*

Gentlemen,

As it is a busy Season of the Year, I suppose you will incline to make this Session short, by going on no other Business but what you may judge necessary to be done at this Juncture. and that you may the sooner return to your private Affairs, and I shall be ready to conform myself to your Interest and Ease in this Matter.

I hope your Deliberations and Debates will at all Times be carried on with such Temper and Moderation as that the whole Legislature may form their Resolutions for establishing the Prosperity of this People with a hap-

py Unanimity, which is the best Bandage and Strength of a Government. I am sure nothing will be wanting in me to promote such a beautiful Harmony.

Burlington, August 20, 1747.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That his Excellency's Speech be read a second Time to-morrow Morning.

Resolved,

That *William Norcross* be Door-keeper of this House

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

Friday, August 21st, 1747.

The House met.

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

A Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of *Morris* and *Somerset* was presented to the House and read, setting forth the evil Practices of many Persons in assembling together in a riotous Manner, and turning People out of their Possessions by Force, to their great Terror and Fear of their Lives, although the Possessors are legally intitled to their Lands, and that many of the Petitioners are kept in continual fear of their lives, and of being deprived of their Possessions, and praying redress of those Grievances.

Also Mr. Secretary, by His Excellency's Order, laid before the House a Petition from *Daniel Cooper* and others, to his Excellency, to the same purpose as the foregoing, with Twenty seven Affidavits in support of the Facts alledged in said Petitions, and also relating to the several Riots committed in this Colony, in breaking open Goals and otherwise, which were read.

And the said Petitions and Papers were referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd to 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider His Excellency's Speech and the other Matters to them referred, and after sometime spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to some Resolutions, which he was directed to report when the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Mr.

Mr. *Nevill*, reported the Resolutions of the Committee as followeth,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency in Answer to his favourable Speech.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that a Committee of the House be appointed to join a Committee of the Council to consider of Ways and Means for Suppressing the Riots and present Disorders in this Colony.

Mr. *Nevill* further reported, that he was directed to move for leave to sit again: To which the House agreed.

And the said Resolutions were Read and agreed to by the House.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency in answer to his favourable Speech.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That a Committee of this House be appointed to join a Committee of the Council, to consider of Ways and Means for suppressing the Riots and present Disorders in this Colony.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Kearny*, and Mr. *Nevill*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an address to his Excellency.

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

Saturday, August 22. 1747.

The House met, and adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, August 24. 1747.

The House met:

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Vanmiddlesthworth*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to consider, in a free Conference, of Ways and Means for suppressing the Riots and present Disorders in this Colony, and make Report to the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Nevill* do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him, that the late Sergeant at Arms appointed to attend this House

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being Dead, the House desires His Excellency will be pleased to appoint one in his Room.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, presented the same to the House, and it was received and read, and with some Amendments was agreed to by the House.

The House adjourn'd 'till To-morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Tuesday, August 25th. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Nevill* and himself, waited on his Excellency with the message of the House, desiring a Sergeant at Arms to be appointed, and on his Excellency's enquiring who the House would recommend to that Office, they inform'd him, that one *Thomas Wetherill*, jun. would be acceptable, upon which his Excellency was pleased to say, he would order the Secretary to make out a Commission accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Brick* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House have appointed Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Vanmiddleworth*, Mr. *Spicer*, and Mr. *Leaming*, to be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to consider in a free Conference, of Ways and Means for Suppressing the Riots and present Disorders in this Colony.

Mr. *Brick* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself waited on the Council with the Message of the House, and delivered it to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Spicer* wait on his Excellency and know his Pleasure when the House may attend him with their Address.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to say, He would let the House know by the Secretary.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker,*

I am Commanded by his Excellency to acquaint this House, that he is in the Council Chamber ready to receive their address.

Mr. *Speaker* thereupon left the Chair, and with the House, attended his Excellency and presented 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 Nova-Cæsarea or New-Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, and Vice Admiral in the same &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey 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* now in General Assembly convened; do with the greatest Pleasure embrace this Opportunity of congratulating your Excellency on your safe arrival to this your Government of *New-Jersey*, at a time when you had both the Dangers of the Seas and the Enemy to encounter with; and we join with your Excellency in returning Thanks to almighty God for your Preservation from those Perils.

We had early intelligence of His Majesty's Grace and Favour to your Excellency, and to this Colony, in appointing you Governor of *Nova Cæsarea* or *New-Jersey*; and we have been long impatiently wishing and waiting for your Excellency's safe arrival.

Several of us are Witnesses of your Excellency's Publishing your Commission in the Manner you have been pleased to mention to us. The conforming your self to the King's Commands, and the Powers granted you therein, are what His Majesty will no doubt expect from you; and we hope we shall have no Reason to desire your Excellency to deviate from the same.

We in the most humble Manner acknowledge His Majesty's Grace and Favour in appointing a Gentleman of your Excellency's great Abilities to govern this Colony, who from your being at the head of two considerable Provinces in *America* for so long a time, must be well experienced in the nature of Government, and from the short acquaintance we have had with your Excellency, we have great Reason to hope your Excellency's Inclinations are equal to your Abilities, and that they will both be employed to make us a flourishing and happy People. We are therefore glad to have this early Opportunity of meeting your Excellency in General Assembly. The kind and publick Manner in which you have declared you will apply your self to obtain the best Knowledge you can of our publick Affairs, that you may be the more capable of accomplishing your *warm Desires* and *firm Resolutions* of doing every thing in your Power, that may contribute to the general Weifare of the Province, and that your good wishes are extended to the Protection and ease of every Individual among us, demand and engage our sincerest Affections and Thanks. Such Assurances from the supreme Ruler and Governor of a Province we hope will have a good influence upon all inferior Officers in this Government, and we think cannot fail of affecting and softening the most obdurate Heart, and induce all those who have offended against the Laws to return with the most humble submission to their Duty: And whilst your Excellency shall in so tender a Manner Conduct
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* For the Address of the Council, see New-Jersey State Papers &c.

yourself towards the People, you will undoubtedly render yourself acceptable to his Majesty, whose Paternal Care over all his Subjects, is such, that he looks upon their Happiness conducive to his own Honour and that it is inseparably blended with his Interest.

As it is our Priviledge, so we think it our Duty, to make the necessary Provisions for the Payment of the Publick Debts and the Support of the Government : We shall take what your Excellency hath said to us on that head into our serious Consideration, and shall, as near as the present Circumstances of this Colony will admit, comply with his Majesty's Expectations : And in the doing of this, we shall always consider how much what passes for Money Depreciates should that ever be our unhappy Circumstance. At present we can, with equal Truth and Pleasure, acquaint your Excellency, that the Credit of our Paper Money is so well established by the several Laws that gave it Birth, that it is morally impossible it should sink in value. By those Laws effectual care is taken, that none shall be Emitted but on Land Security, and that of double the value at least, and the Title of the Lands carefully inspected by the Loan Officers appointed by Law in the several Counties to let out the Money. And as our Lands are daily rising in worth we cannot conceive it possible for any Fund to be of a more fixed and determinate Value. The Truth of which is happily confirmed to us by upwards of twenty Years Experience.

When we are on the Bill *for the Support of Government*, we shall take into our Consideration what your Excellency is pleased to mention to us concerning the Expence you have been at relating to the Government : We shall make suitable Provisions for paying the Rent of a House for your Excellency to reside in, and shall leave it to you to judge what Place will best suit and be most consistent with His Majesty's Honour, and with the Ease of the People and your own Conveniency.

We are really sorry and much concerned, that there should be in this Colony a set of such rash and inconsiderate Persons, who by trampling on the Laws have set the Government at Defiance, not considering that undeniable Truth and just Observation of your Excellency, *that if there be any Cause for Complaints, it is the incumbent Duty of all People to seek redress from the Laws of the Land.* We are equally sorry your Excellency should have this Difficulty to encounter with at your first coming amongst us ; but we do assure your Excellency, we, on our Part, are ready to join with the other Branches of the Legislature that we may, as one Man, endeavour to fall on such Measures as may put an End to the present Disorders, and restore lasting Peace to the Government, and Happiness to the People : And to that End we have appointed a Committee of our House to join a Committee of the Council to consider of Ways and Means for suppressing those Riots and present Disorders in this Colony.

The busy Season of the Year will make it acceptable to us to be adjourn'd for some time, that we may order our private Affairs so as to attend the publick Business with less Detriment to our own ; and thereby your Excellency may have some time of Ease from the fatigues which so
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‘ long a Voyage at Sea, and a Journey from *Perth-Amboy* to this Place must Occasion, the better to acquaint your self with the Circumstances of this Colony.

‘ We hope our Conduct at all times will be such, as to satisfy your Excellency, that all our Deliberations and Debates are influenced by a Temper and Moderation becoming the Representatives of this Colony: And we shall always endeavour that a happy Unanimity (which is certainly the best Bandage and Strength of a Government) may be established in the whole Legislature. And we return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for the Assurance you are pleased to give us, that nothing shall be wanting in you to promote such a beautiful Harmony.

Divers of the Members of the House being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Substance of this Address, with their usual Exceptions to the Stile.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

To which His Excellency was pleased to make this Answer.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I Take in the most grateful Manner this handsome Address in answer to what I said to you at the opening of this Session, and which I find is so much to your Satisfaction as leaves me nothing more to add, than that from it to hope the true Weal of the People of this Province will be your constant care, and that I again wish the whole Legislature may have the pleasure of carrying their Deliberations from time to time into Execution with all possible Unanimity

J. BELCHER.

Then Mr. *Speaker* informed the Members, that His Excellency had been pleased to adjourn the General Assembly to the 15th Day of next Month, and then he would continue the Adjournments from three Weeks to three Weeks (unless some Case of Emergency should happen, of which the Members should have Notice) until the 17th Day of *November* next, at which Time he expected them to meet here to go upon Business without any further Notice.

B*Y* 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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John Brickwood
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General ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, November 17. 1747.

THE House met at *Burlington* according to His Excellency's Adjournment, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 18. 1747.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Cooper*, do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of the Members are met to proceed upon Business.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 19. 1747.

The House met

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr *Cooper* and himself, waited on His Excellency with the Message of the House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, as soon as the Council met he would send to the House.

The House adjourn'd to two P. M.

The House met.

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

Mr. Speaker.

His Excellency has ordered me to acquaint you, that he is in the Council Chamber and requires the attendance of the House.

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, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech be read, which was done, and it was ordered to be read a Second time to-morrow Morning. And the same is as followeth.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

I Met you soon after my Arrival, agreeable to an Adjournment made by Mr. President READING; at which Time I found you were not inclined to enter upon Business, it being so busy a Season in your domestick Affairs: Those I hope are well over, that you may proceed with Ease and Alacrity in the Affairs of the Province, in which hardly any Thing has been done by the Legislature for some Years past, and they therefore now demand your diligent and closest Attention,

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I have lately received a Letter from Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, wherein they write, His Majesty had laid aside the late intended Expedition against *Canada* for the present, and they also send me an Extract of a Letter from His Grace the DUKE of *New-Castle* to Governor SHIRLEY, a Paragraph whereof the Secretary shall give you, and in which you will find it is expected, you make Provision for the present Payment of the Men raised in this Province, to be re-imburs'd when this Matter shall be provided for by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*. And as this Expedition was intended principally for the better Protection and Defence of His Majesty's North American Colonies, the KING the more reasonably hopes for your Compliance herewith, and which must recommend you to His Majesty's Grace and Favour: And I desire you will give this Thing a speedy Consideration, because Orders have been gone some Days since to *Albany*, by the Colonel of the Regiment rais'd in this Province, for the Dismissing of the Officers and Men.

Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES have also wrote to me for an Account of the Cloathing, Arms, &c. supplied by this Government to His Majesty's Troops raised in this Province; upon which, I directed the Commissioners employed in that Business, to come hither and adjust that Account, which is accordingly done, and sent to those Gentlemen, to be by them transmitted to his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, in order to be laid before the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, for a Re-imbursment.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

Since our last Meeting I have received sundry Complaints from Numbers of Persons, who say they are unjustly disturbed in the Possession of their Land

Land, and in answer to the Petitioners, or Complainants, I have ordered the Secretary to lay their Papers before you, that you may be the better able to judge how far the Controversies they mention, may properly lie before the Legislature; and this Affair, I am afraid, you will find attended with Intricacy and Difficulties. Before the last Adjournment of this Court, I find by the Minutes of the Council and of the Assembly, there were a Number of Gentlemen, from each House, appointed to examine into the Matter of the Riots and Disorders committed in some Parts of the Province, to which Affair I suppose these Papers may be related: And since the Committee then appointed have not yet acted, I wish both Houses would so far Re-consider the Matter as to make out a Committee of Gentlemen, the most disinterested (and to impartial) in this difficult Affair, and then to sit upon it *De Die in Diem*, till they shall be able to report what may be proper to be done by the Legislature to bring to an End the Disorders and Confusions that have so long subsisted in the Province; and if the Laws are yet deficient, that they may be strengthened, the better to bring to condign Punishment the Authors and Abettors of those Outrages, that have been attempted on the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of their fellow-Subjects, to the Dishonour of GOD, in high Contempt of the King's Authority, and of the good and wholesome Laws of this Province. As it well becomes Rulers to encourage and support them that do well, so it is their indispensable Duty to be a Terror to Evil-doers. I am persuaded, *Gentlemen*, that to keep this Matter at a Distance, or as the trite Saying is, *to put far off the Evil Day*, cannot consist with the Ends of good Government, No: Assaults and Batteries, breaking open the King's Goals, and delivering Prisoners there committed by Vertue of the Laws, must soon bring Things to this Question, Whether His Majesty's Authority shall be supported in His Province of *New-Jersey*? Or, whether a Number of Rioters shall take the Government into their own Hands? If any Persons think themselves hardly treated as to any Lands they possess, their Recourse must be to the Laws, and having gone through the whole Course of the Law here and yet unsatisfied, they have a dernier Resort to His Majesty in Council, where they will find freedom of Access, their Case heard with great Patience, and finally clos'd according to the strictest Rules of Reason, Law, and Equity: For the King always delights in the Happiness of his Subjects, and esteems Righteousness the greatest stability of his Throne.

I am, *Gentlemen*, in the next Place to acquaint you, that I have lately received from one Mr. *Hopkins*, a Magistrate in *Rhode-Island* Government, a Number of Counterfeited Bills of this Province, which Mr. *Secretary* shall deliver you. We are obliged to this Gentleman for his good Care, and from this and other Informations of the like kind, I have reason to believe, there is a Knot or Combination of villainous Persons that are making a Trade of forging the Bills of this Province, and this Matter well deserves your speedy Care and strict Inquiry, as it strikes at the very vitals of your Currency, and so must nearly affect not only your Commerce, but your other Estates also.

The Honourable Mr. PALMER, President of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, has lately complained to me, of the Necessity of putting the Pilots of *Delaware*

Delaware River under a better Regulation, for the greater Safety and Protection of the Trade. His Letter and the Papers referring thereto, shall be laid before you; and when we consider how greatly our Neighbours and we have suffered by Informations the Enemy have got from our own Pilots, I hope it may produce from us some wholesome Law, to put an End to such villainous Practices for the Future, and to which no Assistance shall be wanting on my Part.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

Altho' I mentioned to you before the last Adjournment, the necessary Care incumbent on you for the Payment of the publick Debts, and for the Support of Government, yet as you seemed very desirous to be quickly dismiss'd to your private Affairs, nothing was done in that material Affair. I have therefore, the more Reason to expect you will early, and in earnest set yourselves about it. For as Money is called the Sinews of War, so it may in a great Measure be called the Strength of Government, and since it is in our Power, it is a Duty we owe to our People, to prevent the Cry of Injustice or Oppression, by paying the Officers of the Government, and all others their just Dues without unreasonable Delays.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

The Things I have now laid before you are what occur to me at present for advancing His Majesty's Honour and Service, and for promoting the Welfare and Prosperity of the People under my Care; and as any Thing further necessary to the publick Good may offer, I shall communicate it to you, and shall with great Pleasure receive from you such Things as you shall judge may contribute to the same good Ends. As I have no Estate or Property in the Province, I do assure you, I have no sinister or private Views to pursue, but my great Care and Study shall be, to bring *New-Jersey* into a more flourishing State, and that she may not be the least among the King's Provinces: And to strengthen my Heart and Hands in this Purpose, I shall always be glad of your Assistance; and what will make my Administration easy and pleasant to myself and happy for the Province, will be, to find a steady Harmony subsisting between the two Houses, so shall we as one Man build up the publick Weal of this People.

Burlington,
November 19, 1747.

J. BELCHER.

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

Friday, November 20, 1747.

The House met.

According to Order His Excellency's Speech was read a second Time, and referred to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That a Committee of Grievances do sit every *Wednesday* during this Session, if there be Occasion, Re-

Resolved,

That the said Committee be a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Mott*, be a Committee to inspect the Laws of this Colony, and make Report to the House what Laws are expired, or near expiring by their own Limitation.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Demarest*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for *Support of Government*, and paying the publick Debts of the Province.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Spicer* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for *ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several Officers in the Colony of New-Jersey*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Brick*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony, to give Security, take the Oaths, or Affirmations therein directed, for the due Discharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *D. Smith*, Mr. *Van Buskirk*, and Mr. *Hopkins* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent small Causes being brought in the Supreme Court.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Van Buskirk*, Mr. *Wright*, and Mr. *Van Middleworth*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for making current Forty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit.

Ordered,

That the Treasurers of this Colony lay their Accounts before the House on or before *Monday* the seventh of next Month, and that the Clerk serve them with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered,

That the Commissioners for victualling the Forces lately raised in this Colony for his Majesty's Service, do also lay their Accounts before the House on the Day above said.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

A Petition of the Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Southern Part of the
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County of *Salem*, praying a Bill passed by the House of Assembly in the Year 1733, for the Division of the said County may be revived, 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 the other Matters to them referred; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desire leave to sit again.

To which the House agreed.

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

Saturday, November 21. 1747.

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



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

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, November 23. 1747.

THE House met, and adjourned till To-morrow morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 24. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. Eatten, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *for support of Government and paying the Publick Debts of the Province*, reported, that they had prepared the same, which he presented to the House, and it was received, and read the first time, and Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary in the following Words.

Ordered,

That Mr. Secretary do carry to the House of Assembly, a Copy of the List made by this House, of the Papers which His Excellency referred to in his Speech, and which have been laid before this House, amounting to forty one in Number, and to lay before the Assembly the Papers Numbered 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10; 11, 12; 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, and to request the Assembly, to cause Copies thereof to be made for this House, and to acquaint them, that this House have directed Copies of the remaining Numbers to be made with all speed for the use of the Assembly, which Copies to be mutually compared and exchanged when ready, and to request also of the Assembly, that they would cause Copies to be also made, for the use of this House, of the Papers which were sent to that House by His Excellency in *August* last, concerning

cerning the Riots, and a List with Copies of what Papers are now laid before that House by His Excellency.

And Mr. Secretary delivered the said Copy of the List and the Papers Numbered as in the said Message in at the Table, and then withdrew.

Mr. Secretary brought from the Council, by their order, the Answer of Mr. *Samuel Nevill*, to *Dallius Hageman* and *Thomas Clawson's* Petitions, (which His Excellency had laid before that House) and requested a Copy of the same, when the Copies of the other Papers are ready to be delivered.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met

Mr. Secretary, by His Excellency's Order, laid before the House, a Letter delivered by Mr. *Nevill* to His Excellency at the same time with the above Answer to the Petitions of *Hageman* and *Clawson*.

The several Papers brought from the Council in the Morning and that sent by His Excellency this Afternoon, were read.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c. had prepared the same. And it was received and read and ordered a second Reading.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 25. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of this Colony, reported, that the Committee find an Act entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, will expire at the end of this Session by its own Limitation.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Eaton*, and Mr. *Leaming*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the further Continuance of the said Act.

A Petition of sundry principal Inhabitants, Freeholders of the City and County of *Burlington*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Inconveniency of the Road from *Burlington* to *Cooper's-Ferry*, as it now goes, and that the same might be remedied by another Road in a more direct Line, and praying relief therein.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Nevill*, do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that this House having considered their Message of Yesterday, are of Opinion, that there will be no Necessity of copying the Papers mentioned in the List sent with the said Message, or any other publick Papers, seeing whatever Papers, whether Originals or others, which have been or shall be laid before this House, which the Council shall at any Time desire, according to the former Practice of both Houses, may be delivered them.

The House adjourn'd to two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself, delivered the Message of the House to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition of *Richard Borden* and *Jonathan Borden*, was presented to the House and read, complaining of *Joseph Rose*, Attorney at Law, for unjust Vexation in Suits on a Bond purchased by said *Rose*, and taking exorbitant Fees, and praying Redress.

Ordered,

That the said Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for the further Continuance of the Act for the better settling and regulating the Militia, &c. reported, That they had prepared the same, and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Cooke*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill; to prevent small Causes being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony, reported, That they had prepared a Draught of the said Bill, and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *Kearney*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties in this Colony.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Crane*, for leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal part of the Act for preserving of Timber, &c. which was granted.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Low*, for leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal the Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum, &c. which was also granted.

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

Thursday, November 26. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for making current

current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, reported, that the Committee had prepared a Draught of the same. And it was received and read and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, in the following Words:

“ Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

“ COLONEL Peter Schuyler has given me an Account of Provisions he has supplied to the Troops lately raised in this Province, which I have directed Mr. *Secretary* to deliver you, and I shall not doubt your Care for the Payment of the said Account

Burlington,
November 26, 1747;

J. BELCHER.

And Mr. *Secretary* laid the said Account on the Table.

Mr. *Low* also laid before the House an Account of Charges for Carting and Storage of the Provisions for the Forces, Signed by *Philip Schuyler*.

And the said Accounts were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition of the Justices of *Bergen-County* was presented to the House and read, praying that the Act which impowers Justices to raise Money for paying for Negroes executed for Crimes, may be amended.

Ordered,

That said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for ascertaining the Fees, &c. reported, that they had prepared a Draught of the same, and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Stelle* Representatives of the City of *Pertb Amboy*, prayed leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the Citizens and Inhabitants of the said City to build a Poor-House and Work-House within the same.

Ordered,

That they have leave accordingly.

Mr. *Demarest* with leave brought in a Bill, for the better laying out, regulating, and preserving publick Roads and Highways throughout this Colony: Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Low* pursuant to leave given him, brought in a Bill to repeal an Act,
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entitled, *An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum, &c.* And the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition for dividing *Salem-County*, was read a second Time. And a Motion being made by Mr. *Brick* for leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, it was granted.

The Petition, *for laying out another Road in a more direct Line from Burlington to Cooper's Ferry*, was read a second Time. And a Motion being made by Mr. *R. Smith*, for leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose, it was granted.

The House being informed, that *Arthur Borrowdel, Joshua Bispham*, and others have some Objections to passing such Bill.

Ordered,

That the Clerk give Notice thereof to the said *Arthur Borrowdel*, and *Joshua Bispham*, that they and all others concerned, may make their Objections if any they have, against passing such Bill, on the 4th Day of the next Month.

The Bill, *to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* was read a second Time and committed to Mr. *Kearny*, and Mr. *Mott*.

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

Friday, November 27. 1747.

The House met.

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

The Bill, *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill, *to prevent small Causes being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony*, was read a second Time, and an Amendment made to the Title thereof in the House, being now entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.*

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed:

Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee, to whom the Bill, *to continue the Act for better settling and regulating the Militia, &c.* was committed, reported the said Bill with one Amendment, which was read in its place and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Crane, pursuant to leave given him, brought in a Bill to repeal Part of the Act for preserving of Timber, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Brick, according to leave given him, brought in a Bill for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem into a County, which was read and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill, Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Kearney, be a Committee to inspect all the Laws passed in this Colony, together with the Minutes and other Papers which they can procure, whereby they can get any Information concerning what Laws are now in Force, and make report thereof to the House, together with what Laws are expired, repealed, or disallowed of by the Crown, in order that the Laws in Force may be revised, corrected, and Re-printed:

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. Secretary do carry to the House of Assembly the Papers N^o 1, 3, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41. with the Copies thereof which have been examined by this House, that the House of Assembly may also examine the same, in order that both Houses may have them under Consideration at the same Time: And that he request of the House of Assembly, the Papers which were laid before that House by His Excellency in August last, for the Consideration of this House.

And Mr. Secretary laid the said Papers on the Table.

It being Represented to the House, that the time for Arthur Borrowdel, Joshua Bispham, and others, to make their Objections against passing a Bill for laying out another Road in a more direct Line from Burlington to Cooper's Ferry, is too short:

Ordered,

That it be prolonged for a Week.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Leonard, acquainting the House, that the Council have appointed Mr. John Reading, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Rodman, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Hude, Mr. Coxe, and Mr. Kemble, to be a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, to consider, in a free Conference, of Ways and Means for Suppressing the Riots and present Disorders in this Colony; and that they meet for that purpose on Monday next at five in the

the afternoon, at the House of the Widow *Hunloke* in this City, and continue to meet *De Die in Diem*, at that Place and Hour.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to continue an Act*, entitled, *An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions*, 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. *Spicer* and Mr. *Emley*, do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himself waited on the Council and delivered the said Bills with the Message of the House to the Speaker in Council.

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

Saturday, November 29. 1747.

The House met.

The Papers laid before the House Yesterday by Mr. *Secretary* were read, and referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Spicer* do carry to the Council the Papers which were laid before this House by His Excellency in *August* last with a List thereof, according to the request of that House signified in their Message of Yesterday.

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

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

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, November 30. 1747.

The House met.

MR. *Heard* prayed leave to bring in a Bill, for the better promoting the Manufacture of the Colony of New-Jersey, and for the encouragement of Trade, Ship-Building and Navigation, within the said Colony, which was granted.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that in Obedience to the Order of the House, he had delivered the Message with the Papers entrusted to him, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that House not Sitting.

This being the Day appointed by the Council for the Committees of both Houses to meet on the Free Conference.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the Papers sent by them to this House on *Friday* last, have been read and referred to a Committee of the whole House on *Saturday* last, and the said Committee not having had time to consider the same, this House are of Opinion, it will be proper to defer the Meeting of the said Committees until the said Papers have been further considered, of which Notice shall be given to that House.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House, a Letter he had received from Dame *Isabella Morris*, Relict of His late Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Esq; Governor of this Colony, deceased, requesting that Means may be used for

the Payment of the Salary in Arrears due to the said late Governor for the time he administered the Government without Support; as also the Money, he hath since his Death paid for House-Rent during that time.

And the said Letter was read and ordered a second reading.

The Bill *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem into a County &c.* was read the second time, and committed to Mr. Hancock, Mr. Brick, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Leaming.

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

Tuesday, December 1. 1747.

The House met.

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill *for making current Forty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. R. Smith, 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.

Mr. Kearny reported, that Mr. Leaming and himself, waited on the Council with the Message of the House and delivered it to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd to two P. M.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for making current Forty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. R. Smith, 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.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Townships of Trenton, Hopewell, Maidenhead, and Nottingham, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, sundry Grievances they apprehend they lie under by means of a Charter whereby they were Incorporated and called by the Name of the *Borough of Trenton*, and praying such relief therein as the House shall think expedient.

Ordered,

That said Petition have a second reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Secretary, acquainting the House, that the Council having Occasion to consider the Papers sent to this House on *Friday* last, request that they may be returned to that House.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Clerk of this House deliver the said Papers to the Clerk of the Council.

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

Wednesday, December 2. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. Fisher prayed leave to bring in a Bill, for the better preventing the Loss of stray Horses, Cattle, and Sheep, &c. which was granted.

The House having received Information from the Members of *Hunterdon-County*, that the Bills of Credit paid unto the Loan-Office of said County this Year, remain uncancell'd, and that *Joseph Yard*, one of the Loan-Officers was in Town; he was directed to attend, and attended accordingly, and being examined, informed the House, that he, with the other Loan-Officer, and a Majority of the Freeholders chosen for said County, on the second *Wednesday* in *May* last, met together according to Law, in order to cancel the Bills of Credit, paid into the said Loan-Office, but that not one of the Justices of said County attended, by which Means the said Bills remain uncanceled.

Ordered,

That the *Secretary* lay before the House this Afternoon, a List of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Hunterdon*, who are qualified to act in that Station, and that the Clerk serve him with a Copy of this Order.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Trenton*, *Hopewell*, *Maidenhead*, and *Nottingham*, was read a second Time and referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met, and according to the Order of the Day, resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Grievances of the Colony, after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported; that they had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved,

That the Sergeant at Arms give Notice to the chief Burgesses, or any other Burgesses of the Borough of *Trenton*, that a Petition has been presented to the House, setting forth sundry Grievances the Petitioners apprehend they lie under by Means of the Charter of Incorporation of the said Borough, and that this Committee will consider the said Grievances on the 16th Instant, when any Person concerned may be heard concerning the same: And that the Clerk in the mean Time give Copies of the said Petition if desired.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution and its ordered accordingly.

The *Secretary*, according to Order, laid before the House a List of the Justices of the County of *Hunterdon*.

Ordered,

That the Sergeant at Arms attending this House, do by this Day-Week give Notice to *Ijaac Herring, Martin Ryerson, Alexander Lockhart, Theophilus Philips, Jasper Smith, John Vansickland, Philip Ringo, Charles Clark, John Philips, Nathaniel Iresh, Ralph Hart, Samuel Stout, Cornelius Ringo, Nicholas Wycoff, Benjamin Rounsival, Ralph Smith, Samuel Johnson, Thomas Ketchin, and Edward Rockbill, Esqrs.* Justices of the Peace for the County of *Hunterdon*, that they attend this House on the 16th Instant, to shew Cause why they did not meet the Freeholders (chosen for said County) on the second *Wednesday* in *May* last, to assist in cancelling the Bills of Credit, as the Law directs.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill, *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *R. Smith* reported, That the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which he was directed to report when the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered,

That the Report be made To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock;

Thursday, December 3. 1747.

