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AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF
OCTOBER, SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN, AND
CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENTS.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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

<p><i>Bergen,</i> <i>Essex,</i> <i>Middlesex,</i> <i>Monmouth,</i> <i>Somerset,</i> <i>Burlington,</i> <i>Gloucester,</i> <i>Salem,</i> <i>Cape-May,</i> <i>Hunterdon,</i> <i>Morris,</i> <i>Cumberland,</i> <i>Suffex,</i></p>	<p>The Honorable</p>	<p>John Outwater, John Condit, Ephraim Martin, Elisba Walton, James Linn, <i>v. p.</i> George Anderson, Joseph Cooper, William Parret, Permenus Corson, John Lambert, Abraham Kitchel, Samuel Ogden, Charles Beardflee,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

<p><i>Bergen,</i></p>	<p>{ Peter Ward, Thomas Blanch, Robert Campbell,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
<p><i>Essex,</i></p>	<p>{ Jonas Wade, William S. Pennington, Recompence Stansbury,</p>	
<p><i>Middlesex,</i></p>	<p>{ James Morgan, Gershom Dunn, Andrew Kirkpatrick,</p>	
<p><i>Monmouth,</i></p>	<p>{ Joseph Stillwell, Robert Montgomery, William Lloyd,</p>	
<p><i>Somerset,</i></p>	<p>{ Henry Southard, James VanDuyne, John Stryker,</p>	
<p><i>Burlington,</i></p>	<p>{ William Coxe, jun. Thomas Newbold, Job Lippincott, William Stockton,</p>	
<p><i>Gloucester,</i></p>	<p>{ Abel Clement, Samuel French, Daniel Leeds,</p>	
<p><i>Salem,</i></p>	<p>{ William Wallace, Clement Hall, Artis Seagrave,</p>	
<p><i>Cape-May,</i></p>	<p>{ Persons Leaming,</p>	
<p><i>Hunterdon,</i></p>	<p>{ Benjamin Vancleve, Simon Wyckoff, Stephen Burrowes, Samuel R. Stewart,</p>	
<p><i>Morris,</i></p>	<p>{ Silas Condict, <i>Speaker,</i> David Welsh, Aaron Kitchel,</p>	
<p><i>Cumberland,</i></p>	<p>{ David Moore, James Harris,</p>	
<p><i>Suffex,</i></p>	<p>{ Peter Sharps, Peter Smith, Thomas Armstrong, John Gustin,</p>	

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TRENTON, Tuesday, October 24, 1797.

THIS being the time and place appointed by law for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons attended, to wit. Peter Ward and Thomas Blanch, as two of the representatives for the county of Bergen ; William S. Pennington and Recompence Stansbury, as two of the representatives for the county of Essex ; Andrew Kirkpatrick and Gerihom Dunn, as two of the representatives for the county of Middlesex ; Henry Southard, James VanDuyn and John Stryker, as representatives for the county of Somersét ; Robert Montgomery and William Lloyd, as two of the representatives for the county of Monmouth ; William Coxe, jun. Thomas Newbold, William Stockton and Job Lippincott, as representatives for the county of Burlington ; Abel Clement, Samuel French and Daniel Leeds, as representatives for the county of Gloucester ; Clement Hall and Artis Seagrave, as two of the representatives for the county of Salem ; Benjamin Vancleve, Stephen Burrowes and Samuel R. Stewart, as three of the representatives for the county of Hunterdon ; Aaron Kitchel, Silas Condict and David Welth, as representatives for the county of Morris ; David Moore and James Harris, as representatives for the county of Cumberland, and Peter Sharps, as one of the representatives for the county of Suffex, appeared and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed.

Benjamin Vancleve was appointed, agreeably to the constitution, to qualify Silas Condict, who being duly sworn, took his seat, and the remaining persons

returned as representatives, being qualified by the said Silas Condict, took their seats in the house.

The members proceeded to the appointment of a speaker, when Silas Condict was chosen and took the chair.

The house proceeded to the election of a clerk, when Maskell Ewing was chosen.

Maskell Ewing attended, and having taken the oath of allegiance and an oath for the faithful discharge of his office, he took his seat in the house.

Ordered, That Mr. Ward do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that a sufficient number of members of this house have this day met, elected the honorable Silas Condict their speaker, and have proceeded to business.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that a sufficient number of members of Council have met, elected the honorable James Linn vice-president, and have proceeded to business.

Ordered, That Mr. Southard, Kitchel and Vancleve, be a committee to bring forward a draught of rules and regulations for the better government of the house.

Resolved, That David Wrighter be door-keeper to this house during the present session.

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart have leave of absence until Tuesday next.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Wednesday, October 25, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed to bring forward rules and regulations for the government of the house, reported a draught of rules and regulations, which were read, considered by paragraphs and agreed to.

Simon Wyckoff, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Hunterdon, Peter Smith, Thomas Armstrong and John Gustin, returned as three of the representatives for the county of Suffex, appeared and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, they took their seats, and having rendered excuses for their non-attendance until this time, the same were deemed satisfactory.

Ordered, That Messrs. Clement, Smith and Pennington, be a committee to examine the minutes of the last sitting and to report the business that was referred or remains unfinished.

Ordered, That Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Coxe and Vancleve, be a committee to examine and correct the minutes of the house.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the house, that Messrs. Kitchel and Ogden are appointed a committee on the part of Council to join a committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of examining the several bills compiled by William Paterfon, esquire, and laid before Council, and to report their opinion which of the said bills require the immediate attention of the Legislature, and the distribution of the said bills between the respective houses, and requesting this house to appoint a committee to join the committee of Council for that purpose; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Coxe, Kirkpatrick and Burrowes, be a committee to join the committee of Council for that purpose, and that Mr. Southard do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Ward, Pennington, Dunn, Lloyd, Southard, Stockton, Clement, Hall, Wyckoff, Kitchel, Harris and Smith, be a committee to settle the quotas of the several counties agreeably to law.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Ordered, That Mr. Armstrong wait on the Council, and inform them that this house are ready to go into a joint-meeting to appoint a governor and other state officers, and request the Council to appoint the time and place of meeting.

Mr. Clement, from the committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a list of unfinished business, as follows :

1. An act for appointing commissioners to make sale of property belonging to this state in the stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures, referred.

2. An act to suspend the operation of an act, intitled, " An act for laying out, opening and improving certain roads in the counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Burlington, in this state, so far as respects the roads from Roads-Town and Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, to Woodbury, in the county of Gloucester," ordered a second reading.

3. An act to repeal an act, intitled, " An act concerning the College of New-Jersey," ordered a second reading.

4. A supplement to an act, intitled, " An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," ordered a second reading.

5. An act granting a further sum of money to commissioners therein named, ordered a second reading.

6. A supplementary act to the act, intitled, " An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Rancocus Creek," ordered a second reading.

7. An act to constitute and appoint commissioners to sell and convey certain lands held in trust for the Indian Natives at Brotherton, in Evesham township, in the county of Burlington, and to appropriate the monies thence arising for the benefit of the said Indians, ordered a second reading.

8. An act for procuring an accurate map of the state, ordered a second reading.

9. An act for establishing of schools.

10. A supplement to the act, intitled, " An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river Passaick and its several branches, between the Little-Falls and the mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said Falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said lands, and to raise money for that purpose," ordered a second reading.

11. An act to repeal part of the act, intitled, " An for laying out, opening and improving certain roads in the counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Burlington, in this state," referred.

12. The report of Mr. Biddle of the 9th of March, ordered a second reading.

13. The report of Mr. Dayton on Jerie Anderson's application for half-pay, of the 15th of February, ordered a second reading.

14. The report of the attorney-general of March 4th, ordered a second reading.

15. The report of Mr. Dayton on the petition of William Rebeck, ordered a second reading.

16. The report of Mr. Dayton on Rachel Stiver's application for half-pay, of the 25th February last, ordered a second reading.

17. A petition from Monmouth respecting the bridge at Van Mater's mill, ordered a second reading.

18. An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the New-Town-Dock, of Newark, in Essex county, referred to the 3d Wednesday of this sitting.

19. A petition from Abraham Duryee, referred to this sitting.

20. An act for improving the navigation of Alloways-Creek, in the county of Salem, referred to this sitting.

21. An act for building bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack, at or near the several places on said rivers where the ferries in the route between Newark and New-York were formerly kept, referred to the 2d Tuesday of this sitting.

22. The petition of Keziah Hunt, with several vouchers accompanying the same.

23. The petitions from Somerset for commissioners to be appointed to determine where the court-house shall be built, with the petitions in opposition thereto, referred to this sitting.

24. An act for making further compensation to constables for services in certain cases, was engrossed the last day of the sitting, but want of a house to proceed to the 3d reading, nothing further was done.

25. A petition from the directors of Second-River-Bridge, with Mr. Ward's report thereon of the 24th February, ordered a second reading.

26. An act respecting slaves, was referred to this sitting.

27. A petition from the inhabitants of the township of Newton, praying for a further division of said township, referred to the second Friday of this sitting.

28. The bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount, as reported by the committee to whom it was referred, referred to this sitting.

29. A petition from the inhabitants of the township of Great-Egg-Harbour, praying for a division of said township.

30. An act to prevent clerks of courts to appear as attornies or counsellors in the courts of which they are clerks, ordered a second reading.

By order of the committee,

ABEL CLEMENT.

Which report was read ; whereupon,

The papers referred to in the said report, marked No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 19, were severally read and ordered a second reading.

No. 8 was read and dismissed.

Joseph Stillwell, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Monmouth, appeared in the house and produced the certificate of his election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, he took his seat in the house.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Thursday, October 26, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell assigned reasons for his non-attendance, which were deemed satisfactory.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Vancleve, Welsh, Smith, Lippincott and Hall, be a committee to join the committee of Council to settle the treasurer's accounts, and that Mr. Blanch do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. Moore, Seagrave and Stanbury, be a committee to join a committee of Council for the purpose of counting and destroying the Loan-Office Money in the treasury, and that Mr. Burrowes do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of the house for that purpose.

Sundry petitions from persons confined for debt, in different gaols of this state, were read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of unfinished business;

The paper marked No. 23, was read and ordered a second reading.

The papers marked No. 24 and 25, were read and ordered a second reading.

The paper marked No. 26, was read and ordered a second reading on Thursday the second of November next, when the house will resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the said bill.

Ordered, That the printer be directed to strike off one hundred copies thereof for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Mr. Lambert and Mr. Parret, or either of them, a committee, on the part of Council, to join the committee of this house, for the purpose of examining and burning the cancelled money; and that Mr. Condit and Mr. Anderson, or either of them, are appointed a committee on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the treasurer.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer, which was read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Wyckoff and Dunn to report thereon.

Mr. Coxe, from the joint-committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to examine the bills compiled by Mr. Paterson, reported,

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

C O U N C I L.

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

6. An act enabling the grantees of reversions and leases, mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions.

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

A S S E M B L Y.

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

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

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

4. An act for the preservation of oysters.

5. An act respecting bridges.

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

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

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

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,
WILLIAM COXE, jun.

Which report was read and agreed to ; whereupon ;

The bill, intituled, " An act to ascertain the times and places of holding the courts of common-pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," was read and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Kirkpatrick and Stockton.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Clement do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

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

The bill, intituled, " An act respecting bridges," was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, from Council, informed the house that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting for the purposes of appointing a governor and other state officers, on Monday afternoon, in the assembly-room, at four o'clock.

The bill, intituled, " An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of the state," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Friday, October 27, 1797.

The house met.

William Wallace, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Salem, and James Morgan, as one of the representatives for the county of Middlesex, appeared and produced the certificates of their elections, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, they took their seats in the house, and having rendered excuses for their non-attendance until this time, the same were deemed satisfactory.

Ordered, That Messrs. Ward, VanDuyn and French, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council for the purpose of selecting from the bills laid before the Legislature by Mr. Paterfon, such bills as it may be necessary to have printed for the consideration of the members, and that Mr. Coxe do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. Clement, Coxe and Southard, be a committee to present a bill to carry into effect the law for the punishment of crimes.

Ordered, That Messrs. Kitchel, Kirkpatrick and Newbold, or any two of them, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council for settling the accounts of Jonathan Doan, who was appointed to superintend the building of the penitentiary house, and to report what further sum it will probably take to complete the same, and that Mr. Dunn do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Vancleve, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," which was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, respecting the road from Mount-Holly to Monmouth court-house, was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissary notes and inland bills of exchange," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parret, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Walton, or either of them, a committee, on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of reporting such of the laws compiled by Mr. Paterfon, as would be proper to be printed for the use of the members, and that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Con-

dit, or either of them, are appointed a committee, on the part of Council, to join the committee of this house for settling the accounts of Jonathan Doan, and to report what further sum it will probably require for completing the penitentiary house.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

A petition from Abraham Duryee, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Armstrong and Lloyd.

A petition from William Wallace, a mulatto man, who was a slave to Daniel VanMater, whose estate was forfeited to and vested in this state, praying a law granting him his freedom, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the house that the resolution of the 25th inst. respecting the appointment of Gerhom Craft as engrossing clerk during this session of the Legislature, is concurred in by Council.

The paper marked No. 15, in the report of unfinished business, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," reported the same, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The paper in the report of unfinished business marked No. 17, was read and dismissed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount ;"

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning promissary notes and inland bills of exchange," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Saturday, October 28, 1797.

The house met.

Robert Campbell, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Bergen, and Persons Leaming, returned as a representative for the county of Cape-May, appeared and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly qualified by the speaker, they took their seats, and having rendered to the house excuses for their non-attendance before this time, the same were deemed satisfactory.

On motion, to agree to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the speaker of the House of Assembly request judge Pateron to draught and transmit to the Legislature, as soon as may be, bills on the following subjects : One to regulate the practice in the court of chancery ; another—the practice in the courts of common law ; one other—the practice in the orphan's-court ; also regulating the fees to be taxed on the proceedings in the above courts.

The said resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter respecting the old State Money, reported,

THAT it appears to your committee, there remains in the hands of the treasurer the sum of three thousand six hundred and thirty-two pounds, one shilling and ten-pence of the emissions of the ninth June, 1780, and January 9, 1781—Your committee therefore report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee appointed to count and burn the new Loan-Office Money in the hands of the treasurer, are hereby authorized and required to count and burn the sum of three thousand six hundred and thirty-two pounds one shilling and ten-pence of the old State Money.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. French do carry the resolution therein contained to the Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned for one hour.

The house met.

The petition from William Wallace, a mulatto man, a slave to Daniel Van-Mater, whose estate was forfeited to and vested in the state of New-Jersey, praying a law granting him his freedom, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Montgomery and Gustin.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, October 30, 1797.

The house met.

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

THAT, in their opinion, the five following are necessary to have printed—
viz.

1. A bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings."
2. A bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of this state."
3. A bill, intituled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes."
4. A bill, intituled, "An act making provision for working and repairing the highways."
5. A bill, intituled, "An act granting relief in certain cases against collusive judgments and wrongful alienations of land."

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,
PETER WARD.

To which the house agreed.

The resolution moved on Saturday, requesting the speaker to write to judge Paterfon, was taken into consideration and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Gustin do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Ordered, That Messrs. Morgan, Harris and Campbell, be a committee to prepare and present a bill to defray incidental charges.

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, informed the house that the resolution authorizing the committee appointed to count and burn the Loan-Office Money in the treasury, also to count and burn the old State Money, &c. is concurred in by Council.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," was read and compared ;

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

	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Messrs. Armstrong,	Hall,	Morgan,	Stillwell,	Mr. Harris.	
Blanch,	Kirkpatrick,	Newbold,	Stockton,		
Burrowes,	Kitchel,	Pennington,	Vancleve,		
Campbell,	Leaming,	Seagrave,	VanDuyn,		
Clement,	Leeds,	Sharps,	Wallace,		
Coxe,	Lippincott,	Smith,	Ward,		
Dunn,	Lloyd,	Southard,	Welsh,		
French,	Montgomery,	Stansbury,	Wyckoff.		
Gustin,	Moore,				

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissary notes and inland bills of exchange," was read and compared ;

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

	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Armstrong,	Kirkpatrick,	Morgan,	Stillwell,	Messrs. Gustin,	
Blanch,	Kitchel,	Newbold,	Stockton,	Harris.	
Burrowes,	Leaming,	Pennington,	Vancleve,		
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Dunn,	Lloyd,	Smith,	Ward,		
French,	Montgomery,	Southard,	Welsh,		
Hall,	Moore,	Stansbury,	Wyckoff.		

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

A petition from Samuel Crague, a prisoner confined in the gaol of the county of Monmouth, praying a law for the relief of insolvent debtors, was read ; whereupon,

The several petitions from prisoners confined in the different gaols of the state, were read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Messrs. Blanch, Leaming and Stryker.

The paper in the list of unfinished business, marked No. 22, containing the petition from Keziah Hunt, was read and committed to Messrs. Sharps, Lloyd and Leeds.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Leaming be added to the committee to settle the quotas of the several counties.

The bill, intitled, " An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common-pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Clement, Kirkpatrick and Armstrong.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Wallace, a mulatto, reported,

THAT it appears from the said petition that the petitioner William Wallace was taken by his then master into the British lines prior to the act of attainder against the said master Daniel Van Mater, and that the said William continued within the said lines and beyond the jurisdiction of this state at the time of said attainder, and until the sale to John Taylor, of the city of New-York: Your committee are of opinion that the state of New-Jersey have no claim to the said William Wallace, and that any act of the Legislature on his behalf would be nugatory.

By order of the committee,
WILLIAM COXE, jun.

To which the house agreed.

The bill, intitled, " An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the secretary of the state, accompanied with a schedule or statement, to shew how far the clerks of the several counties of this state have fulfilled in whole or in part the duties required of them by the two acts referred to in the resolution of the ninth of March last, which were read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Smith and Harris.

The bill, intitled, " An act for the preservation of oysters," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Clement, Montgomery and Seagrave.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and having returned, the speaker resumed the chair, and the house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Tuesday, October 31, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Stewart returned and took his seat.

Mr. Clement, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, " An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That 100 copies of the said bill be printed for the consideration of the members.

Mr. Clement, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, " An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common-pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The speaker laid before the house letters from Uzal Ogden, president of the

board of stockholders of the bridges over Passaick and Hackensack, and Samuel Hays, on behalf of the petitioners for bridges to be erected over the said rivers on the road from Newark to Powles-Hook, by the way of the ferries, desiring that the hearing on the subject of the petitions, which was ordered for this day, may be deferred to the second Tuesday in November, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the house will go through such business as may require their immediate attention, and will have another sitting this session.

Ordered, That Messrs. Kitchel, Southard and Stillwell, be a committee to examine the business before the house, and report such as they may deem necessary to be taken up before the house rises.

A petition from George Walker, a prisoner confined in the gaol of Middlesex county, praying the benefit of an act to relieve him from confinement, was read and referred to the committee to whom the petitions from prisoners were referred.

Ordered, That Messrs. Moore and Stewart be added to the said committee.

A petition from the cavalry of Hunterdon, praying such alteration in the militia law as respects the cavalry's meeting in squadrons, and that their meetings may hereafter be held alternately at Flemington and Pennington, on the third Monday in May, was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common-pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace;"

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court;"

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The report of Mr. Dayton, on Joice Anderson's application for half-pay, of the 15th of February, was read a second time;

Ordered, That the papers accompanying the report be dismissed.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Wednesday, November 1, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Sharps, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Keziah Hunt, reported,

THAT no vouchers accompanying the petition to substantiate the claim therein contained, and that, in the opinion of your committee, the same ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,
PETER SHARPS.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, "An act appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook bay;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading on the second Wednesday of the next sitting, the petitioners for the said bill previously pub-

lishing and setting a copy of this entry in three of the most public places where the road is intended to be laid at least fifteen days.

The report of Mr. Dayton, from the joint-committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to inspect the secretary's-office and confer with the secretary on the subject of his letter, dated 9th November last, was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Messrs. Wyckoff, Campbell and VanDuyn, be a committee to prepare and present a bill in conformity to the said report.

A petition from John Culver, an insolvent debtor, confined in the gaol of the county of Morris for debt, praying relief, was read and committed to the committee to whom the other petitions on the same subject were referred.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee appointed to examine and report what business will be necessary to be completed before the house rises, reported,

THAT it will be necessary, 1st. To settle the treasurer's accounts; 2d. To settle with Jonathan Doan, on account of the money expended for building a state-prison; 3d. That it will be necessary to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison; 4th. The bill to provide for the support of government, will be necessary to be passed before the close of the present sitting.

By order of the committee,

AARON KITCHEL.

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Moore, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council to count and burn the Loan-Office and old State Money in the treasury, brought in reports, as follows:

An account of Loan-Office Money paid into the treasury by the commissioners, on account of principal, and counted by the committees of Council and Assembly, on the 31st October, 1797.

Denominations.	120f.	60f.	30f.	15f.	12f.	6f.	3f.	1f.	Amount.										
									£.	s.	d.								
Bundle, No. 1			100	100	200	100	100	40	392	0	0								
2			100	150	200	100	100	50	430										
3			100	100	200	100	100	40	392										
4			100	100	200	100	100	40	392										
5			100	100	200	100	100	40	392										
6			100	100	200	100	100	100	395										
7			59	186	165	69	46	106	359	18									
8				292	294	39		44	409	6									
9			63	128	288	83	16	4	390	16									
10			125	216	326	47	28	10	563	18									
11			80	337	421	26	20	21	637	4									
12			138	166	219	105	44	31	502	11									
13			212	200	300	50	19	3	666										
14			250	278	319	30	2	2	784	6									
15			76	312	367	37	24	24	584	2									
16			102	178	331	113	20	30	523	10									
17			10	65	112	114	93	63	182	5									
18	I			13	38	100	150	150	98	11									
19			10	63	82	150	111	98	178										
20			I	20	26	100	136	66	85	16									
21				7	22	201	159	61	105	13									
22		2		85	230	145	14	46	255	13									
23		38	I	4	I	2	2		120										
									I	40	1727	3200	4741	2011	1484	1069	8840	9	0

We, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, trea-

furor, has delivered to us the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and forty pounds nine shillings, Loan-Office Money, of 1786, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

JNO: LAMBERT,
DAVID MOORE.

An account of Revenue Money paid into the treasury by the commissioners of the New-Loan Office, on account of principal, and counted by the committees of Council and Assembly on the 31st October, 1797.

Denominations.	12of.	6of.	3of.	15f.	12f.	7/6	5f.	3/9	2/6	Amount.		
										£.	s.	d.
Bundle, No. 1	9	57	97	73	87	23	18	20	7	495	4	0
2			114	91	80	13	24	16	11	302	10	
3			164	158	104	19	5	9	7	437	16	9
4			222	114	111					485	2	
5			158	158	128	7	1	3	1	435	17	3
6			157	154	183	13	7	9	5	469	14	9
7		4	6	28	31	15	45	57	34	92	8	3
8						80	50	40	60	57	10	
9	2	9	15	70	56	44	36	46	36	186	4	6
10	1	1		36	39	51	49	30	24	94		
11		2		5	3	50	50	50	50	58	8	6
12				1	1	68	62	45	50	57		9
13	3	20	28	20	26	51	54	59	44	199	15	9
14	2	2	3	50	50	50	50	50	50	136	17	6
	17	95	964	958	890	484	451	434	379	3508	10	0

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

By order of the committees,

JNO: LAMBERT,
DAVID MOORE.