The House met

Mr. *R. Smith*, according to Order, reported the Amendments to the Bill, *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, which were read in their Places and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met and resumed the Consideration of the Amendments to the Bill above said; and the said Amendments were again read in their Places and on the Question, were agreed to by the House, and some other Amendments made to the said Bill in the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. *R. Smith* from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties, reported, That they had prepared a Draught of said Bill, and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Hancock* from the Committee to whom the Bill for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem into a separate County was committed, reported the said Bill, with several Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the House, and some other Amendments made to the Bill in the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

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

Friday, December 4, 1747.

The House met.

The Petition of the Justices of *Bergen-County*, praying some Amendment may be made to the Act for regulating Slaves, was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Demarest*, and Mr. *Cooke* be a Committee to inspect the said Act, and if the said Committee shall find any Defect in the same, then to bring in a Supplementary Bill for amending thereof.

The Letter from *Dame Isabella Morris* was read a second Time and referred to the Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for support of Government.

The House 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* returned the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman, 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. *Secretary* delivered to the House from the Council, the Papers received from the Clerk of this House on *Wednesday* the 2d Instant.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill for support of Government, and after some Time spent therein, the Committee being acquainted that a Message from the Council waited at the Door, Mr. *Speaker* returned the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman, 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 the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, which was read, and is as follows.

“ The House taking into their Consideration, the present dangerous State
 “ of the Province, and the absolute Necessity of speedy Measures to enforce
 “ the Laws and support His Majesty's Authority, and being willing to
 “ do all in their Power to contribute to those good Purposes; Do order, that
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“ the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Assembly, to consider
 “ of Ways and Means for suppressing the Riots and present Disturbances,
 “ do meet for that Purpose at the Widow *Hunloke's*, at five o'Clock this
 “ Afternoon, and that Mr. *Leonard* do acquaint the House of Assembly
 “ therewith, and do request of them, that their Committee may attend at
 “ the Time and Place appointed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, in Answer to their Message by Mr. *Leonard*, received about three o'Clock this Afternoon, that this House having received the Papers sent from this House to the Council at their request on *Tuesday* last, except N^o 32, about 11 o'Clock this Morning when they were closely engaged on the Bill, *for support of Government*, they have not had time to enter into a Committee of the whole House to consider those Papers, to which they were referred; but that as soon as the House have gone through the Bill, *for support of Government*, they will resolve into a Committee of the whole House on this Affair as recommended in His Excellency's Speech, and when the said Committee have reported thereon, the Council shall be informed thereof, that the Committees of both Houses in the free Conference may proceed without delay.

The House resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed to the Bill *for Support of Government*: After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman, 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.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, waited on the Council with the Message of the House.

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

Saturday, December 5. 1747.

The House met and resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on the Bill, *for Support of Government*: After some time spent therein Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman, 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 engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the Southern parts of the County of Salem in New-Jersey into a separate County, and ascertaining the Boundaries of the several Precincts therein*, was read and compared and on the Question.

Resolved,

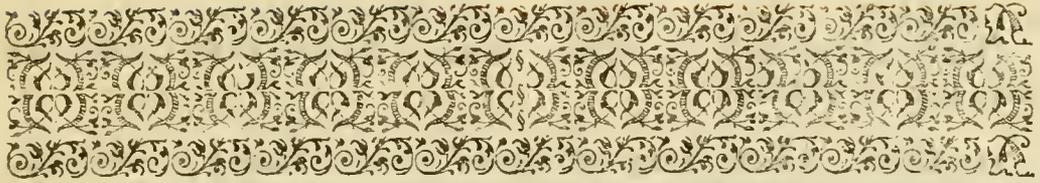
The said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Brick* do carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, and Mr. *Leaming*, had leave to be absent until *Tuesday* next on extraordinary Occasions.

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



V O T E S

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, December 7. 1747.

THE House met, and there not being a sufficient Number to proceed to Business, adjourned till To-morrow morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 8. 1747.

The House met, and adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

The Engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read and compared, and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Nevill,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Heard,	Mr. Cooke,
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Emley,
Mr. R. Smith.	

For the Negative.

Mr. Van Middlesworth,
Mr. Fisker,
Mr. Van Buskirk,

Resolved,
That the said Bill do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Hopkins*, do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill *for the better laying out, regulating and preserving publick Roads, &c.* was read a second time, and committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Fisher*.

A Petition of *Anne Kirby*, Widow, was presented to the House and read, praying the House to take into Consideration a Petition of the Executors of *Richard Kirby*, presented to a late House of Representatives on the 23d, *October 1744*.

And the said Petition referred to, was read and ordered a second reading.

The Bill *to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties, &c.* was read a second time, and committed to Mr. *Heard*, Mr. *Demarest*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Van Buskirk*.

The Bill, *to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give security, &c.* was read a second time, and committed to Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Mott*.

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

Wednesday, December 9. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *R. Smith*, with leave of the House, brought in a Bill *for the more impartial choosing of Petit Jurors in the Colony of New-Jersey*, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself, according to order, delivered the Bill *for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, to the *Speaker* in Council and desired their Concurrence.

Andrew Johnston, Esq; one of the Treasurers of this Colony, laid his Accounts before the House, and they were ordered to lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

The Sergeant at Arms attending was called in, and informed the House, that according to order he had given Notice to *Andrew Reed* and *David Martin*, Esqrs. two of the Burgesses of the Borough of *Trenton*, of the Resolve of this House of the 2d Instant, and had also given Notice of the Order of the second Instant to the Justices of *Hunterdon*, therein mentioned.

A Message from His Excellency in Council in the following Words.

Ordered,

“ That the Secretary do carry to the House of Assembly a Letter from David Martin, Esq; Sheriff of Hunterdon, dated December 6. 1747. and at the same Time inform the House, that His Excellency and this Board, have ordered Affidavits of the Facts contained in the said Letter to be taken, which will be also laid before them.”

And Mr. Secretary laid the said Letter on the Table, and also N^o 32 of the Papers sent from the Council on Friday last.

And the said Letter was read, and referred to be considered by a Committee of the whole House, when they shall have the other Papers referred to them on the 28th of the last Month under Consideration.

Mr. Eatton, from the Committee to whom the Bill, to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony of New-Jersey, to give Security, &c. was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

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

Thursday, December 10, 1747.

The House met.

Mr. Fisher, (according to leave) brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act, the better to prevent stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep, from being lost*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, for the more impartial choosing of Petit Jurors in the Colony of New-Jersey, was read a second Time and committed to Mr. Nevill, Mr. Kearny, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Eatton, and Mr. Cooke.

The House adjourn'd to two P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony of New-Jersey, to give Security, take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed, for the due Discharge of their Offices, and to prevent their too long Continuance therein*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Stelle* do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himself, according to Order, delivered the Bill, for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem in New-Jerley into a separate County, &c. to the *Speaker* in Council.

Mr. *Secretary* brought from the Council, by Order of that House, several Papers numbered 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47. which His Excellency had laid before them.

Ordered,

That said Papers be read To-morrow Morning.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill, for support of Government. After some Time spent therein, the House being informed a Councillor desired admittance, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they 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 the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, which was read and is in the Words following.

‘ This House having received Information upon which they can depend, ‘ that a Number of Evil-minded Men did on *Friday* the 4th Instant, assemble themselves in an unlawful Manner in the Town of *Trenton*, and then ‘ in open Defiance of the Law, and Contempt of His Majesty’s Authority, ‘ did break open His Majesty’s Goal for the County of *Hunterdon*, and forcibly take from thence one *David Brealy*, who stood committed upon a ‘ Process issued out of the *Supream Court* of this Province, at the Suit of the ‘ King, upon an Indictment for High Treason, in levying War against our ‘ Sovereign Lord the King, tho’ they knew that the said *Brealy* was Indicted and stood Committed for High Treason.

‘ And this House having also received Information, that the Persons so ‘ assembled at *Trenton*, for the Treasonable Purpose aforesaid, did then give ‘ out certain threatening Expressions of their Intentions of coming to this ‘ Town in a great Body, in order to apply to the Governor and Assembly, ‘ and to prevent their being apprehended by the Officers of the Government for any of the Crimes they had committed.

‘ And this House taking the said Information into their Consideration, and ‘ weighing the many dangerous Consequences that may attend such a bold ‘ and daring Insult upon the Legislature now sitting, and that from the past ‘ Conduct of the deparate People concerned in supporting and perpetrating ‘ the many great Riots and treasonable Insurrections that have been committed in this Province, there is too much Reason to expect they will carry ‘ into Execution their Threats of coming to this Town in a Body.

‘ And

‘ And as His Majesty’s Authority, and the Laws of the Community are
 ‘ openly slighted and abused by such repeated Insurrections, and as such an
 ‘ Insult upon the Legislature will be of most dangerous and pernicious Ex-
 ‘ ample, and Occasion the greatest Confusion in the Province.

‘ This House are therefore of Opinion, that the most effectual Measures
 ‘ should immediately be concerted, in Order to prevent the Execution of
 ‘ any such traiterous Designs against his Majesty’s Authority, the Freedom
 ‘ of the Legislature, or the Peace and Safety of the Province, and in order
 ‘ to strengthen the Hands of the Government so as to enable them to bring
 ‘ to Tryal and Punishment those Persons who have been daring enough to
 ‘ act in such open Violation of the Laws of the Country.

‘ Whereupon it is agreed, that a Conference be desired of the House of
 ‘ Assembly upon the Subject Matter aforesaid. And it is Ordered, that
 ‘ Mr. *Kemble* do wait on the House of Assembly, and request a Conference
 ‘ accordingly, and (to prevent Delay in a Matter of so great and immediate
 ‘ Consequence) acquaint them, that this House have appointed Mr. *Chief*
 ‘ *Justice*, Mr. *Coxe* and Mr. *Johnson*, to be a Committee to confer with such
 ‘ Committee as the House of Assembly shall appoint on the said Subject-
 ‘ Matter, and that the Committees do meet for that Purpose at the Widow
 ‘ *Hunloke’s*, at Five o’Clock in the Afternoon.’

The House having taken the said Message into Consideration;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Hancock* and
 Mr. *R. Smith*, be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Council,
 at the Time and Place appointed, in a free Conference (if that be in-
 tended by that House) on the Subject-Matter of the above Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *D. Smith* do inform the Council thereof.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *D. Smith* and himself, had waited on the
 Council with the Message of the House.

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

Friday, December 11, 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee appointed on the free Conference with
 the Committee of the Council, on the Subject-Matter of the Message of that
 House, reported, that the Committees met and did confer thereon, and agreed
 to report to both Houses, as the Opinion of the Committees, that some Resolu-
 tions be entered into, proper to Discourage such large Numbers of Persons
 coming down to this Place, to lay their Complaints before any Branch of the
 Legislature, in such Manner as is reported; but that if any Persons, who have
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been indicted or legally accused of the Disorders committed in this Colony, have any Thing to offer, it ought to be done in a decent Manner, by a small Number of others in their Behalf.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That any Number of Persons coming to present Petitions or lay Complaints before any Branch of the Legislature in a tumultuous Manner, or in Company with any Person or Persons indicted for, or legally accused of, the Disorders committed in this Colony, in order to protect or countenance such Persons, is and will be a high Infringement of the Privileges of the Legislature, an Insult upon them, and a Contempt of the Laws: But that if any of those Persons so indicted or accused, have any Thing to offer, it ought to be presented in a decent Manner, by a small Number of others in their Behalf.

Ordered;

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Stelle do wait on the Council with a Copy of the above Report and Resolve, and acquaint them that this House propose forthwith to order the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, to publish the said Resolve in some of the most publick Places in that County.

Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Stelle and himself performed the said Order, and also delivered the Bill, *to oblige the several Sheriffs to give Security, &c.* to the Speaker in Council, and desired their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That an Extract from the Message of the Council of Yesterday, with the Proceedings thereupon, be sent to the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, or his Deputy, who is hereby required forthwith to read or cause the same to be read, and Copies thereof set up at the Court-House in *Trenton*, and at the most publick Place in *Maidenhead* and *Penny-Town*.

One of the Constables of *Trenton* being in Town, he was sent for and ordered to deliver the said Extract to the said Sheriff or his Deputy.

A Memorial of *Peter Schuyler*, Colonel or Chief Commander of five Companies of Foot, raised within this Province of *New-Jersey*, on the late intended Expedition against *Canada*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, the Hardships the Officers and Soldiers suffered in the Service for want of their Pay, and praying the Aid of the Legislature therein.

Ordered,

That the said Memorial be read a second time.

A Petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Burlington* and *Gloucester*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth sundry Inconveniencies they and others will

will lie under by laying out another Road in a more direct line from *Burlington* to *Cooper's Ferry*.

Ordered,

That said Petition be read a second time.

The Order of the Day being read, the hearing of the Parties concerning said Road, was deferred till To-morrow Morning.

A Letter from *John Coxe*, Esq; to His Excellency, with Copies of four Papers were laid before the House, and with the other Papers received Yesterday from the Council, were ordered to be read on *Tuesday* next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government*: After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired leave to sit again: To which the House agreed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, with the Resolutions of that House of this Day, and acquainting this House, that the Council think it Advisable, forthwith to order the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Somerset*, *Middlesex* and *Essex*, to publish their said Resolves in the most publick Places of their respective Counties, and hope this House will extend their Order to the said Counties.

The House taking the same into Consideration, and a debate arising thereon, the Question was put whether the Order be extended or not; and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the Order of this House be extended to the Counties of *Somerset*, *Middlesex* and *Essex*,

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

Saturday, December 12. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer*, one of the Commissioners appointed to purchase Provisions for the use of the Forces lately raised in this Colony, for his Majesty's Service on the late intended Expedition against *Canada*, laid the Accounts of the Commissioners in the *Western Division* before the House, and they were ordered to lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

The Bill *to prevent the Loss of stray Cattle*, &c. was read a second time, and Committed to Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Van Middleworth* and Mr. *Eaton*.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,
“ COLONEL *Peter Schuyler*, who lately Commanded the Regiment raised
“ in this Province upon the intended Expedition against *Canada*, has
“ laid before me a Petition respecting the Payment of what is due to himself,
“ his Officers and Men, which Petition is now lying before your House,
“ where I hope it will have its just Weight and Consideration in all its Parts,
“ and then I think it must induce you to fall into some reasonable Measures
“ for the relief of this Gentleman, his Officers and Men, in their present hard
“ Situation, which will be not only an Act of Justice and Goodness, and of doing
“ Honour to this Government, but it must also gain the KING’s Counte-
“ nance and kind Regard to this Province, in a speedy Reimbursement of
“ what Monies they have already advanced, and may further do, for His
“ Majesty’s Honour and Service in the present Exigency.

Burlington,
December 12, 1747.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
That it be referred to the Consideration of the House.

The Parties concerned in the Petition for another Road in a more direct line from *Burlington* to *Cooper’s Ferry*, and their Opponents attending, were called in and fully heard, and then were ordered to withdraw.

And this Matter was referred to be considered when the Bill for the Road prayed for, comes under the Consideration of the House.

The House adjourn’d till *Monday* Morning nine of the Clock.

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*BY* Virtue of an Order of the House, I  
do appoint *William Bradford* of *Phila-*  
*delphia*, to print these Votes.

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*

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V O T E S

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, December 14. 1747.

THE House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 15. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. Smith, according to leave, brought in the Bill for laying out a more direct Road from Burlington to Cooper's Ferry, which was read and ordered a second reading.

According to the Order of the Day, the Letter from John Coxe, Esq; to his Excellency, with the other four Papers, and also the Papers sent from the Council N^o 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom the other Papers sent from the Council were referred.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

The Accounts of John Allen, Esq; one of the Treasurers of this Colony, were laid before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper, Mr. Eatton, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Spicer and Mr. Leaming, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inspect the Treasurers Accounts, and also to inspect and burn the cancell'd Bills now in the Hands of John Allen, Esq; and make report to the House; and that Mr.

M Cooper

Cooper and *Mr. Eatton* do inform the Council thereof, and desire that House to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill for *support of Government*. After some time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they 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.

Wednesday, December 16. 1747.

The House met.

And Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill for *Support of Government*. After some time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again: To which the House agreed.

Mr. Secretary laid before the House six Affidavits Numbred 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, which he acquainted the House had been laid before the Council by His Excellency's Order.

Ordered,

That the said Affidavits be read in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

The Affidavits according to order were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House to whom the other Papers were referred.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Grievances of the Colony; after some time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Cooper*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that according to the order of the Day, some of the Subscribers of the Petition for Relief from the Grievances they apprehend themselves under, by Means of the Charter Incorporating the *Borough of Trenton* attended, and were called in, and *David Martin*, Esq; one of the Burgesses of said Borough being present, the Petitioners were heard in support of their Petition, and *Mr. Martin* being ask'd, if he had any thing to offer, acquainted the Committee, that as the Petition was against the Charter, and not concerning the Execution of the Powers contained therein, the Burgesses had agreed it was not necessary to make any Answer to the said Petition.

And the further Consideration thereof was referred to the said Committee.

According to the other Order of the Day, the Justices of *Hunterdon* either attended or excused their non-attendance by Letter and Message, except six

six of them, most of whom living more remote its supposed were detained by the severity of the Weather.

And those attending were called in and heard, and the Letters were read giving their several reasons why they did not meet the Freeholders to cancel the Bills of Credit on the second *Wednesday* in *May* last. And then those present were ordered to withdraw.

The House being of Opinion, that the said Bills of Credit ought to be cancelled as soon as may be.

Ordered,

That the Justices and Freeholders of the said County of *Hunterdon*, meet together at *Trenton*, on the *sixth* Day of *January* next, and examine the Accounts of the Loan-Officers, and cancel the Bills of Credit which ought to have been cancelled on the second *Wednesday* in *May* last, acting therein as near as may be, agreeable to Law.

Ordered,

That the Justice of the said County give Notice of the above Order to the Loan-Officers and Freeholders within the same.

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

Thursday, December 17, 1747.

The House met.

The Justices of *Hunterdon* attending, were called in and suitably reprimanded by Mr. *Speaker*, for the Neglect of their Duty, in not meeting on the second *Wednesday* in *May* last, to cancel the Money, and choose a County Collector according to Law.

Ordered,

That they pay the Sergeant at Arms, *Fifty Shillings*, to be proportioned among all the Justices of the said County, to whom he gave Notice to attend this House: And that thereupon the said Justices who appeared here, be discharged from further Attendance.

The three Commissioners appointed in the Eastern Division to purchase Provisions for the Use of the Forces lately raised in this Colony for His Majesty's Service, laid their Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Demarest*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Brick*, and Mr. *Cooke*, be a Committee to examine the said Accounts, and also the Accounts of the Western Commissioners, and make Report to the House.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Eatton and himself waited on the Council with the Message committed to them on Tuesday last.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Smith, acquainting the House, that the Council have appointed Mr. Rodman, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Leonard, or any two of them, to be a Committee to join the Committee of this House, to inspect the Treasurer's Accounts, and also to inspect and burn the cancelled Bills, now in the Hands of John Allen, Esq; and that the Committees meet at such Time and Place as they shall agree upon.

The Bill, for laying out a more direct Road from Burlington to Cooper's-Ferry, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. Cooke, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Spicer.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill for support of Government: After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eatton, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and come to sundry Resolutions, which he was directed to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. Eatton, thereupon reported the Resolutions of the Committee as followeth,

Resolved,
That the Government be supported for One Year, to commence the 10th Day of August 1747, and to end the 10th Day of August 1748.

Resolved,
That in and by the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, for One Year, &c. when passed into a Law, there be paid,

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Fijker,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Demarest,
Mr. Heard,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Mott.
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Emley	who all voted
Mr. Low,	Mr. Cooper,		for 800 l.
Mr. Vanmiddleworth	Mr. Hopkins.		To

To the Chief Justice for the Time being, for holding Supream Courts at Perth-Amboy and Burlington, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, and on the Question, it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas. Yeas.

Yeas:

Nays:

Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. VanBaskirk,
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Heard,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Emley	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cooke,		Mr. Mott.
Mr. Low,	Mr. Cooper,		who all voted
Mr. Vanmiddleworth	Mr. Hancock,		for 50 l.

To the second and third Judges, for the Time being, each the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To the Attorney General for the Time being, the Sum of Forty Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Treasurers for the Time being, the Sum of Forty Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of Thirty Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To the Agent of this Colony for the Time being, the Sum of Eighty Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Circuits for the Time being, the Sum of Twenty Pounds. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of Ten Pounds. To which the House agreed.

Mr. Eatton further reported, that the Committee had come to sundry Resolutions concerning the publick Debts and contingent Charges of the Government, as followeth.

Resolved,

That in and by the said Act there be paid;

To His Excellency JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, the Sum of sixty Pounds for House-Rent, for the aforesaid one Year. To which the House agreed.

To His said Excellency, for his early Care in calling together the Commissioners for arming, cloathing, &c. the Forces lately raised in this Colony, for His Majesty's Service, inspecting their Accounts, and forwarding them to Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, to be by them allowed, in order to be transmitted to the Duke of Newcastle, to be laid before the Parliament for Re-payment of the Money lent by this Colony to the Government, for purchasing the said Arms, Cloathing, &c. And the better to enable His Excellency to continue his Care in getting the said Money repaid; as also the better to enable him to go through the Difficulties he is likely to meet with in restoring the broken Peace of this Colony, the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds. And on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Demarest,
Mr. Heard,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. Van Middlefworth,	Mr. Emley,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Fisher,		Mr. Mott.

To the Executors or Administrators of JOHN HAMILTON, Esq; late Commander in Chief of this Colony, the Sum of *Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds*: To which the House agreed.

To JOHN READING, Esq; late Commander in Chief of this Colony, the Sum of *Seventy-one Pounds*: To which the House agreed.

To the Chief Justice, second and third Judges, Attorney General, Treasurers; Clerk of the Council, Agent, Clerk of the Circuits and Door-keeper of the Council, for the time being, between the 23^d of *September* 1744 and the 10th *August* 1747 for their Salaries respectively during the said time, the like Sum in Proportion to the time as is herein before voted, to be paid to the said respective Officers for their Salaries during the aforesaid one Year. To which the House agreed.

To the Person who was Clerk of the Circuits in the Year ended the 23^d *Sept.* 1744 for his Salary voted, but not put in the last Act for *Support of Government*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*: To which the House agreed.

To the Chief Justice, or other Judge, who shall hold Circuit Courts according to the Bill during the said one Year, *Ten Pounds* for each Court: Also the like Sums for Courts held heretofore since Provision made by Law for the same, unless Satisfaction hath been made otherwise, for holding such Courts. To which the House agreed.

To each of the Council, the Sum of *Six Shillings, per diem* for the Time each of them have attended, or shall attend at this, or any other sittings during said one Year; and also for the time each of them attended at the former sittings of General Assembly heretofore unprovided for by Law. To which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Sum of *eight Shillings*, for each Day he hath attended at the late sittings not provided for by Law, and that he hath attended or shall attend at this, or any other sittings, during the said one Year. Also the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, for entering the Minutes of this and said former sittings fair in the Book, copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper. To which the House agreed.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer, for printing the Votes of this and said former sittings, and any others during said one Year. And to *Benjamin Franklin*, or any other Printer now, or hereafter appointed, for printing the Laws pass'd or to be pass'd in the Times aforesaid, such Sums as *Richard Smith, jun.* *Joseph Cooper*, and *Daniel Smith*, Esqrs. or any two of them shall agree for. To which the House agreed.

To *Thomas Wetherill, jun.* or to the Sergeant at Arms for the Time being, for attending on the House of Representatives, this, or any other sitting during said one Year, and to the Sergeant who attended at said former sittings, the

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Sum of *three Shillings* per diem. Also to *Andrew Robinson*, for going Express to *Trenton*, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*. To which the House agreed.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, who attended, or shall attend on the Council in Manner aforesaid, the Sum of *three Shillings* per diem. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper for the time being, who hath attended, or shall attend on the House of Representatives, in manner aforesaid, the Sum of *three Shillings* per diem. Also to the Administrators of *William Petty*, *thirty Shillings* for Firewood; & at former Sittings. And to *William Norcross* for the like for this Sitting his Account to be allowed by *R. Smith* and *D. Smith*, Esqrs. To which the House agreed.

To *Andrew Johnson*, Esq; to pay for a Room, Firewood and Candle for the Council, at the former (sittings) aforesaid, *twelve Shillings* per Week; And also for this sitting *Twenty Shillings* per Week. To which the House agreed.

To the Executors of his late Excellency *Lewis Morris*, Esq; his Account for Cash paid *James Home*, Esq; *four pounds seven shillings*. To which the House agreed.

To the said Executors for his said Excellency's House Rent, from the 23^d of *September 1744*, to the Time of his decease, *One Hundred Pounds*. And on the Question, it passed in the Affirmative,

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Wright;
Mr. Heard,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Emley,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. Low.	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Eaton,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. Vanmiddleworth	Mr. Cooper,		

To *Andrew Johnson*, Esq; for remitting the Agents Salary to the 23^d *Sept. 1744* and in full of his Account of contingent Disbursement, the Sum of *twenty nine Pounds and three Pence*. And also *Fifteen Pounds* to pay for the use of the Rooms, Firewood and Candles for this House at all the Sittings at *Perth-Amboy* not provided for by Law. To which the House agreed.

To *Richard Smith*, jun. Esq; for the use of *Richard Partridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, the Sum of *four Hundred and seven Pounds seven shillings and five Pence*, in full of his Account of disbursements to the 10th *July 1746*. To which the House agreed.

To Colonel *Peter Schuyler* in full of his Account of Provisions, &c. for the Forces lately raised in this Colony, the Sum of *six Hundred and seven Pounds seventeen shillings and four Pence*. Also *sixteen Pounds and four Pence*, for *Philip Schuyler*, Esq; Account for Carting and Storage of said Provisions. And on the Question agree or not? it pass'd in the Affirmative.

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Heard,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Van Middleworth,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Spicer,
Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Emley,	Mr. Mott.
Mr. Cooke.		

To Charles Read, Esq; in full of his Account of Disbursements for the Colony thirty-one Pounds and seven Pence. Also thirty-five Pounds for his Extraordinary Services to the beginning of this Sitting. To which the House agreed.

To Andrew Johnston and John Allen, Esqrs: Treasurers, such Sums as it appears by their Accounts they have respectively advanced, over and above what has been heretofore provided for by Law, for the Subsistence of the Forces before their Embarkation for Albany. To which the House agreed.

To the Speaker and each of the Members, that now are, or lately were of the House of Representatives, the Sum of six shillings, per diem, for the time they attended at former sittings not provided for by Law, and for the time they have respectively attended, or shall attend, at this, or any other sitting during the aforesaid one Year. To which the House agreed.

A Motion being made that there be allowed to the Executors of His late Excellency LEWIS MORRIS, Esq; Governor of this Colony, a Salary for his administering the Government from the 23^d of December 1744 to the 21st Day of May 1746 (being the time of his Disease) for which no Provision has been made, and a debate arising thereon, the Question was put, whether any Sum ought to be allowed or not? and it pass'd in the Negative.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Heard,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Nevill,
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Kearny,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Mott,	
Mr. Low,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Emley,	
Mr. Van Middleworth,	Mr. Cooper,		
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hopkins,		
Mr. Van Buskirk,	Mr. Hancock,		
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Brick.		

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

Friday, December 18, 1747.

The House met.

A Petition of divers Freeholders of the Township of Chester, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Road from Rancokus Ferry towards Gloucester, as it now goes, is very crooked and on bad Ground, and that the Survey of the Road as laid out by Act of Assembly is lost, and praying

praying the said Road, as far as it goes through said Townships, may be altered, the Owners of the Land having given Consent for the same.

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

The Bill *for Support of Government*, being read, and several Amendments made to the same,

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle*, the Representatives for the City of *Perth-Amboy*, according to leave, brought in a Bill *to enable the Citizens and Inhabitants of said City to build a Work-House*, &c. which was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Saturday, December 19, 1747.

The House met.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

‘ MY Time has been lately much taken up, in bringing to an Ad-
‘ justment, the Accounts of the Money advanced by this Province
‘ (in Virtue of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, one of
‘ His Majesty’s principal Secretaries of State) for the King’s Service, in the
‘ intended Expedition against *Canada*, which Account was directed to be
‘ sent to Governor *SHIRLEY*, and Mr. *KNOWLES* at *Boston*, and the same
‘ has been sent them in a Letter from me, to which I received an An-
‘ swer, and have since wrote fully, and transmitted what has been further
‘ necessary, and the Secretary will deliver you the Papers referring thereto.

‘ In Duty to the King for any further Service His Majesty may require of
‘ us, as well as from the Regard I ought to have to the Interest of the
‘ Province, I think it of great Importance, that you send Home by the very first
‘ Opportunity, the Account of this Matter, in which, in obedience to the
‘ King’s Orders, you have supplied His Majesty’s Troops with near *Nine Thou-*
‘ *sand Pounds* in Money, for the Reimbursement whereof (agreeable to His
‘ Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*’s Letter) Provision will doubtless be made in
‘ Parliament: And as the Year is far spent, no Time ought to be lost in this
‘ Affair. And any Service I can do in it for the Province will not be
‘ wanting.’

Burlington,
December 19, 1747.

J. BELCHER.

And Mr. *Secretary* laid before the House Copies of the Letters mentioned in the said Message, which were read and referred to further Consideration.

Ordered,

That the Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raised in this Colony, lay their Accounts before the House on *Monday* next.

Mr. *Cooper* from the Committee, to whom the Bill *for laying out a more direct Road from Burlington to Cooper's-Ferry*, was committed, reported the said Bill with several Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, for one Year, to commence the 10th Day of August 1747, and to end the 10th Day of August, 1748. and to discharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared, and on the Question, whether the said Bill do pass? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> .
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Middlefworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,	

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Kearny* do carry the said Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Kearny* and himself delivered the said Bill to the Speaker of the Council, that House having just adjourned.

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

Monday, December 21. 1747.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper* from the Committee to whom the Bill *for settling the Quota's of the several Counties*, was committed, reported the same with several Amend-

Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to, and some Amendments being also made thereto in the House,

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Nevill*, and Mr. *Low*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the frequent electing Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to empower sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Burlington and Gloucester, and others, to erect and build a Draw or Swinging-Bridge over Cooper's-Creek in the said County of Gloucester. And for appointing Commissioners to lay out a more direct Road from Burlington over the said Bridge to Cooper's-Ferries*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Cooper*, and Mr. *D. Smith* do carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Van Middlefworth* had leave to be absent till To-morrow Week, on extraordinary Occasions.

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

Tuesday, December 22, 1747.

The House met.

The Petition of the Freeholders of the Township of *Chester*, concerning a Road, was read a second Time:

Ordered,
That the Petition lie on the Table.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they 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 to 2 P. M.

The House met and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that on reading some of the Papers, it appearing that Mr. *Nevill*, then Chairman of the Committee, was concerned therein, he desired leave to quit the Chair, and thereupon the Committee appointed him the said Mr. *Hancock* their Chairman.

That the Committee had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred: And had considered the Complaint of *Thomas Clawson* against *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; who being present, declared, that he had always been ready and willing, and had several Times offered to refer the Disputes between him and said *Clawson* to indifferent Persons; and now declared, that he is willing to refer the same to any indifferent Persons of the Counties of *Burlington*, *Gloucester*, *Salem*, or *Cape-May*, notwithstanding the same is now depending in the *Supream Court*. The Committee are therefore of Opinion, that the Offer is reasonable, and that if the said *Clawson* refuses the same, he ought not to complain.

That the Committee had also considered the Complaint of *Dalius Hageman*, against the said *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; with Mr. *Nevill*'s answer to the same, upon which Mr. *Nevill* further said, that he should be willing to refer this Matter likewise, but that it affects other Men's Properties as well as his own, and that he is only Defendant in the Cause between them, which appeared to the Committee to be a good Reason for not referring the same.

Mr. *Hancock* further reported, that the Committee desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That the House doth agree with the Committee in the above Report.

Ordered,

That the Clerk serve the said *Thomas Clawson*, with a Copy of the said Report.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *D. Smith* and himself, delivered the Bill to *impower sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Burlington &c. to erect and build a Draw or Swinging Bridge &c.* with the Message of the House, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, that House not sitting.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, December 23. 1747.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties in this Colony when it shall be necessary to make a Provincial Tax*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Cooper* do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

The House, with leave of His Excellency, adjourn'd till *Tuesday* next.

Tuesday, December 29. 1747.

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, December 30. 1747.

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

Mr. *Nevill*, reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself, delivered the Bill to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties &c. to the *Speaker* of the Council on *Wednesday* last, that House not sitting.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on his Excellency's Speech, and others Matters to them referred. After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Matters to them referred; and on reading the Papers relating to Pilots, and those relating to the counterfeiting of Bills of Credit and current Coins, had come to some Resolutions thereon, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

And, with leave, he reported the said Resolutions, which were read and are as follows.

Resolved,
That the Committee do recommend it to the House, as expedient, that a Bill be brought in, to regulate Pilots within this Colony.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to His Speech of the 19th of last Month, and that therein he be desired to direct the Attorney General, and all other Officers, to be vigilant in apprehending Persons suspected of Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Colony, or any Gold or Silver Coins passing therein, and to put the Laws strictly and vigorously in Execution against them.

Resolved,

That the Committee do recommend it to the House, to consider whether any thing further will be necessary to be done for more effectually preventing the Counterfeiting of Foreign Coins.

And the said Resolutions being again read.

Resolved,

That the House do agree with the Committee in the same and will take those Matters into Consideration accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Fisher* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to His Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Nevill*, Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Brick*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Pilots in this Colony.

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

Thursday, December 31, 1747.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they 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 to Two P.M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Chief Justice* to be one of the Committee to inspect the Treasurers Accounts, in the stead of Mr. *Leonard*, who is absent.

Another Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, requesting of the House, the several Accounts mentioned in the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Support of*

Government

Government, &c. with the Vouchers of the Articles thereof, for the Consideration of that House.

The House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and other Matters to them referred. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* return'd the Chair, and Mr. *Hancock*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they 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.

Friday, January 1, 1747-8

The House met.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of this Province, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth that the *Act prohibiting the Importation of Rum from the neighbouring Colonies*, is prejudicial to the Trade carried on to *New-England*, and praying the same may be repealed.

Ordered,

That the Petition be read a second Time, when the Bill for repealing the *Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum, &c.* comes under Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *D. Smith*, and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, in answer to their Message of Yesterday, that the Request made by that House, of our sending the Accounts mentioned in the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government, &c.* with the Vouchers of the Articles thereof, for the Consideration of that House, is a Thing new, and at present appears to this House to be unprecedented, and in its Consequences may very nearly affect the Rights and Priviledges of this House.

The Accounts made payable by that Bill, are chiefly such as have become a Debt on this Colony in Consequence of their Compliance with His Majesty's Commands, signified to the late President HAMILTON, by the Duke of *Newcastle*, that it was expected the Colony would provide Provisions for the Subsistence of the Forces to be raised therein, and as these Accounts have been carefully examined by a Committee of our whole House; and as it hath always been a Priviledge of the *General Assembly of New-Jersey*, to judge of what Sums of Money, raised from the People, are proper to be paid for Services done by their Order, or to be allowed of by them; And as His Excellency in his Speech of *August* last, tells us, *it is more peculiarly our Priviledge and Duty to make the necessary Supplies for the Payment of the publick Debts, &c.* Therefore this House, though well disposed to cultivate a good Understanding with the Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, yet they are determin'd not to give up their Priviledges.

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

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Saturday, January 2. 1747-8.

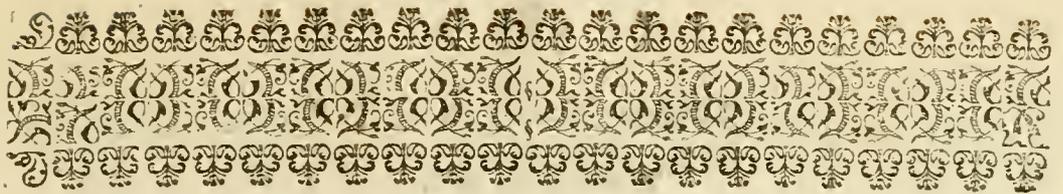
The House met.

Mr. *D. Smith* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself, delivered the Message of the House of Yesterday, to Mr. *Alexander* one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Richard Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Address to His Excellency, reported, that they had prepared the same, and it was received and read Paragraph by Paragraph, and several Amendments being made, it was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* nine o'Clock.

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*BT* Virtue of an Order of the House, I  
do appoint William Bradford of Phila-  
delphia, to print these Votes.  
ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker.*  
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General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, January 4, 1747. B.

The House met.

THE engrossed Address to His Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him, that the House desire to be informed, when they may attend him with their Address.

A Petition of *Peter Louderboch* was read, setting forth, that he was born under the Allegiance of the Emperor of *Germany*, and being settled in this Province, prays an Act may be passed for his Naturalization. Also a Certificate of his having this Day taken the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration according to Law, was read, which was done before *Charles Read*, Esq; thereunto duly Authorized, and in presence of two of the Members of this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Brick*, have leave to bring in a Bill for that purpose.

Mr. *Van Buskirk* had leave to go home upon Extraordinary Occasions.

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

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Tuesday,

Tuesday, January 5. 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himself, had waited upon his Excellency with the Message of Yesterday, who was pleased to say, he would let the House know when he would be waited upon with their Addres.

Mr. *Nevill*, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled, *An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, reported the same with several Amendments, which were read in their Places, and a Debate arising thereon, the Consideration thereof was deferred until afternoon.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met, and resumed the Consideration of the Amendments to the Bill, *the better to prevent the Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, and the same were read and some Amendments made thereto.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, January 6. 1747-8.

The House met.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, sundry inconveniencies they lie under by means of the *Act for the Preservation of Timber*, &c. and praying the same may be repealed.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be read a second Time, when the Bill for that purpose now in the House comes under Consideration.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, was read and compared, and on the Question whether the same do pass? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

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

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hancock* do acquaint the Council, that this House have directed their Committee, appointed to conferr with the Committee of the

the Council, on Ways and Means for suppressing the Riots and prevent Disorders in this Colony, to meet them for that purpose at such Time and Place as the Council shall appoint.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself perform'd the aforesaid Orders of the House.

The Bill for *ascertaining the Fees to be taken by the several Officers of the Colony of New-Jersey*, was read again, and an Amendment made to the Title of the same, being now entitled *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and Tax Bills of Costs, for making Provision by Law for the payment of the Services of the several Officers thereof, and for preventing the said Officers from taking Exorbitant Fees*.

Ordered,

That the Bill be committed to Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Cooke*; and that Mr. *Speaker* be desired to assist therein:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Hopkins*. do wait on the Council and acquaint them thereof, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the said Committee of this House, to consider the said Bill, and agree upon such Alterations and Amendments as they shall think necessary, and make Report thereof, to meet at such time and place as the Council shall appoint:

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

The Bill to *repeal the Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum, &c.* was read a second time, and committed to Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Van Middleworth*. Also the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of this Province for repealing the same was read a second time.

The Bill to *repeal part of the Act for preserving of Timber, &c.* and the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex* for passing said Bill; were read.

And a Motion being made, that the Bill be committed; the Question was put thereupon, and it passed in the Affirmative:

Ordered,

That the Bill be committed to Mr. *Demarest*, Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Brick*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Johnson*, acquainting the House, that they have passed the Bill to *continue an Act, entituled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony, &c.*

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable sundry Inhabitants*

Inhabitants of the Counties of Burlington and Gloucester, &c. to build a Draw or Swinging Bridge over Coopers Creek, &c.

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

Thursday, January 7. 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself, according to the Order of yesterday, deliver'd the Message of the House to Mr. *Coxe*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

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

Mr. *Speaker*,

His Excellency has order'd me to acquaint you, that he 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 upon His Excellency, and being returned, Mr. *Speaker* return'd the Chair, and reported, that the House had attend'd His Excellency, and present'd their Address in the following Words, *viz.*

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

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 Your Excellency will in the first Place, be pleas'd to excuse our not Addressing You sooner, to return the Thanks that are due to Your Excellency for the kind and favourable Speech You was pleas'd to make on the 19th Day of *November*, to His Majesty's Council and to this House. This delay was chiefly occasion'd from an Expectation the House had, of seeing the Papers Your Excellency order'd the Secretary to lay before the Council and this House, previous to their entring upon this Address, and they being under the Consideration of the Council, the House proceeded to other Business, and in the mean time, went through the Bill *for the Support of the Government, &c.* By which, according to Your Excellency's recommendation, we have made Provision for the Payment of the Publick Debts, and for the *Support* of the Government.

And as Your Excellency was so kind at our last Meeting, to indulge us with the Recess we desired, You had the more Reason to expect we should early and in earnest set ourselves about it; And as we conceived nothing in our Power would more fully demonstrate Our good Inclinations, of restoring

restoring again that *happy Harmony*, and *Honourable Confidence*, which once *subsisted* in this Colony, and which will be confessed by all, ought always to *subsist* between the several Branches of the Legislature, than the ready Dispatch we have given to this Bill, and considering that like the Circulation of the Blood in the Natural Body, so the free Circulation of Business through the several Branches of the Legislature, is the most likely way to create a State of Health in the Body Politick, We have therefore sent it to the Council to be passed by them, and presented for Your Concurrence, that by Your assistance we may be able to do what we have before attempted in vain, that is, to pay the Officers of the Government and all others their just Dues, with as little Delay as possible, to prevent the *Cry of Oppression*.

This we have now done in such a Manner as We hope will be agreeable to all concerned, and shew our Intention to promote such a Unanimity amongst the several Branches of the Legislature, and the Officers of the Government, as may very much contribute to its Strength.

We have also passed several other Bills, some of them near in the same form as they have passed the Council and this House heretofore, but were then rejected by the late Governor; to our discouragement, and our Country's great Cost and Disappointment. Your happy Arrival amongst us, and the kind assurances You have given us, *revive* our hopes, and We have placed our Confidence in You. Your known Abilities, Compassion and Goodness, as a tender Father, We trust, will be kindly employed in assisting us, that We may be able to get these, and such other Bills, as are really necessary for the good of the People of *New-Jersey*, and not inconsistent with His Majesty's Commands to You, passed into Laws, for the help and relief of the Needy and Oppressed.

By Your Excellency's Speech We find, that the *Expedition* against *Canada* is laid aside for the present; and by the Extract of the Duke of *New-Castle's* Letter to Governor SHIRLEY and Governor KNOWLES, that they are to procure an Account of the Expence incurred on account of the *American Troops*, that it may be transmitted to the Duke of *New-Castle*, to be laid before the Parliament for repayment, and in the mean time to recommend it to the several Governors, where these Forces were raised, to procure Credit from their respective Assemblies to prevent any Complaint that might arise amongst the Men for want of immediate Pay. Altho' We are heartily desirous of recommending ourselves to His Majesty's Grace and Favour, We cannot conceive We are in any Condition to do what Our Inclinations leads Us to, on this occasion, because We have no Money in Our Treasury but what is already Disposed of, We are in Debt on Account of this Expedition, for Bounty Money paid to encourage the Inlisting the Men, for subsisting them before their Embarcation for *Albany*, and for Victualing them for the time they were there until the time of their Discharge and other Expences thereon accruing, upwards of *Nine Thousand Pounds*, besides the *Ten Thousand Pounds* lent the CROWN which We stand engaged for, till it be Provided for by Parliament. And as We are informed that by Your Excellency's Instructions You are forbid to pass any Law for emitting of *Bills of Credit*, without a Clause in the said Bill; suspending the Effect thereof, until His Majesty's

Pleasure shall be known concerning it, any attempt of Ours to do it in that Manner would not Answer the present Emergency. We have therefore no way left to raise Money to pay those Troops sooner than it may be obtained from Parliament, and Considering the large Payments made the Men by Col. *Peter Schuyler*, (the worthy Gentleman that Commanded them, and who approved himself a good Friend to the Expedition, by advancing, as We are informed, some *Thousands* of Pounds out of his own Estate to keep the Men together, and prevent their Mutinying for want of Pay) and that many of them are since that Deserted, and others after their Dismission, inlisted in the *New-York* Companies, and as they have by the Duke of *New-Castle's* Letter, the Promise of His Majesty's Pay, and as that was the Condition on which they Inlisted themselves, We hope under these Considerations there will not be much uneasiness amongst them for want of the remaining part of their Pay, until it can be provided for by Parliament.

Your Excellency's early Care in directing the Commissioners employed in arming and cloathing the Forces raised in this Colony, to wait on you and adjust that Account, and forwarding it to Governor *SHIRLEY* and Governor *KNOWLES*, to be by them transmitted to the Duke of *Newcastle*, to be laid before the Parliament for Reimbursement, claims our grateful Acknowledgment and Thanks: And as we conceive Your Excellency will not hear of any of His Majesty's Colonies that more readily exerted themselves on this Occasion, for His Majesty's Service, than we, according to our Abilities, have done; so we think, You will not hear of any, that have advanced Money, on the Credit of the CROWN, for cloathing and arming their Forces, as hath been done by this Colony. This Our Loyal Conduct, to the best of *KINGS*, emboldens us to desire Your Excellency will continue Your Care in assisting us in getting the Money, lent the CROWN, repaid, that it may be sunk, with Reputation to the Colony, according to the Law that gave it Birth.

We have now read the Papers that the *Secretary*, by Your Excellency's Order, laid before Us, many of them we find to contain disputes and complaints about Matter of Property, a Thing We conceive not in Our Power to decide. Notwithstanding, as we perceive it is from thence that those Riots and Disorders, which have been so audaciously committed in this Colony, have taken their Rise, We have, according to the Advice of Your Excellency, re-considered our Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council on that Affair, and as We had a special regard at the time of Our appointing them, that no Person concerned in the Property in Dispute, should be on that Committee, so we cannot find, on re-considering that Matter, that any of them are Interested therein.

On reading the Papers from the Honourable Mr. *PALMER*, President of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, referring to *Pilots* in *Delaware River*, We have ordered a Bill to be brought into the House for regulating such of them as belong to this Colony.

On reading those concerning the Discoveries made of the Counterfeiting Our *Jersey* Bills of Credit, and *Spanish* Pieces of Eight, the House are
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humbly of Opinion, the best expedient they can fall upon at present, is to desire that Your Excellency will be pleased, immediately to direct the *Attorney General*, and all other Officers of this Colony, to be vigilant in apprehending Persons suspected of counterfeiting the Bills of Credit, or any Gold or Silver Coins passing therein, and to put the Laws strictly and vigorously in Execution against those that shall be found guilty. And the House will further consider, whether it may not be proper for them to do something, more effectually to prevent the Counterfeiting of Foreign Coins.

The Method Your Excellency hath taken in laying these Papers before His Majesty's Council and this House, shews the Regard You have, that Justice should be administred impartially; and when any thing further shall occur to You for the publick Good, We shall gladly receive it. And We thank Your Excellency for the kind Assurances You have given Us, of accepting from Us such Things as We shall judge may contribute to the same good Ends.

Your Excellency's very kind Assurances, that You will make it Your great Care and Study, to bring this Colony into a more flourishing State, will be welcome Tydings to the People We represent: And We shall always with great Cheerfulness, do Our utmost to strengthen Your Heart and Hands in so good a Purpose, and thereby render Your Administration easy and pleasant to Yourself, and happy to the Colony.

Divers Members of this House being of the People called Quakers, agree to the Matter and Substance of this Address, with their usual Exception to the Style.

By Order of the House,

ROBERT LAWRENCE, *Speaker*.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank You for this kind Answer to what I laid before You in November last, and for the Dispatch You have given to many of the publick Affairs, I then recommended to You: And as the best Return I can make You, for the Confidence You are pleased to repose in Me, I will endeavour, in the Course of My Administration, to give you reason to increase it.

J. BELCHER.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, January 8, 1747-8.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, acquainting the House that the Council have directed their Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of this House on Ways and Means for suppressing the Riots and present Disorders in this Colony, to meet the Committee of this House

House for that Purpose at the House of the Widow *Hunloke*, on *Tuesday* next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Another Message from the Council, by Mr. *Smith*, in the following Words.

“ This House having taken into Consideration, the Message from the House of Assembly, received this Day by Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Hopkins*, are of Opinion, that the appointing Committees of both Houses to meet and form a Bill to be brought into either House, has been customary, but remember no Precedent of either House, to assist on the Commitment of a Bill in the other, tho' such Thing may have been, and foresee no ill Consequence at present in so doing. Wherefore it is *Ordered*, That Mr. *Smith*, do acquaint the House of Assembly, that this House has appointed Mr. *Coxe*, assisted by Mr. *Speaker*, to be a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly, on the Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony, to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, &c.* And that the Committees do meet for that Purpose at the House of the Widow *Hunloke*, at Five o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Declaring nevertheless, that should there be no Precedent of this, or any future Inconvenience arise from the appointing of such a Committee of this House, that this shall not be drawn into Precedent.”

Mr. *Crane* from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal the *Act, to encourage the direct importation of Rum, &c.* was committed, reported the said Bill with some Amendments, which were read, and a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, whether the House agree thereto or not? And it passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. *Hancock*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, *to repeal part of the Act, for preserving of Timber, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with some Amendments, which were read, and some other Amendments made thereto, and on the Question whether the House agreed to the same or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal An Act, entitled, An Act, to encourage the direct importation of Rum from the British Plantations in the West-Indies, and of such Wines as may lawfully be imported from the Places of their Growth, Product, and Manufacture, into the Eastern Di-*
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vision of New-Jersey, was read and compared; and on the Question whether the same do pass or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Yeas,	Nay.
M. Eatton,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Nevill.
Mr. Crane,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Brick,	
Mr. Low,	Mr. Cooke,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Van Middleworth,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Spicer,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Mott,	
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Emley,	

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, to repeal part of An Act, entitled, An Act, for preserving of Timber in the Eastern Division of the Colony of New-Jersey, and all Sorts of Trees in the Bounds of the Patent or Charter of the Township of Bergen, that lies in Common*, was read and compared, and on the Question whether the same do pass or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

The Yeas and Nay as above.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Fisher* do carry the said Bills to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr *Fisher* and himself performed the said Order.

Mr. *Spicer*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, *to regulate Pilots, &c.* presented a Draught of such Bill to the House, which was received and read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Saturday, January 9. 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Hude* brought back from the Council, the Bill *for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem into a separate County, &c.* with an Amendment made thereto.

And the said Amendment was read in its place, and on the Question agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

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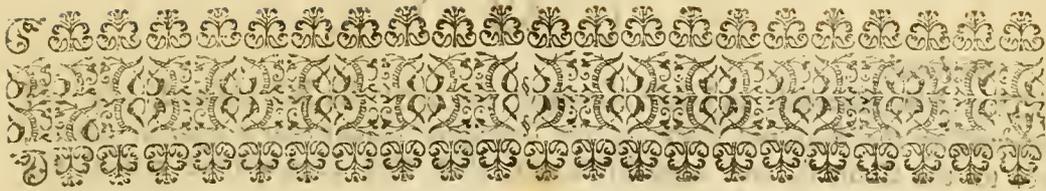
The Bill concerning Pilots was read the second time, and committed to Mr. R. Smith, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Hancock.

A Petition of *Dalius Hageman* was read, praying that he may have Time to answer and present his Evidence in the Affair between Mr. *Nevill* and him.

Ordered,
That the Petition be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* nine o'Clock.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I
do appoint William Bradford of Phila-
delphia, to print these Votes.
ROBERT LAWRENCE, Speaker.



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General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, January 11. 1747. S.

THE House met, and adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday, January 12. 1747. S.

The House met, and the Clerk being unable to attend, adjourn'd to two o'Clock P. M.

The House met.

The Clerk continuing sick, and unable to attend the Service of the House,

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Crane, do wait upon the Governor and acquaint him thereof, and to desire him to nominate a fuitable Person to act in that Station during the said Clerks Indisposition.

The Gentlemen returning, reported for Answer, that the Governor was pleased to say, He should approve of whom the House thought proper to appoint.

Ordered,

That Samuel Smith do serve in that Station, in the room of the said Clerk during his Indisposition.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, An Act for erecting the southern Parts of the County of Salem into a separate County, &c. being read, with the Councils Amendments; on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

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That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Leaming* do carry the Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the Southren Parts of the County of Salem into a separate County, &c.* to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have passed the same with their Amendments.

The Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces on the Expedition to *Canada*, laid their Accounts before the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Smith*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Cooke*, and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee to inspect the said Accounts and Vouchers, and make report to the House.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself, according to the Order of the House, carried the Bill entitled, *An Act for erecting the Southern parts of the County of Salem into a Separate County, &c.* and delivered the same to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

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

Wednesday, January 13. 1747. 8.

The House met.

The House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Grievances of the Colony, (being the Day appointed for that Purpose) and after some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I HAVE already laid before you some Papers relating to the *Ten Thousand Pounds* granted by this Province, in compliance with the KING's reasonable Expectation, signified by his Grace the Duke of *New-Castle*, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, for supplying of Arms, Cloathing, &c. for His Majesty's Troops rais'd in this Province on the late intended Expedition against *Canada*. I now send you what other Things respect that Affair, just as I have transmitted them by Direction of the Secretary of State, to the Governor of the *Massachusetts*, and they being in the compleatest Manner they can go from this Government, I believe you will think it for the Interest of this People, to be early in doing on your Part what may be necessary towards the obtaining a Reimbursement of the Money advanced by the Province, in way of Loan to the Crown, for promoting the said Expedition.

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A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the House, that the Bill entitled, *An Act the better to prevent the concealing stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, passed that House this Day.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider the Grievances of the Colony. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, That the Committee had taken into further Consideration, the Complaint against the Charter for Incorporating the Borough of *Trenton*, and the Manner of obtaining the same, and upon considering the said Petition and Charter, were come to some Resolutions thereupon, which he was ordered to report when the House would be pleas'd to receive the same.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Cooper* then reported the Resolutions of the Committee as follows,

Resolved,
That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the obtaining the Charter for Incorporating the Townships of *Trenton*, *Hopewell* and *Maidenhead*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, and part of the Township of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*, on the Petition of some of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Trenton* only, and without the Knowledge and Consent of the Majority of all the People therein concern'd, is a Grievance.

Resolved,
That there are Powers contain'd in the said Charter repugnant to Law, and directly contrary to the Rights and Priviledges of an *English* Subject.

Resolved,
That the Execution of these Powers are arbitrary and illegal, and consequently ought to be look'd upon as Grievances.

To which laid three Resolves the House agreed, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Wright*, and Mr. *D. Smith*, do wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of the above Resolves, and likewise the Copy of the Charter, and the Petition against it. And to pray him to grant such Relief therein as He in his Wisdom shall think most expedient.

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

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Thursday, January 14, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *D. Smith*, and himself, waited upon His Excellency with the Message of Yesterday.

The Business of the House being this Day before several Committees.

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

Friday, January 15, 1747-8.

The House met.

The *Speaker* acquainted the House, that he Yesterday, after the House adjourned, received a Message from the Council by Mr. *Smith*, which he delivered in, acquainting the House, that the Council had Yesterday passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of this Colony to give Security, &c.*

The *Speaker* likewise acquainted the House, that he had received another Message from the Council by Mr. *Kemble*, which he delivered in the Words following,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kemble* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Louderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Barbara*, to the House of Assembly, for their Concurrence. And the said Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Saturday, January 16, 1747-8.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Louderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Barbara, his three Daughters*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading, and was read accordingly, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Brick*, carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have passed the same this Day.

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Mr. *Kearny* from the Committee appointed on the Accounts of the Commissioners for victualling and transporting the Forces lately raised in this Colony, for the Reduction of *Canada*, reported the same, which was read, and is as follows,

We the Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, to examine and settle the Accounts of the Commissioners for Victualling and Transporting the Forces lately raised in this Colony for the Reduction of *Canada*, Do hereby report and certify, That We have carefully inspected and examined the said Accounts and Vouchers, and do find, that *Jacob Spicer*, *Stephen Williams*, and *Joseph Scattergood*, the *Western* Commissioners, have received of the Treasurer of the *Western* Division, the Sum of *One Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, Seven Shillings and Nine-pence*, Proclamation-Money. And that the said *Western* Commissioners have paid and laid out all the said Money, which they have so received from the said Treasurer for the Purpose aforesaid, in Provisions according to Law, for the Use of the said Forces, except the Sum of *Three Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Three Shillings and Ten-pence*, Proclamation-Money, which said Sum is the Balance due from, and now remains in the Hands of the said *Western* Commissioners.

And that we also do find that the *Eastern* Commissioners have received of the Treasurer of the *Eastern* Division, the Sum of *Three Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny-half-penny*, Proclamation-Money aforesaid, and that the said *Eastern* Commissioners have laid out all the Money which they have received from the said Treasurer, for the Purpose aforesaid, in Provisions according to Law, for the Use of the said Forces, except the Sum of *One Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds and Eight-pence-farthing*, Proclamation-Money aforesaid, which said last Sum is the Balance due from the said *Eastern* Commissioners, and is now in the Hands of *Pontius Stelle*, one of the said Commissioners of the said *Eastern* Division, which said two Sums, in the whole amount to the Sum of *Five Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds Four Shillings and Six-pence-farthing*, Proclamation-Money. And that the said Accounts of the said *Western* and *Eastern* Commissioners are herewith delivered unto this House. Dated the 16th Day of *January*, *Annoque Domini*. 1747-8.

By Order of the Committee,

P. KEARNY, Chairman.

To which Report the House agreed:

Ordered,

That the said Commissioners, who have of the Outstanding Money in their Hands, do forthwith pay the same to either of the Treasurers of this Province:

Ordered,

That the Clerk serve the said Commissioners with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himself delivered the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Naturalizing Peter Landerbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth,*
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and Barbara, &c. to Mr. Leonard, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not sitting.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine o'Clock.

Monday, January 18, 1747. 8.

The House met.

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

Tuesday, January 19, 1747. 8.

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from some of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Essex, Middlesex, Sommer set, Hunterdon, Bergen, and Morris*, in behalf of themselves and those who signed the former Petition, concerning the Controversies of Titles of Land in the abovesaid Counties, setting forth, that their Grievances first arose, and still subsists, by reason their Opponents claim their Land under Conveyances made in *Great-Britain*, which they have not seen, and cannot readily inform themselves of, the secure purchasing under those Titles, &c. And that one of the Judges, before whom all Land Causes must be tryed, is so greatly interested in obtaining Judgment against their Titles: And that another is strongly suspected of being intereted the same Way, and not only so, but the Sheriffs and other Officers were appointed by the late Governour MORRIS, whose Family being greatly in the Proprietary-Interest, gives them great Uneasiness; and the more so, when they saw their reasonable Proposal to purchase their Possessions were rejected with Dildain, and Multitudes of Suits brought against them when they were poor and unable to defend against such rich and powerful Claimers. This (they say) was the true Cause of the Confusions and Disorders that has happened among them in the abovesaid Counties, and not from any *Disloyalty* to Our most gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the *Second*, and was entered upon with the utmost Reluctancy by those that had a Hand in them, as the only Remedy to possess their Lands for the Preservation of their Families, 'til they could obtain Time to know the Foundation of these Claimers Titles from *England*, or have a Tryal there before His Majesty. They therefore pray the House would be pleas'd to interceed with His Excellency, to appoint disinterested Judges to Judge of their Titles; and to remove those Sheriffs and other Officers of Justice that have prejudic'd their Case in favour of those that claim their Lands, and by whose Industry and Influence they strongly suspect the late Disorders in Defence of their Lands only, have have been stiled *Rebellion* against His Majesty, which they utterly abhor, and are as far from imagining, as the most dutiful Subjects in *Great-Britain*, who have so loyally shewn their Duty in assisting to extinguish the late horrid *Rebellion* in favour of a *Papiss Pretender*. And they most humbly and earnestly pray, the House would take their distressed Condition into Consideration, and pass an Act of *Indemnity* in the Petitioner's

Favour, if possible, this present Session. And they further pray, to have a reasonable Time allow'd them, to collect proper Vouchers and Materials from *Great-Britain* in order, first of all, to defend the following Tryals, *viz.* *John Coleman*, of *Maidenhead*, settled on the 15,000 Acres, being *Tatbam's* Title: And *Joseph Golder*, of *Haverwell*, settled on the 30,000 Acres, being *Revell's* Title, both ejected by *John Cox*, Esq;

They further set forth, that the several Purchasers are ready and willing to have a fair Tryal before impartial and disinterested Judges, and whoever is Cast here, they shall be obliged to appeal home to His Majesty in Council, for a final Decision of the Matters, or give up the Case here. Otherwise leave it to disinterested, impartial and upright Men, chosen out of *Boston*, *Rhode-Island*, and *Connecticut*, to make a final Decision of the Matter, by Way of Arbitration.