An account of State Money, of the emission of June 9, 1780, counted in the treasury of the state of New-Jersey by the committees of Council and Assembly on the 31st October, 1797.

Denominations.	Dols.	Dols.	Dols.	Dols.	Dols.	Dols.	Dols.	Dol.	Interest	Amount.			
										20	8	7	5
Bundle, No. 1	59	40	29	32	36	47	39	61	114	31½	900	10	1½
2		40	61	62	68	48	49	36	361	52	738	4	4
3	43	1	1	23	18		5	4	80	63	433	15	3
4	19	21	24	22	24	23	12	6			382	17	6
5	18	62	1	7	5	7	4	12	47	85	377	12	1
6				109	90	128	120		76	40	602		10
	139	164	116	255	241	253	229	119	681	1½	3435	0	1½

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

By order of the committees,

JNO: LAMBERT,
DAVID MOORE.

An account of State Money, of the emission of January 9, 1781, counted in the treasury of the state of New-Jersey, by the committees of Council and Assembly, on the 31st October, 1797.

Denominations.	7/6	5s.	4s.	3/9	3/6	2/6	1/6	1s.	9d.	6d.	Amount.
											£. s. d.
Bundle, No. 1	40	62	36	34	55	30	26	42	33	41	63 15 3
2	47	53	27	37	24	46	26	37	81	68	61 14 3
3	47	40	48	27	66	37	66	64	81	79	71 12 6
	134	155	111	98	145	113	118	143	195	188	197 1 9

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

By order of the committees,

JNO: LAMBERT,
DAVID MOORE,

Which reports were read and agreed to.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act concerning obligations and to enable mutual dealers to discount," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from his excellency the governor, stating the result of his application to the board of war, in behalf of claimants against the United States, being inhabitants of this state, with sundry papers on that subject, which were read and referred to Messrs Southard, Pennington and Wallace.

The house adjourned till three o'clock, P.M.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from Abraham Duryee, reported,

THAT they have examined the said petition, with such evidence as have come to their hands respecting the validity of his claim, and are of opinion the facts set forth in said petition are not supported by evidence, and that the said Abraham Duryee has died since his application to the Legislature; your committee are therefore of opinion the petition ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

To which the house agreed.

A petition from Philip Fister of the county of Burlington, stating, that he has sustained an injury by the laying out of a road from the new gaol to Trenton, and praying compensation, was read and committed to Messrs. Burrowes, Lippincott and Smith.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Rahway, praying leave to present a bill to set off part of the borough of Elizabeth, and part of the township of Westfield, into a separate township, agreeably to a map accompanying the petition, was read;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Thursday in the next sitting, previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in three of the most public places in the borough of Elizabeth and township of Westfield, for at least three weeks previous thereto, and also for three weeks in the Elizabeth-Town newspapers.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey;"

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Kirkpatrick do carry the said resolution to Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," was read and compared;

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Messrs. Armstrong,	Kirkpatrick,	Morgan,	Stillwell,	Mr. Stewart.
Blanch,	Kitchel,	Newbold,	Stockton,	
Burrowes,	Leaming,	Pennington,	Stryker,	
Campbell,	Leeds,	Seagrave,	Vancleve,	
Clement,	Lippincott,	Sharps,	VanDuyn,	
Coxe,	Lloyd,	Smith,	Wallace,	
French,	Montgomery,	Southard,	Ward,	
Gustin,	Moore,	Stansbury,	Wyckoff.	
Harris,				

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," was read and compared;

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Messrs. Armstrong,	Harris,	Moore,	Stewart,	Mr. Wallace.
Blanch,	Kirkpatrick,	Morgan,	Stockton,	
Burrowes,	Kitchel,	Pennington,	Stryker,	
Campbell,	Leaming,	Seagrave,	Vancleve,	
Clement,	Leeds,	Sharps,	VanDuyn,	
Coxe,	Lippincott,	Smith,	Ward,	
French,	Lloyd,	Southard,	Welsh,	
Gustin,	Montgomery,	Stansbury,	Wyckoff.	
Hall,				

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Leaming do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

A petition from Daniel Marsh, esq. of the county of Essex, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and dismissed.

A petition from Rebecca Williams, praying that a part of her father's real estate, which was forfeited to and vested in this state, may be granted to her, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief and support of poor and confined debtors;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Thursday, November 2, 1797.

The house met.

Jonas Wade, returned as one of the representatives from the county of Essex, appeared and produced the certificate of his election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, he took his seat, and having rendered to the house an excuse for his non-attendance, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the secretary, accompanied by a general statement of the quarterly reports, made by the secretary to the governor, of the wills, letters of administration and guardianships, issued from the register's office in the course of the last year, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from a company of men in the city of Trenton, who have associated together to form a company of dragoons, praying that they may be established as a company of dragoons by law, was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Kitchel, Campbell and Hall be a committee to present a resolution to direct the publication of the act of congress, laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper, in this state.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act enabling grantees of reversions and lessees mutually to avail themselves of covenants and conditions," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," Mr. Coxe in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and the chairman reported progress, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee have leave to sit again.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The report of Mr. Sharps, of yesterday, was read a second time and re-committed to the same committee.

Agreeably to order, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," Mr. Coxe in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair,

and the chairman reported the said bill, with fundry amendments, which being read,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Friday, November 3, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Blanch, from the committee, to whom was referred the several petitions from insolvent debtors, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Resolved, That the clerk of the Assembly be directed to purchase for the use of the Legislature, the system of geography lately published by Matthew Carey, with his general atlas.

Ordered, That Mr. Leeds do carry the said resolution to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Stewart, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to fix the places of holding elections in the townships of Amwell and Readington, in the county of Hunterdon," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The petition from the cavalry of Hunterdon, read on the 31st ultimo, with the petition from a company of men in the city of Trenton, who have associated together to form a company of dragoons, read yesterday, were read and referred to Messrs. Wyckoff, Ward and Pennington.

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

Mr. Smith, agreeably to leave given, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Newton, in the county of Suffex;" but it appearing that the petitioners have neglected to send forward any evidence of their having advertised agreeably to the order of the house of the 2d of March last,

Ordered, That the said bill be read on the second Wednesday of the next sitting, on its being proven to the house that notice was given in the county of Suffex agreeably to the order of the 2d of March last.

A letter from the treasurer, requesting directions respecting money in the treasury paid in for licenses to run stages from Burlington and Bordentown to South-Amboy, was read and referred to Messrs. Kitchel, Newbold and Montgomery.

The several petitions from Somersset county, respecting their court-house and gaol, were read and dismissed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the petitioners from the township of Great Egg-Harbour, in the county of Gloucester, praying that the said township may be divided into two townships, have leave to present a bill for that purpose on the second Monday of the next sitting, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in three of the most public places in the said township, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

A petition from the managers of Rancocas toll-bridge, in the county of Burlington, praying leave to present a bill to enlarge the toll to be taken for crossing the said bridge, was read ;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Friday of the next sitting to answer the prayer of their petition, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, for at least three weeks in three of the most public places in the county of Burlington.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, returned the bill, intituled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," with amendments made threto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill, with the amendments, was read, the amendments agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The paper marked No. 18 in the report of unfinished business, being a bill, intituled, "An act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the new Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex county," was read ;

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time on the second Wednesday of the next sitting, on the petitioners in favour of the bill, advertising a copy of this order in one of the public newspapers printed in Newark, at least three weeks previous thereto.

The bill, intituled, "An act granting a further sum of money to commissioners therein named," was read and committed to Messrs. Wade, Armstrong and Leeds.

The bill, intituled, "An act for improving the navigation of Alloway's-Creek, in the county of Salem," was read and dismissed.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Saturday, November 4, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the governor's letter and military claims, reported,

THAT they have examined the several petitions and vouchers to them referred, and are of opinion that Silas Axtel is entitled to receive from the state, the sum of five pounds, and that provision should be made for the payment of the same in the incidental bill ; that the claims of Jonathan Inflee and Peter Brown are not supported by evidence, and that the residue of said claims referred to your committee, should be referred to the board of war and Congress of the United States.

By order of the committee,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Ordered, That the said report be read a second time.
Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the order of the house, respecting the printing and publishing fifteen hundred copies of the act of the Congress of the United States, laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper, reported,

THAT, on enquiry made by your committee, they have reason to suppose that the said act will not be put into operation before the first day of April next; but if the house should be of opinion that the interest of this state requires it should be made public, your committee state, that in their opinion it will answer every purpose if only the first, eleventh and seventeenth sections of the said act be printed.

By order of the committee,
AARON KITCHEL.

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Sharps, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lott, executrix of Gershom Lott, deceased, reported, **T**HAT they have examined the books and accounts which were of the said Gershom Lott, and it appears to your committee, that the sum of one hundred and nineteen pounds seventeen shillings and eight-pence is due to the said Keziah Hunt, administratrix aforesaid, from Peter, Andrew and Oliver Barbaree, and that there is money sufficient in the hands of the treasurer of the forfeited estates of the said Barbarees; we are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,
PETER SHARPS;
WILLIAM LLOYD:

Which report was read;

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said report? It was carried in the negative.

Ordered, That the petition be dismissed.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that the resolution requesting Mr. Paterson to draught and transmit to the Legislature, bills to regulate the practice in the court of chancery, courts of common law, and the orphan's court, is concurred in by Council.

Mr. Condit, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning forcible entries and detainers;" and a bill, intituled, "An act making provision for ascertaining the boundaries of counties and townships;" to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the house that the resolution empowering the clerk of the House of Assembly to purchase, for the use of the Legislature, Carey's Geography and General Atlas, is concurred in by Council.

A petition from James Mathis and Mary Woodruff, of the county of Burlington, stating that they have sustained an injury by the laying out of a road from the new gaol, was read and committed to Messrs. Burrowes, Lippincott and Smith.

A petition from the judges and justices of Hunterdon county, praying that a law may pass to make provision for a compensation to the judges and justices for attending the courts of common-pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the duties of commissioners of appeal in cases of taxation," without amendment.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter, reported the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act to carry into effect the

third and fourth sections of a supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," which was read and ordered a second reading.

A motion was made that the house agree to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what repairs are necessary to be made to the State-House, and whether it is expedient to inclose and level the lot belonging to the same, and what sum of money ought to be appropriated for the said purpose.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed for the purpose of examining the accounts and vouchers of Jonathan Doan, agent for the erection of the state-prison, and to report the probable sum that will be necessary to complete the same, reported,

THAT the said agent had received, out of the treasury of this state, the sum of five thousand three hundred and seventy-two pounds nine shillings and two-pence ; and it appears to the committee, by the accounts of the said agent and the vouchers produced to us from No. 0 to No. 87, that he hath expended in erecting the said building, including the purchase money of the lot whereon it stands, the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ten pounds eighteen shillings and ten-pence, and that there is a balance due to the said agent of three hundred and thirty-eight pounds nine shillings and eight-pence, together with the sum of twenty-two pounds fourteen shillings and six-pence, which he charges for his expenses in procuring materials for the building, and one hundred and thirty-three pounds for one hundred and eighty days, at fifteen shillings per day, for overseeing the work ; and further, it appears to the committees, that there are demands against the said agent from sundry persons, for materials already delivered for said building, to the amount of eight hundred and five pounds seventeen shillings and one penny, and to fulfil contracts entered into with different persons for materials and labour for said building, not yet delivered and performed, the sum of one thousand and fourteen pounds fourteen shillings ; and further, it appears to the committees from a statement of the said agent, that there will be the sum of two thousand five hundred and thirty seven pounds and five shillings, exclusive of the before-mentioned sums, necessary and wanting to complete the building agreeably to the act passed for that purpose—a statement of the said accounts and estimates are herewith annexed.

GEO: ANDERSON,
JOHN CONDIT,
AARON KITCHEL,
THOMAS NEWBOLD.

Ordered, That the said report be read a second time.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, November 6, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Clement, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the preservation of oysters," reported the same ;

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to prevent suits under a certain sum being brought in the supreme court," was read and compared ;

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Messrs. Armstrong,	Harris,	Morgan,	Stockton,	Messrs. Campbell,
Blanch,	Kitchel,	Newbold,	Stryker,	Stewart,
Burrowes,	Leaming,	Seagrave,	VanDuyn,	Vancleve.
Clement,	Leeds,	Sharps,	Wade,	
Coxe,	Lippincott,	Smith,	Ward,	
French,	Lloyd,	Southard,	Welsh,	
Gustin,	Montgomery,	Stansbury,	Wyckoff.	
Hall,	Moore,	Stillwell,		

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Lippincott do carry the said bill to the Council and in-

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of taxes levied in Conti—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last settlement by the counties of	Specie or Lawful Money.
Bergen,	£. 266 14 11
Hunterdon,	402 5 9
	<u>£. 669 0 8</u>

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 50,000 State Mo—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last settlement by the counties of	State Money.
Burlington,	£. 578 0 2½
Suffex,	578 19 7½
	<u>£. 1156 19 10</u>

form them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Lippincott do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act ascertaining the times and places of holding the courts of common-pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace," was read and compared;

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to the next sitting.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council to settle the treasurers accounts, brought in the following statements, and report,

—*the state of New-Jersey,* *Gr.*

—mental Money and reduced to specie.

By deficiencies not yet paid in by the counties of	Specie or Lawful Money.
Bergen,	£. 266 14 11
Hunterdon,	402 5 9
	£. 669 0 8

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—*the state of New-Jersey,* *Gr.*

—ney and certificates, due December 1, 1781.

By deficiencies not yet paid in by the counties of	State Money.
Burlington,	£. 578 0 2½
Suffex,	578 19 7½
	£. 1156 19 10

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 50,000 State Money and—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last

settlement by the county of

Suffex,

State Money.

£. 1239 8 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax for raising £. 50,000, State Money, and—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last

settlement by the counties of

Essex,

Hunterdon,

Morris,

State Money.

£. 190 0 7

839 3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

£. 1,029 3 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

Specie or

Lawful Money.

£. 49 0 1

£. 49 0 1

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of the proportion of the second payment—

To deficiency not paid in on the last

settlement by the county of

Suffex,

State Money.

£. 180 7 10

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—certificates, and £.25,000, Specie, due April 1, 1782.

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of

State Money.

Suffex,

£.1,159 6 9½

Balance carried to account current,

80 1 3

October 25, 1797.

£.1,239 8 0½

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—certificates, and £.25,000, Specie, due July 1, 1782.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

State Money.

Specie or

Lawful Money.

Essex,

£.49 0 1

Hunterdon,

£.190 0 7

Morris,

814 6 3½

Balance carried to account current,

24 16 10

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£.1,029 3 8½

£.49 0 1

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—of tax for raising £.90,000, due January 1, 1783.

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of

State Money.

Suffex,

£.137 9 10

Balance carried to account current,

42 18 0

October 25, 1797.

£.180 7 10

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—

On account of the proportion of the second payment—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last	Specie or
settlement by the county of	Lawful Money.
Hunterdon,	£.721 15 4½

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—

On account of tax for raising £.10,000, Specie, for—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last	Specie or
settlement by the counties of	Lawful Money.
Hunterdon,	£.343 16 4
Suffex,	633 18 7
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	£. 977 14 11

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—

On account of tax for raising a revenue of £.31,250 5—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last	Lawful Money.
settlement by the county of	
Suffex,	£.369 14 8

—the state of New-Jersey, Cr.

—of tax for raising £.90,930, due January 1, 1784.

By deficiencies not yet paid in	Specie or
by the county of	Lawful Money.
Hunterdon,	£. 721 15 4½
October 25, 1797.	

By order of the committees,
 JOHN CONDIT,
 BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey, Cr.

—sinking £.30,000 in bills of credit, due December 1, 1785.

By deficiencies not yet paid in	Specie or
by the counties of	Lawful Money.
Hunterdon,	£. 286 4 4
Suffex,	633 18 7
Balance carried to account current,	57 12 0
	£. 977 14 11

October 25, 1797.
 By order of the committees,
 JOHN CONDIT,
 BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey, Cr.

—in bills of credit, due December 1, 1785.

By deficiencies not yet paid in	Lawful Money.
by the county of	
Suffex,	£. 369 14 8
October 25, 1797.	

By order of the committees,
 JOHN CONDIT,
 BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax for raising a revenue of £.31,259 5—

To deficiency not paid in on the last
settlement by the county of
Suffex,

Lawful Money.
£. 614 7 1

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax for raising a revenue of £. 31,259 5—

To deficiency not paid in on the last
settlement by the county of
Suffex,

Lawful Money.
£. 220 3 6

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax in Specie, due October 1, 1782, which was payable to—
is made payable—

To deficiency not paid in on the last
settlement by the county of
Suffex,

Lawful Money.
£.403 10 3

—the state of New-Jersey, Cr.

—in bills of credit, due December 30, 1786.

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of
Suffex,
October 25, 1797.

Lawful Money.
£. 614 7 1

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey, Cr.

—in bills of credit, due December 30, 1788.

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of
Suffex,
Balance carried to account current,

Lawful Money.
£. 48 11 2
171 12 4
£. 220 3 6

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey, Cr.

—the receiver of continental taxes, but by a law passed November 28, 1789,
—into the treasury.

By amount carried to account current,
October 25, 1797.

Lawful Money.
£. 403 10 3

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—

On account of tax in Specie, due January 1, 1783, which was payable to—
is made payable—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Lawful Money.

Hunterdon,	£.2183 17 3½
Morris,	2071 16 4
Suffex,	2299 9 10
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	£.6555 3 5½

Dr. JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—

On account of tax in Specie, due October 1, 1783, which was payable to—
is made payable—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Lawful Money.

Monmouth,	£.1698 2 6½
Somerfet,	800 0 0
Burlington,	916 19 4
Hunterdon,	368 6 2
Morris,	1439 6 8
Suffex,	598 19 9
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	£.5021 14 5½

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—the receiver of continental taxes, but by a law passed November 28, 1789,
—into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

Lawful Money.

Hunterdon,	£.2183 17 3½
Morris,	1870 3 9
Suffex,	1946 13 0
Balance carried to account current,	554 9 5

£.6555 3 5½

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—the receiver of continental taxes, but by a law passed November 28, 1789,
—into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

Lawful Money.

Monmouth,	£.1098 2 6½
Burlington,	916 19 4
Hunterdon,	368 6 2
Morris,	1239 6 8
Suffex,	572 1 9
Balance carried to account current,	826 18 0

£.5021 14 5½

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax in Specie, due January 1, 1784, which was payable to the—
made payable in—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

	Lawful Money.
Bergen,	£.51 19 4
Essex,	60 0 0
Middlesex,	20 0 0
Monmouth,	1465 10 0
Somerfet,	1293 0 0
Burlington,	1540 6 4
Hunterdon,	1714 18 5
Morris,	1239 6 8
Cumberland,	598 12 7
Suffex,	728 0 0

£.8711 13 4

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax for raising—

To the quotas of the said tax, payable into
the treasury by the several counties.

	Lawful Money.
Bergen,	£.1000 1 8
Essex,	1073 2 4
Middlesex,	1235 10 0½
Monmouth,	1498 16 0
Somerfet,	1214 19 6
Burlington,	1689 0 5
Gloucester,	1210 5 9
Salem,	1028 13 4½
Cape-May,	202 17 10½
Hunterdon,	1961 11 5
Morris,	1103 2 6
Cumberland,	524 10 3½
Suffex,	1257 8 10

£.15000 0 0

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—receiver of continental taxes, but by a law passed November 28, 1789, is
—to the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

Lawful Money.

Bergen,	£. 51 19 4
Monmouth,	1465 10 0
Somerfet,	1293 0 0
Burlington,	1540 6 4
Hunterdon,	1714 18 5
Morris,	1239 6 8
Cumberland,	598 12 7
Suffex,	728 0 0
Balance carried to account current,	80 0 0

October 25, 1797.

£.8711 13 4

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—£.15,000, due December 30, 1796.

By amount carried to account current,

Lawful Money.

£.15000 0 0

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

AMOUNT OF DEFICIENCIES DUE FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

ARRARS of TAXES due before the YEAR 1785.

TOTAL AMOUNT.

COUNTIES	<i>Levied in old State Money.</i>	<i>Levied in Continental Money and reduced to Specie.</i>	<i>Levied in Specie formerly due to the Continental Receiver.</i>	<i>Sinking Fund Tax due December 1, 1785.</i>	<i>Arrears of Revenue Taxes.</i>	<i>Old State Money.</i>	<i>Specie or Lawful Money.</i>
Bergen,	0 0 0	266 14 11	0 0 0	51 19 4	0 0 0	0 0 0	318 14 3
Effex,	0 0 0	0 0 0	49 0 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	49 0 1
Middlesex,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Monmouth,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2563 12 6½	0 0 0	0 0 0	2563 12 6½
Somerset,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1293 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1293 0 0
Burlington,	578 0 2½	0 0 0	0 0 0	2457 5 8	0 0 0	0 0 0	578 0 2½
Gloucester,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Salem,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Cape-May,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Hunterdon,	190 0 7	402 5 9	721 15 4½	4267 1 10½	286 4 4	0 0 0	190 0 7
Morris,	814 6 3½	0 0 0	0 0 0	4348 17 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	814 6 3½
Cumberland,	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	598 12 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	598 12 7
Suffex,	1875 16 3¼	0 0 0	0 0 0	3246 14 9	633 18 7	1032 12 11	1875 16 3¼
	<u>£. 3458. 3 4¼</u>	<u>669 0 8</u>	<u>770 15 5¼</u>	<u>18827 3 10</u>	<u>920 2 11</u>	<u>1032 12 11</u>	<u>3458 3 4¼</u>
							<u>22219 15 9¼</u>

October 25, 1797.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,*

Dr.

On account of cash received of sundry persons.

1796.		
Nov. 9,	Received of Hiram Smith, late sheriff of Morris county, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county, and reported to the auditor to Nov. 1795 and 1796, £.	8 11 0
11,	William Lloyd, late sheriff of Monmouth county, on account of fines, imposed by the court in said county, for the years 1794 and 1795,	144 14 9
12,	John Westervelt, sheriff of Bergen county, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	12 16 6
	Jedidiah Swan, administrator of Isaac Halsey, late paymaster of the militia in Essex county, per Jonas Wade, on account of the balance due the state,	37 10 0
Dec. 13,	William Lloyd, late sheriff of Monmouth county, per James Lloyd, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	331 15 3
27	Reuben Burgen, late sheriff of Cumberland county, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	11 5 0
1797.		
Jan. 2,	Received of William Lloyd, late sheriff of Monmouth county, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	107 12 10
Feb. 9,	Jedidiah Swan, administrator of Isaac Halsey, late paymaster to the militia of Essex county, per Jonas Wade, on account of the balance due the state,	11 5 10
Oct. 24,	Edward Hall, late sheriff of Salem county, per Clement Hall, on account of fines imposed by the court in said county,	37 10 0
25,	Job Lippencott, late sheriff of Burlington county, being the amount of fines (and interest thereon) imposed by the court in said county, during the time he was sheriff, agreeably to the returns made by the auditor,	79 3 0
	Amount carried to account current,	£. 782 4 2

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received for fundry stage licenses.

1797.