Which said Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Richard Smith* from the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on Ways and Means for suppressing the present disorders in the Colony; reported, that the Committees of the Council and Assembly having met in a free conference to consider of Ways and Means for suppressing the Riots and present disorders in the Colony, and having carefully consider'd and conferr'd upon the present distracted state of the Province, occasion'd by the said Riots, are unanimously of Opinion, that it will be necessary that the Legislature should interpose, in Order to restore the Peace of the Province and give force to the Laws of the Country, which have been most notoriously violated; for which purpose the Committees are of Opinion that effectual Measures should be taken by the Legislature to strengthen the Hands of His Majesty's Government, so as to enable them to carry the Laws of the Land into Execution, that His Majesty's Subjects may again enjoy the Benefit and Protection of them, and that a proper Act or Acts should be propos'd and pass'd for preventing the like intestine Troubles for the Time to come. The Committee further agreed, that the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly should propose it to their House, to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills for those Purposes.

The Committee of this House do further report, that it was under Consideration of the Committees in Conference, whether if the Governor would be pleas'd to extend the Kings Pardon to those who had offended, it would not be conducive to the putting an end to the present Disorders, and restoring the Peace of the Colony. To which the Committee of the Council had no Objection, but said, that as that was a Power intrusted with his Excellency, so it was wholly at his Disposal. Some of the Committee of this House, by order of the Committee, have therefore waited on the Governor, who was pleas'd to signify his willingness, that a Bill should be sent down to extend his Majesty's Grace and Favour, as far as he was empower'd to extend it.

Which said Report was agreed to by the House.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

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The House met.

A Message by Mr. *Secretary*, acquainting the House, 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 upon His Excellency, being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and inform'd the House, that His Excellency was pleas'd to give his Assent to the Six following Acts.

An Act for Naturalizing Peter Lauderbouch, Catherine, Elizabeth and Barbara his Three Daughters.

An Act to continue An Act entitled, An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New-Jersey, for the repelling Invasions and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.

An Act the better to prevent the concealing of stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep.

An Act to empower sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of Burlington and Gloucester, and others, to erect and build a Draw or Swinging Bridge over Coopers Creek in the said County of Gloucester, and for appointing Commissioners to lay out a more direct Road from Burlington over said Bridge to Coopers Ferries.

An Act for erecting the Southern Parts of the County of Salem into a separate County and ascertaining the Boundaries of the several Precincts therein.

An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs in this Colony of New-Jersey to give Security, and take the Oaths or Affirmations therein directed, for the due discharge of their Offices and to prevent their too long Continuance therein.

Mr. *Speaker* likewise informed the House, that His Excellency was pleas'd to make a favourable Speech, of which, to prevent mistakes, he had obtain'd a Copy, which was read and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

THE last Post brought me a Letter from Mr. SHIRLEY, Governor of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, with the Result of Commissioners appointed from that Government, *New-York* and *Connecticut*, respecting an Expedition to be undertaken against *Crown-Point*, which Letter and the Papers it inclos'd, the Secretary will lay before you.—And I earnestly recommend your joining with these Provinces in this Important Enterprize, which if it pleases God to succeed, may, in its Consequences, greatly Contribute to the future Safety, Peace and Prosperity of this and of all His Majesty's Provinces in *North America*; and in your deliberations on this Matter you will find it requires all possible dispatch.

Gentlemen,

I am glad to understand that a Committee of His Majesty's Council and of the House of General Assembly have met once and again, upon what I early recom-

recommended to You of going into some effectual Measures for suppressing the Tumults rais'd by a Number of Rioters, who have lately repeated their bold and daring Attempts to throw off their allegiance to the KING, and have treated the wholesome Laws of the Province with the greatest contempt; and if these things still go on, they must soon subvert the Government, and bring this People into a State of Anarchy and Confusion. But I hope We shall, as one Man, be so alarm'd, as to the utmost in our Power to prevent so dreadful a Calamity.

I am glad, *Gentlemen*, You have agreed in several Bills for His Majesty's Service and Interest, and for the Weal of this People, and to which I have now given my assent. As this Court has been sitting nine Weeks, at a great expence, I hope You will with Calmness and Unanimity, and with all prudent dispatch, go through such necessary Affairs as may still remain to be done on Your Parts, and on mine You will find no delay, that an end may be put to this long Sessions which I depend would be acceptable to us all.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That the said Speech have a second reading To-morrow Morning.

The House resuming the Consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to consider of Ways and Means for suppressing the present disorders in the Colony.

Ordered,

That Mr. Kearny, Mr. Eatton, Mr. Demarest, Mr. Richard Smith, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Cook, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to prevent Riots and disorders in the Colony of New-Jersey.

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

Wednesday, January 20. 1747-8.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech, according to the Order of Yesterday, was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the whole House.

According to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Grievances of the Colony: After sometime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cooper, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred.

Several Papers were sent into the House relating to the Disputes of Land in Bergen County, which was read, and referred to be consider'd on the second reading of their Petition.

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

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Thurs-

Thursday, January 21, 1747. 8.

The House met.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House, a Message he Yesterday receiv'd from the Council, after the House adjourn'd, by Mr. *Leonard*, in the Words following.

' *January 20, 1747. Ordered, That Mr. Leonard do carry to the House of Assembly the Papers referr'd to in His Excellency's Speech of Yesterday, and acquaint them, that this House are willing to join with them in such Measures as may be judg'd necessary for this Province to take, for the common Defence of His Majesty's Colonies on this Continent, for the Annoyance of His Majesty's Enemies, and for securing the Fidelity of the Six Nations of Indians, and their Allies, to His Majesty and their Friendship to the English.*

Mr. *Speaker* likewise communicated to the House, the several Papers mentioned in the said Message, which were read, and referred to the Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Speaker* further informed the House, that after the House adjourn'd, he also received another Message from the Council, by Mr. *Leonard*, which he deliver'd in, and the same is as follows.

' *January 20, 1747. Ordered, That Mr. Leonard do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill entitled, An Act to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties of this Colony &c. together with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and desire the Concurrence of the House of Assembly thereto.* Which said Bill, with the Amendments was read.

Resolved,

That this House doth agree to the first Amendment respecting the Title, and disagrees to the second and third, and adheres to the Bill in them Parts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Cooper* do carry the said Bill, with the said Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them with the Resolution of this House thereupon.

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

Ordered,

' That Mr. *Morris* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York, to the House of Assembly for their Concurrence.*

Ordered,

That the said Bill be read in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Stelle reported, that Mr. Cooper and himself waited upon the Council with the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's, &c.* with the Amendments to the same, and deliver'd them to the Speaker in Council.

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

Friday, January 22, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he last Evening, received a Message from the Council, with a Bill by Mr. Coxe, both which he delivered in, and the Message is as follows.

Ordered,

That Mr. Coxe do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for punishing the Coiners and Counterfeitors of foreign Coins passing current, and the Counterfeitors of Bills of Credit of this Province*, to the Assembly, and acquaint them, that this House have passed the same, and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Which said Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider His Excellency's Speech, and the Papers referred to therein, relating to the Affair of *Crown-Point*. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Nevill, Chairman, 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 Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. R. Smith, from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raised in this Colony, for the Reduction of *Canada*, reported, that the Committee have carefully examined the said Accounts, and Vouchers, and do find that the *Western* Commissioners have received of the Treasurers, the Sum of *Sixteen Hundred Sixty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence*, Proclamation-Money, of which they have paid out according to Law, the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Thirty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four-pence*, so that there remains in their Hands, the Sum of *One Hundred Thirty-two Pounds and Eighteen Shillings*.
And

And also that the *Eastern* Commissioners have received of the Treasurers, the Sum of *Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five-pence*, of like Money, of which they have paid out according to Law, the Sum of *Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-five Pounds Eleven Shillings and One Penny*, so that there remains in their Hands, the Sum of *Ninety-nine Pounds Two Shillings and Three-pence*.

On the whole, they find, that the Commissioners of both Divisions have paid out according to Law, the Sum of *Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-one Pounds Two Shillings and Five-pence*, agreeable to their Accounts, laid before the House. And that there still remain in the Treasurers Hands of the *Ten Thousand Pounds* provided for that Purpose, when the above Balances are repaid back to them, the Sum of *One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Seven-pence*, besides a Credit given in the said Accounts, of *One Hundred Twenty-one Pounds and Eighteen Shillings*, for Remnants of Cloth, Linen, &c. which *A. Johnston, Esq;* Treasurer of the *Eastern* Division is to account for.

By Order of the Committee,

RICHARD SMITH, *jun.* Chairman.

Which said Report was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Commissioners who have of the said Outstanding Money in their Hands, do forthwith pay the same to either of the Treasurers of this Province, and that the Clerk do serve the Commissioners for each Division with a Copy of this Order.

Ordered,

That the said Treasurers do lay the Account of the same before the Committee of this House, appointed to settle the said Treasurers Accounts. And also the Account of the Outstanding Money from the Commissioners for Victualling and Transporting the said Forces.

Ordered,

That the *Speaker* do certify, on the several Accounts for Arming and Cloathing, &c. that are to go to *Great-Britain*, in order to be laid before the Parliament, relating to the intended Expedition against *Canada*, that the same have been carefully examined, inspected, and approved of, by the General Assembly.

Resolved,

That *Richard Patridge, Esq;* Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, be impowered, and he is hereby impowered to apply for, and receive, for the Use of this Colony, the Money advanced for His Majesty's Service, by Way of Loan, for the Arming and Cloathing the Forces lately raised in this Colony, for the Reduction of *Canada*, so soon as the Parliament shall be pleased to allow of, and Order a Reimbursement of the same.

Ordered

Ordered,

That *Richard Smith*, jun. and *William Cook*, Esqrs. and Mr. *Speaker* and *John Eatton*, Esq; the Persons appointed to correspond with the Agent, or some of them, do give him timely Notice thereof, and forward the Accounts to him, to be laid before the Parliament, and desire he would use all proper Measures to get the same expedited.

Resolved,

That *Richard Smith*, jun. and *William Cook*, Esqrs. upon their having an Account of the Agent's having received the said Money, shall have, and they are hereby invested with Power, to draw for the same by Way of Bills of Exchange, and sell and receive the Money therefor. And when they have so received the said Money, they shall pay the same, to either of the Treasurers of this Province, that the Bills of Credit, made on that Occasion may be sunk according to Law.

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

Saturday, January 23, 1747-8.

The House met.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to further consider His Excellency's Speech, and the Papers referred to therein, relating to the Affair of *Crown-Point*. After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Nevill*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matter to them referr'd, which he was ordered to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Mr. *Nevill* then reported, that the Committee have carefully and deliberately considered the Matters recommended to them by His Excellency, in relation to the Expedition propos'd against *Crown-Point*, and have thereupon Unanimously agreed to report, That the Scheme is new, and to them altogether unknown till a few Days since, and that the Propositions contained therein, appear to them somewhat surprizing and extraordinary, particularly that of the Commissioners, for having a Quota (as they call it) settled upon the Colonies who do not immediately come into the said Scheme, without either timely consulting the said Colonies, or allowing them any of the common Priviledges or Management in the said Expedition. The Committee observe from Governor *SHIRLEY*'s Letter, that the time fixed for the Meeting of the Commissioners at *Middletown* in *Connecticut*, is already elapsed. The Application to this Government is therefore, in that respect, too late. And as it does not appear to this Committee, that the Governments of *New-York* and *Connecticut* have agreed to the Result of the Assembly of the *Massachusetts*, the Scheme propos'd appears to the said Committee unfinish'd, and this Colony's joining therein would consequently be an acquiescing to a Scheme, which, for aught we know, is yet uncompleted and incompleat, and possibly may never be carried into Execution. And perhaps unknown to His Majesty, which if so, our engaging therein might not be very prudent.

But our present Condition is really such, that to set it forth, will we apprehend sufficiently plead our excuse. The late Expedition to the *West-Indies* and *Canada*, have so drain'd this Province of Men, that there are now scarcely sufficient in the Colony to do the necessary Labour; and if more were to be sent out, our Lands must remain uncultivated, and our Country, in a great Measure, defenceless.

The said late Expeditions have likewise left the Province very much in Debt, and we are from thence rendered wholly incapable to assist in the Affair propos'd. Besides these Considerations, it is very well known, this is a Province but thinly Inhabited, our Frontiers, on the Sea, are a very considerable Extent, above *three Hundred Miles*, lying expos'd to the Attempts of the Enemy. And a current Rumour at this time prevails, of an *Expedition* intended this next Spring from the *Spanish West-Indies* against our neighbouring Province of *Pennsylvania*, to obviate which ('tis presum'd) they are forming themselves into a sort of *Militia* at this time; * And which, if true, may nearly affect this Province also. This being the present Circumstance of this Colony, must excuse us from assisting in this important Affair.

Notwithstanding which, we wish the Governments concerned therein, all desirable Success, and should gladly have join'd with them (if our Abilities had permitted) in an Affair which, so far as it may relate to the fixing and preserving the *Western Indians* in the King's Interest, appears in its Consequences greatly advantageous to all the *British Colonies* in *North America*.

This Committee think it necessary further to declare it as their Opinion, that Provision should be from Time to Time made; as Occasion may require, for defraying the necessary Expences that may arise by the legal calling the Forces of this Colony together, for the repelling and suppressing Invasions, Insurrections, and Rebellions, or for the Assistance of the Neighbouring Colonies, or upon any necessary Occasion whatever.

The Committee have the Satisfaction to reflect, that this Colony have upon all Occasions, wherein they have had His Majesty's Commands; very readily yielded obedience thereto, and exerted themselves to the utmost, at times even beyond their Abilities for His Majesty's Service. They are therefore of Opinion, that any Applications from the Governments concerned in the propos'd Expedition, with respect to the Royal Injunctions, so far as the same shall concern this Colony, may and ought to be look'd upon inconsistent with that Liberty and Freedom they have hitherto enjoyed.

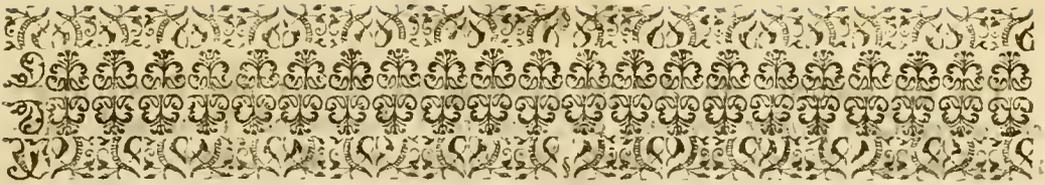
To which report the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Richard Smith*, Mr. *Stelle* Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Nevill*, wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of the above Report of the Committee, and agreement of the House thereto.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* nine o'Clock.

* These are the Words of Governor *SHIRLEY*, in his Letter to Governor *BELCHER*, on said propos'd Expedition.



V O T E S

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, January 25, 1747-S

THE House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, January 26, 1747-S.

The House met.

Mr. Richard Smith from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor with the Report of the Committee of Saturday last, and Agreement of the House thereto, reported, that they had performed the same.

Mr. R. Smith, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony, to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees*, reported, that the Committee of this House had, according to the Order of the House, met the Committee of the Council thereupon, and both Committees had mutually agreed upon several Amendments thereto, which with the Bill he reported to the House, which were read in their Places and 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 Bill entitled, *An Act for punishing the Coiners and Counterfeitors of foreign Coin passing current, &c.* was read the second Time and committed to Mr. Kearny, Mr. Nevill, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Cooper.

The House taking into Consideration His Excellency's Message of the 13th Instant.

Ordered,

That Mr. Kearny, Mr. Nevill, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Cooper, wait upon His Excellency, and in the Name of this House, return him Thanks for the same. And to acquaint His Excellency, that this House having examined and approved of the Accounts relating to the Money lent the CROWN, for the Use of the late intended Expedition against *Canada*, upon the Encouragement given by His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, in his Letter to the late Commander in Chief of this Colony, respecting a Re-imbursment of the same, Do desire His Excellency will write to His Grace upon this Affair and solicit for Re-payment of the said Money as soon as may be.

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

Wednesday, January 27, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. Kearny reported, that Mr. Nevill, Mr. Cooper, and himself, waited upon His Excellency with the Message of Yesterday, who was pleased to say, he would write to the Duke of *Newcastle*, according to the Request of the House, and that he would upon this, and all other Occasions, do what lay in his Power for the Service of the Province.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York,* was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. Cook, Mr. Leaming, and Mr. Cooper.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Leonard, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal An Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the British Plantations, &c.* acquainting the House, that the Council have made Amendments thereto, and desire the Concurrence of this House to the same. Which said Amendments were read in their Places and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, with the Council's Amendments, now entitled, *An Act to suspend the Execution of An Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the British Plantations in the West-Indies: And of such Wines as may lawfully be imported from the Places of their Growth, Product, and Manufacture, into the Eastern Division of New-Jersey*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Fisher*, carry the said Bill engrossed, with the Council's Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have this Day passed the same.

According to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Grievances of the Colony: After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred.

The Petition of *Richard* and *Jonathan Borden*, complaining against *Joseph Rose*, was read the second Time.

Ordered,

That the said *Joseph Rose* have a Copy of the said Petition (if desired,) and that both Parties attend next *Wednesday*, with their Evidence, and that the Clerk serve them with a Copy of this Order.

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

Thursday, January 28, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill*, with leave of the House, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Middlesex*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom the Bill entitled, *An Act to regulate Pilots, &c.* was referred, reported the same without any Amendments, and on the Question whether it be re-committed or not? It passed in the Negative.

Yeas,

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. Nevill,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Stelle,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Low,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Van Middleworth,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Emley,	Mr. Van Buskirk,	Mr. Hopkins,
	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Brick,
		Mr. Mott,

Ordered,
That the said Bill lie on the Table.

Mr. Low reported, that Mr. Fisher and himself delivered the Bill with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to suspend the Execution of An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the British Plantations, &c.* to Mr. Rodman, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

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

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees,* was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, nemine Contradicente,
(That the said Bill do pass.)

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

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday, January 29, 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. Nevill reported, that Mr. Stelle and himself, delivered the Bill entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs, &c.* to Mr. Coxe, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process &c. in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex,* was read the second time, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr.

Mr. Kearny from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill entitled, *An Act for the suppressing and preventing of Tumults and riotous Assemblies within this Colony*, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill and Mr. Stelle do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Nevill reported, that Mr. Stelle and himself carried the Bill entitled, *An Act to revive and continue the Process, &c. in the County of Middlesex*, and delivered the same to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, January 30. 1747.

The House met and adjourn'd till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday, February 1, 1747.

The House met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock

Tuesday, February 2. 1747.

The House met.

The Bill *for the suppressing and preventing of Tumults and riotous Assemblies within this Colony*, was read a 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 consider the said Bill.

After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met, and resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for the suppressing and preventing of Tumults and riotous Assemblies within this Colony*, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker returned the Chair, and Mr. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereto;

And the said Bill was read with the Amendments and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday, February 3. 1747. D.

The House met.

Mr. Mott prayed leave to bring in a Bill to vacate a Charter granted to the Townships of Trenton, &c. which was granted.

And he accordingly presented a Bill to the House for that purpose, which was received and read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kearny from the Committee to whom the Bill from the Council for punishing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of foreign Coin, &c. was committed; reported the said Bill with some Amendments, which were read and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that after they adjourn'd Mr. Alexander delivered him a Message from the Council, which Mr. Speaker laid before the House, acquainting them, that the Council have this Day passed the Bill to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, the Bill for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, &c. with an Amendment thereto, and a Message from the Council, desiring the Concurrence of this House to the said Amendment, which Mr. Speaker said he received at the same time from Mr. Alexander. And the said Amendment was read in its place, and on the Question, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,
That the Amendment be engrossed in its place in the Bill.

The House resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Grievances of the Colony. After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that according to the Order of the Day, Richard Borden, Jonathan Borden and Joseph Rose attending, were called in, and the said Borden's Petition was read, and Mr. Rose's Answer was also read, and the Parties and Evidences were heard, and then they by Order withdrew.

And that the Committee having considered the same, the Question was put whether the Borden's have sufficiently supported the Allegations set forth
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in their Petition to the House, against *Joseph Rose* or not; and it passed in the Negative. To which the House agreed.

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

Thursday, February 4, 1747. S.

The House met.

The Bill to vacate a Charter granted to the Townships of Trenton &c. was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Wright* and Mr. *Demarest*.

The Bill engrossed, with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, &c.* was read and compared.

Resolved,

That the same as now engrossed do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Low* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them, that this House having agreed to their Amendment, and the same being engrossed in its place in the Bill, have passed the Bill as now engrossed.

The House adjourn'd to P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Low* and himself delivered the Bill, with the Message entrusted to them this Morning, to the *Speaker* in Council.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee, to whom the Bill to vacate a Charter granted to the Townships of Trenton, &c. was committed, reported the same, with some Amendments, which were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Cooke* from the Committee to whom the Bill for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York, was committed, reported, the same with some Amendments, which were read and referred to further Consideration.

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

Friday, February 5, 1747. S.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to vacate a Charter granted to the Townships of Trenton, Hopewell, and Maidenhead, in the County of Hunterdon, and part of the Township of Nottingham, in the County of Burlington,* was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,

Resolved,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Mott*, and Mr. *Emley* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourned for an Hour.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Amendments to the Bill for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York, and the said Amendments were read in their Places, and on the Question, were severally agreed to by the House, and some other Amendments were made to the Bill in the House. And the Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and a Debate arising thereon, the Question was at length put, whether the said Bill as amended do pass or not? And it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,
Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,
Mr. <i>Kearney</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>Low</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Middleworth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,
Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Spicer</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,
Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,
		Mr. <i>Mott</i> .

Resolved,
That the said Bill with the Amendments do pass.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, February 6, 1747-S.

The House met.

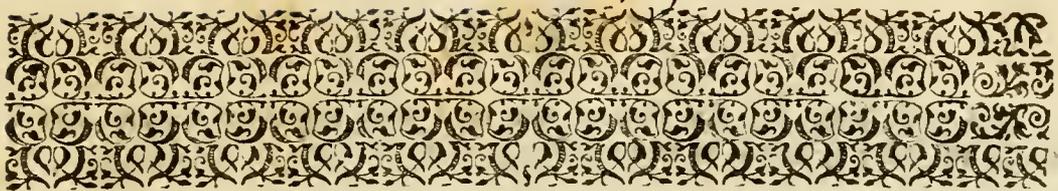
Ordered,
That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Cooper* do wait on the Council with the Bill for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition, &c. and the Amendments made thereto by this House, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Mr. *Mott* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himself delivered the Bill, with the Message of the House entrusted to them Yesterday, to Mr. *Alexander*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

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

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

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

M O N D A Y, February 8, 1747. 8.

THE House, met and adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, February 9, 1747. 8.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Amendments to the Bill from the Council, for punishing the Coiners, and Counterfeiters of foreign Coin, &c. and the Bill with the said Amendments was read, and on the Question, whether the Bill with the Amendments do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.
 Mr. Nevill,
 Mr. Stelle,
 Mr. Kearny,
 Mr. Low,
 Mr. Van Middlefworth,
 Mr. Fisher,
 Mr. Van Buskirk,
 Mr. Demarest,

Yeas.
 Mr. R. Smith,
 Mr. D. Smith,
 Mr. Cooke,
 Mr. Cooper,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Brick,
 Mr. Emley.

Nays.
 Mr. Crane,
 Mr. Wright,
 Mr. Spicer,
 Mr. Mott.

Resolved,

That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Nevill and Mr. Stelle do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Mr. Cooper, from the Committee appointed in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council to examine the Treasurers Accounts, and to examine and burn the cancelled Bills, in the Hands of John Allen, Esq; reported, that the Committees had examined the said Accounts, and examined and burnt the said cancelled Bills and had agreed upon a Report of the same, which was signed by Order of both Committees.

And with leave the said Report was read and approved of, and agreed to by the House, and is as follows.

THE Committees appointed to examine the Treasurers Accounts, having carefully examined the same, do agree, that *Joseph Cooper*, Esq; from the said Committees do make the following Report to the Assembly, contained in the following Account.

JOHN ALLEN, Esq; Treasurer of the *Western Division* of the Province of *New-Jersey*, Dr.

To Arrearages in <i>Burlington County</i> , as the same was reported } at last Settlement in the Year 1744. }	£ 18 8 11		
To sundry Deficiencies in the Interest-Money of the first 40,000 <i>l.</i> as was reported at last Settlement in the Year 1744. in the Counties following, viz.	<i>Burlington</i> , £ 13 7 2½ <i>Cape-May</i> 4 7½		
	13 11 10		32 0 9
To Balance remaining due in his Hands at last Settlement in the Year 1744.			1392 13 3
To Interest-Money, payable from the <i>Western Counties</i> for the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747. viz.	<i>Burlington</i> , £ 131 16 3 <i>Gloucester</i> , 89 5 0 <i>Salem</i> , 154 5 6 <i>Hunterdon</i> 73 10 0 <i>Cape-May</i> , 29 18 6		472 15 3
To Interest-Money payable from the <i>Western Counties</i> for the 40,000 <i>l.</i> in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747. viz.	<i>Burlington</i> , 624 12 6 <i>Gloucester</i> , 430 1 3 <i>Salem</i> , 729 11 6 <i>Cape-May</i> , 152 8 00 <i>Hunterdon</i> , 365 10 00		2302 3 3
To Cash received from <i>Isaac de Corw</i> , one of the Signers of the Bills dated 1737, being part of the 4000 <i>l.</i> ordered to be signed for viatualling the Forces by Act passed in 1746.	1997 3 6		
To Cash repaid to the said Treasurer, per his Account, by the Com- missioners for viatualling the Forces per Order of the House of Assembly, in part,	385 2 5		
To a Deficiency of the Sum ordered to be repaid	7 1 5		
	2389 7 4		
			£ 6594 19 10
To Cash received of <i>Isaac de Corw</i> , one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit made current by Act in 1746, lent the Crown for arming and cloathing the Forces. }	5000 00 00		
To Cash ordered by the House of Assembly to be returned to the said Treasurer by the <i>Western Commissioners</i> for arming and cloathing the Forces. }	132 18 00		
			£ 5132 18 00
To Bills of Credit remaining in said Treasurers Hands, as reported at last Settle- ment in 1744, the Sum of	253 8 9½		
Which said Sum of £ 253 8 9½ the Committees do find to be part of a Sum, which upon the Report of the Committees of both Houses in 1730, was ordered to be exchanged for Bills, dated in 1724, which were to be cancelled and destroyed; but the Committees are informed the Treasurer after			

* This Sum is included in the Balance above. See the Report, in 1742, and a Minute Feb. 17. 1747-8.

after some Time, refused to exchange such Bills, by Virtue of that Order, by Means whereof some of those Bills dated in 1724 remain yet to be exchanged; They are therefore humbly of Opinion, that it would be for the Honour and Credit of the Province, that Provision be made as soon as conveniently may be, to enable the said Treasurer to exchange such of the said Bills dated in 1724 as are still Outstanding, for the Bills now current; and to that End, That publick Notice be given in the News-Papers of *Philadelphia*, and *New-York*, that all Persons possessed of any of the aforesaid Bills, are desired to send them to the aforesaid Treasurer, or the Treasurer of the *Western Division* for the Time being, who shall give a Receipt for such Bills, in order that he may lay them before the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, at their next Session, to be examined, to the End that Provision may then be made for exchanging the same.

JOHN ALLEN, Esq; Treasurer of the *Western Division* of the Province of *New-Jersey*. Cr.

By a Deficiency at last Settlement in the County of *Burlington*, } £. 48 8 11
still unpaid.

By sundry Deficiencies in the Interest of the first 40,000*l.* still unpaid by the several Counties following.

<i>Burlington</i> ,	13	7	2½		
<i>Cape-May</i> ,	00	4	7¾		
	<hr/>			13	11 10
					32 00 9

By sundry Warrants and Receipts produced, and endorsed by Order of the Committees as accounted for and examined, amounting in the whole to } 2381 14 6

By Cash paid to Captains *Dagworthy* and *Ware*, for Bounty-Money 1200 00 00

By Subsistence-Money paid said Captains, 242 00 3

By Cash paid *Stephen Williams* and *Joseph Scattergood*, two of the }
Commissioners for victualling and transporting the Forces. } 555 3 3

By a Deficiency in the *Western Commissioners Hands*.

	7	1	5		
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Ballance in the Treasurer's Hands,

				2176	19 8
				<hr/>	
				£. 6594	19 10
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The said Treasurer prays Allowance for exchanging the Sum of *l.* 510 00 00 of ragged Bills, whilst the Law for allowing 2½ per Cent. was in Force, which the Committees are of Opinion ought to be allowed, when a Warrant is produced for the same, *l.* 12 15 00.

By Cash delivered the Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces as by Account examined by the Committees appears, } 4828 00 6

By Cash in the Hands of the *Western Commissioners*,

132 18 00

Ballance in the said Treasurers Hands

171 19 6

				2. 5132	18 00
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By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT H. MORRIS,
JOSEPH COOPER.

The said Committees do further agree, that Mr. *Joseph Cooper*, from the said Committees, do make the following Report to the House of Assembly, contained in the following Accounts.

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Esq; Treasurer of the *Eastern Division* of
New-Jersey. Dr.

To sundry Arrearages, as the same was reported at last Settlement in 1744, in the following Counties, viz.	<i>Middlesex</i> ,	l. 18	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	Ditto, in 1730	25	00	00			
		43	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	<i>Sommerfet</i> ,	18	3	00			
					62	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
To sundry Deficiencies in the Interest-Money, as per Report at said Settlement, viz.	<i>Bergen</i> ,	21	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	<i>Effex</i> ,	72	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	<i>Middlesex</i> ,	38	12	7 $\frac{1}{2}$			
					132	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Ballance remaining in his Hands at last Settlement, in 1744					4026	7	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Interest-Money, payable from the <i>Eastern</i> Counties for the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, viz.	<i>Bergen</i> ,	86	5	9			
	<i>Effex</i> ,	145	1	9			
	<i>Middlesex</i> ,	123	8	3			
	<i>Monmouth</i> ,	184	00	3			
	<i>Sommerfet</i> ,	37	17	6			
					576	13	6
To Interest-Money, payable from the <i>Eastern</i> Counties for the 40,000 <i>l.</i> in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, viz.	<i>Bergen</i> ,	412	8	6			
	<i>Effex</i> ,	688	1	6			
	<i>Middlesex</i> ,	575	3	6			
	<i>Monmouth</i> ,	862	8	3			
	<i>Sommerfet</i> ,	191	5	00			
					2729	6	9
To Cash received from <i>Robert Hude</i> , Esq; one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit, dated in 1737, part of the 4000 <i>l.</i> ordered to be signed for virtualling the Forces, by Act passed in 1746, the Sum of,		l. 2000	00	00			
To Cash received from <i>Samuel Newill</i> , Esq; one of the Signers of the Bills struck in 1746, for the second Supply of Provisions for the Forces against <i>Canada</i> .		850	00	00			
To Cash received from <i>Samuel Newill</i> , Esq; one of the Signers of the Bills struck in 1746, for the third Supply of Provisions for the said Forces.		1000	00	00			
To Cash repaid to the said Treasurer by <i>Pontius Stelle</i> , Esq; one of the Commissioners for virtualling the said Forces, pursuant to the Order of the House of ASSEMBLY, being the Balance due from the <i>Eastern</i> Commissioners.		191	00	8 $\frac{1}{2}$			
					4041	00	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
					l. 11567	14	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Cash received of <i>Samuel Newill</i> , Esq; one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit made current by an Act in 1746, lent the CROWN, for arming and cloathing the Forces.		5000	00	00			
To Cash received from the <i>Western</i> Treasury by the Hands of <i>Samuel Newill</i> , <i>Charles Read</i> , and <i>John Lovv</i> , Esqrs. Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces.		3475	00	00			
To Cash repaid the said Treasurer by the <i>Eastern</i> Commissioners, by Order of the House of ASSEMBLY.		99	2	3			
To sundry Remnants of the Cloathing, &c. with which the said Treasurer chargeth himself.		121	18	00			
					l. 8696	00	3

ANDREW JOHNSTON, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey. Cr.

By sundry Deficiencies still Outstanding in the following Counties, viz.

<i>Middlesex,</i>	18	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Ditto, in 1730,	25	00	00			
	<hr/>			43	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Sommerfet,</i>				18	3	00
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				62	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

By sundry Deficiencies in the Interest-Money, as reported in 1744, and still Outstanding in the following Counties, viz.

<i>Bergen.</i>	21	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			
<i>Essex,</i>	72	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
<i>Middlesex,</i>	38	12	7 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	<hr/>			132	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

By sundry Warrants and other Vouchers produced and endorsed by the Committees, as accounted for, amounting in the whole, to } 1194 6 00

By paid Bounty-Money to Captains Parker, Stevens, and Leonard, L. 1800 00 00

By paid to said Captains, Subsistence-Money 308 14 9

By paid the Commissioners appointed for victualling the Forces 1442 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

By paid Messrs. Fisher, Eaton, and Stelle, Commissioners for the second Supply of Provisions, } 850 00 00

By paid Messrs. Eaton, and Stelle, Commissioners for the third Supply of Provisions, } 1000 00 00
----- 5401 6 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ballance in the Treasurers Hands 4777 16 00 $\frac{1}{2}$

L. 11567 14 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The said Treasurer in his Account, prays Allowance for L. 476 5 0. paid for Subsistence of the Five Companies, after the Day of Muster, which is provided for by the Support Bill.

The said Treasurer also laid before the Committees, a Memorandum of Interest-Money, due from several Counties, still Outstanding, viz.

<i>Bergen,</i>	142	7	00		
<i>Essex,</i>	236	14	5		
<i>Monmouth,</i>	151	00	2		
<i>Sommerfet,</i> (for which Actions } are commenced against the Commissioners. }	404	12	9		

L. 934 14 4

With which the said Treasurer is charged in the above Account.

By Cash delivered the Commissioners for arming and cloathing the Forces, and retained in his Hands as one of them, and accounted for by him and them, as by Account delivered in, examined and allowed of, appears. } 7750 2 3

Ballance 1. 945 18 00

L. 8696 00 3

By Order of the Committees,

ROBERT H. MORRIS,
JOSEPH COOPER.

The said Committees being also appointed to inspect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, agree that Mr. *Joseph Cooper*, make the following Report to the House of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, viz.

THAT there should have been cancelled in Bills of Credit, and brought into the Treasury of the *Western Division* from the several Counties therein, of the 20,000*l.* in the Years 1745, 1746, and 1747, and of the 40,000*l.* in the Years 1746, and 1747, as follows, viz.

<i>Burlington.</i>	Of the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in each Year	308 15 00	is	926 5 00	
	Of the 40,000 <i>l.</i>	617 10 00		1235 00 00	
					2161 5 00
<i>Gloucester,</i>	Of the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in each Year,	214 7 6	is	643 2 6	
	Of the 40,000 <i>l.</i>	428 15 00		857 10 00	
	A Deficiency, reported in 1744.			34 10 00	
					1535 2 6
<i>Salem,</i>	Of the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in each Year,	360 5 00	is	1080 15 00	
	Of the 40,000 <i>l.</i>	720 10 00		1441 00 00	
	A Deficiency, reported in 1744.			47 1 6	
					2568 16 6
<i>Cape-May,</i>	Of the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in each Year,	78 00 00	is	234 00 00	
	Of the 40,000 <i>l.</i>	156 00 00		312 00 00	
					546 00 00
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	Of the 20,000 <i>l.</i> in each Year,	185 00 00	is	555 00 00	
	Of the 40,000 <i>l.</i>	370 00 00		740 00 00	
					1295 00 00
					<u>£.8106 4 00</u>

THAT the said *Treasurer laid before the Committees 38 Bundles of cancelled Bills, which were examined and burnt by them, brought into the Treasury from the several Counties as follows, viz.

<i>Burlington,</i>	3 Bundles, containing	2161 5 00
<i>Gloucester,</i>	7	1535 2 6
<i>Salem,</i>	16	1487 10 00
<i>Cape-May</i>	3	546 00 00
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	9	1292 13 00
		<u>7022 10 6</u>

By which it appears that <i>Salem</i> is deficient	1031 6 6
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	2 7 00
	<u>1083 13 6</u>
	<u>8106 4 00</u>

THAT the said *Treasurer also laid before the Committees, one Bundle of cancelled ragged and torn Bills, received by him in exchange for new Bills, which ragged Bills were examined and burnt by the Committees, amounting to 7.1511 00 00.

By Order of the Committees, } ROBERT H. MORRIS.
JOSEPH COOPER.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council delivered to Mr. *Speaker* by Mr. *Leonard*, with the Bill to repeal part of *An Act for preserving of Timber*, &c. acquainting the House, that they have passed the Bill with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

* JOHN ALLEN, Esq;

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Johnston*, acquainting the House, that the Bill entitled, *An Act to prevent Actions of fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supreme Court of this Colony*, passed the Council this Day.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself, had delivered the Bill for *punishing the Coiners, &c.* with the Message of the House, to the Speaker in Council.

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

Wednesday, February 10, 1747-8.

The House met.

The Bill to repeal part of an Act, for *preserving of Timber, &c.* engrossed as amended by the Council, now entitled, *An Act to suspend the Execution of part of An Act entitled, An Act for preserving of Timber in the Eastern Division of the Colony of New-Jersey, and all Sorts of Trees in the Bounds of the Patent or Charter of the Townships of Bergen that lies in Common*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved,
That the Bill as now engrossed do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Fisher* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House having agreed to their Amendments, and the Bill being engrossed as amended have pass'd the same.

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

The Petition of some of the Inhabitants of *Essex, Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Bergen and Morris*, was read a second Time.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Van Middlesworth*, Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Fisher*, do wait on His Excellency with the said Petition, and pray him to grant, *An Act of Indemnity*, according to the Prayer of the Petition in that behalf.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the House, that the Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill for *running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York*, and ordering him to carry the said Bill and Amendments, with the Re-engrossment thereof to this House to be compared and signed.

And he delivered the same to Mr. *Speaker* accordingly.

And the said Re-engrossed Bill was read and compared:

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* Sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House have compared the said Bill, and that Mr. *Speaker* hath signed the same.

A Message from the Council acquainting the House, that the Council adheres to their second and third Amendments to the Bill, *to enable the Legislature to settle the Quotas, &c.* and that they request a Conference on the Subject Matter of said Amendments, and that the Council have appointed Mr. *Alexander* and Mr. *Coxe*, to be a Committee to conferr with such Committee as this House shall appoint on the said subject Matter, and that the Committees do meet at the Widow *Hunlokes* at Five o'Clock this Afternoon.

And a Debate arising thereon, the Question was put, whether the House agrees to have a Conference or not? And it passed in the Negative.

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Nevill</i> ,
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kearney</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van Middleworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	Mr. <i>Emley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,	Mr. <i>Mott</i> .	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hancock* and Mr. *Fisher*, do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House do not agree to a Conference on the Subject Matter of the said Amendments.

Mr. *Kearny* reported, that Mr. *Cooper* and himself delivered the Bill, with the Message committed to them this Morning, to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Hancock* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself delivered the above Message to Mr. *Chief Justice*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Van Buskirk* do take Care that Advertisements be published in the News Papers pursuant to the Report of the Committees on the Treasurers Accounts for three Weeks.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock:

Thursday, February 11, 1747. 8.

The House met.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that according to the Order of Yesterday, the other Members appointed with himself, waited on His Excellency with the Petition and Message of the House, and delivered the same to His Excellency.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met, and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, February 12, 1747-8.

The House met.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Rodman, with the Bill for making current *Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the same with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And the first Amendment was read in its Place and agreed to by the House.

And the second Amendment being also read in its Place, the Question was put whether the House agrees thereto or not? And it passed in the Affirmative, Mr. Nevill only dissenting.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

Mr. Coxe brought from the Council, a Bill entitled, *An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander, &c.* And also a Bill, entitled, *An Act to remit the pecuniary Penalties incurred by the past breaches of the Laws, &c.* for the Concurrence of this House.

The Bill for *avoiding Actions of Slander, &c.* was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill to *remit the pecuniary Penalties, &c.* was also read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Smith brought from the Council the Bill entitled, *An Act for punishing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of Foreign Coin, &c.* with an Amendment of the Council, to the Amendment of this House.

And the said Amendment being read in its place, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill as now amended be engrossed.

The Bill Re-engrossed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente,*

That the said Bill do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,
That Mr. Cooper and Mr. Crane, do carry the same to the Council.

Mr. Cooper reported, that Mr. Crane and himself performed the said Order.

The Bill for avoiding Actions of Slander, &c. was read a second Time and committed to Mr. Nevill, Mr. Low and Mr. Fisher.

The Bill to remit the pecuniary Penalties incurred by the past breaches of the Laws therein mentioned, and for the better Notice and putting in Execution of the said Laws hereafter, was read a second time, and on the Question whether the Bill be committed or not? it passed in the Negative.

Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Van Middleworth,	Mr. Hopkins,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Van Buskirk,	Mr. Brick,
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Leaming,
Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Mott,
Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Emley,

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday, February 13, 1747-8

The House met.

The Bill from the Council entitled, *An Act for punishing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of Foreign Coin passing current, and the Counterfeiters of Bills of Credit of this Province,* being engrossed, with the Amendments of this House, and the Amendment of the Council to those Amendments, was read and compared.

Resolved,
That the Bill as now engrossed do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. Stelle and Mr. Hancock, do carry the same to the Council.

Mr. Nevill from the Committee to whom the Bill from the Council entitled, *An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander, and for stay of Proceedings, &c.* was committed, reported the same with some Amendments, which were read in their Places and agreed to by the House: And then the Bill, as amended, being read, on the Question.

Resolved,
That the Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. Stelle and Mr. Hancock, do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

The engrossed Bill entitled, *An Act for the suppressing and preventing of Riots, Tumults and other Disorders within this Colony*, was read and compared, and the Question being put, whether the Bill do pass, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas.	1 Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Nevill,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Van Buskirk.
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Matts.
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hopkins,	
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hancock,	
Mr. Van Middleworth,	Mr. Brick,	
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Leaming,	
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Emley,	

Resolved,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. Stelle and Mr. Hancock do carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House adjourn'd to P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stelle reported, that Mr. Hancock and himself delivered the three Bills entrusted to them, with the Message of the House concerning said Bills, to Mr. Alexander, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Monday, February 15. 1747-8.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Richard Smith, jun. Joseph Cooper, and Daniel Smith, Esqrs. or any two of them, do agree with a Printer for printing 164 Sets of the Laws which are or may be passed this Sessions; and that 75 Sets be sent to the Treasurer of the Eastern Division, and 89 to the Treasurer of the Western Division, unless any Member, or his Order, shall call for the Proportion of his County, then the Printer is to deliver them to him, on his giving a Receipt for them, informing the Treasurer thereof when he sends the remainder.

And the said Treasurers are respectively to send to any one Member in each County as follows,

For Middlesex,	15	Burlington,	29
Effex,	9	Hunterdon & Morris,	29
Bergen,	8	Gloucester,	18
Somerset,	7	Salem & Cumberland,	18
Monmouth,	12	Cape-May,	7
		To	

To be distributed in each County as follows,
 To the Members each, 1
 First Judge of the County, 1 for the Use of the Court.
 Clerk of the County, 1
 Clerk of each Precinct, 1
 Mayors each, 1
 Clerks of each Corporation, 1

And further the *Treasurers* to give as follows,
 To the Governor, 4
 Each of the Council, 1
 Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court, 1
 Clerk of said Court for each Office, 1
 Each of the *Treasurers*, 1
 Attorney General, 1

Mr. *Leonard* brought from the Council, the Bill entitled, *An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander and for stay of proceeding, until the first Day of October, One Thousand seven Hundred and Forty Eight, in other civil Actions against the late Rioters*, engrossed with the Amendments of this House.

And the said Bill was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill back to the Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Johnston*, acquainting the House, that the Bill for *suppressing and preventing of Riots, &c.* was passed by the Council this Day.

N^o. 29. Mr. *Nevill* from the Committee appointed to inspect all the Laws passed in this Colony, &c. reported, that they have carefully inspected all the Laws passed in this Colony, since the Surrender of the Government in 1702, with the Minutes and other Papers relating thereto, and do find, that there have been *One Hundred and Seventy three* publick Acts pass'd since the said Surrender to the beginning of this Sitting. That *one hundred and twenty four* Acts have been printed at large, bound and unbound, about Ninety of which are now in force; and that the rest are either disallowed of by the Crown, repealed, or expired by their own Limitations. And that *twenty seven* private Acts have likewise passed within the time aforesaid. The Heads or Contents of which several Acts are delivered in with this Report, wherein Notice is taken of such Laws as have been disallowed of by the Crown, repealed, or expired by their own Limitation.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Secretary*, requesting that the Papers Numbered from 1 to 57 inclusive, may be sent them: And the said Papers were sent accordingly, except N^o 48, 49, 50 and 57, which it does not appear have been delivered to this House so numbered.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, February 16. 1747-8.

The House met.

It appearing to the House by the Report of the Committee appointed to join the Committee of the Council to inspect the Treasurers Accounts, that there are divers Deficiencies occasioned by several of the Counties in this Province, not having paid their respective Quotas due by Virtue of an Act entitled, *An Act for an additional Support of this Government, and making current Forty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit for that and other Purposes therein mentioned*, and several other Acts of this Province; and also by the Neglect of several Commissioners of the Loan Offices of several of the Counties of this Province, in not paying in the principal and Interest Money they ought to have paid in to the Treasurers by sundry Acts of General Assembly of this Province.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Nevill* and Mr. *Stelle* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House apprehends, unless speedy Care be taken relating to the said Neglects and Deficiencies, it may be of considerable hurt to the Province; and an Injury to the Credit of the Paper Currency thereof, this House therefore intreats His Excellency to take proper Measures for the Prosecution of the Parties Delinquents, unless they and every of them shall comply with their Duty in such reasonable time as His Excellency shall appoint.

The House adjourned till Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Nevill* reported, that Mr. *Stelle* and himself, waited on His Excellency with the Message of the House, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would give immediate Orders relating to that Affair, pursuant to the request of the House.

Mr. *Speaker* having received a Message from home, that his Son lay at the Point of Death, and having desired to be released from the Chair, and the House being willing to gratify him therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on His Excellency and inform him thereof, and acquaint him, that the House desires he will be pleased to give them leave to choose a new *Speaker*.

The House adjourned for half an Hour.

Mr. *Low* acquainted the Members, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself, had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to give leave accordingly.

Whereupon *Samuel Nevill*, Esq; was chosen *Speaker* in the room of *Robert Lawrence*, Esq; and placed in the Chair.

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Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Leaming* wait on His Excellency, and desire to be informed, when the House may attend him to present their *Speaker* for Approbation.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that His Excellency was pleased to say, the House might attend him immediately.

Then 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.

The House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Wednesday, February 17. 1747-8.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper* informed the House, that on inspecting the Treasurers Accounts reported in 1742 he finds the Sum of £. 253 8 6 charged to *John Allen*, Esq; Treasurer of the Western Division and included in the Ballance of his Account, which Sum is part of 4000 l. remaining in his Hands for exchanging Bills. dated in 1724, and is included in the subsequent Ballances of his Account, altho' the said Treasurer is charged at the Foot of those subsequent Accounts in a separate Article with the said Sum.

And on Examination, the House find the same to be true.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Spicer* wait on the Council, and acquaint them thereof.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself performed the said Order.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the House that the Council have this Day passed the Bill, for the Support of the Government, &c. without any Amendments.

A Message by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Excellency has commanded me to bring down the Bill, entitled, *An Act, to pardon the Persons guilty of the Insurrections, Riots, and Disorders raised and committed in this Province.* Of which the Council have signified their thankful Acceptance.”

And he delivered the Bill to Mr. *Speaker*, and then withdrew.

And the said Bill was read, accepted, and passed by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on His

His Excellency with the said Bill, and acquaint him that this House have thankfully accepted and passed the same,

Mr. *R. Smith*, by Order of the House, brought in a Bill to subject certain parcels of Bills of Credit, now in the Treasury, to the Payment of the Support of Government, and directing the Manner of sinking the same.

And the said Bill was read the first Time, and immediately read again deliberately, Paragraph by Paragraph, and several Amendments made thereto.

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engrossed.

And the said Bill being engrossed accordingly, and read and compared, on the Question.

Resolved, *nemine Contradicente*,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hopkins* carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself delivered the above said Bill, with the Message, to Mr. *Reading*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

THE Bill, entitled, *An Act, for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony, for one Year, to commence the 10th of August, 1747, and to end 10th, of August, 1748, and to discharge the publick Debts and Arrearages, and contingent Charges thereof*, having been passed by His Majesty's Council but this Day, it could not till now be laid before me, and upon reading it, I observe, that the Support of His Majesty's Governor is provided for, for One Year only; whereas You will find at my first Meeting You in *General Assembly*, I acquainted You, that His Majesty expected You to settle on Me, a yearly Salary suitable to the Dignity of the Office of His Majesty's Governor. And I have now ordered the Secretary to lay before You, the KING's Royal Instructions at large on this Head, which Matter I desire You to consider with the Attention it requires, and deserves; and You will then see with how much Wisdom and Reason it is calculated for the better establishment of His Majesty's Authority and Honour, as well as for the more just and impartial Administration of the Government by all Persons and Officers concerned therein. Altho' You have, in what is called the

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‘ *Support Bill*, made a Provision of this Kind for One Year, for the Governor’s Salary, as well as for that of others concerned in the Administration of the Government, yet they may still be fixt by a subsequent Act, conformable to His Majesty’s Royal Instructions, the doing of which I earnestly recommend to You, and with what Dispatch You can, that this long Session may be brought to a Conclusion.

Burlington,
Feb. 17. 1747-8.

J. BELCHER.

And the Copy of His Majesty’s Instruction, mentioned in His Excellency’s Message was also read, and is as follows,

N^o 26. ‘ **W**HEREAS several Inconveniencies have arisen to Our Governments in the Plantations, by Gifts and Presents made to Our Governors 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 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 Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, and to other Our succeeding Governors and Commanders 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 of 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 shall 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 Officer’s 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 so been 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.’

Examined by,

CHARLES READ, Secretary.

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The House having taken His Excellency's Message into Consideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper*, Mr. *Hancock*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Spicer*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House have passed the Bill for *Support of Government*, in the usual Method, and therein have provided for His Excellency and the several Officers, in as ample a Manner as hath been heretofore done: And as this Session hath been long and tedious, We hope His Excellency will not expect any thing more to be done on that Head.

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

Thursday, February 18, 1747. 8.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the House, that the Bill, entitled, *An Act to subject certain Parcels of Bills of Credit, now in the Treasury, to the Payment of the Support of Government, &c.*, has passed the Council without Amendment.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that the other Members and himself, to whom the Messages to His Excellency of Yesterday were committed, had waited on him with them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* and Mr. *Kearny* do collect the Laws now in Force in this Colony, and examine the same, and for that Purpose inspect the Originals and other Records and Papers, which may be necessary, and that the said Laws be laid before the General Assembly at next Sitting, that Order may be taken for Re-printing the same together in a Body.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Emley*, do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House have no Business before them, and that if the Council have likewise none, the House propose to apply to His Excellency to put an End to the Session.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that Mr. *Emley* and himself, waited on the Council accordingly, and they signified that they had not at present any Business before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Hancock*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that this House having applied to the Council, are informed, that they have no Business before them, neither have this House any. They therefore humbly pray his Excellency will be pleased to put an End to the Session.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself waited on His Excellency with the said Message, who was pleased to say, that he would discharge the House in the Afternoon.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

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The House met.

A Message from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House attended His Excellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to 13 Bills enacting the same, entitled as follows.

An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey, for One Year, to commence the Tenth Day of August, 1747, and to end the Tenth Day of August, 1748, and to discharge the publick Debts and the Arrearages and contingent Charges thereof.

An Act to prevent Actions of Fifteen Pounds and under, being brought into the Supream Court of this Colony.

An Act to suspend the Execution of part of an Act, entitled, An Act for preserving of Timber, in the Eastern Division of the Colony of New-Jersey, and all Sorts of Trees in the Bounds of the Patent or Charter of the Township of Bergen, that lies in Common.

An Act to suspend the Execution of an Act, entitled, An Act to encourage the direct Importation of Rum from the British Plantations, in the West-Indies, and of such Wines as may lawfully be imported from the Places of their Growth, Product and Manufacture, into the Eastern Division of New-Jersey.

An Act to revive and contiue the Process and Proceedings lately depending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex.

An Act to subject certain Parcels of Bills of Credit, now in the Treasury, to the Payment of the Support of Government, and directing the Manner of sinking the same.

An Act for punishing the Coiners and Counterfeiters of foreign Coin passing current, and the Counterfeiters of Bills of Credit of this Province.

An Act for avoiding Actions of Slander, and for stay of proceeding until the First Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight, in other civil Actions against the late Rioters.

An Act for the suppressing and preventing of Riots, Tumults and other Disorders within this Colony.

An Act to pardon the Persons guilty of the Insurrections, Riots and Disorders raised and committed in this Province.

An Act for making current Forty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit.

An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Cost, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees.

*An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt this Province of New-Jersey, and the Province of New-York. **

Then His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

‘ **A**T the first Opening of this Session, it seem'd to Me, big with
‘ Difficulties, from almost an entire Stagnation of all Affairs of
‘ Government in this Province for above *Three Years* past: Yet I was
‘ willing to hope and persevere for compassing those Things that might
‘ bring the Province out of their Confusions.

‘ It is then with much Satisfaction, I look back on the Course of
‘ Your Proceedings, in that the Members of His Majesty's Council, and
‘ of the General Assembly, each] in their respective Branches of the Legi-
‘ slature, as well as the Council and the Assembly with each other, have
‘ with so good an Unanimity come into most of the Things I recom-
‘ mend'd at Your first coming together, as well as into others of Impor-
‘ tance to the People: And as I have given my Assent to the several Bills
‘ You have laid before Me, that they may become Laws of this Province,
‘ You may assuredly depend on My representing them in a just and rea-
‘ sonable Light to the KING's Ministers, in order to their obtaining the
‘ Royal Sanction.

‘ I hope, Gentlemen, such as have been so long concerned in the re-
‘ peated Riots and Disorders of the Province, as well the Heads, Advisers,
‘ and Abettors, as Numbers that have been deluded by them, will, from
‘ the Lenity of His Majesty's Government extended to them at this Time,
‘ with great Gratitude return to their Duty to the KING, and behave with
‘ all Obedience to the Government, His Majesty has more immediately
‘ plac'd over them, and will cheerfully submit themselves to the salutary Laws
‘ of this Province, and in a steady Practice of these Things they will ap-
‘ prove themselves worthy of the Favour they have received from their Ru-
‘ lers. And if Persons of all Ranks and Orders among Us, will endea-
‘ vour to become Patterns of Virtue and good Religion in their Lives and
‘ Conversations, We may hope for the Blessing of Almighty God, to make
‘ *Nova Caesarea*, or *New-Jersey*, a happy and flourishing Province, and to
‘ contribute to it, I shall embrace all Opportunities that shall fall in my
‘ Power.

* This Act was disallow'd by the King. Gentlemen
see the Report of the Lords of Trade upon it in
Smith's Hist. of New-York, p. 145.

Gentlemen,

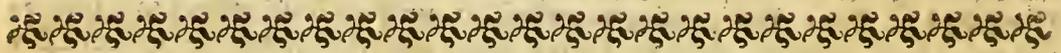
After Your long Attendance in a very difficult Season, on the publick Affairs, I now wish You well to the Places of Your Abode, where I doubt not but You will, in Your several Stations, do what in You lies to strengthen the Hands of the Government, and to promote Peace and good Order among the People.

Burlington,

J. BELCHER.

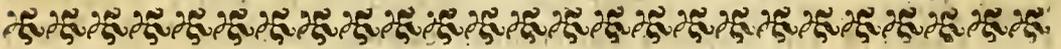
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And then His Excellency prorogued the General Assembly to the 18th Day of *March* next, to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.



B*Y* Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint William Bradford of Philadelphia, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker*.



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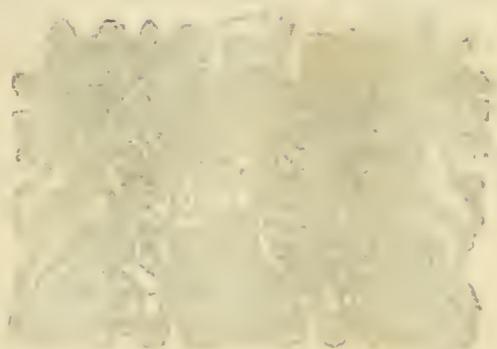
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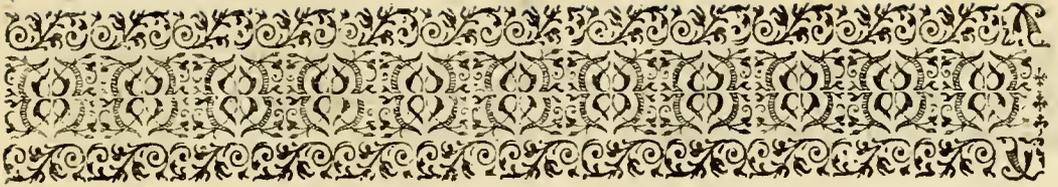
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W E D N E S D A Y, July 6. 1748.

PURSUANT to his Excellency's Orders for the General Assembly to meet this Day at *Burlington*, several of the Members met; but there not being a sufficient Number to proceed upon Business, the House adjourn'd till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Thursday, July 7. 1748:

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House are now met, and were ready to receive any Thing he had to lay before them.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself had waited on the Governor, with the Message of the House; and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would be at the Council Chamber in half an Hour, and then the House should hear from him.

A Message from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

“ Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and went with the House to attend His Excellency; and being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that

that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the Gentlemen of the Council and this House, of which he had obtained a Copy ; which was ordered to be read forthwith, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

“ **H**AVING lately received a Letter from His Excellency Mr. SHIRLEY, Governor of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, I immediately ordered the Members of His Majesty's Council to be summoned to attend Me here ; and when they came, I laid the said Letter with what it inclosed before them, and they were of Advice, that the General Assembly should be called to meet here as soon as they conveniently could ; and the Secretary shall now deliver You the Papers I have mentioned, the Contents whereof are the only Reason of Your meeting at this Time. And I hope You will readily agree with Me, that it is of great Importance to the future Prosperity of this Province, that you choose Commissioners without loss of Time to proceed to *Albany*, and there to act in Concert with those from His Majesty's other Governments, for the better securing the six Nations of Indians to His Majesty's Interest, and in their Friendship and Affection to the People of this and the neighbouring *English* Provinces ; and to confer and consult on such other Matters as may come before this Meeting of Commissioners from so many Provinces ; And as what may be propos'd to be done, is to be without any Charge to this or the other Governments, and has such a Prospect of establishing the Wellfare and Happiness of Us and of Our Neighbours, I shall not doubt Your cheerfully coming into this Matter, and which You will see requires the utmost Dispatch. And when You have gone through it, You may be returning to Your domestick Affairs, where I suppose the Season of the Year requires Your attendance.