June 26,	Received of Amos Hutchin, per John Hutchin, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Burlington to Amboy, for one year from the first day of May last,	£.20 0 0
July 27,	John Van Emburgh, per Nathaniel Potts, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Amboy to Bordentown, for one year from the first day of June last,	20 0 0
Oct. 24,	John N. Cumming, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Trenton to Powle's-Hook or Hoebocken, for one year from the first day of January last,	100 0 0
	John N. Cumming, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Trenton to Powle's-Hook or Hoebocken, for one year from the 12th day of September last,	100 0 0
	Amount carried to account current,	£.240 0 0

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received from agents of forfeited estates.

1797.

June 21,	Received of Isaac Nicoll, agent of forfeited estates in Bergen county, per Nehemiah Wade, on account of said forfeited estates,	£.193 10 0
	Amount carried to account current,	

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of fundry persons for fees on private laws, agreeably to a law passed February 20, 1794.

1497.

Feb. 14.	Received of Joseph Cooper, the fees on "An act for the relief of Samuel Pleasants," passed January 30, 1797,	£.4	1	4
17.	Robert Emley, the fees on "An act to empower Robert Emley and Joseph King to fulfil certain contracts made by John Emley, deceased, relative to the sale of lands," passed February 6, 1797,	4	6	6
28.	Stacy Biddle, the fees on "An act for the relief of the legatees named in the last will and testament of Samuel Lippencott, deceased, late of the county of Burlington," passed January 30, 1797,	4	0	0
March 8.	Matthew Gill, per William Wallace, the fees on "An act concerning a certain body of meadow, swamp and cripple, situate on Oldman's-Creek, in the township of Woolwich and county of Gloucester," passed January 30, 1797,	4	12	4
10.	Joseph Cooper, the fees on "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows lying on the north branch of Pensawkin Creek, in the county of Burlington, to rebuild and maintain a bank, dam and necessary waterworks for stopping the tide out of said creek, and to keep the watercourse thereof open and clear," passed January 30, 1797,	4	8	4
April 21.	Jacob Van Houten, per Jacob Terheun, the fees on "An act for the relief of Jacob Van Houten," passed January 28, 1797,	3	11	0
June 6.	Uzal Ogden, per Charles Ogden, the fees on "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackensack," passed March 7, 1797,	4	7	6
July 17.	Joseph Nutt, per John Gibson, the fees on "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to constitute and make Crosswicks-Creek a good and lawful fence, from the place known by the name of Watson's Ferry, down to the mouth of the same, passed June 20, 1765," passed March 2, 1797,	3	16	6
	Amount carried to account current,	£.33	3	6

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

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JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received from the United States.

1797.				
April 17.	Received of James Ewing, commissioner of loans, on account of principal and interest to April 1, 1797, 2435 $\frac{14}{100}$ dollars,	£.913	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
July 8.	James Ewing, commissioner of loans, on account of interest, due July 1, 1797, 563 $\frac{94}{100}$ dollars,	211	8	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oct. 17.	James Ewing commissioner of loans, on account of interest, due October 1, 1797, 563 $\frac{14}{100}$ dollars,	211	8	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Amount carried to account current,	£.1336	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
October 25, 1797.				

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of the commissioners of the new loan-offices in the several counties, on account of interest.

1797.				
Jan. 6.	Received of Abraham Staats, one of the commissioners for Somerset county, the amount of the 10th year's interest, due December 6, 1796,	£.220	2	1
23.	Peter Covenhoven, do. for Monmouth county, per John Covenhoven, the amount of do. do.	249	1	7
25.	John Mills, do. for Morris county, per Silas Condict, the amount of do. do.	153	1	2
	Samuel Hugg, do. for Gloucester county, the amount of do. do.	224	19	10
26.	John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, the amount of do. do.	60	16	0
28.	Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, the amount of do. do.	90	15	3
	Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, the amount of do. do.	201	11	1
Feb. 2.	William Phillips, do. for Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, the amount of do. do.	322	8	11
7.	John Myer, do. for Middlesex county, the amount of do. do.	172	8	4
15.	Richard Townfend, do. for Cape-May county, the amount of do. do.	28	10	0
18.	John Black, do. for Burlington county, the amount of do. do.	215	4	6
28.	John Holme, do. for Salem county, per Robert G. Johnson, on account of do. do.	52	11	11
	Robert G. Johnson, do. for do. on account of do. do.	86	0	5
	Carried forward,	£.2077	11	1

Brought forward,

£.2077 11 1

1797.			
April 6.	Received of Thomas Anderson, one of the commissioners for Suffex county, three months interest on mortgages foreclosed, due March 7, 1797,		0 11 10
17.	Jonas Wade and John Condit, commissioners for Essex county, per Matthias Denman, the amount of the 10th year's interest, due December 6, 1796,	212	1 10
25.	Robert G. Johnson, one of the do. for Salem county, on account of do. do.	8	13 8
	John Holme, do. for do. per Robert G. Johnson, on account of do. do.	16	6 10
May 2.	Joseph Lewis, do. for Morris county, three months interest on mortgages foreclosed, due March 7, 1797,	1	2 11
June 26.	John Holme, do. for Salem county, per L. H. Stockton, on account of the 10th year's interest, due December 6, 1796,	16	8 0
	Amount carried to account current,	£.2332	16 2

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to the state of New-Jersey,* Dr.

On account of cash received of the commissioners of the new loan-offices in the several counties, on account of principal.

1796.			
Nov. 14.	Received of Isaac Wheaton, one of the commissioners for Cumberland county, per Jonathan Bowen, on account of principal, due December 1, 1795,	£.169	11 0
Jan. 6.	Abraham Staats, do. for Somersfet county, on account of do. due May 1, 1797,	106	8 2
23.	Peter Covenhoven, do. for Monmouth county, per John Covenhoven, on account of do. do.	410	8 10
25.	Samuel Hugg, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do.	597	7 8
28.	Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, on account of do. do.	743	10 5
March 10.	John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, on account of do. do.	44	4 0
	Abraham Staats and Joseph Annin, commissioners for Somersfet county, per James Van Duyn, being the amount of the counterfeit cancelled money they paid into the treasury, August 18, 1796, and taken out by the committees of Council and Assembly, October 31, 1796, due December 1, 1795,	6	0 0

Carried forward,

£.2077 10 1

	Brought forward,	£.2077	10	1
1797.				
March 31.	Received of John Smock, one of the commissioners for Monmouth county, on account of principal, due May 1, 1797,	820	15	10
April 6.	Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, on account of do. do.	340	16	0
22.	Samuel Hugg, do. for Gloucester county, per Ephraim Olden, on account of do. do.	112	2	0
25.	Richard Townsend, do. for Cape-May county, per Aaron Eldridge, on account of do. do.	193	16	7
	William Phillips, do. for Hunterdon county, per R. Phillips, on account of do. do.	1053	0	10 1/2
	John Holme, do. for Salem county, per Robert G. Johnson, on account of do. do.	374	7	6
	Robert G. Johnson, do. for do. on account of do. do.	519	9	1
29.	Joseph Reading, do. for Hunterdon county, on account of do. do.	30	0	0
May 2.	Joseph Lewis, do. for Morris county, on account of do. do.	939	12	4
4.	John Myer, do. for Middlefex county, on account of do. do.	958	0	0
8.	John Black, do. for Burlington county, on account of do. do.	1339	0	0
9.	Peter Covenhoven, do. for Monmouth county, on account of do. do.	20	0	0
	William Phillips, do. for Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, on account of do. do.	390	0	0
16.	John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, on account of do. do.	368	8	0
June 2.	Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, on account of do. do.	509	10	0
5.	John Smock, do. for Monmouth county, per Joseph Stillwell, on account of do. do.	10	12	6
16.	Jonas Wade, do. for Effex county, per Matthias Denman, on account of do. do.	481	12	7
17.	John Condit, do. for do. per Caleb Condit, on account of do. do.	439	5	7
19.	Abraham Staats, do. for Somerset county, on account of do. do.	1191	4	0
26.	John Holme, do. for Salem county, per L. H. Stockton, on account of do. do.	44	15	7
	Robert G. Johnson, do. for do. per do. on account of do. do.	15	0	0
Oct. 25.	John Condit, do. for Effex county, on account of do. do.	120	0	0
	Amount carried to account current,	£.12348	18	7
October 25, 1797.				

By order of the committees,
 JOHN CONDIT,
 BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

— 1820 — THE YEAR 1820

The first of the year was a day of great
 rejoicing, as the news of the
 peace had just been received. The
 people were in the streets, and
 the bells were ringing. The
 day was spent in feasting and
 merriment. The next day was
 a day of prayer and thanksgiving.
 The people were in the churches,
 and the ministers were preaching
 of the mercy of God. The
 year was a year of great
 prosperity and peace.

The second of the year was a day
 of great sorrow. The news of
 the death of the king had just
 been received. The people were
 in the streets, and the bells
 were ringing. The day was
 spent in mourning and
 weeping. The next day was
 a day of prayer and
 thanksgiving. The people were
 in the churches, and the
 ministers were preaching of
 the mercy of God. The year
 was a year of great prosperity
 and peace.

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— 1821 — THE YEAR 1821

The first of the year was a day
 of great rejoicing, as the news
 of the peace had just been
 received. The people were in
 the streets, and the bells were
 ringing. The day was spent
 in feasting and merriment.
 The next day was a day of
 prayer and thanksgiving. The
 people were in the churches,
 and the ministers were
 preaching of the mercy of
 God. The year was a year
 of great prosperity and
 peace.

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Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*
Account current in—

To balance due the state on settlement made November 1, 1796, in old State Money,	£.2745 18 10½
To do. do. £1278 10 3½, Specie, received at one for three on the sinking fund tax, and not exchanged, equal in old State Money to	3835 10 10½
	<u>£.6581 9 9½</u>
To do. on tax due April 1, 1782,	80 1 3
To do. on do.—July 1, 1782,	24 16 10
To do. on do.—January 1, 1783,	42 18 0
To do. on the sinking fund tax, due December 1, 1785, £.57 12 0, Specie, equal to, at one for three, in old State Money,	172 16 0
	<u>£.6902 1 10½</u>

October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasury do find a balance of one thousand and ninety pounds, Specie, received—equal to three thousand two hundred and seventy pounds, old State Money,—ment.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*
Account current in—

To balance due the state on settlement made Nov. 1, 1796,	£.24478 14 5½
To do. on the revenue tax, due December 30, 1788,	171 12 4
To do. on the tax due October 1, 1782, which was formerly payable to the receiver of continental taxes,	403 10 3
To do. do. due January 1, 1783, do.	554 9 5
To do. do. due October 1, 1783, do.	826 18 0
To do. do. due January 1, 1784, do.	80 0 0
To amount of tax, due December 30, 1796,	15000 0 0
To cash received of sundry persons,	782 4 2
To do. do. for stage licenses,	240 0 0
To do. do. of agents of forfeited estates,	193 10 0
	<u>£.42730 18 7½</u>
Carried forward,	

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—old State Money.

By amount of sundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 2, inclusive, for State Money, examined, counted and burned this present sitting, by the committees of both houses; to wit—Of the emission of June 9, 1780, £.3435 0 1½

Do.—January 9, 1781, 197 1 9

£.3632 1 10½

Balance due the state, £.1090 0 0, Specie, received at one for three on the sinking fund tax, and not yet exchanged, equal in old State Money to

3270 0 0

£.6902 1 10½

--turer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative thereto; --on the sinking fund tax, due December 1, 1785, and not yet exchanged, --remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above state-

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CLEMENT HALL.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—Lawful Money.

By amount of sundry vouchers; from No. 1 to No. 132, inclusive, for cash paid the members of the Legislature for their wages, to their clerks, door-keepers, and to the printers,

£.4263 4 7

By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 14, for do. paid to the officers of government on account of their salaries, and to the judges of the Supreme Court, for holding courts of Oyer and Terminer,

2480 0 0

By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 52, for do. paid sundry incidental charges,

1789 7 1½

By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 40, for do. paid on warrants for pensions,

1148 12 1

Carried forward,

£.9681 3 9½

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To amount brought forward,	£.42730	18	7½
To cash received for fees on private laws,	33	3	6
To do. do. for principal and interest from the United States,	1336	1	1½
To do. do. of the commissioners of the new Loan-Office, on account of interest,	2332	16	2
To do. of do. on account of principal,	12348	18	7

 £.58781 18 0

October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the-
thereto, viz. From No. 1 to No. 132, from No. 1 to No. 14, from-
No. 23, from No. 1 to No 8, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 20, from No. 1 to No.--
lance of twenty thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds nineteen--
treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

—the state of New-Jersey,

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—Lawful Money.

By amount brought forward,	£.9681	3	9½
By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 5, inclusive, for cash, paid one year's interest on old State Money,	96	11	2
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 23, for do. paid for one fourth of the principal and interest of notes or certificates, receiv- ed and funded, agreeably to a law passed March 12, 1796,	210	9	2
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 8, for do. paid to the agent for purchasing a lot and erecting a state prison, agreeably to a law passed March 12, 1797,	5372	13	0
By do. of voucher No. 1, for do. paid as a bounty to the mi- litia, agreeably to a law passed June 10, 1794,	108	0	0
By do. of fundry vouchers from No. 1 to No. 20, for do. paid for the principal and interest of notes given for demands against forfeited estates,	317	17	2
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 114, for do. paid for the prin- cipal and interest of notes, funded by an act passed March 12, 1796, agreeably to a law passed February, 13, 1797,	7409	14	0
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 109, for do. paid for the principal and interest of Condict's militia and depreciation notes, agreeably to a law passed Feb. 13, 1797,	2307	10	11½
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 2, for do. received of the commissioners of the new Loan Office, on account of prin- cipal, which was examined, counted and burned this pre- sent sitting, by the committees of both houses; to wit, in Loan Office Money,	£.8840	9	0
Revenue,	3508	10	0
	£.12348	19	0
Balance due the state,	20928	19	9
	£.58781	18	0

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative
--No. 1 to No. 52, from No. 1 to No. 40, from No. 1 to No. 5, from No. 1 to
--114; from No. 1 to No. 109, and from No. 1 to No. 2, inclusive, do find a ba-
--shillings and nine-pence, Lawful Money, remaining in the hands of the said

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DAVID WELSH,
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JOB LIPPINCOTT,
CLEMENT HALL.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To amount of 10 notes, signed by John Stevens, late treasurer, remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, on settlement, made November 1, 1796, amounting to £.23 14 2
 October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasury to twenty three pounds fourteen shillings and two pence, remaining—

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To 34 notes, signed and issued by the treasurer, and countersigned by the auditor, remaining in the hands of the treasurer, on settlement, made November 1, 1796, amounting to £.401 16 5
 To 1 note do. do. do. since last settlement, amounting to 2 10 0
 £.404 6 5

October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasury of one note, do find thirty-four notes, amounting to four hundred—the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement,

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

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—notes of depreciation.

By 10 notes, signed by John Stevens, late treasurer, remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, amounting to £.23 14 2

--surers's accounts, having examined the above, do find ten notes, amounting --in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

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JOB LIPPINCOTT,
CLEMENT HALL.

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

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—forfeited estate notes.

By 1 note, delivered to the proprietor thereof, amounting to £. 2 10 0

By 34 notes, remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, amounting to 401 16 5

£.404 6 5

--surer's accounts, having examined the above, and the voucher for the delivery --and one pounds sixteen shillings and five pence, remaining in the hands of

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

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

Dols. 9ths.

To 41 notes, signed by John Pierce, and deposited in the treasury by John Peck and John Blair, agents, agreeably to a law, passed March 7, 1786, remaining in the hands of the treasurer on settlement, made November 1, 1796, amounting to

930 89

October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the— amounting to nine hundred and thirty dollars and eighty-nine nine— above statement.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current of notes issued—

To 16 notes, signed and issued by the treasurer on certificates— funded agreeably to the above law, remaining in the hands of the treasurer, on settlement, made November 1, 1796, amounting to

£.457 16 9

To 10 notes, do. do. do. since last settlement, amounting to

194 15 0

652 11 9

October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the— ing ten notes, and delivering twenty-three notes, do find three notes,— in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—final settlement notes.

By 41 notes, remaining in the hands of the treasurer, amounting to

Dols. 9ths.

930 89

930 89

—treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, do find forty-one notes, sixtieths, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the

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—agreeably to a law, passed March 12, 1796.

By 23 notes, delivered to the proprietors thereof, amounting to £ 631 4 3

By 3 notes, remaining in the hands of the treasurer, amounting to

21 7 6

652 11 9

—treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers for issued, amounting to twenty-one pounds seven shillings and six pence, remaining

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CLEMENT HALL.

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax levied on persons exempt—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Burlington,	£.678	4	6
Gloucester,	724	15	11
Salem,	72	5	9
Cumberland,	8	19	9
Suffex,	41	17	9
	<u>£.1526</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax levied on persons exempt—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Monmouth,	£.12	17	4½
Salem,	£.84	7	6}
The collector accounted for	55	0	3}
			139 7 9
Cape-May,		1	2 5
Cumberland,		0	9 9

£.153 17 3½

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1793.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

Burlington,	£.678	4	6
Gloucester,	724	15	11
Salem,	72	5	9
Cumberland,	8	19	9
Suffex,	41	17	9
	£.1526	3	8

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1794.

By payment made, clearances from the tax, fees
and commissions for collection, &c. by the
counties of

Monmouth, by cash received,	£.12	12	8½
by fees and commissions, &c.	£.0	4	8
Salem, by cash received,	135	0	3
by fees and commissions, &c.	4	7	6
Cape-May, by 1 exempt cleared,	1	2	5
Cumberland, by cash received,	0	9	9
	£.5	14	7
	148	2	8½

Amount of clearances, with fees and com-
missions, &c.

Balance carried to account current,

5	14	7
148	2	8½
£.153	17	3½

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax levied on persons exempt—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Essex,	£. 12 . 7 . 6 } 16 . 8 . 1 }	£. 28 15 7
The collector accounted for		
Monmouth,		38 5 0
Salem, accounted for by the collector,		142 1 3
Morris, accounted for by the collector,		16 17 6
Cumberland,		0 19 3
Suffex,		26 15 10

£. 253 14 5

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1795.

By payments made, fees and commissions for
collection, &c. and deficiencies not yet paid
in by the counties of

Effex,	by cash received,				£. 27	0	0
	by fees and commissions, &c.	£. 1	15	7			
Monmouth,	by cash received,				14	1	3
	by fees and commissions, &c.	0	14	6			
	by deficiency not paid in,	£. 23	9	3			
Salem,	by cash received,				137	13	0
	by fees and commissions, &c.	4	8	3			
Morris,	by cash received,				15	6	2
	by fees and commissions, &c.	1	11	4			
Cumberland,	by deficiency not paid in	0	19	3			
Suffex,	by deficiency not paid in	26	15	10			
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					£. 51	4	4
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					8	9	8
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					194	0	5
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					£. 51	4	4
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					8	9	8
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					194	0	5
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					£. 253	14	5

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax levied on persons exempt—

To the quotas of the said tax, payable into
the treasury, agreeably to the returns
made by the counties of

Bergen, 2 exempts,	£. 2 5 0	} £. 18 19 7
The collector accounted for	16 14 7	
Essex, no return.		
Middlesex, 21 exempts,	£. 23 12 6	} 36 9 3
The collector accounted for	12 16 9	
Monmouth, no return.		
Somerset, no return.		
Burlington, 28 exempts,		31 10 0
Gloucester, 423 do.	£. 475 17 6	} 554 12 6
The collector accounted for	78 15 0	
Salem, no return.		
Cape-May, 15 exempts,		16 17 6
Hunterdon, 53 do.		59 12 6
Morris, 13 do.		14 12 6
Cumberland, 13 do.		14 12 6
Suffex, 22 exempts,		24 15 0

 £. 772 1 4

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1796.

By payments made, clearances from the tax,
fees and commissions for collection, &c. and
deficiencies not paid in by the counties of

Bergen,	by cash received,		£. 16	17	6
	by fees and commissions, &c.	£. 2	2	1	
Essex,	no return.				
Middlesex,	by cash received,		35	0	8
	by fees and commissions, &c.	1	8	7	
Monmouth,	no return.				
Somerfet,	no return.				
Burlington,	by deficiency not paid in,	£. 31	10	0	
Gloucester,	by cash received,		502	4	5
	by fees and commissions, &c.	10	15	7	
	by 37 exempts cleared,	41	12	6	
Salem,	no return.				
Cape-May,	by cash received,		13	11	5
	by fees and commissions, &c.	3	6	1	
Hunterdon,	by cash received,		56	17	10
	by fees and commissions, &c.	1	12	2	
	by 1 exempt cleared,	1	2	6	
Morris,	by deficiency not paid in,	14	12	6	
Cumberland,	by cash received,		14	12	6
Suffex,	by deficiency not paid in,	24	15	0	
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		£. 70	17	6	
		61	19	6	
		639	4	4	

Amount of deficiencies not paid in, £. 70 17 6
Do. of clearances, with fees and commissions, &c. 61 19 6
Balance carried to account current, 639 4 4

£. 772 1 4

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCELEVE.

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of fines for neglect of—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Bergen,	£.15 11 0
Salem,	15 15 0
Cape-May,	8 5 0
Cumberland,	15 0 0

 £.54 11 0
*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of fines for neglect of—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last
settlement by the counties of

Middlesex,	£.41 5 10 ¹ / ₂
Monmouth,	6 0 0
Cape-May,	10 2 6
Suffex,	80 10 7

 £.137 18 11¹/₂

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—militia duty, due December 30, 1794.

By payments made, fees and commissions, &c. for collection and deficiencies discharged from payment into the treasury, by a law passed March 9, 1797, by the counties of

Bergen,	discharged by the above law,	£.15	11	0							
Salem,	by cash received,						£.14	19	9		
	by fees and commissions,	£.0	15	3							
Cape-May,	by cash received,							7	17	4	
	by fees and commissions, &c.	0	7	8							
Cumberland,	discharged by the above law,	15	0	0							
		£.30		11	0	1	2	11	22	17	1

Amount of deficiencies discharged by the above law,	£.30	11	0	
Do. of fees and commissions, &c.		1	2	11
Balance carried to account current,		22	17	1

October 25, 1797. £.54 11 0

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—militia duty, due December 30, 1795.

By payments made, clearances from the fines, fees and commissions for collection, &c. and deficiencies discharged from payment into the treasury, by a law passed March 9, 1797, by the counties of

Middlesex,	by cash received,							£.24	3	0	
	by fees and commissions, &c.	£.1	2	0							
	by 13 clearances,		6	3	0						
	discharged by the above law,	£.9	17	10½							
Monmouth,	discharged by the above law,	6	0	0							
Cape-May,	by cash received,								7	2	8
	by fees and commissions, &c.		0	7	0						
	discharged by the above law,	2	12	10							
Suffex,	discharged by the above law,	80	10	7							
		£.99		1	3½	7	12	0	31	5	8

Amount of deficiencies discharged by the above law,	99	1	3	
Ditto of clearances, with fees and commissions, &c.		7	12	0
Balance carried to account current,		31	5	8

October 25, 1797. £.137 18 11½

By order of the committees,
JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of fines for neglect of—

To amount of fines returned by
the counties of

Bergen, 114 fines,	£. 57 0 0
Essex, no return.	
Middlesex, 31 fines,	15 15 0
Monmouth, no return.	
Somerfet, do.	
Burlington, do.	
Gloucester, 137 fines,	55 10 0
Salem, no return.	
Cape-May, 61 fines,	23 5 0
Hunterdon, 192 do.	72 15 0
Morris, 101 do.	39 0 0
Cumberland, no return.	
Suffex, 83 fines,	40 10 0

 £. 303 15 0

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—militia duty, due December 30, 1796.