Burlington,
July 7. 1748.

J. BELCHER.

The D. Secretary laid before the House the Papers referred to in the Governors Speech, and the same were read.

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech and the said Papers be read again to-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourn'd till to-morrow eight o'Clock.

Friday, July 8. 1748.

The House met.

His Excellency's Speech and the Papers refered to therein, were read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House accordingly ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had gone through the

the Matters to them referred, and had 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. *Kearny*, Mr. *Eaton*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Cook*, and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the said Address.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of an Address to His Excellency, presented the same to the House, and it was received and read, and, with some Amendments, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hopkins* do wait on His Excellency, and know his Pleasure, when the House may attend him with their Address.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself had waited on His Excellency with the Message of the House, who was pleased to say, that he would be ready to receive the Address of the House this Afternoon, at Three o'Clock, at the Council Chamber.

And then the House adjourn'd to Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Two P. M. The House met.

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

Mr. *Speaker*,

“ I am commanded by His Excellency to acquaint this House, that he is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive their Address.”

Mr. *Speaker* then left the Chair, and with the House attended His Excellency, and presented 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 the Colony of New-Jersey in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of *New-Jersey*, have duly considered your Excellency's Speech made to the Gentlemen of the Council and this House, as also Governor *SHIRLEY*'s Letter to your Excellency, and the Copy of the Votes and Resolves, made by the General Assembly of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, inclosed

in the said Letter; and upon consideration of the whole, do beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we have and always shall be ready and willing to do what may be necessary for the Good and Safety of the People of this Colony, and for the Aid and Assistance of our Neighbouring Governments, to the best of our Circumstances: But as *New-York*, and the other Governments have hitherto carried on their Meetings and Conferences with the *Six Nations* of *Indians*, without any Commissioners being ever appointed by or appearing in behalf of this Colony, and as we have never had any Treaties with the *Indians* out of our own Government, nor been partakers of the Benefit of their Trade; and as the nominating or appointing Commissioners is not required of us by His Majesty, we therefore hope we shall be held excused; besides we further beg leave to observe, that our appointing Commissioners at this Time to proceed to *Albany*, in order to join the Commissioner's appointed by His Majesty's other Governments, were we ever so able, ready and willing, would now prove ineffectual, the Time of the said Commissioners Meeting being until now unknown to us, and so near at hand as the *Tenth* Instant. And we do presume, as there is the greatest probability of a General Peace being by this Time concluded between the several contending Powers, the Preliminaries whereof are, in the *London Gazette* of the 26th of *April* last, said to be Signed (which we suppose Governor *SHIRLEY* had not seen when he wrote your Excellency the above Letter) if that proves true, then no Expedition will at this proposed Congress be formed or ordered to be carried on against the *French*, at *Crown-Point*, or elsewhere, it being to no purpose to make Preparation for War, if Peace be concluded, as from the said *London Gazette*, we may reasonably presume it is. And we doubt not but the Commissioners who may be appointed for *New-York*, and the other Governments, with the Assistance of Governor *CLINTON*, and Governor *SHIRLEY*, will be sufficient to keep the *Six Nations* of *Indians* in their usual Fidelity to his Majesty, and Friendship to the Northern Colonies.

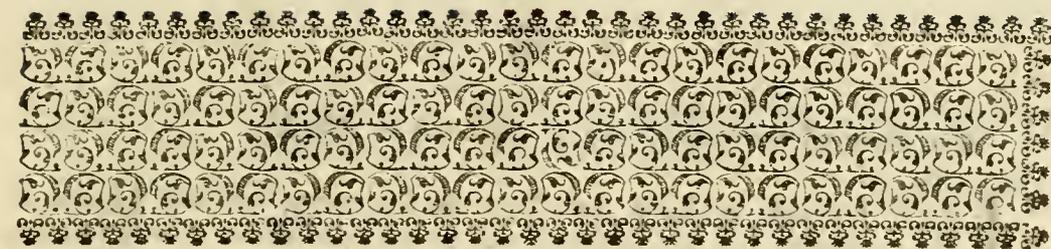
Divers of the Members of the House
being of the People called Quakers,
agree to the Matter and Substance of
this Address, with their usual Excep-
tion to the Stile.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker*.

Mr. *Secretary* acquainted the House, that His Excellency had adjourn'd the House to the 27th Day of this Instant.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do
appoint WILLIAM BRADFORD, of *Phi-*
ladelphia, to Print these Votes,
SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker*.



V O T E S

OF THE

General ASSEMBLY

BURLINGTON, Friday October 21st 1748.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Adjournments the House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Spicer* and Mr. *Fisher* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that there are a sufficient Number of Members met to proceed on Business.

The House adjourn'd till Two o'Clock.

The House met.

Mr. *Spicer* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself, had waited on his Excellency according to the Order of this House, and that His Excellency was pleas'd to say, that he would send for the House in the Afternoon.

A Message by Mr. Secretary. *Read* in the following Words.

Mr. *Speaker,*

The Governor has order'd me to acquaint this House, that He is now in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House of Assembly.

Mr. *Speaker* then left the Chair, and with the House went to attend His Excellency: Being return'd Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, that His Excellency had been pleas'd to make a Speech to the Council and House of Assembly, of which he had obtain'd a Copy, which was order'd to be read forthwith, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

“ I Fully intended to have met You the Beginning of this Month at
 “ *Perth-Amboy*, but at the time I was to have proceeded on my Journey
 “ thither, I was confined to my House by a Feaver, from which, I thank
 “ God, I am so well recovered as to be abroad, tho’ not so as to travel ;
 “ I have therefore, by the Advice of His Majesty’s Council, called you to
 “ meet and sit here.

“ I am sorry to tell You, that a Set of the Laws pass’d in our last Session,
 “ and were going to *Great-Britain* for His Majesty’s Approbation, were ta-
 “ ken in *May* last, in a Ship bound thither from *Philadelphia* ; but as a
 “ Duplicate of them has been sent forward, about two Months ago, I hope
 “ they are got well Home ; yet the Misfortune of the first Set miscarrying,
 “ necessarily Postpones the-exercise of some good Laws.

“ I am glad the Accounts respecting the Loan of Money You made to
 “ the Crown, were got to Your Agents Hands, who I suppose, writes
 “ You what is further needful to be transmitted him, in Order to his
 “ obtaining the Payment of that Money.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

“ Upon an Inspection, of the State of the Treasury, You will be able to
 “ Judge what ought to be done at this Time for the Payment of the
 “ just Debts of the Province, and for the future support of the Government,
 “ and in which I shall not doubt Your early and effectual Care.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

“ Since Our last Meeting the Honourable the *Chief Justice*, by his ex-
 “ traordinary Care and Industry, has made discovery of a great Number
 “ of wicked People, concerned in the Forgery and Counterfeiting of Our
 “ Bills of Credit, and also of Foreign Coins passing Current in this Province,
 “ which vile Practice, I hope, will soon be put an End to, by bringing
 “ the Authors thereof to condign Punishment ; and I shall not doubt of
 “ the Assistance of every honest good Member of the Community, in the
 “ further Detection of this Combination of Vilanous Persons.

“ As all Matters properly under the Care of the Legislature, of this
 “ Province, had in a Manner subsided for some Years before Our sitting
 “ last Winter, that Session was of course drawn into a considerable length,
 “ for the passing of many Laws, judged proper for promoting the Welfare
 “ and Prosperity of the Province.

“ I hope Your steady Application to what may be necessary now to be
 “ done in the Public Affairs, may shorten the Session : I am sure there will be
 “ nothing wanting on my Part, to join with You, in doing every Thing that
 “ may best of all promote the Weal and Happiness of this People ; and I

“ hope

“ hope, we shall, in all we do, Aim at that Concord and Unity which are
“ the great Beauty and Strength of all Government.

Burlington,
Oct. 21st. 1748.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech be read again To-morrow Morning.

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

Saturday, October 22^d. 1748.

The House met.

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

The House resolv'd 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. *Cooper*, Chairman, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Matters to them refer'd, and desired leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

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

Monday, October 24th. 1748.

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

Tuesday, October 25th. 1748.

The House met.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Read*, in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I Have already told You the reason of My calling You hither at this Time, and in which I have strictly conformed myself to the KING's Royal orders to Me, respecting the fitting of General Assemblies, alternately at *Perth-Amboy* and *Burlington*.

Notwithstanding which, I have had with Me a Number of the Members of Your House, to tell Me, You are very desirous, if My Health may allow, that this Session be held at *Perth-Amboy*.

As there has hitherto nothing been wanting on My Part, that the best Harmony should subsist among all the Branches of the Legislature, and that it may always be so, I think You will find it a constant pursuit in my Administration; and I am therefore now willing to gratify You, and have directed the *Secretary*, to adjourn the General Assembly to *Thursday* the *Tenth* Day of *November* next, and then to meet Me at *Perth-Amboy*, in which
Time,

Time, I hope by the favour of God, my Health and Strength will be so far restored, as that I may be able to undertake a Journey thither.

Burlington,
Oct. 25th. 1748.

J. BELCHER,

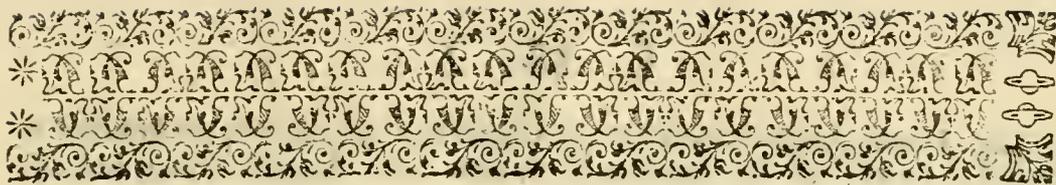
Mr. Secretary Read then adjourn'd the General Assembly to *Thursday* the *Tenth* Day of *November* next, then to meet at *Pertb-Amboy*.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker*.





V O T E S

O F T H E

General ASSEMBLY

P E R T H - A M B O Y, Thursday November 10th. 1748.

PUrfuant to his Excellency's adjournment of the General Assembly to this Day, the Houfe met and adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 11. 1748.

The Houfe met.

A Petition of feveral Inhabitants of *Rockfiticus* in *Somerset*. County was prefented to the Houfe and read, fetting forth fome Inconveniencies they lie under in attending the Courts in *Somerset*, and praying to be annex'd to *Morris* County.

Also a Petition of feveral Inhabitants of *Bafkin Ridge* in *Somerset* County was read, praying, that they may be alfo annex'd to *Morris* County.

Ordered,

That the faid Petitions be read a fecond time.

Ordered,

That a Committee of Grievances do fit every Wednesday during this Seflion, if there be Occafion.

Resolved,

That the faid Committee be a Committee of the whole Houfe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Spicer*, Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Hancock*, be a Committee to infpect the Laws of this Colony, and make report to the Houfe, what Laws are expired or near expiring by their own Limitation.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of his Excellency's Speech made to the Council and this House on the 21st. of *October* last.

After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the said Speech, and have resolved that an Humble Address be presented to his Excellency in Answer thereto.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Stelle*, and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of said Address.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith* and Mr. *Kearny* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the Persons therein named to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown for Arming and Cloathing the Forces lately raised in this Colony.

Mr. *Fisher* prayed leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries within this Colony for the future, which was granted.

Ordered,

That the Treasurers of this Colony lay their Accounts of the publick Money before the House, on or before the 19th Instant. And that the Treasurer of the Eastern Division, within the same time, lay before the House an Account of the cancelled Bills he hath in his Hands, and that the Clerk serve them respectively with a Copy of this Order, or such part as concerns them.

Mr. *Van Middlefworth* prayed leave to bring in a Bill, for the more effectual preventing the killing of Deer out of Season. And on the Question, whether he have leave or not; it passed in the Affirmative.

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

Saturday, November 12th. 1748.

The House met.

Mr. *Kearny*, with leave of the House, brought in a Bill for the more regular choosing and electing Assessors and Collectors in the respective Towns and Counties, &c. which was read, and ordered a second reading.

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Mr. *Low* had leave to be absent till Wednesday Morning next, on extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, November 14. 1748.

The House met.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws, &c. reported, that an Act entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Province for the Tryal of small Causes.*

That an Act entitled, *An Act for continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts, from Persons who abscond themselves.*

That an Act entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.* Are all near expiring by their own Limitation.

And that an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 10th of August 1747, and to end the 10th of August 1748, &c.* is already expired by its own Limitation.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Heard*, Mr. *D. Smith*, and Mr. *Spicer*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Hancock*, and Mr. *Fisher*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Province for the Tryal of small Causes.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Buskirk*, Mr. *Van Middleworth*, and Mr. *Brick* be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met:

The Bill for the more regular choosing and electing Assessors and Collectors, &c. was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to prepare a draught of an Address to His Excellency, reported, that they had prepared the same; and

and it was received and read, and with several Alterations was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be Engrossed.

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

Tuesday, November 15th. 1748.

The House met.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eatton*, and Mr. *Croke*, wait upon his Excellency and acquaint him, that the House desire to be informed, when they may attend him with their Address.

Mr. *Eatton* reported, that Mr. *Cooke* and himself had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to say, that the House might attend him To-morrow Morning about ten o'Clock.

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for *impowering Persons to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, &c.* reported, that they had prepared the same; and it was received and read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. *Fisher*, pursuant to leave given him for that purpose, brought in a Bill for *the more effectual preventing of Lotteries within this Colony for the future.* And it was received and read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Eatton*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for *Support of Government*, reported, that they had the same ready to present to the House; and it was received and read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill for *the more regular chusing and electing Assessors and Collectors, &c.* after some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred and desired leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, November 16, 1748.

The House met.

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

The Bill for *impowering certain Persons to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, &c.* was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill. After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That they have gone through the Bill and made several Amendments to the same: To which the House agreed.

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed:

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

Mr. *Speaker*,

“ His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive your Address.”

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon His Excellency. And being return'd, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and reported, That the House had attended His Excellency with their Address; in the following Words.

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

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Representatives in General Assembly convened.

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 assure Your Excellency, it was with much Concern we were acquainted by Your Excellency's Speech, that Your ill State of Health occasioned Your calling Us to meet at *Burlington*, and join with Your Excellency in returning Thanks to Almighty God for Your Recovery, and that You are enabled now to meet Us here at *Perth-Amboy*, the Place where (according to the alternate Sitting of Assemblies) We esteem this Session of Right ought to be held; which occasioned a Number of Our Members,

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when last at *Burlington*, to apply to Your Excellency for the same; and Your Readiness in acceding thereto, We look upon as a Demonstration of the Justice and Uprightness of Your Administration, as well as of Your Inclination and Willingness to promote a Harmony among the several Branches of the Legislature, and the People of the Colony whom We represent.

We hope, with Your Excellency, that tho' the first Set of Laws passed last Session had the Misfortune to be taken in going Home to *Great-Britain*, yet those mentioned by Your Excellency to be afterwards forwarded, have not miscarried; and that We shall soon hear of their Arrival, and receive the desired Effect and Benefit of them.

We have received Advice from Our Agent, of his Receipt of the Accounts respecting the Loan of Money made by this Colony to the Crown; and We shall take proper Care that what is further needful, in order to his obtaining the Payment of that Money, be done.

We shall, according to Your Excellency's Recommendation to Us, take into Our Consideration the present State of the Treasury, and shall do what is necessary on Our Part for the Payment of the just Debts of the Colony, and for the further Support of the Government,

The Discovery mentioned by Your Excellency, made of so great a Number of wicked People concerned in the Forging and Counterfeiting of Our Bills of Credit, and of foreign Coins passing current in this Colony, will, We also hope, soon put an End to so vile a Practice; and the Punishing the Authors thereof be a Means to prevent the like for the Future; in which, and in the further Discovery and Detection of this Combination of villainous Persons, We, with Your Excellency, doubt not of the Assistance of every honest and good Member of the Community, as its not only their Duty but Interest to be aiding in so good a Work.

The Length of the last Session of Assembly was, as Your Excellency is pleased to mention, occasioned by all Matters under the Care of the Legislature in a Manner subsiding for some Time before that Sitting; but as several good and necessary Laws, for the promoting the Welfare and Prosperity of this Colony, were then passed, We expect We shall have the less to do at this Time; and as the Season of the Year renders it most agreeable to all concerned to be at Home, We assure Your Excellency We shall use our utmost Endeavours to shorten this Session, by giving all possible Application and Dispatch to such publick Affairs as may come under our Consideration at this Time; and We beg Leave to return Your Excellency Our publick Thanks for the kind Assurance You are pleased to give, in joining with Us to do every Thing that may best promote the Wealth and Happiness of the People We represent; and as Concord and Unity (as Your Excellency well observes) is the chief Beauty and Strength of all Government, it shall be our principal Aim to promote it.

Divers of the Members of this House,
being of the People called Quakers,
agree to the Matter and Substance of
this Address, with their usual Excep-
tion to the Stile.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. *Kearny*, with leave of the House, brought in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex* to build a Work-House and House of Correction within the said County, and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c. was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Thursday, November 17, 1748.

The House met.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

‘ I Think the whole Course of my Administration has been such, as to
‘ make it needless for Me to give You any fresh Assurances of My hearty
‘ Desire and Endeavours to serve the good People of this Province to the
‘ utmost of My Power.

‘ I have therefore now only to return You My Thanks for Your kind
‘ and handsome Address, in answer to what I laid before You at the Open-
‘ ing of this Session; and to say, That I take a pleasing Notice of Your
‘ steady Application to the Business of the Session, by which I hope it will
‘ soon be brought to a happy Conclusion, that We may return to Our sever-
‘ al Homes before the Severity of the Winter overtakes Us.’

J. BELCHER.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act, for empowering certain Persons here-
in after named to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, for arming
and cloathing the Forces lately raised in this Colony, and to apply the same as
herein is directed*, was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Spicer* carry the same to the Council for their
Concurrence.

Mr. *Stelle* reported, that Mr *Spicer* and himself delivered the said Bill to
Mr. *Johnston*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. *Van Buskirk*, one of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for
the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who
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abscond themselves, presented the same to the House, and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c.* And after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same.

And the said Bill with the Amendments was read, and agreed to by the House:

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill *to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Province, for the Tryal of small Causes*, brought in the said Bill; and it was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Baskin-Ridge*, and Places adjacent in *Somerset* County, was presented to the House and read, praying, that they may be continued in said *Somerset* County.

Also a Petition of sundry other Inhabitants of said County was read, praying the same.

Ordered,

That said Petitions have a second Reading.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider the Bill *for the more regular choosing and electing Assessors, &c.* And after some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some further Progress in the said Bill, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock

Friday, November 18. 1748.

The House met.

A Petition of many Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth some illegal Proceedings, as they conceive, in the Choice of a Place for building a Court-House in said County, and praying the House, either to appoint the Place, or grant a new Election.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Petition have a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, Horse Races, Playing of Cards and Dice, and other Gaming for lucre of Gain within this Colony, for the Future*; was read and compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, *nemine Contradicente*,
That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Low*, and Mr. *Hancock* carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

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

The Bill for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves, was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Province for the Tryal of small Causes, was read, a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

The Petitions from the Inhabitants of *Rockfiticus* and *Baskin-ridge*, in *Somerset* County, praying to be annex'd to *Morris* County, were read a second Time.

And the Petitions of some of the Inhabitants of *Baskin-ridge*, and Places adjacent, and from some others of the County of *Somerset*, praying, that said Places may be continued in the said County of *Somerset*; were also read.

And some of the Petitioners on each Side attending at the Door, were called in, and the Petitions were read, and the Parties on both Sides heard, and then they were ordered to withdraw.

And the House taking the same into Consideration, are of Opinion, That if the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Morris* apprehend, that the Bounds between the said Counties are uncertain, (as is alledged by the Parties) it will be proper for them to prepare Maps of the Lines and Boundaries propos'd on each Side; with their Reasons for the same; in order to lay them before the General Assembly at next Session.

Mr. *Van Middlefworth* had leave to be absent till *Monday* next, and Mr. *Stella* till *Tuesday* next, on extraordinary Occasions.

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

Saturday, November 19, 1748.

The House met.

The Petition of a Number of the Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland*, concerning the Place of fixing their Court-House, was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That the Clerk give Copies of the said Petition to any Persons desiring the same.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for the more regular choosing and electing Assessors, &c.* And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some further Progress in the said Bill, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

Andrew Johnston, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of this Colony, according to Order, laid before the House his Account of the publick Money and of the cancelled Bills now in his Hands.

Ordered,

That said Accounts lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for empowering certain Persons herein after named, to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, &c.* without any Amendment.

A Petition of a Committee of the Trustees for erecting a College in this Colony, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the Use of such a Seminary, and that they are unable to carry on the Undertaking without the Aid of the Legislature, and praying the Assistance of the House therein.

Ordered,

That the Petition have a second Reading.

A Petition of *Hendrick Goeglets*, a Foreigner, praying an Act for naturalizing him, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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

Monday, November 21, 1748.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed in the Bill *for the more regular choosing and electing Assessors, &c.* After some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*,

Eaton, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some further Progress in the Matter to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Morris* and *Somerset*, near *Baskin-ridge*, in behalf of themselves and others, complaining that sundry Persons cut their Timber, and when sued before a Justice, elude the Laws under pretence of Title, and praying Redress, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, November 22. 1748.

The House met; and Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill for the more regular choosing Assessors, &c. And after some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made an Alteration in the Title thereof, it being now entitled, *An Act to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the several Counties in this Colony*; and had made several Alterations and Amendments in the said Bill. And the said Bill, as altered and amended, was read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,
That the same be engrossed.

The Petition of *Hendrick Goeglets*, praying to be naturalized, was read a second Time.

And it appearing to the House, that he hath taken the Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law;

Ordered,
That he have leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

And thereupon Mr. *Kearny* presented such a Bill to the House, which was received and read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met:

And Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony for the Tryal of small Causes. After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same:

And

And the said Bill was read, with the Amendments, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Allen*, Treasurer of the Western Division of this Colony, laid his Account before the House.

The House proceeded upon the Petition of a Number of the Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland*, and both Parties attending at the Door, were called in, and heard concerning the same, and then they withdrew.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Petition be referred until to-morrow Morning.

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

Wednesday, November 23. 1748.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the respective Counties in this Colony*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved, (Nemine Contradicente)

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Hopkins* carry the said Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself, delivered the said Bill to Mr. *Hude*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Eaton*, Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Fisher*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Spicer*; be a Committee to joyn a Committee of the Council, to inspect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, now in the Hands of *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; to meet at such Time and Place as the Council shall appoint.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stelle* and Mr. *Brick* wait on the Council, and inform them of said Appointment, and desire them to appoint a Committee accordingly, with Time and Place of meeting.

The Bill for Naturalizing *Hendrick Goeglets*, was read a second Time, and some Amendments made to the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The House resuming the Consideration of the Petition from the County of *Cumberland*, concerning the Methods used in fixing the Place of the Court-House in the said County, with the Allegations of the Parties on hearing them Yesterday; are of Opinion, that the Petitioners not having made appear the Matters in their Petition set forth, the said Petition do lye upon the Table.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Morris* and *Somerset*, concerning their Timber, was read a second Time.

And Mr. *Kearny*, with leave, brought in a Bill *for the more effectual preventing the waste of Timber within this Colony*; which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Stelle* reported; that Mr. *Brick* and himself, delivered the Message intrusted with them, to Mr. *Morris*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for naturalizing Hendrick Goeghtes*, 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 for their Concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves*.

After some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the said Bill, and desired leave to sit again; to which the House agreed.

A Message from His Excellency by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

“ Mr. *Speaker,*

“ His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.”

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, who was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill, entitled,

An Act, for empowering certain Persons herein after named, to draw for and receive the Money lent the Crown, for arming and cloathing the Forces lately raised in this Colony, and to apply the same as herein is directed.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr *Spicer* and himself delivered the Bill for naturalizing Hendrick Goeglets to the *Speaker* in Council.

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

Thursday, November 24, 1748.

The House met, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Bill for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.

After some Time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eaton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made some Amendments thereto; and the said Bill was read with the Amendments, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Petition of the Committee of the Trustees for erecting a College, &c. was read a second Time:

And an Undertaking of this Kind being entirely new in this Colony, and the House inclining to consult their Constituents thereon,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be referred to the next Meeting of the General Assembly.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

The Engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, for the Tryal of small Causes*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved; nemine Contradicente,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Middleworth* and Mr. *Brick* carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock;

Friday, November 25. 1748.

The House met.

Mr. *Van Middleworth* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himself, delivered the Bill, with the Message intrusted with them, to the *Speaker* in Council.

The House adjourn'd to 2 P. M.

The House met.

The Petition of *John Style*, complaining of *Samuel Headley* and *Peter Parcels*, and other Rioters, for turning his Goods out of Doors in the Year 1746, and retaining the Possession of his Lands since that Time, to his great Detriment, and praying Redress, was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House took into Consideration the State of the Treasury, and upon Inspection of the Treasurers Accounts, do find, that there is not Money sufficient in the Treasury to Discharge the Debts of this Colony, and to support the Government for the current Year.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Kearny* and Mr. *Cooke*, do bring in a Bill, to Subject certain Bills of Credit (printed and already made current for the Exchanging of the ragged and torn Bills of Credit in this Colony) to the Payment of the support of Government, and making Provision for sinking the same.

The Engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves*, was read and compared, and on the Question,

Resolved, *nemine Contradicente*,
That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Spicer* carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Emley* had leave to be absent till *Monday* next, on extraordinary Occasions.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock

Saturday

Saturday, November 26. 1748.

The Houle met.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Spicer* and himself, delivered the Bill and Message intrusted with them, to Mr. *Hude*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Petition of sundry Freeholders of the County of *Middlesex* was read; praying, that the Bill for *Building a Work-House and House of Correction in the said County*, may pass into a Law.

And the said Bill was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *Kearny*, Mr. *Stelle*, Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Cooke*.

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to subject certain Bills of Credit, &c. to the Payment of the support of Government, &c. brought in the same; and it was received and read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, November 28. 1748.

The Houle met.

A Message from His Excellency, which was read, and is in the Words following,

“ Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

“ I Observe in Your Minutes of the 25th Instant, that You had appointed
“ a Committee to bring in a Bill, to subject certain Bills of Credit lying
“ in the Treasury (never yet emitted or issued) to the Payment of the
“ Support of Government, and to make Provision for sinking the same.

“ Gentlemen,

“ To prevent Your Houle the trouble and time of making and passing
“ a Bill of that Nature, I must acquaint You, that should it pass the other
“ Branches of the Legislature, it would not be in My Power to sign it, as
“ the doing it would be in Breach of His Majesty's Nineteenth Instruction
“ to Me, a Copy whereof will be delivered You herewith.

J. BELCHER.

And the said Copy of an Instruction was read, and is as follows.

Instruction, 19. “ Whereas 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 Inconveniencies have arisen:
“ It is therefore Our Will and Pleasure, that You do not give Your assent

to

“ 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. *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 of the 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 shall have been approved and confirmed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors.

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

Tuesday, November 29. 1748.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Spicer* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that this House desire to be informed, what Progress they have made in the Bill to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of the respective Counties in this Colony.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, informing the House, that the Council have appointed Mr. *Hude*, Mr. *Kemble*, and Mr. *Leonard*, or any two of them, a Committee to join the Committee of this House to inspect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit now in the Hands of *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; and that they meet at his House at Four o'Clock this Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

A Petition of sundry Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was read, setting forth, that they live in that Part of the County of *Somerset* which is within the Borough of *Elizabeth*, in *Essex* County, whereby they suffer many Hardships and Inconveniencies, and praying that they may be united to *Essex* County.

Ordered,

That the Petition have a second Reading.

Mr. *Kearny* had leave to be absent To-morrow on extraordinary Occasions.

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

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Wednesday, November 30, 1748.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Johnston*, acquainting the House, that the Bill *to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's, &c.* stands committed, and is now under the Consideration of the Committee to whom it is referred.

A Petition of *Stephen Warne* was read, setting forth, that he has been sued and had Judgment passed against him in the Mayor's Court of *New-Brunswick*, on a Penal Bill, conditioned for Four Pounds Proclamation, which he conceives to be contrary to a Law of this Province, and praying Redress.

Ordered,

That the Petition have a second Reading.

The Petition of sundry Persons, living in that Part of *Somerset County* which is within the Borough of *Elizabeth*, was read a second Time, and referred to the Consideration of the House at next Sitting.

Mr. *Kearny*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, to build a Work-House, &c.* was committed, reported the same, with several Amendments.

And the Bill with the Amendments was read.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill *to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex to build a Work-House, &c.* with the Amendments.

And the said Bill with the Amendments was again read, and several other Amendments made thereto, and on the Question.

Ordered,

That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

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

Thursday, December 1, 1748.

The House met.

The Petition of *Stephen Warne* was read a second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

A Memorial of the Council of Proprietors of *East New-Jersey* was presented to the House by their Clerk, which was read, and is as follows.

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 depending thereon in America, and Vice Admiral in the same.

To the Honourable His Majesty's Council for the said Province. And

To the Honourable the House of Representatives of the said Province, in General Assembly met.

The Memorial and Representation of the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of the said Province of *New-Jersey*, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the General Proprietors of the Soil of the said Eastern Division, and of the Persons claiming under them;

Humbly sheweth,

‘ THAT *New-Jersey*, among other Tracts of Land in *America*, was granted by King *Charles* the Second to His Royal Highness *James* Duke of *York*, and by him conveyed to Lord *Berkeley* and Sir *George Carteret*, in the Year 1664, who began to plant and improve the same; That Sir *George Carteret* being, by a Partition, intitled to the Eastern Part of the said Province, made considerable Improvements, and brought into the Province great Numbers of Inhabitants, to whom he gave Lands, as an Encouragement.

‘ THAT the said Eastern Part or Division of *New-Jersey*, together with the Powers of Government, was afterwards conveyed to Twenty-four Persons, who were called the General Proprietors, and who went on in planting and improving the said Province at their own very great Cost and Charge.

‘ THAT the Proprietors exercis'd the Powers of Government in the said Province from the Time of their Grant till the Year 1702, when they made a Surrender thereof to the Crown, reserving to themselves the Soil and all Things properly appertaining thereto.

‘ THAT her late Majesty *Queen Anne*, of glorious Memory, was graciously pleased to accept of the said Surrender, and to take the said Province of *New-Jersey* under her immediate Administration and Government; and was also most graciously pleased, upon her Royal Word, to promise the Protection of the Crown of *England* to the Proprietors and People of *New-Jersey* in all their Civil and Religious Rights.

‘ THAT Your Memorialists, their Ancestors and Predecessors, have always demeaned themselves with great Submission to the Royal Authority, and to the Government and Laws exercis'd in the said Province: And, in Return, think themselves intitled to have their Rights and Properties maintained and protected by those Laws, to which they have been obedient and submissive.

‘ BUT so it is; may it please Your Excellency and Honours, That great Numbers of Men, taking advantage of a Dispute subsisting between the
‘ Branches

‘ Branches of the Legislature of this Province, and of a most unnatural Re-
 ‘ bellion at that Time raging in *Great-Britain*, entered into a Combination
 ‘ to subvert the Laws and Constitution of the Province, and to obstruct the
 ‘ Course of legal Proceedings; to which End they, by false Tales and
 ‘ wicked Insinuations, artfully invented, and industriously spread abroad, en-
 ‘ deavoured to infuse into the Minds of the People, that His most sacred
 ‘ Majesty nor his noble Progenitors, Kings and Queens of *England*, had
 ‘ not any Right whatsoever to the Soil of *America*; and that his and their
 ‘ Grants thereof were void and fraudulent: And having by these Means
 ‘ associated to themselves great Numbers of the poor and ignorant Part of
 ‘ the People of this Province; They, in the Month of *September*, 1745,
 ‘ began to carry into Execution their wicked Schemes; when in a riotous
 ‘ Manner they broke open the Goal of the County of *Essex*, and took from
 ‘ thence a Prisoner there confin’d by due Process of Law, and have since
 ‘ that Time gone on like a Torrent, bearing down all before them, and
 ‘ trampling upon all Law and Authority, as is well known to Your Excel-
 ‘ lency and Honours, so that the Laws, and His Majesty’s Authority, cease
 ‘ to be that Protection to the Lives and Properties of the People His Ma-
 ‘ jesty intends they should be.

‘ It is with the greatest Concern Your Memorialists observe, that the
 ‘ Endeavours of the Government and Magistrates to put the Laws in Execu-
 ‘ tion have been hitherto in vain; for notwithstanding many of these com-
 ‘ mon Disturbers stand indicted for High Treason, in levying War against
 ‘ our Sovereign Lord the King, yet such is the Weakness of this Govern-
 ‘ ment, that they have not been able to bring one of them to Tryal and Pu-
 ‘ nishment; but they go at large through the Province, exciting the People
 ‘ to Rebellion, and doing their Endeavours to prevent them from submitting
 ‘ to the Government.

‘ THE Contempt with which those People have treated His Majesty’s
 ‘ gracious Mercy, extended to them by an Instrument of Pardon under the
 ‘ Great Seal of this Province, and the Lenity of the Legislature, but too
 ‘ plainly shews the Resolution they have taken to maintain and defend them-
 ‘ selves by Force, against His Majesty’s Authority and Government, and
 ‘ throw off their Dependance upon the Crown of *Britain*.

‘ THAT His most sacred Majesty, by his high and kingly Office, and
 ‘ the Duties inseparably annexed to the *British* Throne, is solemnly engaged
 ‘ to protect his People in the quiet Enjoyment of their Lives and Proper-
 ‘ ties, while they behave themselves with Duty to His Authority, and Obe-
 ‘ dience to the Laws; and agreeable to the Constitutions of these his remote
 ‘ Dominions, has been graciously pleased to intrust the Powers necessary to
 ‘ answer those good Ends with Your Excellency and Honours, who he
 ‘ expects will do every Thing in their Power for the Preservation of his
 ‘ Peace, the Support of his Royal Authority, and the Maintainance of the
 ‘ Laws of the Country.

‘ THAT as these Disturbances have subsisted for a long Time, in which
 ‘ His Majesty’s sacred Name and kingly Power have been most publickly
 ‘ slighted

‘ slighted and contemned; should they be suffered to go on much longer;
 ‘ Your Memorialists with Reason apprehend the Repentment of His Majesty,
 ‘ and a *British* Parliament, may be extended to the Province in general; and
 ‘ thereby the Innocent made to suffer in common with the Guilty.

‘ IT is with very great Concern We find ourselves laid under a Necessity
 ‘ of making our Application to Your Excellency and Honours: But such
 ‘ is the present State of the Province, that We cannot in Duty to Ourselves,
 ‘ or those We represent, any longer delay it.

‘ YOUR Memorialists therefore humbly hope, Your Excellency and Ho-
 ‘ nours will effectually interpose at this Time, in support of His Majesty’s
 ‘ Authority and Government, and by such Ways and Methods as to Your
 ‘ Excellency and Honours shall seem most fit, to strengthen the Hands of
 ‘ His Majesty’s Government and Officers, so as to enable them to carry
 ‘ into Execution the Laws of the Land, and thereby to secure and protect
 ‘ the Persons and Estates of Your Memorialists and others within the said
 ‘ Province, and to restore and preserve to them and their Posterity the
 ‘ Blessings of Domestick Peace.

By Order of the Council of Proprietors,

Perth-Amboy,
 Nov. 30, 1748.

ANDREW JOHNSTON, President.

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

Mr. *Van Middlesworth*, according to leave, brought in a Bill for the
 more effectual preventing the Killing of Deer out of Season.

And the House being informed, that some evil-minded Persons have killed
 Deer and stolen them out of Parks or other Inclosures; and taking the
 same into Consideration, are of Opinion, that as this Session is far advanced,
 and the forming a Bill fully to prevent such Mischiefs, and for the better
 Preservation of Deer in General, will take too much Time at present; It is
 therefore Ordered, that Mr. *Van Middlesworth*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Low*, Mr.
Brick, and Mr. *Emley*, do prepare and bring in a Bill at the next Meeting of
 the General Assembly for the above Purposes.

The House adjourn’d to Two P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County
 of Middlesex to build a Work-House and House of Correction within the said
 County, and to make Rules and Orders for the Government of the same*, was
 read and compared, and, on the Question, whether the same do pass or
 not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,
 Mr. Stelle,
 Mr. Lawrence,
 Mr. Crane,
 Mr. Low,
 Mr. Van Middlesworth,
 Mr. Fisher,
 Mr. Demarest,
 Mr. Wright,

Yeas,
 Mr. Hopkins,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Brick,
 Mr. Leaming,
 Mr. Spicer,
 Mr. Emley,

Nays.
 Mr. Heard,
 Mr. Eatton,
 Mr. Van Buskirk,

Resolved,
 That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,
 That Mr. Stelle and Mr. Fisher carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered,
 That Mr. Crane and Mr. Hopkins wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House desire to be informed what Progress they have made in the Bill for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c. and in the Bill to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, &c. And also in the Bill for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 2. 1748.

The House met.

Mr. Stelle reported, that Mr. Fisher and himself waited on the Council with the Bill and Message entrusted with them, and delivered the same to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. Crane reported, that Mr. Hopkins and himself waited on the Council with the Message committed to them, and delivered the same in Council.

Mr. R. Smith prayed leave to bring in a Bill, to enable certain Persons therein named, to build a Toll-Bridge over Cooper's-Creek, near Thomas Spicer's, in Case the Inhabitants of Burlington and Gloucester shall not build the Bridge, as they are impowered to do by Law, within six Months after the Publication of this Act.

Ordered,
 That he have leave to lay the same before the House at next Session.

Resolved,
 That this House will not proceed on any new Business during this Sitting, except for His Majesty's especial Service.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government*: And after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the said Bill, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the House, that the Council have made some Amendments to the Bill *to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's*, &c. to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, and he delivered the same to Mr. Speaker.

Also acquainting the House, that the three Bills inquired after yesterday, are under the Consideration of Committees of the Council.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Bill *for Support of Government*; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the Bill, and come to sundry Resolutions thereupon.

And with leave he reported the same as follows,

Resolved,

That the Government be supported for one Year, to commence the 10th, *August*, 1748, and to end the 10th, *August*, 1749. To which the House agreed.

Resolved,

That in and by the Bill abovesaid, when passed into a Law, there be paid,

To His Excellency, JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, for his Salary for said one Year, the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*; and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,

Mr. *Stelle*,
Mr. *Kearny*,
Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Van Middleworth*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Demarest*,
Mr. *R. Smith*,

Yeas,

Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Spicer*.

Nays.

Mr. *Eatton*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Van Buskirk*.
who all voted for 800*l.*

To the *Chief Justice* for the Time being, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and, on the Question, it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. R. Smith,	Mr. Eatton,
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Lawrence,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Crane,
Mr. Van Middlefworth,	Mr. Brick,	Mr. Van Buskirk,
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Spicer,	Mr. Hopkins. who all for 50£.

To the Third Judge of the Supreme Court for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Attorney-General for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*; and on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays,	Nays.
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. Van Buskirk,	Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Kearny,	Mr. Brick,
Mr. Crane.	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spicer.
Mr. Low,	Mr. Hopkins.	Mr. R. Smith,	who all voted
Mr. Van Middlefworth,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. D. Smith,	for 40£.

To each of the Treasurers for the Time being, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To *Richard Smith*, jun. Esq; for the Use of *Richard Patridge*, Esq; Agent of this Colony, or the Agent for the Time being, the Sum of *Eighty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Clerk of the Circuits for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To the Door-keeper of the Council for the Time being, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*. To which the House agreed.

To His Excellency, JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq; or to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, for House-Rent for said one Year. And on the Question whether the House agrees thereto or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. Stelle,	Mr. Van Buskirk.	Mr. Kearny,
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. R. Smith,
Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Hopkins,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Low,	Mr. Brick,	who all voted
Mr. Van Middlefworth,	Mr. Leaming,	for 100£.
Mr. Fisher,	Mr. Spicer.	

To any one of the Justices of the Supream Court, for attending any Court of *nisi prius* and Oyer and Terminer, according to said Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.

To each of the Council for the Time they have respectively attended, or shall attend at this or any other sitting of General Assembly, during said one Year, the Sum of *six Shillings* per Diem.

To the Second Judge of the Supream Court, when one shall be appointed, at the rate of *twenty five Pounds* for one Year.

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for the Time he hath attended, or shall attend, at this or any other sitting during said one Year, *eight Shillings* per Diem : Also *twelve Pounds* for entering the Votes of this and late Sittings, copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer, Pen, Ink and Paper.

To *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Votes and Laws of this or any other Sitting in said Time; and of such Laws lately passed as are not yet printed, such Sum as *Richard Smith*, *Joseph Cooper* and *Daniel Smith*, Esqrs. or any two of them shall agree for.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, who attended, or shall attend, the House of Representatives at this or any other Sitting as aforesaid, *three Shillings* per Diem.

To the Sergeant at Arms, for the Time being, who attended or shall attend the Council in Manner aforesaid, *three shillings* per Diem.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, for the time being, for his attendance in manner aforesaid, *three shillings* per Diem.

To *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the Sum of *twenty shillings* per Week, to pay for the Use of a Room, &c. for the House of Representatives; and *fifteen shillings* per Week, for the Use of a Room, &c. for the Council, during this Sitting.

To *Thomas Rogers*, *seventeen shillings* for Firewood for the Use of the House at a former Sitting.

To the *Speaker*, and each of the Members of the House of Representatives, for the Time they have attended, or shall attend, at this or any other Sitting during said one Year, *six shillings* per Diem.

To all which the House agreed.

Ordered,

That the Bill be compleated pursuant to the said Resolutions; which was done accordingly.

Ordered,

That the Bill be Engrossed.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock:

Saturday, December 3. 1748.

The Houe met; And took into Consideration, the Amendments of the Council to the Bill to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's, &c.

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and on the Question, whether the House agrees thereto or not? it passed in the Negative, *nemine Contradicente*.

Resolved,

That the House rejects the Amendments, and adheres to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council with the said Bill, and acquaint them thereof.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, desiring the Concurrence of this House to their Amendments to the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c.*

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and, with some Amendments to the same, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council with the Bill and Amendments, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from His Excellency, by the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

‘ Mr. *Speaker*,

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

Mr. *Speaker* then 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 Speech to the Council and this House, of which Mr. *Speaker* said he had obtained a Copy.

And the said Speech was read, and is as follows.

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

‘ **Y**OUR steady Application to so many of the Affairs of this Session as
 ‘ have lain before You, makes Me hope this Court may soon rise.
 ‘ But as yet I don’t find any Motion made, either by the Council or by the
 ‘ House of General Assembly, upon what I recommended to You, respect-
 ‘ ing a villainous Combination of wicked Persons, who are daily (as the
 ‘ Consumption in the Body Natural) gnawing at the very Vitals of all Your
 ‘ Estates and Properties, by counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Pro-
 ‘ vince, and the foreign Coins passing current among Us according to Law.
 ‘ This is an Iniquity to be punish’d by the Judges, and it is the undoubted
 ‘ Duty of the Legislature to strengthen their Hands by some further effectual
 ‘ Law for bringing such bold Offenders to condign Punishment.

‘ But, *Gentlemen*, I am sorry to have occasion to lay before You at this
 ‘ Time, what I have often mentioned, and that is, the unhappy Situation
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of this Province with respect to the great Number of Rioters in so many
 Parts of it, and this Notwithstanding the great Lenity of the Government,
 in passing several Laws to draw them into their Duty and Obedience to
 the KING's Authority, and to the Laws of the Land. The Honourable the
 Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Province have lately
 presented me with a large Memorial of Complaint on this Head. And
 the Sheriff of the County of *Essex*, has laid before me, an Account of
 these audacious Villains forcing open the Doors of the County Goal, and
 delivering out a most notorious wicked Ringleader among these Rioters,
 who stood there committed for High Treason; and I have had brought
 me many other Informations in this Affair, which the Secretary shall de-
 liver You. And I believe You will then think with Me, that these Things
 are done in a sort of open Rebellion against Our Sovereign Lord the King,
 His Crown and Dignity, and in manifest Contempt of all Laws Divine
 and Human. It is then the indispenfible Duty We owe to God, to the
 King, to the present and rising Generation in this Province, no longer to
 dally or delay, but to rouse out of Sleep, and do every possible Thing in
 Our Power, for suppressing and bringing to an End these dreadful Con-
 fusions.

And I must now apply Myself to You, *Gentlemen of the General Assembly*,
 in whole Province it lies, to grant Money for the Support and Protection
 of the Kings Government, and the Officers and others in the Execution
 of their Duty, that You would cheerfully do what may be necessary,
 and then I believe we should soon see these Clouds scatter and be lost.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly,

The Eyes of Our Neighbours, as well as all those of this Province,
 who are honest good Men and loyal Subjects to His Majesty, are fix'd and
 waiting upon the Counsels and final Determinations of this Legislature in
 their present Session: Let Me then conjure You, by Your love to the
 great Blessing of good Government, by that strong Inducement Self-Interest,
 and in Love to Your Posterity, that You would, without delay, in good
 Earnest apply Yourselves to the finding out some effectual Method for
 Crushing this vile Spirit of subverting all good Rule and Order.

Pertb-Amboy,
 December 3. 1748.

J. BELCHER.

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech have a second Reading.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself waited on the
 Council with the Bills and Messages committed to them.

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

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

Monday,

Monday, December 5, 1748.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the House, that the Council have agreed to the Amendments of this House to the Councils Amendments to the Bill *for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c.*

Ordered,

That the said Bill as now amended be Engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey for One Year, to commence the Tenth Day of August, 1748, and to end the Tenth Day of August, 1749, and to Discharge the publick Debts, and the Arrearages and Contingent Charges thereof,* was read and compared; and on the Question, whether the same do pass or not, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,
Mr. *Kearny*,
Mr. *Heard*,
Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Low*,
Mr. *Van Middleworth*,
Mr. *Fisher*,
Mr. *Demarest*,

Yeas,
Mr. *R. Smith*,
Mr. *D. Smith*,
Mr. *Wright*,
Mr. *Hopkins*,
Mr. *Hancock*,
Mr. *Brick*,
Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Emley*.

Nays.
Mr. *Eaton*,
Mr. *Lawrence*,
Mr. *Van Buskirk*.

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Leaming* carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself performed the said Order.

The *D. Secretary*, by Order of his Excellency, laid several Papers before the House, relating to the Proceedings of the late Rioters, which were mentioned in his Excellency's Speech.

And the said Papers were read, and ordered a second reading, when his Excellency's Speech comes under Consideration.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, December 6. 1748.

The House met.

The Bill for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, &c. Engrossed with the Amendments of the Council, and the Amendments of this House to the Councils Amendments, was read and compared; and on the Question whether the same as now Engrossed do pass or not? it was carried in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Kearny,	Mr. Low,	Mr. Heard,	Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Eatton,	Mr. Van Buskirk.	Mr. D. Smith,	Mr. Brick,
Mr. Lawrence,	Mr. Demarest,	Mr. Wright,	Mr. Emley,
Mr. Crane,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Hopkins,	

Resolved,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Kearny and Mr. Crane carry the same to the Council.

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

And the Memorial of the Council of Proprietors of the *Eastern* Division of this Province, with the Papers laid before the House by order of His Excellency, were also read a second Time, and referred to the said Committee.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met; and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider His Excellency's Speech, and the several Papers to them referred.

After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Eatton, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired leave to sit again. To which the House agreed.

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

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock

Wednesday, December 7, 1748.

The House met.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington* was read, setting forth, that many Persons having small Freeholds, neglect their Employments and range about the Woods with loose idle Persons, and carry Guns and Dogs, in order to kill Deer and other Game,

and oftentimes kill Hogs and Cattle, and endanger Persons being shot in going about their lawful Occasions, and praying Redrefs.

Ordered,

That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill at next Session *for the more effectual preventing the killing of Deer.*

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Leonard*, acquainting the House, that the Council adhere to their Amendments to the Bill *to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's, &c.* and he delivered the same to Mr. *Speaker*, and then withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to proceed on His Excellency's Speech, and the Papers to them referred. And after some time spent therein, Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Eatton*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that they have gone through the Matters to them referred, and have come to a Resolution to present an humble Address to His Excellency in Answer to His Speech. To which the House agreed.

A Motion was then made, and the Question put, whether the House think it necessary, at this Time, to make a Law for the more effectual bringing to Justice the Rioters and Disturbers of the publick Peace of the Province? and it passed in the Negative.

Nays,	Nays.	Yeas,
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,
Mr. <i>Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> .	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> .	
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Middlefworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	
	Mr. <i>Emley</i> .	

The Nays do nevertheless think the Laws now in being ought to be put in Execution against the said Rioters; and when their Defect shall appear to this House, that such other as may be thought necessary be then provided.

The House adjourned to Two P. M.

The House met.

The *D. Secretary*, by his Excellency's Order, laid before the House three Affidavits touching the Meetings of the Rioters, and their cutting of Timber on several Persons Lands, which were read.

Ordered,

That Mr. *R. Smith*, Mr. *Lawrence*, Mr. *Eatton*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Low* be a Committee to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, December 8, 1748.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Middlefworth* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House desire to be informed, what further Progress the Council have made in the Bills which they signified were under the Consideration of Committees on the second Instant; and also what Progress they have made in the other Bills sent from this House for their Concurrence, and which remain with them.

Mr. *Van Middlefworth* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself delivered the said Message to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

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

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leonard* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them; that this House having for sometime had under their Consideration, the State and Condition of the Province, and the many Riots and Treasons that have been therein committed, within these few Years past, and finding that very few of those Disturbers have taken the Benefit of His Majesty's gracious Pardon offered to them, but that some Hundreds have treated it with Contempt, and continue in their unlawful Practices, and are now assiduous in increasing their Number and in levying Moneys, to the great Disturbance of the Peace of the Province, and in high Contempt of His Majesty's Authority, tending to the utter Subversion of the Laws of the Land, and destroying the Dependance of this Colony on the Crown of *Britain*, are therefore unanimously of Opinion, that the Legislature ought at this Time, without Delay, to fall upon some vigorous Measures to strengthen the Hands of His Majesty's Government, so as to enable the Officers thereof to carry into Execution the Laws of the Land, and thereby to protect the Persons and Estates of the People, and to secure to His Majesty the Dependance of this Province; and for which End this House requests a free Conference with the House of Assembly upon the subject Matters aforelaid, and have appointed Mr. *Chief Justice*, Mr. *Antill*, and Mr. *Kemble* to be a Committee of this House, to join with a Committee of the House of Assembly for that purpose; and the Speaker of this House is requested to assist said Committee.

Mr. *R. Smith*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Draught of an Address to his Excellency, presented the same to the House; and it was received and read, and some Amendments made thereto.

and

And on the Question whether the House agreed to the same or not, it passed in the Affirmative.

Yeas,	Yeas,	Nays.
Mr. <i>Heard</i> ,	Mr. <i>R. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stelle</i> ,
Mr. <i>Eatton</i> ,	Mr. <i>D. Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Kearny</i> ,
Mr. <i>Lawrence</i> ,	Mr. <i>Wright</i> ,	Mr. <i>Demarest</i> ,
Mr. <i>Crane</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Low</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hancock</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Middlesworth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Brick</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Fisher</i> ,	Mr. <i>Leaming</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van Buskirk</i> .	Mr. <i>Emley</i> .	

Ordered,
That the Address be Engrossed.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk; requesting the List of the Persons who have taken the Benefit of the Act of Pardon, which had been laid before the House by the Governors Order.

Ordered,
That the said List, with the Bonds annexed, be delivered to the said Clerk; which was done accordingly.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

Friday, December 9. 1748.

The House met.

The engrossed Address to His Excellency was read and compared.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Speaker* sign the same.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Eatton* and Mr. *Leaming* wait on His Excellency, and know his Pleasure when the House may attend him with their Address.

Mr. *Eatton* reported, that His Excellency was pleased to say, that about 3 o'Clock he would send to the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, acquainting the House, that the Council request this House to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Subject Matter of the Coiners and Counterfeiters of Money, and that the Council have appointed Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Antill*, and Mr. *Kemble*, assisted by their Speaker, to be a Committee, to confer with such Committee as this House shall appoint for that Purpose.

Mr. *Eatton* from the Committee appointed to inspect and burn the cancelled Bills, in Conjunction with a Committee of the Council, with leave, delivered

delivered in a Report of their Proceedings, which was read, and approved of by the House, and is as follows,

The Committees appointed to inspect and burn the cancelled Bills of Credit, agree, that Mr. *John Eaton* make the following Report to the House of General Assembly, viz.

That there should have been cancelled in Bills of Credit and brought into the Treasury of the Eastern Division from the several Counties therein, Of the £.20,000 in the Years 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748. and of the £.40,000 in the Years 1746, 1747, and 1748, as follows, viz.

<i>Bergen</i> ,	Of the £.20,000 in each Year,	204	15	00	is	1023	15	00		
	Of the 40,000	409	10	00		1228	10	00		
<i>Essex</i> ,	Of the 20,000	340	5	00		1701	5	00	2252	5
	A Deficiency reported in 1743,					206	17	6		
	Of the 40,000	680	10	00		2047	10	00		
<i>Middlesex</i> ,	Of the 20,000	287	5	00		1436	5	00	3949	12
	Of the 40,000	574	10	00		1723	10	00		6
<i>Monmouth</i> ,	Of the 20,000	423	17	6		2119	7	6	3159	15
	A Deficiency reported in 1743,					12	5	6		
	Of the 40,000	847	15	00		2543	5	00		
<i>Somerset</i> ,	Of the 20,000	97	10	00		487	10	00	4674	18
	Of the 40,000	195	00	00		585	00	00		3
									1072	10
										00
									£. 15109	00
										9

That *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; Treasurer of said Division, laid before the Committees 48 Bundles of cancelled Bills, which were examined and burnt by them, brought into the Treasury from the several Counties, as follows, viz.

<i>Bergen</i> , 5 Bundles, containing									2252	5	00
<i>Essex</i> , 11,									3925	4	00
<i>Middlesex</i> , 6									3159	15	00
<i>Monmouth</i> , 20,									3760	18	10
<i>Somerset</i> , 6,									1072	10	00
By which it appears that <i>Essex</i> is Deficient,	24	18	6						£. 14170	2	10
<i>Monmouth</i>	914	9	5								
									938	17	11
									£. 15109	00	9

That the said Treasurer also laid before the Committees, 4 Bundles of cancelled, ragged, and torn Bills, received by him in Exchange for new Bills, which ragged Bills were examined and burnt by the Committees, amounting to

By Order of the Committees,

JAMES HUBE,
JOHN EATTON.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

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

‘ Mr. *Speaker*.

‘ His Excellency has ordered me to inform you, that he is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive your Address.

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 presented 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 House of Representatives.

May it please Your Excellency,

‘ WE beg leave to return Your Excellency Our Thanks for the Notice You are pleased to take of Our steady Application to the Affairs of this Session, and to assure You, that We have been, and still are, sincerely disposed to get thro’ the Business of it with all possible Dispatch, that We might rise, according to Our own Desires, and Your Excellency's Expectation.

‘ When Your Excellency, at the Opening of this Session, acquainted Us with the Discovery of a Number of Persons being concerned in the villainous Practices of counterfeiting Our Bills of Credit, and the foreign Coins passing current amongst Us, We apprehended they would have been punished by the Laws of this Colony, humbly conceiving, that were they duly put in Execution, they would be, (as they were at *Trenton*) sufficient to bring the Offenders to condign Punishment; and as we have not heard, that the Officers have met with any Obstruction in the Discharge of their Duties in that Behalf, We conclude the Defect, if any, must be in their Conduct.

‘ We are really sorry Your Excellency meets with the troublesome Occasion of laying before Us the Unhappy Circumstance of this Province, with Respect to the Number of Rioters in it; and this, after the great Lenity of the Government, to draw them into Obedience to the KING's Authority and the Laws of the Land: This We apprehended would have been both their Duty and Interest to have submitted to, but the Accounts laid before Us from the County of *Essex*, of those audacious Villains forcing open the Doors of the County Goal, and delivering out one of their wicked Ringleaders, give Us to understand, that some of them have slighted the Lenity of the Government and continue in
‘ their

‘ their wonted Obstinacy, in opposing the Laws in a most dangerous and
 ‘ daring Manner : It is with the greatest Concern, that We think of what
 ‘ may be the Consequences of this audacious Madness, yet We cannot but
 ‘ be humbly of the Opinion, that the Laws now in being ought to be
 ‘ put more fully in Execution ; and if then they prove insufficient, their
 ‘ particular Defects may be pointed out to the next Meeting of Assembly,
 ‘ that they may be able to do what may be further necessary to be done on
 ‘ the Occasion.

‘ This House have passed a Bill in the best Manner they are able to do
 ‘ it at this Time for the Support of the Government and the Officers there-
 ‘ of, and they are willing to raise Money by a Tax on the Inhabitants to
 ‘ supply the Deficiency of the Treasury for those Purposes, when they can
 ‘ obtain a Law to enable them to settle the Quota’s of each County
 ‘ equally.

Divers of the Members being
 of the People called Quakers,
 agree to the Matter and Sub-
 stance of this Address, with
 their usual Exception to the
 stile.

By Order of the House,

SAMUEL NEVILL, Speaker.

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

Saturday, December 10, 1748.

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that this House have in their Address of Yesterday to his Excellency signified their Sentiments on both the subject Matters proposed by the Council to be conferred upon ; and that they should be glad to have theirs on the Bills before them, that when they are gone through, this House may apply to his Excellency to put an End to the Sitting, as they have nothing else before them.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself waited on the Council with the said Message, and delivered the same to the Speaker in Council.

A Message from his Excellency by Mr. *Secretary*, which was read, and is as follows,

‘ *Gentlemen of the General Assembly,*

‘ I AM sorry to find in Your Address presented to Me Yesterday, so little
 ‘ of a substantial Answer to what I so earnestly recommended to You a
 ‘ few Days ago : And I look upon it Your Duty to make a Grant of Money
 ‘ for paying Men that may be raised for guarding the Goals of the Province,
 ‘ and for protecting the civil Officers of the Government ; and that You joyn
 ‘ with the other Branches of the Legislature in falling upon some good Law
 ‘ or Laws for bringing a great Number of the Counterfeiters of Our Money,
 ‘ and

‘ and of the vile Combinations of Rioters in many Parts of the Province, to
‘ such Punishment as may be adequate to their heinous Crimes; and unless
‘ You quickly come into the Measures I have now mentioned, I expect this
‘ Province and People will soon become a Scene of wild Distraction and
‘ Confusion, and a Stage for every evil Work.’

J. BELCHER.

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

Monday, December 12. 1748.

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

Tuesday, December 13. 1748.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Kemble* (in Answer to the Message of this House of *Saturday* last) which he read, and delivered to Mr *Speaker*, and then withdrew.

And the said Message was again read, and is as follows.