By payments made, fees and commissions for collection, &c. and deficiencies discharged from payment into the treasury, by a law passed March 9, 1797, by the counties of.

Bergen,	by cash received,				£. 34	8	0	
	by fees and commissions, &c.	£. 3	5	0				
	discharged by the above law,	£. 19	7	0				
Essex,	no return.							
Middlesex,	discharged by the above law,	15	15	0				
Monmouth,	no return.							
Somerfet,	do.							
Burlington,	do.							
Gloucester,	discharged by the above law,	55	10	0				
Salem,	no return.							
Cape-May,	discharged by the above law,	23	5	0				
Hunterdon,	by cash received,					49	2	11
	by fees and commissions, &c.					2	17	1
	discharged by the above law,	20	15	0				
Morris,	discharged by the above law,	39	0	0				
Cumberland,	no return.							
Suffex,	discharged by the above law,	40	10	0				

£. 214 2 0 6 2 1 83 10 11

Amount of deficiencies discharged by the above law,	£. 214	2	0
Do. of fees and commissions, &c.		6	2
Balance carried to account current,		83	10

£. 303 15 0

October 25, 1797.

By order of the committees,

JOHN CONDIT,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer, to—

Account current in—

On account of exempt—

To balance due the state, on settlement made

November 1, 1796,

£.1164 10 9

To ditto on exempt tax, due December 30, 1794,

148 2 8½

To do. do. December 30, 1795,

194 0 5

To do. do. December 30, 1796,

639 4 4

To do. on militia fines, due December 30, 1794,

22 17 1

To do. do. December 30, 1795,

31 5 8

To do. do. December 30, 1796,

83 10 11

 £.2283 11 10½

October 25, 1797.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the-
thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 17, inclusive, do find a balance of one-
penny half-penny, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to—

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Kitchel, from the committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, was read a second time and agreed to; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Cox, Southard and Wade, be a committee to prepare and present a bill to appropriate money to empower the said Jonathan Doan to fulfil the contracts by him made, and finish the building.

Mr. Anderson, from Council, presented a bill, intituled, "An act relative to juries and verdicts," to which he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the counties of Gloucester and Burlington, praying that commissioners may be appointed by law to lay a road from the town of Hadonfield to Moorestown, was read;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for the purpose mentioned in their petition on the third Monday in the next sitting, they advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in three of the most public places in each of said counties, and in one of the newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia at least three weeks previous thereto.

The report of Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the governor's letter and military claims, was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

—Lawful Money.

—taxes and militia fines.

By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 17, inclusive, for cash paid fundry officers their salaries, and for expenses and charges in organizing, equipping and training the militia, &c. agreeably to a law passed November 30, 1792, and the supplements thereto,

£.354 12 9

Balance due the state,

1928 19 1½

£.2283 11 10½

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative
 --thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and one
 --the above statement.

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

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The house adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the governor's letter and military claims, and agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the commissioners appointed to take charge of the indian lands at Brotherton, in the county of Burlington, have leave to present a bill for the purpose of appointing commissioners to sell and convey the said lands and appropriate the monies thence arising for the use of the said Indians, on the third Tuesday of next sitting, giving notice of the purport of said bill, and the time of hearing, at least three weeks, in three of the most public places in the township of Evesham, in the said county of Burlington.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Armstrong and Blanch, be a committee, on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council for the purpose of draughting an address to the President of the United States, and that Mr. Lloyd do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the establishment of schools," was read a second time; whereupon,

Mr. Coxe moved to postpone the said bill, and presented a bill in lieu thereof, intituled, "An act for the establishment of schools for the education of poor children;" which last bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parret, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the resolution directing the printer, who prints the laws and minutes of the Legislature, also to print and annex thereto the law passed by Congress laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment or paper.

The speaker laid before the house a warrant issued November 27, 1788, in favour of Elizabeth Kinsley, for the amount of her late husband's half-pay, which has been filled with indorsements;

Ordered, That a warrant do issue in lieu of the said warrant; whereupon,

A warrant was presented, read and approved;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery do carry the said warrant to the Council for concurrence.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Tuesday, November 7, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the house that Council have appointed the vice-president and Mr. Anderson, a committee on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of draughting an address to the President of the United States.

The speaker laid before the house a bond given by James Mott, treasurer, with Alexander Chambers, Moore Furman, Abraham Hunt, Joseph Milnor, Nathan Beakes and Maskell Ewing, sureties for the faithful discharge of his office as treasurer.

Resolved, That this house approve of the said bond.

Ordered, That Mr. Moore do carry the said bond and resolution to the Council for concurrence.

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

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the warrant in favor of Elizabeth Kinsley.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Ogden, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," and that they approve of the bond given by James Mott, esquire, and his sureties, for the due performance of his office as treasurer.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting slaves," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A petition from the county of Gloucester, praying leave to present a bill to direct a bridge to be erected at or near the place over the south branch of Great-Timber-Creek, commonly called Limber-Bridge, at the expense of the townships of Deptford and Gloucester, was read ;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, to answer the prayer of their petition, on the third Tuesday in the next sitting of the Legislature, with advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in three of the most public places in the townships of Gloucester and Deptford for three weeks previous thereto.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Wednesday, November 8, 1797.

The house met

Mr. Wyckoff, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Trenton and its vicinity, for raising and enrolling a company of cavalry, and also, a petition for altering the time of the cavalry of Hunterdon county meeting by squadron, reported,

THAT it is the opinion of your committee, that the petitioners of the city of Trenton and its vicinity have leave to bring in a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

It is also the opinion of your committee, that the petitioners for altering the time of the cavalry of Hunterdon meeting, by squadrons, ought to be referred to the next sitting of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,
SIMON WYCKOFF.

Which report was read and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Wyckoff presented a bill, intituled, " An act to organize a volunteer troop of cavalry in the city of Trenton and its vicinity ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act for erecting a state prison ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Benjamin Guild, stating, that he had a sum of New-Jersey Loan-Office Money burned in his store at Pittstown, and praying that a law may pass to direct the treasurer to pay the petitioner in specie a like sum, was read and referred to the committee on the incidental bill.

The report of the attorney-general of 4th March last, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Campbell and Lippincott.

A petition from the inhabitants of the township of Bergen, praying that a law may pass to exempt them from the expense of making and repairing a certain causeway, referred to in the act, intituled, " An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the township of Bergen," passed at Trenton, March 13, 1795, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act for erecting a state prison," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Southard and Wade.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the committee appointed to join a committee of the

Council to draught an address to the President of the United States, reported a draught, as follows :

To JOHN ADAMS, President of the United States.

SIR,

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

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

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

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

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

Which address was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Kitchel, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, "A supplement to the act, intitled, "An act for erecting a state prison," reported the same, which was read, and the title altered to read as follows:—"An act to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state prison."

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from James Mott, treasurer, requesting some directions respecting the duties of his office, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed address to the President of the United States was read and approved ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Kirkpatrick do carry the said address to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, informed the house that Council have concurred in the address to John Adams, President of the United States.

Ordered, That the speaker of the house and the president of Council be requested to deliver the address above referred to when the president arrives in Trenton.

The members withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and being returned, the speaker resumed the chair and

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Thursday, November 9, 1797.

The house met.

Mr. Morgan, agreeably to leave given and in behalf of the petitioner, presented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act authorizing Joseph Stout, agent of forfeited estates in and for the county of Middlesex, to fulfil a certain contract made and entered into by John Lloyd and William Scudder, late agents of forfeited estates in and for said county, with Lazarus Wilmot, for certain lands forfeited to and vested in this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Robert Campbell, of the county of Monmouth, was read and dismissed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state prison," was read and compared;

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

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Messrs. Aarmstrong,	Hall,	Newbold,	Stockton,	Mr. Wade.
Blanch,	Harris,	Pennington,	Stryker,	
Burrowes,	Kitchel,	Seagrave,	Vancleve,	
Campbell,	Leaming,	Sharps,	VanDuyn,	
Clement,	Leeds,	Smith,	Wallace,	
Coxe,	Lippincott,	Stansbury,	Ward,	
Dunn,	Lloyd,	Stewart,	Welsh,	
French,	Montgomery,	Stillwell,	Wyckoff.	
Guffin,	Moore,			

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Morgan do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, a member from the county of Middlesex, having yesterday been appointed by the joint-meeting the third justice of the supreme court, and having signified to the speaker of this house his acceptance of said appointment, and the house considering the seat of Mr. Kirkpatrick thereby vacant,

Resolved, That the speaker issue a warrant, directed to the clerk of the county of Middlesex, for an election to supply said vacancy.

A petition from David Canfield, who was wounded in the service of the United States, praying an allowance of half-pay, was read and committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Newbold and Hall.

The house adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Friday, November 10, 1797.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to juries and verdicts," was read a third time ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Newbold do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bills are passed by this house without amendment.

Two petitions from the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris, praying that a law may pass to divide the said township into two townships, were read ;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, on the third Tuesday of the next sitting, they advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in six of the most public places in the township of Roxbury, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act granting a further sum of money to the commissioners herein named," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The petitions from the directors of Second-River bridge, praying they may have leave to present a bill to empower the directors of the said bridge to enlarge the toll to be taken from the passengers, &c. crossing the same, and to authorize the subscribers to complete the road through the cedar swamp at their own expense, and to receive toll from all travellers using the same, were read ;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the third Monday of the next sitting, they advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in the newspapers printed in Newark, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state prison," without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington do carry the said bill to Council for concurrence.

The speaker laid before the house the following answer to the address presented to the president of the United States :

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

GENTLEMEN,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JOHN ADAMS.

On motion,

Ordered, That the hearing of the parties relative to erecting new bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, in the places where the old ferries were, be deferred until the second Friday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

A petition from the counties of Essex and Somerset, praying that a part of the county of Somerset may be annexed by law to the county of Essex, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the house that Council have rejected the bill, intitled, " An act for defraying sundry incidental charges."

Mr. Kitchel, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, " An act to provide for the payment of sundry incidental charges ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to provide for the payment of sundry incidental charges," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to provide for the payment of sundry incidental charges," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Seagrave do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act to provide for the payment of sundry incidental charges."

The house adjourned to meet on the third Wednesday in January next.

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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON, on the 24th Day of
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BEING THE SECOND SITTING.

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 STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, *Wednesday, January 17, 1798.*

AGREEABLY to Adjournment from the last Sitting, the following Members attended, to wit,

The SPEAKER,

Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve, and
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	

William Edgar, Esq. returned as a Representative in the place of Andrew Kirkpatrick, Esq. whose Seat became vacant by his Acceptance of the Office of Justice of the Supreme Court, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed—Whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

There not being a Quorum present, the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Thursday, January 18, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Hall, Mr. Moore, Mr. Seagrave, Mr. Blanch, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Clement, Mr. French, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Wade, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Van Duyn, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Welsh attended and took their Seats.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the House, that a sufficient Number of Members of Council have met and proceeded to Business.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Messrs. Stillwell, Coxe, and Ward be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and to report what Business was referred, or remains unfinished.

On Motion,

Ordered. That Mr. Campbell be added to the Committee appointed at the last Sitting to examine and correct the Minutes of the House.

Ordered. That Mr. Burrowes do wait on the Council, and inform them, that a sufficient Number of Members have this day met and proceeded to Business.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Townships of Newark and Aquackanunck, in the County of Essex, praying that a new Township may be set off from the said Townships, and that they may have leave to present a Bill for that Purpose, was read—

Ordered. That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill on the second Monday in February next, the Petitioners previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in the Newspapers printed in Newark, for two Weeks, and in three of the most public Places in the Townships of Newark and Aquackanunck, for at least two Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from the Officers of a Company of Artillery in Somerset County, praying that the State would reimburse to them £.24 5 0 by them expended in the Purchase of a Field-piece for their Company, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report such Business as was referred, or remained unfinished, brought in a Report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," was read a second Time, with a Number of Petitions from Persons confined in the different Goals of the State for Debt, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Vancleve, and Clement.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to fix the Places of holding Elections in the Townships of Amwell and Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Burrowes, and Pennington.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act authorising Joseph Stout, Agent of forfeited Estates in and for the County of Middlesex, to fulfil a certain Contract made and entered into by John Lloyd and William Scudder, late Agents of forfeited Estates in and for the said County, with Lazarus Wilnot, for certain Lands forfeited to and vested in this State," was read a second Time, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Ordered, That Messrs. Wade, Welsh, and Hall, be a Committee to enquire what Repairs are necessary to be made to the State House, and whether it is expedient to enclose and level the Lot belonging to the same, and what Sum of Money ought to be appropriated for the said Purposes, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Establishment of Schools for the Education of Poor Children," was read a second Time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole this Afternoon.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from Mary Silvers, Widow of Levi Silvers, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Moore, Lloyd, and Seagrave.

Mr. Armillrong and Mr. Smith attended and took their seats.

Agreeably to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Establishment of Schools for the Education of Poor Children," Mr. Vancleve in the Chair, and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Business, and desired leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, stating Difficulties in the Collection of the exempt Taxes; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Friday.

Friday, January 19, 1798.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal part of the Act, entitled, an Act for laying out, opening, and improving certain Roads in the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, and Burlington, in this State," was read a second Time—

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the third Wednesday in February next, the Petitioners in favor of the said Bill, previously advertising a Copy of this Order for at least two Weeks in three of the most public places in each of the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Slaves."

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the second Section in the following words :

And be it enacted, That the Children of every Negro, Indian, Mulatto, or Mestee Woman, being a Slave, shall follow the Condition of the Mother, and be Slaves.

It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stillwell;
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. French,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,	

—Y. E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wade,	

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Slaves," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Saturday, January 20, 1798.

The House met.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Philip Fisher and James Mathis and Mary Woodruff, report,

That, upon enquiry, your Committee find the Road complained of by the Petitioners has been vacated since the Petitions were presented to this House, your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the Committee,

STEPHEN BURROWES.

To which the House agreed.

Sundry Petitions from the Counties of Morris and Bergen, praying that a Law may be passed to set off a new County from the said Counties, were read, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Blanch, and Coxe.

A Petition from Elias Dayton, Esq. praying that he may be exonerated from the Payment of a Note by him given to Daniel Marsh, Esq. for the Use of the State, was read, and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Smith, and French.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying that the Road from Mount Holly to Monmouth Court House may be continued to some place on the Bay Shgre, was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill, entitled,

“ An Act for appointing Commissioners to lay out and open a Road from Monmouth Court House to some part of Sandy Hook Bay.”

A Petition from John Brockaw, confined in the Goal of Middlesex, and a Petition from Thomas Taylor, confined in the Goal of Essex County, for Debt, praying that they may be relieved from Confinement by an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, were read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on the Bill for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Agreeably to order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Establishment of Schools for the Education of Poor Children.” Mr. Vancleve in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Business, and desired leave to sit again, which was granted.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell and Mr. Lloyd have leave of Absence until Saturday next, on special Business.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,” reported the same with sundry Amendments, which were read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

The Petition from Rebecca Williams, read on the 1st November last, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Sharps, Van Duyn, and Lippincott.

A Petition from John Rattoone, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Stockton, and Stansbury.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, January 22, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Gustin attended and took his Seat, and having rendered an Excuse for his Non-Attendance before this Time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to suspend the Operation of an Act, for laying out, opening, and improving certain Roads in the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, and Burlington, in this State, so far as respects the Roads from Roads-Town and Bridgetown, in the County of Cumberland, to Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester,” was read and dismissed.

The Letter from the Treasurer of the 8th November last, was read a second Time and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from Hannah Henry, late Hannah Dumont, Widow of Major Edward Dumont, who died in the Service of the United States, praying a Warrant of half pay, was read, and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Wyckoff, and Harris.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill relative to Elections in the Townships of Readington and Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, reported—

That they have carefully examined the Election Law now in force in this State, and are of Opinion no Alteration in said Law is necessary, to accommodate the Inhabitants in their annual Elections—Your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, the Bill committed to them ought to be dismissed.

By order of the Committee,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

Sundry Petitions from Essex and Somerset Counties, praying that a part of the County of Somerset may be annexed to the County of Essex, with a Petition from Essex in Opposition thereto, were read; and committed to Messrs. Stansbury, Stryker, and Edgar.

The Attorney General's Report of the 4th of March, 1797, on the Petition from Monmouth, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Stewart, and Armstrong, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

A Petition from Bordentown, in the County of Burlington, praying a repeal of the Law declaring Crosswick's Creek a lawful Fence, from the Place known by the Name of Watson's Ferry to the Mouth of the same, passed June 20, 1765, and desiring leave to present a Bill for that Purpose, was read—

Ordered,

Ordered. That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill on Monday the twenty-first of February next, they previously advertising a Copy of this Order for at least ten Days in three of the most public Places in the Townships of Nottingham and Chesterfield.

The Petition from the Judges, and Justices of the County of Hunterdon, read on the 4th of November last, was read, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Clement, and Pennington.

The Bill, entitled. "An Act to carry into effect the third and fourth Sections of a Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries, and Taverns," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Report of Mr. Dayton of the 17th February last, was read a second Time, and the Report agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the Representation and Memorial of Elias Dayton, reported—

That your Committee, having examined the Documents and Vouchers to them committed, do find, that the Memorialist gave a Note of Hand on the 19th day of September, 1786. for £.196 12 3 Proclamation Money, payable to Daniel Marsh, Esq. late Commissioner of forfeited Estates for the County of Essex, which Note, it appears, was given for the Balance due to the State on the Sale of a House and Lot of Land in Elizabeth-Town, late the property of Edward V. Dungan, forfeited to and vested in the State—and it further appears to your Committee, by the Oath of Isaac Brokaw, that John Clawson, the Commissioner who sold the said House and Lot, did, on the Day of Sale, repeatedly and publicly declare, that the said Lot was to be sold by him free from all Incumbrances whatsoever—that, notwithstanding, the Memorialist has been compelled to pay Two Hundred and Sixty-Five Pounds Ten Shillings, in discharge of a Mortgage from Edward V. Dungan to John Chetwood, bearing date the 16th Day of October, 1773. as appears by the Mortgage, and a Receipt of Aaron Ogden, Esq. dated the 16th Day of April, 1797—and it further appears, that the Memorialist received from the Treasurer a Note for £.8 11 4 being his dividend of £.70 2 4 which was due to him from the said forfeited Estate—Your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Memorialist ought to be discharged from the Payment of the said Note given to Daniel Marsh, Esq. as aforesaid.

By order of the Committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which Report was read and agreed to.

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

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Newbold and Mr. Montgomery attended and took their Seats.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered. That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Tuesday, January 23, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Leaming attended, and having rendered to the House an Excuse for his Non-Attendance before this Time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Newbold also rendered an Excuse for his Non-Attendance before yesterday, which was satisfactory.

Mr. Leaming presented a Petition from Charles Allen, praying to be liberated from Confinement by an Act of Insolvency, which was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill.

A Petition from Samuel Jones and others, praying leave to present a Bill the better to enable them to carry into effect the Intentions of John Honeywell, deceased, as expressed in his Will, was read, and committed to Messrs. Smith, Newbold, and Leaming.

A Petition

A Petition from the Officers of the Cavalry, stating that they are by the Law of the State prevented from the usual line of Promotion, and praying that the Law may be altered to place them in as good a Situation as the Infantry are in, was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Ward, Gustin, Morgan, and Pennington.

The Committee to whom was committed the Petition of parts of the Counties of Bergen and Morris, praying that parts of those Counties therein described, may be set off and constituted into a new County, reported—

That the Inhabitants of those Districts have had general Information of the Purport of the Application, and it doth not appear to your Committee that any other Measures will probably be taken by the Parties for and against it, than what will arise from the Petitions—

Your Committee, therefore, recommend, that they have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

By order of the Committee,

AARON KITCHEL.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elias Dayton," which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Memorial from Cyrenus Van Mater, stating a Demand against the forfeited Estate of his Brother, Daniel Van Mater, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Montgomery, Sharps, and Stryker, to report by Bill or otherwise.

A Petition from Phebe Douglass and others, informing that Peregrine and John Van Emburgh have in their Hands a large Sum of Money due to the Estate of Peter Barbarie, whose Estate was forfeited to and vested in this State, and praying that a Law may be passed to enable them, as the legal Representatives of the said Peter Barbarie, to recover the same, was read, and committed to Messrs. Van Duhn, Leeds, and Vancieve.

A Letter from the Governor was laid before the House, informing that he had received 210 sets of the Laws of the United States, in three Volumes each: from the Secretary of State, and that he had also received from the Governor of North-Carolina 2 Volumes and 3 Pamphlets of their Laws, with a Letter, requesting an Exchange of Laws, which was read, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Coxe, and Stewart.

A Petition from the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may pass to make the Bridge at Cyrenus Van Mater's Mill a County Charge, was read, and committed to Messrs. Montgomery, Clement, and Blanch.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing Joseph Stout, Agent of forfeited Estates in and for the County of Middlesex. to fulfil a certain Contract made and entered into by John Lloyd and William Scudder, with Lazarus Wilmot, for certain Lands forfeited to and vested in this State," whereupon a Letter was presented from Andrew Bell, in Opposition thereto—

Ordered, That the said Bill and Letter be committed to Messrs. Burrowes, Dunn, and French.

The Report of the Committee appointed at the last Sitting to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, was taken into Consideration, and agreed to.

A Petition from James Craige, praying that Charles Allen may not be admitted to the Benefit of an Act of Insolvency, was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill before the House.

Resolved, That unless the Yeas and Nays shall be required in the usual mode on any Question before the House, the sense of the House shall be taken by the Speaker's stating the Question, and then saying, as many as are in favor of the Question, will say Ay, then those of a contrary Opinion will say No. If there is any doubt of the Determination, the Members voting in the Affirmative or Negative shall, by the Speaker, be required to rise in order that they may be counted.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P, M.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of different parts of the State, praying an Alteration in the Law for the Punishment of Crimes, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elias Dayton," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," and after having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Pennington, at the request of the Petitioners for the Bill, entitled, "An Act for building Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackensack, at or near the several places on said Rivers where the Ferries in the Rout between Newark and New-York were formerly kept," desired leave to withdraw the same, to which the House agreed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State," was read a second Time, and, after some time spent thereon—

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Wednesday, January 24, 1798.

The House met.

A Representation from Joseph Stout, Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex, desiring some Instructions from the House relative to his Duty, was read, and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Smith, Montgomery, Stillwell, and Wade.

A Memorial from Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lot, Executrix, &c. of Gershom Lot, deceased, stating Demands against the forfeited Estates of Peter, Andrew, and Oliver Barbarie, and praying Payment, was read, and referred to the last named Committee.

A Petition from the Sheriff of Burlington, praying to be exonerated from the Payment of a Fine inflicted on a Prisoner who broke from his Custody, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elias Dayton," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Princeton and its Vicinity, was read, praying an Amendment to the Law passed for promoting the Interest of Religion and Morality.

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. Southard, Moore, and Seagrave, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

A Petition from Mary Husted, late the Widow of Daniel Jones, who died in the Service of the United States, praying the half-pay of her late Husband, was read, and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Harris, and Wyckoff.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stanbury,	Mr. Welsh.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to carry into effect the third and fourth Sections of a Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries, and Taverns," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Preservation of Oysters," was read and compared.

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

—Y E A S—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Gullin,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S—

Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace,	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

Mr. Anderson, from Council, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning Under-Sheriffs," to which he requested the Concurrence of this House. Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stansbury, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Somerset, praying a Division of the County of Somerset, and that a part of the same may be annexed to the County of Essex, report—

That they are of Opinion, that the Prayer of the said Petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the Committee,

RECOMPENCE STANSBURY.

To which the House agreed.

A Petition from the Legatees of James Willman, deceased, stating that, by the Death of one of the Executors of his Last Will and Testament, the same cannot be duly executed, and praying leave to present a Bill to appoint one or more Commissioners to carry into effect the Purposes of the said Will, was read, and committed to Messrs. Clement, Stewart, and Pennington.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Newton, in the County of Suffex," was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Jones and others, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Trustees therein named to execute the Purposes of the Last Will and Testament of John Honeywell, deceased," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State."

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Report of Mr. Kitchel of yesterday, for setting off a new County from the Counties of Bergen and Morris, was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill.

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

Thursday, January 25, 1798.

The House met.

Two Petitions from the County of Cape May, respecting the Toll Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek, were read, and committed to Messrs. Leaming, Moore, and Hall.

Mr.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate part of the Borough of Elizabeth into a separate Township"—which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth his Wife, praying that a Lot of Land in Middlesex County, forfeited to the State as the Property of James Moore, Father of the said Elizabeth, may be vested in the said Elizabeth, in Fee Simple, was read, and committed to Messrs. Newbold, Sharps, and Edgar.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State."

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. Coxe, Pennington, and Armstrong.

Mr. Kitchel, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for erecting the upper parts of Morris and Bergen Counties, in New-Jersey, into a separate County, to be called the County of Washington, and for building a Court-House and Goal in the same"—which Bill was read—

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second Time on the fourth Thursday in February next, the Purport of the said Bill being previously advertised for two Weeks in the Newspaper printed in Morris-Town, and in one of the Newspapers printed in Newark; and also, for the same length of Time, in the Township of Pequannock, in the County of Morris, in the Townships of Saddle River, Franklin, and Pompton, in the County of Bergen.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of Gloucester, praying a Law to suspend the Operation of the Act for laying out, opening, and improving certain Roads in the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, and Burlington, so far as respects the Road leading from Bridgetown to Carpenter's Bridge, was read, and ordered a second reading on the third Wednesday in February next.

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

Friday, January 26, 1798.

The House met.

Resolved, That the Speaker have power, during the Recess of the Legislature, to convene the General Assembly whenever any Occasion shall, in his Opinion, render it necessary.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Phebe Douglass, late Phebe Barbarie, Wife of Peter Barbarie, deceased, and others, report—

That they have carefully examined the said Memorial and Vouchers accompanying the same, and are of Opinion, that the said Memorial, with the Vouchers in support thereof, ought to be referred to the Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex.

By order of the Committee,

JAMES VAN DUYN.

To which the House agreed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from his Excellency the Governor, accompanied with a return of Cavalry Officers, with their Rank, &c. also a return of Artillery Officers, with their Rank and Dates of Commissions, which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, enclosing a Statement of Bonds, Mortgages, and Notes now in the Treasury, deposited by those Persons who took the Benefit of an Act to authorize Persons whose Estates have been confiscated, or their legal Representatives, to demand and receive all Debts and Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations; which Letter and Statement was read, and committed to Messrs. Welsh, Wallace, and Stryker.

The following Resolution was proposed:

Whereas the Act for the support of Government of this State, passed November 7, 1797, makes provision only for paying the Printer for printing the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature and Joint-Meeting of the first Sitting—Therefore,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Treasurer shall pay to the said Printer the same Sums for every Sheet of the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature and Joint-Meeting for the whole Session, as is directed by said Law for the first Sitting.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be postponed.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Stout, Agent of forfeited Estates of the County of Middlesex, setting forth that he finds himself much embarrassed in the Settlement of the Accounts and Transactions of David Olden, deceased, late Agent of forfeited Estates of said County, and praying Instructions from the Legislature on his future Proceedings, report—

That a Resolution ought to pass, authorizing and directing the said Joseph Stout to lay a Statement of all the Proceedings of the said David Olden, Agent as aforesaid, that have come to his Knowledge, before the Attorney General, for his Advice and Directions, and to employ such other Counsel as to the said Attorney General shall appear necessary for the Settlement of Accounts as aforesaid.

By order of the Committee,

JAMES MORGAN.

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

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the House, that Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to carry into effect the third and fourth Sections of a Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries, and Taverns," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Preservation of Oysters," without Amendment.

A Petition from Jacob and William Halsey, Printers at Newark, praying to be appointed to print the State Work, and offering Proposals, was read, and postponed.

Mr. Coxe, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State," reported the same with sundry Amendments.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Newbold, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge, reported—

That, having carefully examined the Facts set forth in the said Petition, are of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted.

By order of the Committee,

THOMAS NEWBOLD.

Mr. Coxe, agreeably to leave given, presented a Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to empower the Governor of the State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancocus Creek"—which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from the Executors, &c. of Hannah Preston, late Widow of Col. Isaac Preston, who died in the Service of the United States, praying that the Legislature would allow them, for the Use of her legal Representatives, the Amount of her late Husband's half-pay, for and during the Time she remained his Widow, was read, and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Blanch, and Stockton.

Mr. Parret, from Council, informed the House, that Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," without Amendment.

The Resolution proposed this Morning, for printing the Proceedings of the Legislature, was read, and agreed to.

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

A Petition from the Proprietors of the Toll-Bridge over Newton Creek, praying a Law to increase the Toll for crossing the said Bridge, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Leaming, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of sundry Inhabitants of the upper Precinct of the County of Cape May, praying a Law to erect a Draw in the Toll-Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek, in the said County, report—

That

That they have examined the said Petitions for and against the same, and that it is the Opinion of your Committee, the Petitioners in favor of erecting the said Draw have leave to present a Bill on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, at least three Weeks in three of the most public Places in said Precinct.

By order of the Committee,
PERSONS LEAMING.

To which the House agreed.

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

Saturday, January 27, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Burrowes, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lazarus Wilmot, reported as follows—

That the Claim of the said Petitioner relates to a certain Contract made and entered into by John Lloyd and William Scudder, late Agents of forfeited Estates in and for the County of Middlesex, with the said Petitioner, for certain Lands forfeited to and vested in this State—Your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Business ought to be referred to Joseph Stout, the Agent of forfeited Estates for the said County of Middlesex.

By order of the Committee,
STEPHEN BURROWES.

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

Mr. Corson, from Council, informed the House, that Council have rejected the Resolution directing the Treasurer to pay to the Printer the same Sums for printing the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature for the present as for the former Sitting; and that the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Elias Dayton," is passed by Council without Amendment.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Cyrenus Van Mater, reported—

That, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Laws are already sufficient on the subject of said Petition.

By order of the Committee,
ROBERT MONTGOMERY.

Which was agreed to.

A Petition from Essex, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Justice may be enlarged to £.24 was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill for the Trial of small Causes.

The Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancous Creek," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from the Proprietors of the Toll Bridge over Newton Creek, praying a Law to increase the Toll, was read a second Time—

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill on the third Thursday in February next, with advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, at the following Places, one at each of the Cooper's Ferries, one at Hugg's Ferry, one at the Toll Bridge, and one at each of the Taverns in Woodbury, at least ten Days previous thereto.

A Petition from Middlesex County, praying that the Legislature would inspect into the legality of the Election which was held to determine where their Court-House and Goal should be erected in the said County, was read—

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time on the first Wednesday in February next, when the House will inspect into the Legality of the said Election, and hear the Petitioners by Counsel, the Petitioners previously advertising a Copy of this Order in the New-Brunswick Paper.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hannah Henry, and the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace

in and for the County of Hunterdon, in favor of Hannah Henry, late Hannah Dumont, Widow of Major Edward Dumont, in Col. Hankerson's Regiment of Suffex Militia, reported—

That she is entitled to the half-pay of her late Husband, Edward Dumont, from the Time of his decease, which appears to have been on the first day of September, 1776, until the Time of her Marriage with her present Husband, which appears to have been on the fourth Day of January, 1780.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES MORGAN.

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

The Letter from William Paterfon, Esq. relative to the Revision of the Laws, was read—

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Coxe, and Pennington, who are directed to report the State, Progress, and probable Time of the Completion of the Revision of the said Laws, and the Obstruction in the Way of its Completion; and likewise to report which of the said Bills, reported by Mr. Paterfon, it will be necessary to be acted upon first in this House.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, January 29, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee to whom the Petition of Mary Silvers was referred, reported as follows—

That, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, it appearing to your Committee, that the Commissioners sold the Property free from any Incumbrances, and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition,

By order of the Committee,
DAVID MOORE.

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

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Trustees therein named to execute the Purposes of the Last Will and Testament of John Honeywell, deceased," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Vancleve presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for printing the Laws of this Session," which was read, and ordered a second reading,

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, informing that he has a large Sum of Paper Money in the Treasury, and suggesting the Propriety of destroying the same—Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, Stockton, and Stewart be a Committee to join a Committee of Council for the Purpose of destroying the Paper Money in the Treasury, and that Mr. Dunn do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

A Petition from James Meed, praying Payment of his $\frac{1}{4}$ Note, given for the Depreciation of his Pay while a Soldier in the Jersey Line, which has been lost, was read, and referred to Messrs. Stillwell, Wyckoff, and Sharps.

Mr. Clement, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Township of Great Egg-Harbour, in the County of Gloucester, into two separate Townships:" which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Newton, in the County of Suffex," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from certain Proprietors of Lands on Passaick River, praying leave to present a Bill to direct the Obstructions in the said River to be removed, from Bonnell's Mill up the River to the Mill-Dam of Joshua Doty, then from where Dead River empties into Passaick. up Dead River to the Bridge at the Saw-Mill late William Frazer's, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Representation from Daniel Van Riper, one of the Commissioners for laying out certain Monies on the Road leading to Paules-Hook, was read, informing that it will take £.300 to complete the Work began by the Commissioners, and desiring that the Accounts of the Commissioners may be settled.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Messrs. Clement, Wyckoff, and Lloyd be a Committee to join a Committee of Council for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of the said Daniel Van Riper, John Condit, and Nathaniel Camp, and that Mr. Edgar do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to 8 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Princeton, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent the running of Stages through any part of this State on the Lord's Day:" which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Walton, from Council, informed the House, that Council have appointed Mr. Parret and Mr. Condit, or either of them, a Committee of Council, to join a Committee of this House, for the purpose of destroying the Loan-Office Money in the Treasury.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the New Town Dock of Newark, in Essex County," was read a second Time—

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for printing the Laws of this Session," was read a second Time—

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State."

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Coxe, and Pennington.

The Report of Mr. Morgan, on the Petition of Hannah Henry, late Widow of Major Edward Dumont, was read a second Time, and postponed until Saturday next.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes," was read a second Time, and the Consideration thereof postponed until Wednesday next.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Township of Great Egg-Harbour, in the County of Gloucester, into two separate Townships," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, January 30, 1798.

The House met.

The Speaker being indisposed, and unable to attend the House, they adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker being unwell, and not able to attend, the House proceeded to appoint a Speaker *pro. tem.*—Joseph Stillwell, Esq. was duly elected, and accordingly took the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. French do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State," reported the same with sundry Amendments—After having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the House, that Council have appointed Mr. Anderson and Mr. Kitchel, or either of them, a Committee on the part of Council, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of settling the Accounts of Daniel Van Riper, John Condit, and Nathaniel Camp, Commissioners for laying out certain Monies on the Road leading to Paules-Hook.

Mr. Clement, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Garwood, William Zane, and Paul Troth, Legatees of James Hillman, deceased, stating that Power was given to the Executors of the Will and Testament of the said James Hillman, to sell and convey certain Real Estate; but from the Death of one of the Executors before Sale and Conveyance of the said Real Estate, the Survivor cannot perform

perform the said Will and Testament in the said particular, and, therefore, praying that one or more Commissioners be appointed by the Legislature to carry the said Will and Testament into effect in the said particular, report—

That they have carefully examined the Will and Testament of the said James Hillman, and the existing Law of New-Jersey, and are of Opinion, that the surviving Executor has full Power to sell and convey the said Real Estate in Fee Simple, and are, therefore, of Opinion, that any special Law is unnecessary.

By order of the Committee,
ABEL CLEMENT.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

Mr. Coxe presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality," which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, the Committee to set on Thursday next.

A Petition from John Perine, whose Estate was forfeited to and vested in this State, praying an Act to empower him to collect Debts which were due to him prior to the Time an Inquisition was had and final Judgment entered against him, was read, and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Stockton, and Dunn.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Bower and Isaac Preston, in behalf of the Heirs of Hannah Preston, Widow of Colonel Isaac Preston, who died in the Service of this State, for the half-pay of her Husband during the Widowhood, report—

That, by the Documents which accompany the Petition, it appears to us fully authenticated that the said Isaac Preston died in the Service of this State, while commanding as Colonel of a Regiment of Militia, on the fifth Day of March, 1777—That Hannah Preston was the lawful Wife of the said Isaac Preston, that she continued his Widow until her Death, which appears by her Will to be after the 12th Day of January, 1782, leaving several Children; that every necessary Formality has been performed by the Petitioners to authorize their Application to the Legislature—

Your Committee, after stating the above Facts, beg leave to submit to the House the Propriety of granting the Prayer of the Petitioners.

By order of the Committee,
WILLIAM LLOYD.

Ordered, That the said Report be read a second Time on Saturday next, at which time the House will go into a Committee of the Whole on the same.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lott, Executrix of Gershom Lott, deceased, reported—

That they have examined the Books and Accounts that were of the said Gershom Lott, and it appears to your Committee, that the Account against Peter Barbarie is for Cash lent, and a running Account of Expences in the Tavern of said Lott, to the Amount of

On which there appears to have been paid, by Account rendered,

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Among the aforesaid Charges the following Sum is for Billiards,

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The Account against Andrew Barbarie is a running Account of Cash and Tavern Expences,

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And the Account against Oliver Barbarie, of Cash and Tavern Expences, appears to have been settled by a Note given by the said Oliver Barbarie to the said Keziah Hunt, to Amount of £.30 Principal and Interest, the Balance of the said Account being, without Interest,

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And it further appears to your Committee, that through the Exertions of Nathaniel Hunt, Esq. (the Husband of the Petitioner) the Sum of two hundred and forty one pounds has been recovered by the Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex from the Estates of the aforesaid Fugitives, which Money otherwise would have been lost to the State.

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Your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of her Petition.

By order of the Committee,

Which Report was read—

JAMES MORGAN.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Wednesday, January 31, 1798.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancocus Creek," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Newton, in the County of Sussex," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Gustin do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council to destroy the Paper Money in the Treasury, brought in the following Report—

An Account of Loan-Office Money delivered to the Committees of Council and Assembly.

Denominations.	120s.	60s.	30s.	15s.	12s.	6s.	3s.	1s.	Amount.	
									£.	s. d.
Bundle No. 1	171	263							1815	
2	69	157							885	
3	103	252							1374	
4	147	190							1452	
5	118	179							1245	
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	654	1127	163	167	322	123	118	114	7928	5 0

WE, the Committees of both Houses, do hereby certify, That James Mott, Treasurer, has delivered to us the Sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Eight Pounds Five Shillings, Loan-Office Money of 1786, agreeably to the above Statement, which we have examined, counted, and burned.

By order of the Committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER SMITH.

An Account of Revenue Money delivered to the Committees of Council and Assembly, Jan. 30, 1798.

Denominations.	120s.	60s.	30s.	15s.	12s.	7s6d	5s	3s9d	2s6d	Amount.	
										£.	s. d.
Bundle No. 1	120	426								1998	
2	241	329								2433	
3	24			1		1			1	145	5
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WE, the Committees of both Houses, do hereby certify, That James Mott, Treasurer, has delivered to us the Sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence, Revenue Money of 1783, agreeably to the above Statement, which we have examined, counted, and burned.

By order of the Committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER SMITH.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

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Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Husted, late Mary Jones, and the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Cumberland, in favor of the said Mary, late the Widow of Daniel Jones, a Corporal in Captain Samuel Ogden's Company of Militia, under the command of Colonel Isaac Preston, reported—

That she is entitled to the half-pay of her late Husband, Daniel Jones, from the Time of his decease, which was on the 27th Day of January, 1777, until the Time of her Intermarriage with Jeremiah Husted, which appears to have been on or about the 1st Day of January, 1783.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES MORGAN.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading on Saturday next.

A Petition from Samuel Darnell, praying leave to present a Bill to authorize him to erect a Dam across Maurice River, for the purpose of a Mill at or near Fork Bridge, he erecting Ways therein fit for floating down the Stream, was read—

Ordered, That the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill on Thursday the 22d of February next, he previously advertising the Purport of the Bill he means to present, with a Copy of this Order, at Malaga Mill, at Little Ease Mill, and at Maurice River New Bridge, at least fifteen Days previous thereto.

Mr. Kitchel, from Council, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act granting Relief in certain Cases against collusive Judgments and wrongful Alienations of Land," to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to order, the House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes," whereupon the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill—Mr. Vancleve in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill committed to them, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition of John Elton, read on the 24th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Kitchel, and Stryker.

A Petition from Clement Acton, Sheriff of the County of Salem, stating that the Goal of the County of Salem was burned in March last, that a number of Prisoners, confined for Debt, have, in consequence thereof, made their Escape, and praying that a Law may pass to exonerate him from Actions for the Escapes, was read and dismissed.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Meed and Wife, report—

That your Committee have examined the Books in Mr. James Ewing's Office, and it does not appear that the Certificate alluded to in said Petition has ever been filed in his Office, or the Treasurer's Office of this State, and from the Proof that is made, your Committee are induced to believe that the Certificate alluded to hath been destroyed, and not paid off, therefore are of Opinion, that the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

By order of the Committee,
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Thursday, February 1, 1798.

The House met.

The Speaker attended and took his Seat.

A Petition from Nicoll Smith and others, praying leave to present a Bill to authorize them to throw a Dam across Laurence's Brook, in the County of Middlesex, for the purpose of a Mill, was read—

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petition on the third Wednesday in this Month, previously advertising the Purport thereof in the New-Brunswick Newspaper, and two of the most public Places in the Neighbourhood, eight Days previous thereto.

Mr. Coxe, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Elton, Sheriff of Burlington, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Elton, Sheriff of the County of Burlington:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Benjamin Guild, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to pay him a Sum of Money equal to a Sum of Jersey Loan-Office Money burned in his Store on the 25th of September, 1794, was read, and committed to Messrs. Clement, Hall, and Seagrave.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying that the Legislature would authorize the Governor of the State to incorporate a Company for the building of a Bridge across the River Delaware, at or near the City of Trenton, was committed to Messrs. Coxe, Blanch, and Dunn.

A Petition from Phebe Marsh, and a Petition from Mary Pain, praying a renewal of their Warrants, and that they may be enlarged equal to the half-pay of their late Husbands, were read, and committed to Messrs. Montgomery, Wallace, and French.

A Petition from Rebecca Margereem, stating a Demand against the forfeited Estate of Robert Fitz Randolph, and praying leave to present a Bill to direct the Treasurer to make Payment thereof, was read, and committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Campbell, and Harris.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Lower Freehold, praying that part of the Road, laid out by Commissioners, leading from Mount Holly to the Court-House in Monmouth County, may be altered, was read—

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition, on the second Monday of this Month, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, at least ten Days at Allentown, Burnt's Tavern, Moses Mount's and Robert Laird's Taverns.

A Letter from William Paterfon, Esq. in answer to the Speaker's Letter desiring him to draw Bills for regulating the Practice in the Courts of Chancery, the Courts of Common Law, and the Orphan's Court, and for ascertaining the taxable Costs in the same, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Agreeably to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes"—Mr. Vancleve in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill committed to them, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from John J. Faesch, Esq. praying a loan of 10,000 Dollars, the better to enable him to carry on the Manufactory of Iron into Edge Tools, &c. was read, and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Kitchel, and Wade.

A Petition from the County of Gloucester, praying that the Board of Justices and Freeholders may be authorized by Law to purchase the Toll Bridge over Newton Creek—That Commissioners may be appointed to straighten the Road from Charles West's to Cooper's Ferries, and that Persons crossing Great Timber Creek Bridge should be obliged to pay a Toll for the use of the County, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beardsee, from Council, presented the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Newton, in the County of Suffex," with sundry Amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House, which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and ordered a second reading.

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Mr. Outwater, from Council, informed the House, that Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancocus Creek," without Amendment.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes"—Mr. Vancleve in the Chair, and, after having gone through the said Bill, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman of the Committee reported the said Bill as amended by the Committee, which was read and postponed.

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

Friday, February 2, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Faech, requesting the Loan of 10,000 Dollars, to enable him to establish a variety of the most substantial Iron Implements of Husbandry, and many of the same by our different Artizans, report—

That they have taken a View of the present convulsed State of many of the European Kingdoms and States, and the dependant Situation of the American States on those Countries for nearly all the Commodities useful and necessary in our variety of Pursuits; that the Appropriation of Money by the Legislature to so laudable an undertaking as the one proposed by the Petitioner, would, if carried into effect, be productive of the most salutary Consequences to these States, and in particular that of the State we have the honor to represent; from a further view of the Prospect before us, arising from our relative Situation to two of the most flourishing States in the Union, being deprived of nearly all the great and very important Advantages of Commerce, which they have derived from their Establishments in that particular, hath led us to indulge a hope, that the Period is not far distant in which this State will be rivaled by none of her sister States in the Arts and Manufactures, placing, as we do, the strongest reliance for our rising Importance on the Establishment of those Arts which Nature has most liberally calculated us for, of which none appears more favorable to the Accomplishment of that important end, than the one contemplated by the Petitioner—The expediency of patronizing the undertaking, at this or any future Period, is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

By order of the Committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL,

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

A Petition from Benjamin Stevenson, stating a Demand against a forfeited Estate, was read, and committed to Messrs. Burrowes, Van Duyn, and Newbold.

Mr. Vancleve, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the Petitioner, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Mary Silvers:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, praying leave to present a Bill to declare Maurice River a lawful Fence, from the Mouth of the same as far up as the Lower Bridge, was read—

Ordered, That they have leave to present a Bill on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, they previously advertising a Copy of this Order in three public Places in the Townships of Maurice River, Fairfield, and Downs, in the County of Cumberland, for at least two Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Coxe, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of this State, praying leave to present a Bill to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Bridge over the River Delaware, at Trenton, are of Opinion, that the Measure is recommended by every Consideration of sound Policy, and that the Petitioners should have Permission to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM COXE, Junr.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

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A Petition from Peter Brocaw, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Leaming, and Armstrong.

Mr. Kitchel, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of James Meed:" which was ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Barnt De Klyn, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Stansbury, Stewart, and Leeds, to report thereon.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Newton, in the County of Suffex, with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Phebe Marsh and Mary Pain, reported—

That they have perused the Papers laid before them, and find that their Claim has heretofore been adjudicated by the proper Tribunal established by Law for that purpose, and Warrants issued accordingly, and nothing appearing before your Committee to induce them to deviate from the aforesaid Adjudication, are of Opinion, that the Prayer of the said Petitioners ought to be complied with, so far as respects the renewal of their Warrants, and no further.