‘ Mr. *Leonard*, Chairman of the Committee, to whom it was referred to
‘ consider of the Message of the House of Assembly to this House, and an
‘ Answer thereto, reported, that the said Committee, having taken into Con-
‘ sideration the said Message and Address to His Excellency therein mentioned
‘ and referred to, upon Reading the said Address, Mr. *Chief Justice* observed,
‘ That he apprehended it contained Reflections on the Governor and Of-
‘ ficers of the Government in general, whose Duty it was to put the Laws in
‘ Execution, and do Justice upon the Criminals therein mentioned; and that as
‘ he was *Chief Justice* of the Province, and consequently one of those Officers,
‘ he conceived it might reflect on him; that the Committee was well acquaint-
‘ ed with him, no Stranger to his Conduct in these Affairs, and if in any Thing
‘ they could point out that he was blame worthy, he would do his utmost
‘ to repair his Fault: If on the other Hand, they thought him no Ways
‘ blame worthy, that they would in his Justification declare it in such
‘ manner as should be thought proper. And then Mr. *Chief Justice* withdrew.

‘ Then the said Committee taking into Consideration those Parts of the
‘ said Address wherein the Officers of the Government are mentioned, do
‘ find it contains general Reflections, and that as they do not distinguish any
‘ Persons in particular, he had just Reason to apprehend he might be meant
‘ as one of those Officers; whereupon the Committee came to the follow-
‘ ing Resolution:

Resolved,

‘ That this Committee are well acquainted with the Person and Character
‘ of *Chief Justice Morris*, and with his Behaviour, and great and inde-
‘ fatigable Application in order to discover, and bring these Criminals to
‘ Justice; and it is the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that
‘ he

‘ he has done his utmost, and neglected nothing in his Power, proper or
 ‘ rational, to be done for that purpose. And that His Excellency the Go-
 ‘ vernor seems to be of the same Sentiments, as appears by His Excellency’s
 ‘ Speech to both Houses at the beginning of this Session.

‘ Then the *Chief Justice* was called in, and took his Place.

‘ This Committee then farther proceeded in considering the said Message
 ‘ and Address, and the State of this Province, in Relation to the Coiners,
 ‘ Counterfeiters, Traitors, and Rioters, and thereon came to the following
 ‘ Resolutions.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That as most of the Counterfeiters and Coiners, already discovered, are
 ‘ Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, and have many Relations living
 ‘ there; and from the Examinations already taken, there’s Reason to suspect,
 ‘ that the Persons unknown, who have been concerned in that villainous
 ‘ Practice, are many more in Number than the Persons already discovered
 ‘ and known; and being so, it is impossible for the Sheriff to know, but
 ‘ that many of the Jurors he returns for Tryal of those Criminals, are either
 ‘ equally guilty with the Criminals to be tryed, or Relations of those who
 ‘ are so. It is therefore the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that it
 ‘ would tend to defeat Justice to try any of those Criminals in, or by Juries
 ‘ of the County of *Morris*.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That in order to do Justice on those Criminals, an Act of Assembly is
 ‘ necessary to enable his Excellency the Governor to issue Commissions for
 ‘ Trying them in other Counties, where the like Dangers are least to be
 ‘ apprehended.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ For the above Reason, that his Excellency the Governor was in his Duty,
 ‘ in not issuing a Commission to try these and other Criminals in the County
 ‘ of *Morris*; and will be in his Duty, in refusing to issue Commissions for
 ‘ Tryal of any of them in that County.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That as to such few of the Coiners and Counterfeiters as are in the
 ‘ Counties of *Essex*, *Hunterdon* and *Somerset*, it’s the Opinion of this Com-
 ‘ mittee, that while those Counties continue in their present State of rioting
 ‘ and breaking Goals, as has so often been already done, it would be ex-
 ‘ posing his Majesty’s Authority, and the Persons of the Judges and Officers,
 ‘ to great Danger and Contempt, to hold any Court of *Oyer and Terminer*
 ‘ and *General Goal Delivery* in either of those Counties, for Tryal of those
 ‘ and other Criminals, until a sufficient Force be raised to guard and protect
 ‘ His Majesty’s Goals, and the Judges and Officers while they are there in
 ‘ the Execution of such Commissions.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That as there are many Hundreds of Traytors and Rioters in the Coun-
 ‘ ties of *Essex*, *Hunterdon* and *Somerset*, and but very few of these as yet
 ‘ discovered,

' discovered, in comparison with their whole Number ; and as those known
 ' and unknown have numerous Relations in these Counties, it is impossible
 ' for a Sheriff of either of those Counties to know, but that many of the
 ' Jurors he returns for Tryal of these Criminals, are either equally guilty, or
 ' Relations of those who are equally guilty, with the Criminals to be tryed ;
 ' and as the Goals of these Counties have already been so often broke, and
 ' the Traytors and Rioters therein committed, rescued by Mobs of Hundreds
 ' of People at a Time, it's the unanimous Opinion of this Committee, that
 ' no safe or impartial Tryal can be had of any of those Criminals in either
 ' of the said Counties.

' *Resolved,*

' That for the above Reason His Excellency the Governor, was in His
 ' Duty in not issuing any Commission of *Oyer and Terminer and Goal De-*
 ' *livery* to any of the said three Counties, and will continue in His Duty
 ' in refusing to grant such, while those Counties continue in the above Cir-
 ' cumstances.

' *Resolved,*

' In order to do Justice on those Criminals, it's necessary that an Act of
 ' Assembly be passed to enable His Excellency to issue Commissions to other
 ' Counties for the Tryals of those Criminals.

' *Resolved,*

' That as the Rioters had the Insolence to come in Hundreds to the City
 ' of *Pertb-Amboy*, the Capital of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*, tho'
 ' no one Person in that City is known or supposed to be a Countenancer
 ' of them, and traiterously and riotously broke open His Majesty's Prison
 ' there, no Court can reasonably expect to be safe in the Tryal of any of
 ' those Criminals in other Counties, without a sufficient Force to guard them
 ' against the Multitudes that the Traitors and Rioters can bring to Insult
 ' the Courts of Justice, and rescue the Prisoners out of their Custody.

' *Resolved,*

' That it is the incumbent Duty of the Legislature to interpose at this
 ' Time, without further Delay, to give Strength to the Government, by
 ' supplying them with such Sums of Money for raising and maintaining so
 ' many Troops as may be thought necessary on this Occasion, to protect the
 ' Officers of the Government in the Execution of the Laws, and for defray-
 ' ing the extraordinary Charge of bringing those Criminals to, and trying
 ' them in other Counties.

' To which Resolutions this House unanimously agreed.

' This House then proceeded to the further Consideration of the said
 ' Message, Address, and State of the Province, in Relation to the Traitors
 ' and Rioters, whereon, as the Assembly have referred this House to the
 ' said Address, We think it proper to Remark concerning these Matters ;
 ' that We have now considered the many strong and pressing Récom-
 ' mendations of Governor *Morris*, President *Hamilton*, and of His Excel-
 ' lency

lency the present Governor, to the Assembly, to strengthen the Hands of the Government, so as to enable the Officers thereof to put the Laws in Execution, appearing by the Minutes of Assembly of *September 28, 1745; October 18, 1745; March 4, 1745; June 28, 1746; October 10, 1745; May 6, 1747; August 20, 1747; November 18, 1747; and December 3, 1748*: And to the first of those Recommendations, the Assembly, by their Minute of *October 3, 1745*, answered; That as far as they knew, the Laws then in Force were sufficient for the Punishment of those that are guilty of the Breach of them: And when any Deficiency in the Laws was pointed out to them, for bringing to condign Punishment any of the Offenders mentioned, it should always have its due weight with that House. We shall pass over the other Answers of the Assembly to the other Recommendations, for Brevity, and only observe, that on the Recommendations of *August and November 1747*, Committees of the Council and Assembly, on the 15th of *January 1747*, declared themselves unanimously of Opinion, that it would be necessary that the Legislature should interpose, to restore the Peace of the Province, and give Force to the Laws of the Country, which they declared had been most notoriously violated; for which Purpose they were of Opinion, that effectual Measures should be taken by the Legislature to strengthen the Hands of His Majesty's Government, so as to enable them to carry the Laws of the Land into Execution, that His Majesty's Subjects might again enjoy the Benefit and Protection of them, and that a proper Act or Acts should be prepared and passed for preventing the like intestine Troubles for the Time to come. And the Committees further agreed, that the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly should propose it to their House, to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills for those Purposes. Which joint and unanimous Opinion of the the said Committees was reported and agreed to by both Houses; as by their Minutes of *January 19, 1747*, appears.

That a Committee of the House of Assembly, on the 23d of *January, 1747*, amongst other Things, reported and declared it as their Opinion, That Provision should be from Time to Time made, as Occasion might require, for defraying the necessary Expences that might arise by the legal Calling the Forces of this Colony together, for the repelling and suppressing Invasions, Insurrections, and Rebellions, or upon any necessary Occasion whatsoever. Which Report was agreed to, as by the Minute of the Assembly of that Day appears.

And We must observe, that by an Act of the whole Legislature, pass'd that Session, its declared, that within three Years then last past, many and great Riots and Disorders had been committed within this Colony by Multitudes of People, on pretence that they laboured under Grievances, and that the several Branches of the Legislature, then met and assembled together, heartily disposed to enquire into the said Grievances and Oppressions, and to give Relief therein as far as in them lay; upon mature Deliberation did not find, but that the Matters complained of were remediable in His Majesty's Courts of Justice of Law and Equity, which were open to all, and to which the Complainers might have had Recourse. And by the same Act was declared the said Agreement of the Council and Assembly, that

‘ that effectual Measures should be taken to strenghtien the Hands of His
 ‘ Majesty’s Government, so as to enable them to carry the Laws of the
 ‘ Land into Execution, that His Majesty’s Subjects might again enjoy
 ‘ the Benefit and Protection of them; as by that Act amongst other Things
 ‘ appears.

‘ And We do further observe, that on the 17th Day of *February*, 1747.
 ‘ His Excellency the Governor passed His Majesty’s most gracious Pardon;
 ‘ entitled, *An Act to pardon the Persons guilty of the Insurrections, Riots;*
 ‘ *and Disorders raised and committed in this Province;* which was thank-
 ‘ fully accepted by both Houses of the Council and Assembly: By which all
 ‘ those Criminals were Pardoned, upon Condition, that those who had been
 ‘ Indicted, Recorded, and Prosecuted, should within six Months take the
 ‘ Oaths to the Government prescribed by the Laws of this Province, and
 ‘ give their own single Bonds severally, in the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*,
 ‘ to keep the Peace for Three Years, restore the Possessions they had forcibly
 ‘ taken, and pay the Fees of their Prosecutions; and as to such as stood
 ‘ indicted, or might be indicted of *High Treason*, a Stay of Prosecution was
 ‘ granted, until His Majesty’s Pleasure should be known, upon their com-
 ‘ plying with the Terms before.

‘ We must observe, that by the Depositions and other Evidences that have
 ‘ been before this House, and were sent to the House of Assembly before
 ‘ the said Address, no more than Twenty-three Persons, of the many Hun-
 ‘ dreds that stood in need of the said Pardon, had accepted of the Benefit
 ‘ thereof; and that no more than nine of those Twenty-three appear-
 ‘ ed to have complied with all the Terms thereof. By those Evi-
 ‘ dences it appears, that the Rioters, during the said six Months and
 ‘ since, continued by Force and Arms to plunder particular Men’s Estates
 ‘ as before; and were assiduous during that Time, and since, to gain
 ‘ People over to their Combinations, and to levy Monies. That by
 ‘ those Evidences the Plunder they have made of particular Men’s Estates
 ‘ is of very great Value; and from those Evidences, and other good In-
 ‘ formations, We have Reason to believe, of far more value than would
 ‘ have been sufficient to have raised One Thousand regular Forces, and
 ‘ maintain’d them for a Year; whereas half that Number for six Months
 ‘ is now more than sufficient to give the Laws their full Force; and the
 ‘ fourth Part of that would have been sufficient a Year ago, and the tenth
 ‘ Part of it sufficient three Years ago. No one of the many Possessions
 ‘ which the Rioters have forcibly taken and detained, appears to have been
 ‘ restored.

‘ By these Evidences appears some of the many Artifices they use to bring
 ‘ and keep People into their Combinations, such as the Threats of pulling
 ‘ down their Houses if they enter not with them, and Fears of Death if
 ‘ they Desert, and by cajolling others with the Merit of defending their
 ‘ Country by joining with them.

‘ By these Evidences, and the Evidences that were before this House and
 ‘ the Assembly at last Sessions, it appears, there have been above Twenty
 ‘ Riots

Riots, traitorous and unlawful Assemblies within three Years last
 past; and yet the Weakness of the Government has been, and is such,
 as not to be able to hold any one of those Criminals in Goal any longer
 than those combined with them think proper. The chief Ringleader
Amos Roberts, while this Assembly is sitting, at only Twenty Miles
 distance from this Place, being committed on Procces of Treason in the
 Morning of the Twenty-eighth of *November* last, at Sun-set of the same
 Day the Goal was broke open and he rescued. By these Evidences it ap-
 pears, that the very next Day he rid openly at Noon-day, with several of
 his Accomplices, from *Newark* to the Widow *Hampton's* at *Raway*, with-
 in nine Miles of this Place where the Legislature is sitting, and there met
 with several others of the Rioters and Traitors, who came upon a prior
 Appointment from the different Parts of this Province, and that their Bu-
 siness was the entering into new Combinations for their mutual Defence and
 raising Money, dividing into Wards, and appointing Officers for those Pur-
 poses. By these Evidences it appears, that they have Captains over the
 particular Rioters in particular Places of this Province, and that the said
Amos Roberts is the Chief of all.

It was well known to the House of Assembly, from the Depositions
 and Papers laid before them at the last Sessions, that many Hundreds
 were concerned in the Treasons and Riots committed in this Province;
 and by the Papers which were before them at the Time of making their
 said Address, it plainly appears, that only Twenty-three, of those many
 Hundreds, had taken the Benefit of the Lenity of the Government, which
 leaves us at a Loss what to think of that Expression in their Address,
That some of them have slighted the Lenity of the Government; thereby
 insinuating, that only a few continue in their wonted *Obstiniacy in opposing
 the Laws*; when the Contrary appears by the said Evidences before them,
 and was and is notoriously known throughout this Province.

We are equally at a Loss to know, what they mean, when they say,
*It's with the greatest Concern, that they think what may be the Conse-
 quences of this audacious Madness*, when the Consequences are so obvious
 to every Man, and when they have been so often laid before them, as by
 the nine several Recommendations to them of that Matter, herein before
 pointed out, appears.

It is with the greatest Grief and Concern, that We observe, that the
 House of Assembly have by their said Address, now come to doubt whe-
 ther the present Laws be not of themselves sufficient, and that after their
 so strong Resolutions and Declarations, of last Sessions, herein before
 mentioned, and no one Thing to this Day done to strengthen the Hands
 of the Government, pursuant to these Resolutions and Declarations; nor
 one Penny of Money put into the Treasury for that Purpose. We are
 grieved to say, what's so obvious to every one, as they can scarcely avoid
 seeing it, by comparing this Doubt of the Assembly with their Answer of
October 3, 1745, to the first Recommendation of this Matter to them,
 that after three Years Recommendations of this Matter, many Promises,
 Resolutions, and Declarations, by Votes and by Acts, to put an End to
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these Disturbances, the Assembly have got just to where they were at the Beginning in *October* 3, 1745, *viz.* to doubt whether the Laws alone without their Aid be not sufficient.

We shall be as far as the Assembly from forbidding the Courts of Justice and the Officers thereof from issuing the due Process of Law against every Offender, its their Duty to do it, and neither of the Houses have any Right whatsoever to forbid them; but yet it seems obvious to us, that every Execution of Process, without strengthening the Hands of the Government, so as to protect the Goals, and every Rescue from thence; brings His Majesty's Name, Authority, and Laws more and more into Contempt, and increases the Number and Guilt of the Delinquents; and what the Consequences of that will be, are obvious: The only good End that we know of that it can serve is, to shew that the Officers of the Government have done their Duty, and that the not bringing those Criminals to Justice is not their Faults.

The Law to enable the Legislature to settle the Quota's of each County, might have been had last Session at *Burlington*, and may still this Session be had; for no Difference on that Head was or is between the two Houses but upon one of His Majesty's Royal Instructions to His Excellency to this Purpose, *viz.* *That he shall not give his Assent to any Act which lays any Tax upon unprofitable Lands.* The Quota Bill, as sent up to this House, did, in the Opinion thereof, break in upon that Instruction (tho' both Houses were previously furnished by His Excellency with a Copy of it) the Words in the Bill as it came up, were nearly these, *All profitable Tracts of Land held by Patent Deed or Survey whereon any Improvement is made,* were to be taxed. This House conceived those Words gave room to break in upon the said Instruction, by giving too great a Latitude to the Assessors; for there are few Tracts but what contain some unprofitable Lands, and, if any, it was contrary to that Instruction to tax them. The Bill was sent down to the Assembly amended so as they conceived would be agreeable to the said Instruction: The House of Assembly rejected the Amendment, and this House sent the Bill back to them with an Adherence to the Amendment, and it lies at the Door of the Assembly to demand a Conference on that Head; and We declare it as Our Opinion, that the Bill ought to be as yet passed this Session, with or without a Conference, upon the Assembly's agreeing in any Manner to make it conformable to the said Instruction; for in this Time of Danger, and when supplying the Treasury is so necessary, We think, in any thing that may tend to that End, that Ceremonies are not to be insisted on; We declare Our selves also ready to agree to shorter Times for having the Quota's returned than in that Bill are mentioned, seeing that Bill, were it passed, cannot enable the Legislature by any other Act, to bring any Money into the Treasury in less than a Year to come; and no Money is now in the Treasury, either for the usual Charges of Government, or for the extraordinary Necessities thereof at this Time, when its so much wanted.

We cannot but observe, that there's an absolute Necessity at this Time, of supplying the Treasury for the above extraordinary Charges of Govern-
ment

' ment at any possible Rate ; and We make no Doubt that there are many
' Way of doing it forthwith, without the Aid of that Bill ; such as a short
' Act, empowering the Treasurers to borrow Money at lawful Interest on
' their Notes, and upon that Act ; and We doubt not, but that any Sum
' needful could in a few Weeks by that Means be raised.

' We have some Reason to guess at the Sentiments of the Assembly on
' both the Subject Matters proposed to them by this House, which they say,
' in their Message before Us, *They had signified in their Address to His*
' *Excellency* ; but as that was to His Excellency, and not to this House,
' and is not peremptory, whether the Assembly will or will not confer
' with this House on the Subject Matters proposed, this House conceives
' itself intitled to, and therefore insist on a Categorical answer from the Af-
' sembly on these Points.

' Upon the whole, this House is clearly of Opinion, that it is the indif-
' fensible Duty of both Houses at this Time, heartily to joyn with his Ex-
' cellency in the most effectual means to put a stop to these growing Evils,
' that so evidently tend to the utter Subversion of our happy Constitution,
' and to the throwing off the Dependance of this Colony on the Crown of
' *Great-Britain* ; and that, should the present Session Rise, without effecting
' a purpose so absolutely necessary, it will evidently be attended with such
' Consequences as may render the thing Impracticable by this Legislature
' for the future.'

Ordered,

That said Message have a second reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Johnston*, acquainting the House, that
the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex* to build a
Work-House, &c. passed the Council the 9th. Instant.

Also, that the Bill for Naturalizing *Hendrick Goeglets*, passed the Council
the same Day.

And also, that the Council have made an Amendment to the Bill *for the*
better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who
abscond themselves, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House,
and he delivered the Bill and Amendment to Mr. *Speaker*, and then with-
drew.

And the said Amendment was read in its Place and agreed to by the
House.

Ordered,

That the same be Engrossed in its Place in the Bill.

The House adjourn'd till Two P. M.

The House met.

The Bill aforesaid being Re-Engrossed in that Part where the Amend-
ment

ment was made, with the Amendment in its Place, was compared, and on the Question.

Resolved, nemine Contradicente,
That the Bill as now Engrossed do pass.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Hopkins* wait on the Council with the same, also,

Ordered,
That they acquaint the Council, that this House desire an answer to their Messages with respect to the Bills sent from this House, which yet remain under the Council's Consideration.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Hopkins* and himself performed the said Orders.

See N.º 29. Mr. *Speaker* informed the House, that Mr. *Kearny* and himself had made
105. some Progress in collecting the Laws now in Force in this Colony into one Body, and examining the same, &c. pursuant to the Order of this House at their last Session at *Burlington*, and that they desire some further Directions and Instructions from the House in order to compleat the said Work.

The House having taken the same into Consideration.

- Ordered,*
1. That exact Copies of all the Laws in Force in this Colony from the time of the Surrender of the Government thereof, be collated in one Volume.
 2. That each Act be carefully examined and corrected by the Original in the Secretary's Office.
 3. 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 what are disallowed of by the Crown.
 4. That a Table be composed, wherein the Titles of all the publick Acts passed within the said Series of Time shall be incerted 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 incerted in their proper Order.
 5. That all the publick Acts now in Force be distributed into Chapters; each Act a Chapter, and each Chapter shall be Subdivided in Sections and numbered.

6. That the Substance of each Section be abstracted and a Marginal Note made thereof.

7. 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.

8. That a compleat 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 Laws.

9. That a compleat Copy of the whole work be prepared and made ready for the Press, and laid before the General Assembly for their Revival and Approbation, as soon as Conveniently may be.

10. That a Collection be made of the Acts passed in the Time of the Proprietors Government, both in the Eastern and Western Division, and that they be laid before the General Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Speaker* and Mr. *Kearny* do carry on the said Work, according to the foregoing Directions, and that they have free Access to the Original Laws and other publick Records of this Colony for that purpose.

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

Wednesday, December 14. 1748.

The House met, and adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Leonard* brought from the Council the Bill to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony, for the Tryal of small Causes, with some Amendments.

And the said Amendments were read in their Places, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That such parts of the Bill where the Amendments come in, be Re-Engrossed with the Amendments in their Places.

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

Thursday, December 15, 1748.

The House met.

The Bill abovesaid being re-engrossed in such Parts where the Amendments

ments were made, with the Amendments in their Places, was compared, and on the Question,

Resolved,

That the same, as now Engrossed, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Low* and Mr. *Brick* wait on the Council with the said Bill, and inform them thereof.

Mr. *Low* reported, that Mr. *Brick* and himself, delivered the Bill and Message to Mr. *Johnston*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Council's Message of *Tuesday* last by Mr. *Kemble*, was read a second Time, and the House having considered the same, came to the following Resolutions,

Resolved,

That the said Message contains divers Insinuations, grounded on Suggestions only, reflecting injuriously on the Sentiments and Proceedings of this House,

Resolved,

That the Council's assuming a Power therein, of directing the Methods of raising of Money in this Colony, is a manifest Infringment on the Rights and Privileges of this House.

Resolved,

That this House have a right to enjoy their own Sentiments in all Matters and Things that shall come before them, without being accountable to, or centured by the Council for the same.

Resolved,

That to sit here, after the Session is near rising, to maintain a Controversy with the Council, would be very Expensive to the Colony, and that therefore the House will not, at this Time, give any other Answer to the said Message.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hancock* wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the House not having received any Answer with respect to the Bill *for the Support of the Government*, which yet remains under the Council's Consideration, desire to be informed, what they have done therein, seeing this House sit at a great Expence to the Publick, and have now nothing else before them.

The House adjourn'd to Two P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Fisher* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself, perform'd the above Order. A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Morris*, which he read, and then delivered to Mr. *Speaker*.

And the said Message was again read, and is, as follows,

‘ In Answer to the Message of the House of Assembly of this Day,
 ‘ wherein they say, they have now nothing else before them but the
 ‘ Bill therein mentioned.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Morris* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that this House
 ‘ do say, that there has been laid before them the Affidavits and Evidences
 ‘ that shew a traiterous Conspiracy within this Province against His Majesty’s
 ‘ Crown and Dignity; that they have Proofs before them, that Numbers of
 ‘ Men, who stand indicted and accused of *High Treason*, in levying War
 ‘ against Our Sovereign Lord the KING, do now at this Time go publickly
 ‘ about the Province, in open Contempt of the Royal Authority, exciting
 ‘ His Majesty’s Subjects to Rebellion and Treason: That there has been laid
 ‘ before them Proofs, that all the many Endeavours of the Government to
 ‘ put an End to the traiterous Practices of these bold and daring People have
 ‘ proved ineffectual; and they have now before them two several Messages
 ‘ from this House, demanding a Conference with them upon these important
 ‘ Subjects; That they have also before them a Message from this House de-
 ‘ manding a Conference on the Subject Matter of the Counterfeiters and Coiners
 ‘ within this Province; to neither of which has this House received any
 ‘ positive Answer.

‘ If these Things are nothing in the Eyes of the Assembly, We are sorry
 ‘ for it; but We declare, that We think them of such Importance to the
 ‘ Peace and Safety of the Province, and to Our just Dependance on the
 ‘ Crown of *Britain*, that We cannot, consistent with the Oaths We have
 ‘ taken, to bear Faith and true Allegiance to His Majesty King *GEORGE*
 ‘ the *Second*, and him to defend to the utmost of Our Power, against all
 ‘ traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made
 ‘ against his Person, Crown, or Dignity, and to do Our utmost Endeavours
 ‘ to disclose and make known to His Majesty all Treasons and traiterous Con-
 ‘ spiracies, which We know to be against him; We say, We cannot, con-
 ‘ sistent with Our said Oaths, Our Duty to His Majesty, and Trust reposed
 ‘ in Us, pass these Matters over in silence, or suffer Our selves to be divert-
 ‘ ed from doing every thing in Our Power without Delay for putting an
 ‘ End to these unhappy Disturbances and Villanies: And this House do
 ‘ therefore again insist on categorical Answers to the said Messages of this
 ‘ House on the Subject Matters aforesaid.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van Middleworth* and Mr. *Leaming* do wait on the Council,
 and acquaint them, that the House have read and considered their Message of
 this Afternoon by Mr. *Morris*; and in answer thereto do send them a Copy of
 the Resolutions which this House had come into this Morning before the Mes-
 sage sent the Council mentioned in theirs; and that this House look upon them-
 selves

elves as loyal Subjects to KING GEORGE the *Second*, as any of the Council, notwithstanding their Sentiments remain the same as they were, when they came to these Resolutions; and that the Council need expect no other Answer at this Time from this House.

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

Friday, December 16. 1748.

The House met.

Mr. *Van Middlefworth* reported, that Mr. *Leaming* and himself delivered the above Message to Mr. *Leonard*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Lawrence* and Mr. *Hancock* do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the House being tir'd out with the Tedioufness of this Session, and having nothing before them, except the *Support Bill*, which was sent to the Council the Fifth of this Instant, and which they have often enquired after, and can have no Account of; and being very desirous they may rise, the Season of the Year being difficult, and uncomfortable, do pray His Excellency would be pleas'd to give them some reasonablc Recess.

Mr. *Lawrence* reported, that Mr. *Hancock* and himself had waited on the Governor with the Message of the House; and that His Excellency was pleas'd to say, that he would make all the Dispatch he could.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hude*, acquainting the House, that the *Bill for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New-Jersey*, pass'd the Council this Day.

A Message from the Council, which was read, and is as follows,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hude* do acquaint the House of Assembly, that this House having particularly considered the Resolves of the House of Assembly of the 15th Instant, in Answer thereto, this House unanimously came to the following Resolutions,

Resolved,

That this House is of Opinion, that the Message in the said Resolves mentioned, contains no Insinuations on Suggestions only; and that clear Proofs have appeared before that and this House of all the Matters therein suggest'd; but yet, if the House of Assembly will point out any thing therein that We cannot support with those Proofs, We shall be ready thereon to make all the Satisfaction to that House which the Nature of the Thing requires.

Resolved,

That this House have not in their said Message, assum'd the Power of direct-

‘ directing the Methods of raising of Money, nor infringed on any Rights
 ‘ or Priviledges of the House of Assembly.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That it's the Right of this House to advise and propose as to the Me-
 ‘ thods of raising and disposing of Money, and to agree or disagree to any
 ‘ Methods that the House of Assembly shall resolve on for that Purpose.

Resolved,

‘ That this House have no Ways called in Question the Right of the
 ‘ House of Assembly, to enjoy their own Sentiments, nor have this Houe
 ‘ claimed a Right to call them to an Account for the same.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That this House have a Right to declare their Sentiments, when they
 ‘ conceive it proper and necessary, upon any Proceedings of the House of
 ‘ Assembly; and more especially, when We conceive the Constitution and
 ‘ Dependance of this Province on the Crown of *Britain* are in Danger.’

Mr. *Secretary* had from this House Eleven Papers relating to the Rioters,
 which had been laid before the House this Session.

A Message from His Excellency by the D. Clerk of the Council.

‘ Mr. *Speaker,*

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

Mr. *Speaker* left the Chair, and with the House waited upon His Ex-
 cellency, who was pleased to give his Assent to six Bills, enacting the same,
 entitled as follows,

1. *An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of
 New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the Tenth Day of August,
 One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight, and to end the Tenth
 Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Nine;
 and to discharge the publiick Debts and the Arrearages and contin-
 gent Charges thereof.*
2. *An Act to creēt and establish Courts in the severall Counties of this Co-
 lony for the Tryal of small Causes.*
3. *An Act for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their just Debts
 from Persons, who abscond themselves.*
4. *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex to build
 a Work-House and House of Correction within the said County, and
 to make Rules and Orders for the Government of the same.*

5. *An Act for the more effectual preventing of Lotteries, Playing of Cards and Dice, and other Gaming for lucre of Gain; and to restrain the Abuses of Horse-Racing within this Colony for the future.*
6. *An Act for Naturalizing Hendrick Goeglets.*

And then His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the Sixteenth Day of *February* next.



BY Virtue of an Order of the House, I do appoint *William Bradford* of *Philadelphia*, to print these Votes.

SAMUEL NEVILL, *Speaker.*