By order of the Committee,

ROBERT MONTGOMERY.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That the Warrants be renewed accordingly

Whereupon Warrants were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall do carry the said Warrants to the Council for Allowance.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes," and after having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the County of Gloucester, praying that the Jurisdiction of a Magistrate may be enlarged to Seventy Dollars, was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes:" whereupon the said Bill was taken up, and read a second Time.

Resolved, That the House will go into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill immediately.

Mr. Coxe accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill committed to them, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee sit again.

Mr. Condict, from Council, informed the House; that Council have concurred in the Warrants issued this Morning in favor of Phebe Marsh and Mary Pain.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Petition of John Rattoone do return him his Petitions agreeably to his Request.

Mr. Kitchel, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Division of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris:" which Bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Saturday, February 3, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Burrowes, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Stevenfon, reported—

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That they have examined the Vouchers accompanying the same, are of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the Committee,
STEPHEN BURROWES.

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

The Report of Mr. Stillwell, on the Petition from John J. Faesch, was read a second Time.

A Motion being made, that the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer thereof—It was carried in the Negative.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Elton, Sheriff of the County of Burlington," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Perine, praying a Law to authorize him to recover certain Debts which were by him forfeited and vested in this State, reported—

That it is the Opinion of your Committee, that the said Petitioner ought to have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

By order of the Committee,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
WILLIAM STOCKTON.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Trustees therein named to execute the Purposes of the Last Will and Testament of John Honeywell, deceased," was read and compared.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Township of Great Egg Harbour, in the County of Gloucester, into two separate Townships," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, informing that he had paid Jonathan Doan, for building the State Prison, in the course of November last, £.2820 11 1—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Clement, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council to settle the Accounts of John Condit, Esq. Daniel Van Riper, and Nathaniel Camp, Commissioners to repair the new Road lately laid out from the Bridge over Hackensack River to Horsimer's, in the County of Bergen, report—

That they have carefully inspected the same, and find that the said Commissioners have received from the Treasury of this State the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, and that they have expended, in executing the Duties of their Appointment, on the said Road, the Sum of Three Hundred and Three Pounds One Shilling and Two Pence, including their own Charges for Time spent, as allowed by Law, as appears by their Vouchers from No. 1 to 27, which makes a Balance due to the said Commissioners of Three Pounds One Shilling and Two Pence.

By order of the Committee,
GEORGE ANDERSON,
ABEL CLEMENT,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
SIMON WYCKOFF.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, February 5, 1798.

The House met.

The Report of Mr. Morgan, on the Petition of Joseph Stout, was read and agreed to—
Ordered, That Messrs. Morgan, Montgomery, Stillwell, Wade, and Smith be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill or Resolution in conformity thereto.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

Mr. Vancleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Rebecca Margereem, report—

That Nathaniel Fitz Randolph, by his Bill, dated the 3d Day of September, 1770, became bound to Richard Margereem in the Sum of Twenty Two Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three Pence, current Money of the State of New-Jersey—That after the said Bill was given, the said Nathaniel Fitz Randolph died, leaving Robert Fitz Randolph, his eldest Son and Heir at Law, to his Estate—That the said Robert Fitz Randolph, as appears by Affidavits accompanying the said Petition, did administer on the said Estate of Nathaniel Fitz Randolph, his Father, and that the said Robert Fitz Randolph having afterwards joined the Army of the King of Great-Britain, the said Robert's Estate was forfeited to and vested in the State of New-Jersey; and that there now remains in the Treasury of this State a Balance of Thirty Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence, of the Proceeds of the Estate of the said Robert, in Specie—

That it appears to your Committee, by an Endorsement on the Back of the aforesaid Bill, that the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence was, on the 28th Day of May, 1775, paid by the said Robert Fitz Randolph to the Petitioner; but whether any or what Estate of the said Nathaniel Fitz Randolph came to the Hands of the said Robert Fitz Randolph, does not appear to your Committee, or whether the said Robert was, by Law, bound to pay the Balance due on the aforesaid Bill—

And your Committee further report, that it does not appear to them that the Petitioner aforesaid is by Law authorized to receive the aforesaid Balance, or that she has ever applied to have her Demand liquidated agreeably to the Act in such Case made and provided.

By order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

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

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the further Division of the Township of Newton, in the County of Suffex," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the printing the Laws of this Session," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Elton, Sheriff of the County of Burlington," was read and compared—

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

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The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Campbell, and Welsh.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to leave given, presented a Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaick, near the Dutch Church, in Second-River:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, agreeably to leave given, and on behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for re-laying, opening, and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem road, between Moores-town, in the County of Burlington, and Haddonsfield, in the County of Gloucester, in this State:" which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Tuesday, February 6, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Brokaw, report—

That your Committee have examined the Vouchers accompanying the same, and cannot find that the Petitioner has ever received the Depreciation of his Pay—Your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Petitioner is entitled to the Prayer of his Petition, so far as relates to the Depreciation of his Pay.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES MORGAN.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

Agreeably to order, the Bill, entitled, "An Act to constitute and appoint Commissioners to sell and convey certain Lands held in Trust for the Indian Natives at Brotherton, in Evesham Township, in the County of Burlington, and to appropriate the Monies thence arising for the Benefit of the said Indians," was read a second Time, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act granting a Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein named," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Representation from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Essex, complaining against the Stockholders of the Bridges across the Rivers Passaick and Hackensack, for not keeping the Turnpike-Road in repair, and praying that the Legislature will pass a Law to compel the Stockholders to complete the Causeways in a certain time, or, on their Failure, to stop the Toll until the Causeways are made good, which Petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Wade, and Edgar, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Agreeably to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality"—Mr. Coxe in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Coxe reported Progress, and desired that the Committee might sit again, to which the House agreed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Report of Mr. Morgan, on the Petition of Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lott, was read a second Time, and the Report disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Petition and Papers accompanying the same do lie on the Table.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Secretary's Letter of the 30th of October last, respecting the Clerks of the several Counties of this State, reported—

That since the Appointment of your Committee, several of the said Clerks have forwarded returns to the Secretary's Office, and they having nearly all complied with the

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Law, your Committee are of Opinion it is unnecessary for the House to take any further order in the Business.

By order of the Committee,
JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the House, that Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for printing the Laws of this Session," without Amendment.

Mr. Martin, from Council, returned the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Elton, Sheriff of the County of Burlington;" the Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Township of Great Egg-Harbour, in the County of Gloucester, into two separate Townships," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Trustees therein named to execute the Purposes of the Last Will and Testament of John Honeywell, deceased," with several Amendments made to the said Bills, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bills, as severally amended, were read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bills ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaic, near the Dutch Church in Second River," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Ward, and Dunn.

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

Wednesday, February 7, 1798,

The House met.

Mr. Clement presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act to build a Bridge across the South Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, with a sufficient Causeway to and from the same:" which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Vancleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of David Canfield, reported—

That it appears from the said Petition, that the Petitioner, David Canfield, on the fifteenth Day of November, 1776, was wounded at Springfield, in the County of Essex, being at that time a Soldier in the Militia of this State—Therefore your Committee would recommend to the House, that the said David Canfield have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

By order of the Committee,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into the Examination of the Legality of the Election held in Middlesex County, to determine the place for erecting the Court-House and Goal in the said County, and after some time spent thereon,

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met,

And resumed the Examination of the Legality of the Middlesex Election.

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

Thursday, February 8, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Armstrong, agreeably to leave given, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Brokaw:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the Officers of the Cavalry, presented a Bill, entitled, "An additional Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State:" which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the Examination of the Legality of the Middlesex Election.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Walton, from Council, returned the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Division of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris," with sundry Amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill and Amendments were read, and postponed.

The House resumed the Examination of the Legality of the Middlesex Election.

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

Friday, February 9, 1798.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Trustees therein named to execute the Purposes of the Last Will and Testament of John Honeywell, deceased," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act granting a further Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein named," was read and compared—

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. French,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Welsh.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Vaneleve,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

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

Mr. Sharps, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Rebecca Williams, of the County of Monmouth, reported—

That they have carefully examined the said Petition, and the Matters therein set forth—are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the Committee,

PETER SHARPS.

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

Mr. Wade presented a Resolution in the following words:

Resolved, That _____ be employed to print the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the present Sitting—Whereupon,

The Petition of Jacob Halfey and William Halfey, read on the 26th Ultimo, praying to be appointed to print the Laws and Votes of the Legislature, was read a second Time.

A Petition from Eliot Hopkins and Peter Smith, Printers at Newton, in Suffex County, praying to be appointed to print the Laws and Votes of the Legislature, was read.

A Letter to the Speaker from Matthias Day, desiring to be furnished with Copies of the Laws as soon as passed, for Publication, was read—

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Resolution, Petitions, and Letter be referred to Messrs. Stillwell, Leaming, and Clement, to report thereon.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Testimony laid before them respecting the Legality of the Election which was held in Middlesex to determine where the Court House and Goal should be erected—On the Question, Whether the Petitioners have so far substantiated the Facts set forth in their Petition, as to induce this House to vacate the said Election? It was carried in the Negative.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Welsh, from the Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Letter, accompanied by a Statement of the Obligations as Evidences of Debts due to the State of New-Jersey from the confiscated Estates of William Walton and William Taylor, report—

That it is the Opinion of your Committee, that the Treasurer ought to be authorized by Law to receive any Money that may be due on said Obligations, and to give up such Obligations as may appear to have been settled.

By order of the Committee,

DAVID WELSH.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Messrs. Welsh, Wallace, and Stryker be a Committee to present a Bill to carry into effect the Objects contemplated in the said Report.

Three Petitions were presented, praying that a Law may pass to direct that only one Lawyer may be permitted to appear in Causes to be tried in the Courts of this State, on each side; which were read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act for making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Resolved, That in future all Messages from either House of the Legislature to the other, shall be delivered by the Clerk of the respective Houses.

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

Mr. Anderson, from Council, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Creditors against absconding and absent Debtors," to which he requested the Concurrence of this House: which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Division of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris," with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second Time, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Letter of Matthias Day, and the Petitions of Eliot Hopkins and Peter Smith, of Suffex County, and Jacob Halsey and William Halsey, of Effex County, reported—

That the said Matthias Day will engage to print the Laws and Votes of the Legislature in sixty Days after their rising, and deliver them to the Treasurer of the State—And your Committee further report, that Eliot Hopkins and Peter Smith, of Suffex County, and Jacob Halsey and William Halsey, of Effex County, set forth by their Petitions, that they will compleat the said Work in the same time, and deliver them at the same place.

By order of the Committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Saturday, February 10, 1798.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Elton, Sheriff of the County of Burlington," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Township of Great Egg-Harbour, in the County of Gloucester, into two separate Townships," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Division of the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said several re-engrossed Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that the same are passed by this House, with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

Mr. Cooper informed the House, that Council have concurred in the Resolution respecting the delivery of Messages in future from either House.

The Report of Mr. Stillwell, on the Application from the Printers, was read—Whereupon,

Resolved, That Matthias Day be employed to print the Laws, Votes, and Proceedings of the Legislature of the present Session.

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

The Report of Mr. Vancleve, on the Petition of David Canfield, of the 7th Instant, was read a second Time, and agreed to.

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

Mr. Coxe presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Bridges:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, February 12, 1798.

The House met.

A Petition from Caleb Ruffel, stating Deficiencies that have taken place in the Payment of Taxes in the County of Morris, and that an Action for those Arrearages has been brought against him as Collector of the County, and praying that the Suit brought against him may be stayed, and that a Law may pass to authorize him to collect those Arrearages of Taxes, was read, and committed to Messrs. Clement, Gustin, and Stryker, to report by Bill or otherwise.

A Petition from Jacob Chotwell, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the Goal of Middlesex County, praying the Benefit of an Act of Insolvency, and that an Act may pass for his Relief, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Clement, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Guild, reported—

That they have examined the Petition and Vouchers accompanying the same, and are of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the Committee,
ABEL CLEMENT.

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

Mr. Pennington presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of David Canfield," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Thomas Dekay, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Welsh, Campbell, and Scagrave.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act granting a further Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein named," without Amendment, and have concurred in the Resolution appointing Matthias Day to print the Laws, Votes, and Proceedings of the Legislature for the present Session.

Agreeably to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality," Mr. Coxe

in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Business, and desired leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That the House will on Tuesday in the next Week, go into a Committee of the Whole to take into Consideration the Resolution of the Congress of the United States relative to the Suability of States.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State,” with sundry Amendments, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House—Which Bill, as amended, was read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House again Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality,” Mr. Coxe in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and reported the same with sundry Amendments—The Bill was read,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Tuesday, February 13, 1798.

The House met.

A Petition from the Owners of Land on Croswick's Creek, in Opposition to the Prayer of the Petition from Bordentown of the 22d January last, for a repeal of the Law making Croswick's Creek a legal Fence, with a Remonstrance from Isaac Horner, were read, and ordered a second reading on the 21st Instant, with the Petition from Bordentown.

A Petition from Adolph Waldron, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Moore, Dunn, and Wyckoff.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of David Canfield,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of James Mead,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Agreeably to order, Mr. Stillwell presented a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to alter a part of a Road from Mount Holly to Monmouth Court House :” which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to present to this House a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to incorporate the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings,” and to request their Concurrence : which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pennington, agreeably to leave given, presented a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for dividing the Townships of Newark and Aquackanunck into three separate Townships :” which Bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Pennington, and Blanch.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, “ An act for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality ;” and after having gone through the same,

Ordered, That it be engrossed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

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—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. French,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Vancleve,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of David Canfield," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. French,	Mr. Montgomery,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn.
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The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of James Mead," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Moore presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the mode of entering Judgments upon Bonds and Warrants to confess Judgment;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Coxe presented a Bill to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware, at or near Trenton; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from John Phillips, Administrator, &c. of Elias Phillips, Esq. late Sheriff of Hunterdon County, deceased, praying that a Law may pass, authorizing him, as Administrator, to sell the Property levied on by Virtue of Executions served and returned by the deceased, or by other Means to compel the Defendants to make Satisfaction, or that the Estate of the said deceased may be discharged from all Liability on account thereof, was read, and committed to Messrs. Wallace, Stewart, and Campbell.

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

Wednesday, February 14, 1798.

The House met.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Dekay, and the Papers accompanying the said Petition, report—

That they have examined the Claim of the said Petitioner, and are fully of Opinion, that the same ought not to be allowed.

By order of the Committee,

DAVID WELSH.

Which Report was read and agreed to, and the Papers ordered to be dismissed.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act for relaying, opening, and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem Road, between Moores-Town, in the County of Burlington, and Haddonsfield, in the County of Gloucester, in this State," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter part of a Road from Mount Holly to Monmouth Court-House," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Townships of Newark and Acquackanunck into three separate Townships," reported the same, which was read, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to deliver to this House the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes," with the Amendments made thereto by Council, and to request the Concurrence of this House in the said Amendments. Which Bill, as amended, was read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

A Representation of Benjamin Taylor, and other Inhabitants of Middlesex County, in Opposition to the Application of Nicoll Smith, of the 1st Instant, was read; and ordered a second reading on Wednesday next with that Petition.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Prevention of Vice and Immorality," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was negatived, as follows:

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Learning,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,	

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. French,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wade.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Repairs of the State-House, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint a Commissioner for the Purpose therein mentioned:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An additional Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State," was read a second Time with the Bill, entitled, "An Act to organize a volunteer Troop of Cavalry in the City of Trenton and its Vicinity," and a Petition from the Cavalry of Hunterdon, read on the 31st of October last.

Ordered, That the said Bills and Petitions be committed to Messrs. Southard, Ward, Gustin, and Pennington.

A Memorial from Isaac Johnson, praying an Allowance equal to his half-pay as a Soldier in the Jersey Brigade, he having been wounded in the Service of this State, and the United States, was read, and committed to Messrs. Newbold, Stansbury, and Lloyd, to report by Bill or otherwise.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of James Mead," and the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of David Canfield."

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

Thursday, February 15, 1798.

The House met.

A Petition from the Executors of Samuel Kelly, deceased, stating that the deceased, in his Time, had his House burned, and the Sum of Thirty Pounds, Loan-Office Money,

ney, burned therein. and praying that the Treasurer may be allowed to pay them the Amount of the Sum burned, was read, and committed to Messrs. Clement, Hall, and Seagrave.

Mr. Newbold, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Johnson, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Isaac Johnson;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaic, near the Dutch Church, in Second River," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Pennington, Blanch, and Wyckoff.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Townships of Newark and Aquackanunck, in the County of Essex, into three separate Townships," was read and compared—

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from the Executors of the Testament and Last Will of General David Forman, stating a Sum of Money due from the said deceased to this State, and proposing Payment of what may appear reasonable and just, was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Wade, and Leeds.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for carrying into effect the Act for the Punishment of Crimes," was read and compared—

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House has passed the same with their Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Kitchel, and Clement.

A Petition from James Ewing, Esq. of the City of Trenton, praying that if a Law should pass to authorize a Company to build a Bridge over the River Delaware, *at or near Trenton*, that they be required to build the same *at the head of or above the Falls at Trenton*, or that a Clause be inserted in the Bill, by which the Company shall be compelled to make Compensation for any Damages which may be occasioned by the building such Bridge, was read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill before the House.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met,

Ordered, That Mr. Wyckoff have leave of Absence until Monday next.

Mr. Montgomery, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial from Cyrenus Van Mater, reported—

That as there is no Documents whatever in support thereof, it is the Opinion of your Committee the said Memorial be dismissed.

By order of the Committee,

ROBERT MONTGOMERY.

To which the House agreed.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to lay before the House of Assembly, "An Act respecting Apprentices and Servants," and to request their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from the Heirs of Abraham Ogden, Esq. stating that the personal Estate of the said deceased would not be sufficient to pay his Debts, and praying that the Persons who have administered on his Estate may be authorized to sell his Estate, both real and personal, and after the Payment of his Debts, bringing up and educating his Children, to account for the net Proceeds agreeably to Law, was read, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Armstrong, and Hall.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes," Mr. Coxe in the Chair, and,

and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Coxe, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill, and desired leave to sit again, which was granted.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for relaying, opening, and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem Road, between Moores-Town, in the County of Burlington, and Haddonsfield, in the County of Gloucester, in this State," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. French,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stockton,	

—N A Y.—Mr. Van Duyn.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter part of a Road from Mount-Holly to Monmouth Court-House," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. French,			

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Hall, Mr. Leaming, Mr. Stansbury,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Speaker and Mr. Southard have leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Messrs. Coxe, Ward, and Leaming be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for the Appropriation of a further Sum of Money to complete the State Prison.

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

Friday, February 16, 1798.

The House met.

The Speaker having obtained leave of Absence last Evening, Mr. Stillwell was appointed Speaker *pro. tem.* to take the Chair in his Absence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on the Council, and inform them therewith.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for dividing the Townships of Newark and Acquackanunk, in the County of Essex, into three separate Townships," without Amendment.

Mr. Coxe, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act incorporating the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings," reported the same with sundry Amendments: Which Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill ordered a third reading.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to present to this House a Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Five Petitions from Roxbury, in the County of Morris, respecting the Law for dividing the said Township, were read, and leave given to the Petitioners to withdraw their Petitions.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Clement, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek over Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place aforesaid:" Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Peter Ward, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Moore, and Seagrave, to report by Bill or otherwise.

A Petition from Robert M'Kean, stating that he has made an Improvement on the Steam Engine, by applying it to the Purpose of sawing Timber, and praying to have the Benefit of an exclusive Right of making, constructing, using, and vending, for a Term of Years, the Machinery, of whatever Form, to which a Steam Engine shall be applied, for the purpose of cutting, sawing, or manufacturing Lumber, was read, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Montgomery, and Armstrong.

Mr. Pennington, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaic, near the Dutch Church in Second River," reported the same in the Form of two separate Bills, one entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaic, near the Dutch Church in Second River;" the other entitled, "An Act to authorize the Stockholders of the Toll-Bridge over Second River, at the Village of Bellville, in the County of Essex, and their Associates, to repair the Road therein mentioned, and receive Toll for the same:" Which Bills were read, and ordered a second reading.

Resolved, That the Printer of the State be directed to print 300 Copies of the Act, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders in the respective Counties of the State," in order that the same may be transmitted to the several Townships of the State for their Government.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have rejected the Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter part of the Road from Mount-Holly to Monmouth Court-House."

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have concurred in the Resolution, directing the Printer to print 300 extra Copies of the Act to incorporate the chosen Freeholders, &c.

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

Saturday, February 17, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Coxe, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate a further Sum of Money for completing the State Prison;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Michael Taylor, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Coxe, Lloyd and Burrowes.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the Heirs of Abraham Ogden, Esq. presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize Trustees to take charge of, sell, and convey the real Estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized, within this State;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from John N. Cumming, praying that the Law, laying a Tax on Stages, may be repealed, was read, and ordered to be committed to Messrs. Stryker, French, and Leeds.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act incorporating the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings," was read a third Time with the Amendments.

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

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. French,	Mr. Montgomery,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, with the Amendments, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to constitute and appoint Commissioners to sell and convey certain Lands held in Trust for the Indian Natives at Brotherton, in Evesham Township. in the County of Burlington, and to appropriate the Monies thence arising for the Benefit of the said Indians :” which Bill was ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of Little Egg-Harbour, in the County of Burlington, praying a Law to enable them to repair their Roads in the said Township by Tax, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaic, near the Dutch Church in Second River,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to authorize the Stockholders of the Toll Bridge over Passaic River, at the Village of Bellville, in the County of Essex, and their Associates, to repair the Road therein mentioned, and receive Toll for the same,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill respecting Slaves be the order of the day for Thursday next.
The House adjourned to 3 o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the State, praying a Revival of the Criminal Law, that Arson, Burglary, Rape, and Horse-stealing, may be punished with Death, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act respecting Apprentices and Servants,” was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, February 19, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Southard returned, and took his Seat.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the New Town Dock of Newark, in Essex County,” was ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Isaac Johnson,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to authorize Trustees to take charge of, sell and convey the real Estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized, within this State,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Governor’s Letter of the 23d Ultimo, presented a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Distribution of the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature of this State, and the Laws of the United States,” which was read, and ordered a second reading.

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The Bill, entitled, " An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," was read, and made the Order of the Day for Friday next.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek, over Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek, at the place aforesaid," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Two Petitions from Middlesex and Somerset Counties, respecting the Bridge and Causeway at Bound Brook, were read, and ordered a second reading with the Bill respecting Bridges.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of Peter Brokaw," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaick, near the Dutch Church in Second River," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to authorize the Stockholders of the Toll-Bridge over Passaick River, at the Village of Bellville, in the County of Essex, and their Associates, to repair the Road therein mentioned, and receive Toll for the same," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to appoint and authorize Trustees to take charge of, sell, and convey the real Estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized, within this State," was read and compared—On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Hall,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence to the said several Bills.

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

Tuesday, February 20, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Stansbury, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Barndt De Klyne, report—

That William Scudder and John Lloyd, who were duly authorized by Law to sell and convey all the real Estate, lying in the County of Middlesex, belonging to any Person or Persons who had committed Treason against the State of New-Jersey, on the 27th day of September, 1779, did sell, at Public Sale, one third part of 2,400 Acres of Land, together with a Grist-Mill, Saw-Mill, and two Forges, situate in Spott-wood, in the said County, as the Property of Miles Sherbrook, to one Joseph Haight, and did receive for the same the Sum of £.6750 as the Purchase Money, on the 26th of November, 1779, being the Time when they made their Deed to the said Haight—

That the said Miles Sherbrook had often declared before the Sale, that he was jointly seized, with James Perry and Thomas Hays, of London, in the said Tract of Land, with the Appurtenances—

That

That it was the received Opinion of the Neighbourhood, that the said Sherbrook was so seized, and that the said Scudder and Lloyd so declared at the time of Sale, that the said Premises, with the Tenements and Hereditaments, came by Conveyances, to the Petitioner, and for which he gave the sum of £825.—

That James Perry and Thomas Hays aforesaid, brought an Ejectment for the third part of the said 2400 Acres of Land; that in order to stay the Ejectment until he could discover whether the said Sherbrook had any Title in the Premises aforesaid, the Petitioner filed a Bill in the Court of Chancery against the said Sherbrook and Perry (the said Hays having died)—That on the 10th of March, 1795, after a full Answer made on Oath by Sherbrook and Perry, and after a full Exhibition of the Title of the said Perry and Hays, and the Examination of Witnesses, the Chancellor decreed, that the Bill of the Petitioner be dismissed, the Injunction stayed, and the Court of Common Law be dissolved with Costs—

That in consequence of the said Decision, and for defect of Title of the said Sherbrook to the said Premises, the Petitioner had a Judgment rendered against him in the Court of Common Law, and he was turned out of Possession of the Premises—

That there was paid into the Treasury the Sum of £8256 as the Proceeds of the Sale of the forfeited real Estate of the said Miles Sherbrook, which has never been called out of the Treasury; the said Proceeds were received into the Treasury in the year 1780—

From the above Facts the Committee are of Opinion, that the Petitioner has a Claim on the Justice of the State for the Sum of £265 10 0 the liquidated Value of the said Sum of £6750 according to the Scale of Depreciation, liquidating the said Sum from the Date of the Deed of the said Scudder and Lloyd to the said Haight, and that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a Bill authorizing the Treasurer to pay to him the said Sum of £265 10 0

RECOMPENCE STANSBURY,
S. R. STEWART,
DANIEL LEEDS.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Petition from the Counties of Somerset, Morris, and Essex, praying a Law to enable the Proprietors of the Meadows, Swamps, and Low Lands of the River Passaick and Dead River to clear the same, and remove every Obstruction to the free Passage of the Waters, was read a second Time—Whereupon, Mr. Southard presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “An Act to enable the Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows, Swamps, and Low Lands of the River Passaick and Dead River to clear the same, and remove every Obstruction to the free Passage of the Waters from the Saw-Mill known by the name of Bunnell’s upper Saw-Mill, on Passaick, up the Stream of said River to the Mouth of Dead River, thence up said Dead River to the Bridge at the Saw-Mill of William Frazee, deceased:” which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into Consideration the Resolution of the Congress of the United States relative to the Suability of States, Mr. Vancleve in the Chair, and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Business referred to them, and desired leave to sit again—

On the Question, Whether the Committee have leave to sit again? It was carried in the Negative.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to erect a Bridge over the River Delaware, at or near Trenton,” was read a second Time, and after some time spent thereon,

The House adjourned to 3 o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, “An additional Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State,” reported the same with sundry Amendments; which was read, and 60 Copies ordered to be printed for Consideration.

Mr. Pennington presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for suppressing Vice and Immorality :—" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Brokaw," was read and compared—

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

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancieve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Welfh.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk carry the same to Council for Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to erect a Bridge over the River Delaware, at or near Trenton," and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate a further Sum of Money for completing the State Prison," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Isaac Johnson," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

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

Wednesday, February 21, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Stryker, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John N. Cumming, Proprietor of the Stages, for himself and others, praying a repeal of the Law laying a Tax on Stages, report—

That they are of Opinion the Prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN STRYKER.

To which the House agreed.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act incorporating the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings," with the Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly. Which Bill was read and compared—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, Mr. Southard presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize Nicoll Smith to throw a dam across Lawrence's Brook, for the Purpose of a Mill"—Whereupon,

Several Petitions, for and against passing the said Bill, were presented and read, and the Parties for and against the same, attending with their Witnesses, were heard, and the Bill and Papers ordered to be dismissed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, Mr. Coxe presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal in part an Act making Crosswick's Creek a lawful Fence, from the Place formerly known by the Name of Watson's Ferry down to the Mouth of the same"—Whereupon,

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The Petitions for and against passing the same were read, and the Parties for and against the said Bill, attending with their Witnesses, were heard.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek over Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place aforesaid," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,	

—N A Y.—Mr. Hall.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating fundry Persons as Trustees of the New Town Dock of Newark, in Essex County," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate a further Sum of Money for completing the State Prison," was read and compared—*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said several Bills to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Brokaw."

On motion, *Resolved*, That 300 Copies of the Act, entitled, "An Act incorporating the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings," be printed and distributed to the different parts of the State as soon as possible.

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

The House proceeded in the hearing of Testimony on the Bill presented this Morning for repealing the Act making Crosswick's Creek a lawful Fence.—On the Question, Whether the Bill shall be read a second Time? It was carried in the Negative.

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

Thursday, February 22, 1798.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Isaac Johnson," and have concurred in the Resolution directing 300 Copies of the Act, entitled, "An Act incorporating the Inhabitants of Townships, designating their Powers, and regulating their Meetings," to be printed and distributed to the different parts of the State,

Agreeably

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal part of the Act, entitled, an Act for laying out, opening, and improving certain Roads in the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, and Burlington, in this State," was taken up, and the Parties heard in support of the Bill, and after some time spent thereon,
Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from Hill Runyan, a Prisoner for Debt, confined in the Goal of the County of Hunterdon, and a Petition from John Dixon, a Prisoner confined in the Goal of the County of Morris, praying an Act may pass to allow them to take the Benefit of the Act passed for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, were read, with the Petition of Jacob Chetwell, read on the 12th Instant—

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to Messrs. Stewart, Morgan, and Stanbury, to report by Bill or otherwise.

A Petition from Jabez Beach, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Kitchel, Sharps, and Clement.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Phillips, of the County of Hunterdon, report—

That having duly investigated the whole of the Circumstances which have come to their Knowledge, it appears to your Committee, that Elias Phillips, the Brother of the Petitioner, at the Time of his Death, was High Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon, that during the Time he was in Office, several Executions came to his Hands, which were levied on the Property of the Defendants, the Execution duly returned, and the Property left in the Hands of the Defendants; the Petitioner prays an Act to authorize him to sell the said Property, he having administered on the Estate of his Brother, or that the Legislature would discharge the Estate of his Brother from all Liability on account of the said Levies—

Your Committee are of Opinion, that the Intervention of the Legislature on this Occasion would be improper, the present existing Laws of the State being fully adequate to afford the Plaintiffs a Remedy to recover their Demands, should they neglect, and any Loss ensue, the Delay being occasioned by them, they might be the Sufferers, and not the Estate of the late Sheriff—Therefore your Committee think the Prayer of the said Petitioner ought not to be allowed.

By order of the Committee,

WILLIAM WALLACE.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appropriate a further Sum of Money for completing the State Prison."

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Business before them respecting the Roads in Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester, and after some time spent thereon,

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

Friday, February 23, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors of David Forman, late of the County of Monmouth, deceased, praying that the late Marshal and his Sureties may be discharged from the Payment of a Demand which the State has against them, on the said Executors paying into the Treasury of the State the Sum of £.4636 18 1, report—

That the said David Forman and his Associates did, in the Month of December, 1782, re-capture and seize the two following named Vessels and their Cargoes, viz. the Schooners Dolphin and Diamond, which were condemned by the Court of Admiralty in this State—That Nathan Jackson, the Person who claimed the said Vessels and Cargoes, in Virtue of the original Seizure, did remove the said Judgment to the Court of Appeals of the United States—That after the said Cause had been prosecuted in the said Court for upwards of two Years, the Judgment of the Court of Admiralty of this State

State was confirmed—After deducting all legal Costs and Charges of the Condemnation and Sales by the Marshal, there remained £.9273 16 2 one Moiety of which to the State, and the other Moiety to and for the Use of the Captors—It further appears, that an Action was brought by the Attorney General, in the Supreme Court of this State, against the Marshal and his Sureties, and an Interlocutory Judgment was, in the Month of May, 1784, obtained for the Sum of £.4656 10 5 being, as was supposed, the Amount of the Moiety of the net Proceeds of the Sales as aforesaid, and that an Execution was issued against the said Marshal and his Sureties on the 29th of November, 1787, for the Amount of the aforesaid Judgment, which was returned April Term, 1788, *nulla bona*, by Joshua Corshon; Sheriff—It does not appear that any further Proceedings have been since that Period had thereon, from the Documents before us—We would futher remark, that during the Controversy between the said David Forman and his Associates, and the said Jackson, that large Sums of Money were expended, and much pains and labour employed by the said Captors, as appears by their Accounts before us, to Amount of £.2413 7 0 exclusive of their time expended, risk, &c. That the Loss of considerable Sums of Money were also sustained by the said Captors in the Collection of Debts due on Obligations and other Evidences of Demands for Goods sold by the Marshal, to the Amount of £.624 9 0—which Circumstance, in the Opinion of your Committee, deserves the particular Attention of the Legislature. To comprise a Statement of the above in a more perfect View, we beg leave to submit the following, viz.

No. 1. That on the	Day of May, 1784, an Interlocutory Judgment was had against the Marshal and his Sureties, for the Amount of the State's Share of the net Proceeds of the said Prizes, exclusive of any Allowance for Services. &c. amounting to	£.4656 10 5
	Accounts exhibited by the Executors of David Forman, for which they claim an Allowance.	
2. Error in Judgment of the Supreme Court.		£.19 12 4
3. One half the Amount of the Expences for Monies paid, procuring Witnesses, Diet, &c.		1206 13 6
4. One half of Loss sustained on sundry small Accounts assigned by the Marshal to D. F.		10 16 0
5. One half the Losses sustained on a Note given by John O'Connor, Joseph Westmore, and Benjamin Davis, jun.		301 8 6
		£.1538 10 4
Balance due the State 21st May, 1784,		3118 0 1
Interest from that Date on the Bal. due, 13 Years 10 Months, at 6 p. Cent.		2587 18 7
		£.5705 18 8

HENRY SOUTHARD,
JONAS WADE,
DANIEL LEEDS.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from William Smith, stating that his Horse died in consequence of Service on the Western Expedition, and praying Payment therefor, was read, and committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Newbold, and Hall.

Mr. Stockton presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnell, his Heirs and Assigns, to build and maintain a Dam on a Branch of Maurice's River, at or near Fork Bridge, in the Counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a Grist and Saw Mill and other Water-Works:" which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for erecting the upper parts of Morris and Bergen Counties, in New-Jersey, into a separate County, to be called the County of Washington, and for building a Court-House and Goal in the same," was read a second Time, and referred to the second Monday of the next Session.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek over

Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to Cooper's Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek, at the Place aforesaid," without Amendment.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Business before them respecting the Roads in Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester, and after some time spent thereon,

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Mary Silvers," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Business before them, and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal part of the Act, entitled, an Act for laying out, opening, and improving certain Roads in the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester, and Burlington, in this State," was read—

On the Question, Whether the Section in the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That the said Bill be dismissed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint a Commissioner for the Purpose therein named," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Report of Mr. Stansbury, on the Petition of Barnt de Klyn, was read a second Time, and agreed to.

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

Saturday, February 24, 1798.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint a Commissioner for the Purpose therein mentioned," was read and compared—

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

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Southard,		

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Mary Silvers," was read and compared—

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

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. French,			

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Hall,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps.
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Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr.

Mr. Morgan, with leave, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Barnt De Klyn," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," and, after some time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported, that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill referred to them, and desired leave to sit again, which was agreed to.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, February 26, 1798.

The House met.

A Representation from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of New-Brunswick, remonstrating against the Imposition practised upon the Public at Paules-Hook Ferry, by the Keeper and Ferry-men, and praying that the said Ferry may be regulated by Law, was read, and referred to Messrs. Pennington, Gustin, and Harris, to present a Bill for that Purpose.

A Petition from the Executors, &c. of Abraham Duryee, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Campbell, Van Duyn, and Leaming, to report thereon.

Mr. Ward, with leave, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Governor of this State to purchase Field Artillery:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act granting Relief in certain Cases against Collusive Judgments and wrongful Alienations of Lands," was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for ascertaining the Boundaries of Counties and Townships," was read a second Time, and sundry Amendments being made thereto,

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be read a third Time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts," to which they request the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning forcible Entries and Detainers," was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Clement, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors of Samuel Kelly, deceased, report—

That they have examined the Vouchers and Papers accompanying the same, are of the Opinion, that the Facts set forth in said Petition are not sufficiently substantiated to grant the Relief prayed for by the said Petitioners.

By order of the Committee,

A. BEL CLEMENT.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Papers be dismissed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Mary Silvers."

The Report of Mr. Southard, on the Petition from the Executors of David Forman, was read a second Time, and re-committed to the same Committee.

The House again went into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States"—Mr. Coxe in the Chair, and, after having

having gone through the said Bill, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman reported the said Bill with Amendments, which was read, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Stout, presented a Bill, entitled. "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to appoint an Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased," passed March 2, 1797; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature of this State, and the Laws of the United States," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, February 27, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jabez Beach, presented the following Resolution—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby directed to deliver to Jabez Beach, or to his Order, a Certificate now in the Treasury for the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Three Pence, which Certificate is in favor of the said Jabez Beach for a Demand against the forfeited Estate of Ezekiel Beach, if so much of the Estate of the said Ezekiel Beach remains in the Office of the Treasurer.

To which Resolution the House agreed.

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

A Petition from John Jessup, one of the Administrators, &c. of Benjamin Hooten, in behalf of the Children and legal Representatives of the said Benjamin Hooten, praying leave to present a Bill to declare the Testament and Last Will of John Hooten, Father of the said Benjamin, as valid and effectual in Law as if there had been three subscribing Witnesses thereto, was read, and committed to Messrs. Clement, Lippincott, and Edgar.

A Petition from Elijah Toy, a Prisoner for Debt confined in the Goal of the County of Burlington, praying the Benefit of an Act of Insolvency, was read, and committed to the Committee to whom the other Petitions on the same subject were referred.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States"—On the Question, Whether the first section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. French,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duya,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Harris,			

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrows,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States;" and, after having gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third Time with the Amendments. The

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature of this State, and of the Laws of the United States," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to erect a Bridge over the River Delaware, at or near Trenton," and having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning Trespasses by Swine," and a Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Roads laid out by Law, or by Commissioners appointed by Law," to which he desired the Concurrence of this House,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. Southard, Smith, and Wallace.

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

Wednesday, February 28, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Vancleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Ward, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Ward:" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Discharge of James M'Comb, late Marshal, and his Sureties, and the Representatives of General David Forman, deceased," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning Trespasses by Swine," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Roads laid out by Law, or by Commissioners appointed by Law," was read—On the Question, Whether the same be read a second Time? It was negatived, as follows:

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Leaming,			

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. French,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Ward.

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is *rejected* by this House.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," was read a third Time, with the Amendments—

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

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—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. French,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Scagrave,	Mr. Welsh.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stanbury,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Dunn,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill and Amendments, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have concurred in the Resolution directing the Treasurer to deliver to Jabez Beach a Certificate now in the Treasury, &c. And Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act to authorize the Stockholders of the Toll-Bridge over Passaick River, at the Village of Bellville, in the County of Essex, and their Associates, to repair the Road therein mentioned, and receive Toll for the same,” with sundry Amendments, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill and Amendments were read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “An additional Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State,” was read a second Time, and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to 3 o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Discharge of James M’Comb, late Marshal, and his Securities, and the Representatives of General David Forman, deceased,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. French,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stanbury,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—Mr. Clement, Mr. Hall.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, “An additional Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State,” and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee who last reported the same, and that Mr. Coxe be added to the Committee.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Laws and Proceedings of the Legislature of this State, and the Laws of the United States,” without Amendment.

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The House again went into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes," Mr. Coxe in the Chair, and, after having gone through the said Bill, and made sundry Amendments thereto, the Speaker resumed the Chair, the Chairman of the Committee reported the same as amended, which was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Pennington, and Kitchel.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnel, his Heirs and Assigns, to build and maintain a Dam on a Branch of Maurice-River, at or near Fork Bridge, in the Counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a Grist and Saw-Mill, and other Water Works," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have rejected the Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning Promissory Notes and Inland Bills of Exchange."

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Barnt de Klyn," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Thursday, March 1, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Wade, with leave, presented the following for Consideration, which was read, and made the Order of the Day for Tuesday next :

Whereas the great Object of all Governments is, to secure to the People their Liberties and Happiness; to adjust and proportion the Advantages resulting from the Social Compact, among the Individuals composing the same, as equally as may be, and to enable them peaceably to enjoy the many Benefits which the Divine Author of Existence hath so liberally extended to them: And whereas it is commendable, when one Form of Government adopted by a People, does not answer all the good Purposes for which it was intended, the same should, by common consent, be annulled, and one more likely to ensure the Interest and Safety of Society, be substituted: And whereas the Constitution of this State does not point out any Mode by which the same may be amended or revised; therefore, the Members of the Assembly of the State of New-Jersey, in Legislature convened, conscious of the Purity of our Motives, and deeply impressed with the Importance of the Measure, having seriously investigated the Defects of our present existing Constitution, and brought to our View the long train of Evils that result therefrom; anxious to establish our Rights, in common with those of our Constituents, on a more permanent Foundation, have thought proper to advise, and do hereby recommend the Citizens of this State, who are entitled to vote at the Town-Meeting in any Township in the same, to attend at the Time and Place appointed by Law for holding the next annual Election for Members of the Legislative Council and Assembly of this State, and then and there respectively deliver in a Paper Ticket, on which shall be written, agreeably to the Opinion of the Voter, the words REVISION OR NO REVISION; and the Officers conducting the said Elections, are hereby required to examine, file, and estimate the said Tickets, so delivered in, and forward the same to the Clerks of their respective Counties, at the same time, and in the same manner, the Votes for Members of the Legislature are forwarded; and the said Clerks are hereby required to transmit the same to the Secretary of the State, within fifteen Days thereafter, in order that the same may be laid before the Legislature immediately after their Meeting in October next, that they may take such Measures thereon as to them shall seem proper.

Ordered. That Messrs. Blanch, Dunn, and Welsh be a Committee to prepare and report a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

A Petition was presented from Captain David Hays, of the Artillery, praying to be re-imbursed a Sum of Money by him expended in equipping and procuring a Piece of Iron Ordnance for the Use of his Company, was read—Whereupon,

The Petition of Captain Ayres, on the same Subject, read on the 18th January last, was read a second Time.

Ordered. That the said Petitions be committed to Messrs. Moore, Armstrong, and Burrows. A Petition

A Petition from Charles Croxall, stating that he has a Life-Estate in Lands at Belvidere, in Suffex County, at a proper place for laying off and leasing Lots on which to erect a Town, and praying that he may be allowed by Law to lease Lots on Ground Rent for 99 years, was read and dismissed.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "A further Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State," reported the same with sundry Amendments; which being read and further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint and authorize Trustees to take charge of, sell, and convey the real Estate whereof Abraham Ogden died seized, within this State;" and the Bill, entitled, "An Act to appoint a Commissioner for the Purpose therein mentioned"—That Council have *rejected* the Bill, entitled, "An Act for relaying, opening, and improving part of the main Amboy and Salem Road, between Moores Town, in the County of Burlington, and Haddonsfield, in the County of Gloucester, in this State."

Mr. Beatty returned the re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States," and informed the House, that Council had passed the Bill, with the Amendments made thereto by this House.

Which Bill was read and compared—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Discharge of James M'Comb, late Marshal, and his Sureties, and the Representatives of General David Forman, deceased."

Mr. Clement, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from one of the Administrators of the Estate of Benjamin Hooten, deceased, reported—

That they have examined the Petition and Papers accompanying the same, and are clearly of the Opinion, that it was the Desire of the Testator, according to the Terms of said Will, that all the real Estate of the said Testator should be vested in the Devise therein named—All which your Committee submit to the House for their Determination.

By order of the Committee,

ABEL CLEMENT.

Which Report was read and agreed to—Whereupon,

Mr. Clement offered a Bill to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of John Hooten: which was rejected.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware, at or near Trenton," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnell, his Heirs and Assigns, to build and maintain a Dam on a Branch of Maurice River, at or near Fork Bridge, in the Counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a Grift and Saw-Mill, and other Water Works," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaning,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Weisli,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wyckoff,
Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	

—N A Y S.— Mr. Dunn, Mr. Van Duyn.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of Barndt de Klyn," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Guffin,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Van Duyn.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Sharps.
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Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from Samuel Husted, confined for Debt in the Goal of Cumberland County, praying that the Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors may be extended to him, was read, and referred to the Committee to whom the Petitions on the like Subject was referred.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert M'Kean, praying an exclusive Right for Fourteen Years to the making, using, and vending a Steam Engine for the cutting and manufacturing of Lumber into Boards, Plank, &c. generally known by the Name of Watts's double reciprocating Steam Engine, or Steam Engine of double Impulse—Considering the local Situation of this State, placed as we are between two such populous and rising commercial States as Pennsylvania and New-York, that the Introduction of Manufactures of every Kind amongst us would be an Object of the greatest Importance, both to our present and future Concerns, and that their early Introduction must depend chiefly, if not altogether, upon the Encouragement afforded by the Legislature in patronizing the Undertakers of so laudable and very beneficial Productions as the one contemplated by the Petitioner, which, if properly applied, would, in its Operation, tend greatly to the Diminution of Manual Labour—Anxious as we are on the present Occasion to grant every possible Aid and Encouragement to our Citizens, by dispensing Rewards to those Persons who, by the force of Genius or Application, have made new Discoveries, or improved upon any thing which may, in its Operation, tend to promote the Interest or growing Property of this State, from the foregoing Considerations, combined with the Circumstance of the Petitioner's having expended a large Sum of Money in forwarding a Work which has not heretofore been attempted in this State, and which, from its Operation, will tend greatly to the Promotion of the Interest thereof, induces your Committee to recommend to the House, that the Prayer of the said Petitioner ought to be granted, and that he have leave to present a Bill accordingly.

By order of the Committee,

JONAS WADE.

Which Report was read and agreed to—Whereupon,

Mr. Wade presented a Bill, entitled, " An Act granting to Robert M'Kean an exclusive Right to use Steam Engines in the Manufacture of Lumber, and granting to him the exclusive Right to use a Steam Engine, of a certain Description, for other Purposes, for a limited Time:" Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Friday, March 2, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Moore, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Captains Ayares and Hay, praying for pay for a Piece of Artillery, with a Field Carriage provided for each of their Companies, reported as the Opinion of the Committee, that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the Committee.

DAVID MOORE.

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

A Petition from Isaac Johnson was read, and committed to Messrs. Vancleve, Hall, and Leaming.

Mr. Armstrong, with leave, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide a House for the Accommodation of the Governor of this State;" which was ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for ascertaining the Boundaries of Counties and Townships," was read a third Time with the Amendments—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill and Amendments, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning forcible Entries and Detainers," was read a third Time—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act granting Relief in certain Cases against collusive Judgments and wrongful Alienations of Lands," was read a third Time—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council, and acquaint them that they are passed by this House without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A further Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State," was read and compared—

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaic, near the Dutch Church in Second River," with sundry Amendments, to which Amendments I am ordered to request the Concurrence of this House—Which Bill and Amendments were read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Stockton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from John Perine, brought in a Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive, extend, and continue part of an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize Persons whose Estates have been confiscated, or their legal Representatives, to demand and receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations, passed November 28, 1789, so as to authorize John Perine to receive certain Monies which were by him forfeited to and vested in the State of New-Jersey:" Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," reported the same with sundry Amendments: Which Bill was read, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on the Council, and inform them that the Bill by them passed and sent down to this House for Concurrence on the 15th Ultimo, entitled, "An Act respecting Apprentices and Servants," has been mislaid, and request the Favor of Council to cause the same to be again engrossed by the original Bill, and forwarded to this House, that the House may proceed to consider the same.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Mode of entering Judgments upon Bonds with Warrants to confess Judgment," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Saturday, March 3, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Vancleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Isaac Snowden, reported—

That

That the Memorialist states that he has some time past received, and now has in his Hands, certain Bills of Credit of this State, bearing an Interest of five per Cent. per Annum, emitted according to an Act passed the 9th Day of June, in the Year 1780, amounting to Four Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars, and prays he may be authorized to pay the same into the Treasury, and receive an equal Sum in Gold and Silver—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Purport of said Memorial, and Laws passed respecting the said Bills, and find an Act to raise the Sum of £.10,000 to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State, at the rate of three for one, passed December 21, 1784—Therefore they are of Opinion, that the Request of the Memorialist ought not to be granted.

By order of the Committee,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Which Report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Petition be dismissed.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of Elias Dayton and Abraham Kitchel, of the 9th of November, 1796, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “An Act for the better Security of the Office of the Secretary of this State, and for arranging the irregular Files of original Papers in the said Office :” which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, Swamps, and Low Lands, adjoining the River Passaick and Dead River, to clear the same within the Limits therein mentioned, and remove every Obstruction to the free Passage of the Waters from the Saw-Mill known by the Name of Bonnel's upper Saw-Mill, on Passaick, up the Stream of said River to the Mouth of Dead River, thence up said Dead River to the Bridge at the Saw-Mill of William Frazee,” was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Welsh, and Van Duyn.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act respecting Bridges,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be printed for Consideration.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware, at or near Trenton,” without Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts,” was read a second Time, and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 5, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Pennington, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from New-Brunswick, respecting the Ferry at Paules-Hook, presented a Bill, entitled, “An Act to regulate the Ferries at Paules-Hook and Hobuckin, in the County of Bergen ;” which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Relief of Barndt de Klyn ;” and the Bill, entitled, “An Act to authorize and empower Samuel Darnell, his Heirs and Assigns, to build and maintain a Dam on a Branch of Maurice River, at or near Fork Bridge, in the Counties of Salem and Cumberland, for accommodating a Grift and Saw-Mill, and other Water-Works,” without Amendment.

Mr. Beatty, from Council, presented the re-engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act making Provision for ascertaining the Boundaries of Counties and Townships,” and informed the House, that Council have passed the same, with the Amendments made thereto by this House.

Which Bill was read and compared—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

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The Bill, entitled, " An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts," was read a second Time and amended—

Ordered, That the same, as amended, be read a third Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act ascertaining the Times and Places of holding the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of Creditors against absconding and absent Debtors," was read a second Time and amended—

Ordered, That the same be read a third Time.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Petitions praying an Alteration in the Criminal Law, with respect to the Crime of Horse-Stealing, &c. were read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, " An Act for making Process effectual against Mortgagers who abscond, or who refuse to appear," which Bill they have ordered me to present, and to which they request the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beatty also returned the Bill, entitled, " A further Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State," with fundry Amendments made thereto, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill, as amended, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes," was taken up—On the Question, Whether the House agree to the 50th Section, in the following words :

And be it further enacted, That if any Justice of the Peace shall hold any Court for the Trial of small Causes, made cognizable before him by Virtue of this Act, in any Inn or Tavern, or in any Room, Apartment or Place to him given or granted, or by or for him hired or procured, in or belonging to such Inn or Tavern, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay Sixteen Dollars, to be recovered by Action of Debt, with Costs of Suit, by any Person who will prosecute for the same, in any Court of Record having Cognizance of that Sum—

It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

—N - A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrows,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Clement,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Newbold,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. French,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wallace.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Tuesday, March 6, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from certain Insolvent Debtors, presented a Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors ;" which was ordered a second reading.

A Petition

A Petition from John Salmon, stating a Demand against a forfeited Estate, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Gustin, Edgar, and Newbold.

Mr. Wade, with leave, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act relative to Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Petition from Joseph Hedges, stating that he had been disabled while a Soldier in the Service of the United States, and praying to be placed on the Pension List, was read, and committed to Messrs. Stansbury, Dunn, and Ward.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to lay before the House of Assembly, a Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the main Road from Moores Town, in the County of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the County of Gloucester," and request their Concurrence therein—Which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Ward," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House took into Consideration the Resolution presented by Mr. Wade, respecting the Revision of the Constitution of this State.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House again resumed the Consideration of the Resolution which was under Consideration this Morning—On the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was negatived, as follows:

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. French,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Morgan,		

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Coxe,			

The Speaker requested that his Negative might be entered.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts," was read a third Time—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. French,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Moore,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stewart.
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Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do carry the same and the Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Bridges," was read a second Time—Whereupon,

The Petitions from Somerset and Middlesex, respecting the Bridge at Bound Brook, read on the 19th Ultimo, were read—Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, March 7, 1798.

The House met.

A Petition from Ann Read Wardell, praying that an Act may pass to free her Husband from Arrests, he having contracted Debts more than he is able to pay, was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Report of Mr. Newbold, on the Petition of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge, of the 26th of January last, was read a second Time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes;" and after having gone through the said Bill, the same was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Gustin, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Salmon, reported—

That having examined the Claim of the Petitioner, and the Voucher accompanying the same, do find, that his Account for Blacksmith Work against the Estate of Joseph Barton, a Fugitive, amounting to Twenty-One Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Five-Pence, was, on the 12th of October, 1782. adjudicated before Isaac Martin and Timothy Symmes, two of the Judges of the Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk, and was, on the 2d December, 1782, filed in the Treasurer's Office, as appears by the Receipt of John Stevens, jun. and it appearing that there is Money sufficient in the Treasury of the Estate of the said Fugitive to discharge the said Account, your Committee are, therefore, of Opinion, that the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

By order of the Committee,
JOHN GUSTIN.

Which Report was read and agreed to—Whereupon,

Mr. Gustin presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Salmon;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for making Process effectual against Mortgagers who abscond, or who refuse to appear," was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Clement, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Caleb Russell, report—

That having taken into Consideration the said Memorial, with respect to the Deficiency in the Payment of Taxes in the County of Morris, and observing by the late Settlement of the Treasurer's Accounts, there are very considerable Arrears of Taxes in several other Counties of the State—

Your Committee, therefore, in order to bring about a Settlement of those Arrears due from the several Counties who are indebted to the State, and to do equal Justice to the several Counties in the State, beg leave to propose a Distribution of the Sum of £.60,000 in the several Counties of the State, in the same Proportion as would be their Quota on raising that Sum, deducting out of each County's distributive share the Amount of the Debt due therefrom; that the Treasurer be directed to issue a Certificate to the Board of chosen Freeholders in each County, payable to them or their order, for what would so appear on this plan to be their Proportion: That the Treasurer be directed to receive the Certificates so by him issued for the Taxes of the respective Counties, equal to Gold and Silver—

Your Committee further beg leave to recommend, that the Sum of £.60,000 be raised, in two Taxes of £.30,000 per annum; by such a Tax there will be paid into the Treasury the present Year £.8426 18 8, and in the next year £.13,792 17 1—The Advantages resulting to the State by this Proposition would be, that we should have all the Debts of the several Counties settled, the Treasurer's Accounts, and the Minutes of the Legislature, would be clear of that long list of Deficiencies from the several Counties, and our County Collectors clear from further Prosecutions by the Treasurer for past Deficiencies:

By order of the Committee,
ABEL CLEMENT.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

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The Bill, entitled, "A further Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State," was read a second Time with the Amendments, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide a House for the Accommodation of the Governor of this State," was read a second Time, and the first Section agreed to.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the Township of Roxbury, in the County of Morris, praying that a Law may pass for the Division of the said Township, was read—

Ordered, That the Petitioners have leave to present a Bill on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in six of the most public Places in the Township of Roxbury, and in the Newspaper printed in Morris-Town, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, "An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, Swamps, and Low Lands adjoining the River Passaick and Dead River to clear the same within the Places mentioned, and remove every Obstruction to the free Passage of the Waters from the Saw-Mill known by the name of Bonnel's upper Saw-Mill, on Passaick, up the Stream of said River to the Mouth of Dead River, thence up said Dead River to the Bridge at the Saw-Mill of William Frazee," reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Title—"An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows adjoining the River Passaick to clear the same within the places therein mentioned," which was debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stansbury, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Joseph Hedges, reported—

That your Committee, taking into View the Papers offered in support of the Petition, find, by a Certificate from Col. Spencer, that he was a Soldier in his Regiment in the Service of the United States, and behaved well as long as he was able. It also appears by the afore said Certificate, and two other Certificates from Doctor Jabez Campfield and Doctor John Darey, the Surgeon and Surgeon's Mate of said Regiment, that the said Joseph Hedges was taken sick while in the Service, and that the said Sickness was the Occasion of his losing his hearing and Speech; it further appears to your Committee, that the Petitioner is at this time an Object of Charity, and as he became so in the Service of his Country, think him an Object deserving the Attention of the Legislature.

By order of the Committee,
RECOMPENCE STANSBURY.

Which Report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have leave to present a Bill.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide a House for the Accomodation of the Governor of this State," and, after having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the New Town-Dock of Newark, in Essex County," with sundry Amendments, to which Amendments they requested the Concurrence of this House. Which Bill, as amended, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Adolph Waldron, setting forth that, in the Year 1779, he purchased at Public Vendue the confiscated Estate of Hendrick Doremers, a Fugitive to the British Army, and that the Commissioners of forfeited Estates sold the Property free from the Incumbrance of the Dower of the Wife of said Fugitive: That since said Purchase, he had been forced to pay to the Widow of the said Fugitive the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, with about Twenty Pounds Costs of Suit; he, therefore, prays, that an Act may be passed, directing the Treasurer to pay the Sum of £:100 with about £:20 Costs of Suit, and Interest, from the

24th August, 1790, report as their Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the Committee,
DAVID MOORE.

Which Report was read and agreed to.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Creditors against absconding and absent Debtors," was read a third Time, with the Amendments—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize certain Inhabitants of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to erect a Bridge over the River Passaick, near the Dutch Church at Second River," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Stockholders of the Toll Bridge over Passaick River, at the Village of Bellville, in the County of Essex, and their Associates, to repair the Road therein mentioned, and receive Toll for the same," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that the same are passed by this House, with their Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Mode of entering Judgements upon Bonds with Warrants to confess' Judgement," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. French,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ward,	

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. French,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	<i>Mr. Speaker.</i>

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Leaming,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

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

Thursday,

Thursday, March 8, 1798.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive Right to use Steam Engines in the Manufacture of Lumber, and granting to him the exclusive Right to use a Steam Engine of a certain Description for other Purposes, for a limited Time," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide a House for the Residence of the Governor of this State," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. French,	Mr. Lloyd,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,	

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Bridges," was read and compared—*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Ward," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,			

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. French,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stansbury,	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said several Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to present a Bill, entitled, "An Act regulating Fences:" to which Bill he requested the Concurrence of this House—Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act ascertaining the Times and Places of holding the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace," without Amendment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Slaves"—On the Question, Whether the following Section do pass—

"*And be it enacted*, That every Negro, Indian, and Mulatto or Mustee Child, who shall be born in this State on or after the fourth Day of July next, shall be free on his or her Arrival at the Age of twenty-eight Years."

It was negatived, as follows :

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Wells,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Staunbury,		

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Learning,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. French,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Gullin,			

The House having gone through the said Bill, ordered the same to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—I am directed by Council to present the re-engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Relief of Creditors against absconding and absent Debtors.” and inform them that the Council have passed the said Bill, with the Amendments made thereto by the Assembly—Which Bill was read and compared—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the New Town Dock of Newark, in Essex County,” with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second Time, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

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

Friday, March 9, 1798.

The House met.

The Report of Mr. Morgan, of the 31st of January, on the Application of Mary Husted, was read, agreed to, and a Warrant of half-pay ordered—Whereupon, a Warrant was read and ordered to be signed.

The Application of Joyce Miles, late Anderson, Widow of Ameriah Anderson, late a Soldier in the Service of the United States, who died in the Service of the United States, was read and granted.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in favor of the said Joyce Miles, late Anderson, for 25s. per Month, being the Amount of her late Husband's half-pay, from the 16th of August, 1776, to the 4th Day of June, 1794—Whereupon, a Warrant was read—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The Report of Mr. Morgan, of the 27th of January last, on the Application of Hannah Henry, late Dumont, was agreed to, and a Warrant ordered—Whereupon, a Warrant, entitling her to receive 25 Dollars per Month, the half-pay of a Major, from 1st September, 1776, until the 4th January, 1780, was read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

The Report of Mr. Dayton, on the Application of Rachel Stivers, Widow of Samuel Stivers, late a Soldier in the Jersey Brigade, and who died in the Service of the United States, of the 26th of February, 1797, was read and agreed to—

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in favor of the said Rachel Stivers for 25s. per Month, being the Amount of her late Husband's half-pay, from the first Day of April, 1778, for and during her Widowhood—Whereupon, a Warrant was read, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Warrants to the Council for Concurrence.

The Report of Mr. Lloyd, on the Petition from John Bowers and Isaac Preston, in behalf of the Heirs of Hannah Preston, was read a second Time—On the Question, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted? It was carried in the Negative.

A Petition from the County of Middlesex, praying that a Law may pass to regulate the Fisheries in South River, was read, and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Van Duyn, and Stryker.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act relative to Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act directing the Mode of entering Judgments upon Bonds with Warrants to confess Judgment," without Amendment; and the Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts," with the Amendments made thereto by this House.

Which re-engrossed Bill was read and compared—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Joseph Hedges:" Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "A further Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State," was read and compared—

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

Mr. Ward, from the Committee appointed to settle the Quotas, brought in the following Statement:

Statement





Statement of the Taxable Property in the several Counties within the State of New-Jersey, March 8th, 1798.

Names of COUNTIES.	Acres of improved Land.	Acres of unimproved Land.	Houses and Lots.	Horses or Mules, at 20s.	Neat Cattle, at 10s.	Shop-keepers, at 75s.	Tan-yards, at 40s.	Single Men and Horses, at 15s.	Single Men, at 10s.	Fisheries, averaged at 50s. each.	Saw-Mills, 40s.	Grift-Mills, 60s.	Fulling-Mills, 40s.	Furnaces, 250s.	Forges, 75s.	Ferries, averaged at 200s. each.	Slaves, 10s.	Covering Horses, 25s.	Amount of Taxable Property	Quota of each County, 30,000l. Tax.	The average Sum between the Census A. B. and Land and other taxable Property, for 30,000l. Tax.	The Quota of each County by Census, for 30,000l. Tax.	
Bergen,	142090 47l. 63015l. 4s	18091 5l. 14047l. 11s	232 7l. 1624	2926 3926	9355 4677l. 10s.	34 2550	13 52s	22 330	173 1730		50 2000	74 1110	3 120		1 250	7 525	4 460l. 1840	530 5300	6 150	95330 8 0	2188 14 21	2066	1944 17 8
Essex,	115,28 60l. 6956l. 15s	1499 8l. 359l. 18s	184 8l. 1872	3011 3041	9678 4830l.	43 3225	13 520	20 300	197 1970		23 1/2 948	33 1/2 2010	3 120			286 13 4 860	205 2050	9 725	93588 14 0	2148 15 0	2557 2 9	2966 10 6	
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Which Statement was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act to provide a House for the Residence of the Governor of this State :” And I am directed to present a Bill, entitled, “An Act for preventing Injuries to the breed of Horses :” To which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and

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

Saturday, March 10, 1798.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Edgar presented a Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Relief of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge ;” which was read and ordered a second reading,

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for the better Security of the Office of the Secretary of this State.” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Resolved, That 1750 Copies of the Militia Act, passed this Sitting of the Legislature, be immediately struck off by the State Printer, for the use of the Officers of the Militia of this State.

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

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act granting to Robert M’Kean the exclusive Right to use Steam Engines in the manufacture of Lumber, and granting to him the exclusive Right to use a Steam Engine of a certain Description for other Purposes, for a limited time,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. French,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Stanbury,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Coxe,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do carry the same to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, March 12, 1798.

The House met.

A Certificate for half-pay in favor of Elizabeth Dugan, was read, and committed to Messrs. Pennington, Smith, and Dunn, to report thereon.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for making Procefs effectual against Mortgagers who abscond, or who refuse to appear,” was read a third Time—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, without Amendment.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have concurred in the Warrants entitling Mary Husted, late Jones, Joyce Miles, late Anderson, Hannah Henry, late Dumont, and Rachel Stivers, to receive the half-pay of their late Husbands; and the Resolution directing the Printer to strike off 1750 Copies of the Militia Act, passed this Sitting, for the use of the Officers of the Militia of this State.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for suppressing Vice and Immorality,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. French,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to 3 o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act respecting Slaves,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Seagrave,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. French,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Gustin,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Report of Mr. Burrowes, on the Application of Benjamin Stevenson, of the 3d of February last, was read a second Time and referred to the next Sitting.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act for the better Security of the Office of the Secretary of this State, and for arranging the irregular Files of original Papers in the Register’s Office,” was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows adjoining the River Passaick, to clear the same within the Limits therein mentioned,” was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act relative to Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to appoint an Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased, passed March 2d, 1797," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, March 13, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a number of Inhabitants of the County of Essex, stating that the Road leading from Newark to Paulus Hook is almost impassable, by Reason of the badness thereof, and praying legislative Aid, report—That they have duly considered the Facts set forth in said Petition, and are of Opinion, that the existing Laws now in Force are adequate to give the Relief prayed for.

By order of the Committee,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which Report was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of Middlesex, praying that a Law may be passed to regulate the Fisheries in Raritan and South Rivers, reported—That, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Petition ought to be referred to the next Sitting, as there are no Vouchers accompanying the same.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES MORGAN.

Which Report was read and agreed to.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for suppressing Vice and Immorality," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vanclève,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. French,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Guftin,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Wyckoff.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to appoint an Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex, in the room of David Olden, deceased, passed March 2, 1797," was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal an Act relative to Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—YEAS.—

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. French,			

—N A Y.—Mr. Kitchel.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. French,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wallace.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Ward,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Van Duyn,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council for Concurrence.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating fundry Persons as Trustees of the New Town Dock of Newark, in Essex County," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Southard,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vancleve,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. French,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Welsh.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

The Statement by Mr. Ward, from the Committee appointed to settle the Quotas, reported the 9th Infant, was read a second Time, when the following Resolution was proposed :

Resolved, That the Quotas of the Taxes to be apportioned on the several Counties of this State for the Support of Government for the ensuing year, be a medium between the Amount of Taxable Property returned by each County, and the Population of said County, as contained in the last Census made under the Authority of the United States, the result of which Combination is included in the Abstract marked A. B. reported by the Committee appointed for that Purpose—On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative :

—YEAS,—

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Van Duye,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stansbury,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Cullin,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Smith,	

Whereupon, Mr. Ward, with leave, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act to raise the Sum of Pounds for the Services of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Eight:" Which was read—On the Question, Whether the same be read a second Time? It was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Ward, with leave, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this State to issue Certificates to the several Counties thereof, and for raising the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds per Annum, for two Years, for the Support of the Government:" Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to revive, extend, and continue part of an Act, entitled, an Act to authorize Persons whose Estates have been confiscated, or their legal Representatives, to demand and receive all Debts or Sums of Money which are due to this State in Virtue of such Confiscations, passed November 28, 1789, so as to authorize John Perine to recover certain Monies which were by him forfeited to and vested in the State of New-Jersey," was read a second Time, and ordered to be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act concerning the main Road from Moores Town, in the County of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the County of Gloucester," was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Peter Ward;" and have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes," with sundry Amendments; to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill, as amended, was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," with sundry Amendments; to which he requested the Concurrence of this House. Which Bill, as amended, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill from Council, entitled, "An Act respecting Apprentices and Servants," was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes," with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second Time—

Resolved, That the House agree to the first Amendment made to the said Bill, and in other respects do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

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

Wednesday, March 14, 1798.

The House met.

Mr. Vancleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Captain William Smith, who served on the Expedition in the Western parts of Pennsylvania, report—

That they have examined the Petition and Vouchers accompanying the same, and are of Opinion, that the said Vouchers are not sufficient to substantiate the Claim of the Petitioner.

By order of the Committee,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Which Report was read, and agreed to.

Mr. Pennington, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Dugan, report—

That they have carefully examined the Documents accompanying the said Petition, from which they are led to believe, that the Petitioner is entitled to the Benefit of the Allowance provided by a Law of this State for the Relief of Widows of Soldiers killed in the Service of the United States.

By order of the Committee,
WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Blanch, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented a Bill, entitled, "An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges :—" Which Bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to appoint an Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Middlesex, in the Room of David Olden, deceased, passed March 2d, 1797," without Amendment.

The Council recede from the second Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, "An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes"—Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed, with the Amendment made thereto by Council.

Mr. Beatty presented from Council a Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent certain Estates from being barred by Fine or common Recovery ;" and a Bill, entitled, "An Act directing where the Office of the Clerks of the Courts of Common Pleas shall be kept :—" to which Bills he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bills were read, and ordered a second reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this State to issue Certificates to the several Counties thereof, and for raising the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds per Annum, for two Years, for the Support of the Government," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second Time—

Resolved, That the House agree to the first, second, fourth, and fifth Amendments made to the said Bill, and in other respects do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do return the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act respecting Apprentices and Servants," was read a third Time—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—YEAS.—

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Morgan,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Clement,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from James Mott and John Beatty, Esquires, informing, that they had purchased a House and Lot for the Residence of the Governor, from Moore Furman, Esq. the House and Lot where he now lives, for 10,000 Dollars, the Deeds for which are in the Secretary's Office.

The Report of Mr. Pennington, on the Application of Elizabeth Dugan, was read a second Time and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favor of Elizabeth Dugan, Widow of Nathan Dugan, who was killed in the Service of the United States, for 25s. per Month, from the 1st Day of September, 1776, for and during her Widowhood—Whereupon,

A Warrant was presented, read, and approved.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act concerning the main Road from Moore's Town, in the County of Burlington, to Haddonfield, in the County of Gloucester," was read a third Time—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. French,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Ward.
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Southard,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Wyckoff.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, without Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of John Salmon," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,	

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh. <i>Ordered,</i>

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act respecting Slaves,” and the Bill, entitled, “An Act for the better Security of the Office of the Secretary of this State, and for arranging the irregular Files of original Papers in the Register’s Office,” without Amendment.

The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act granting to Robert M’Kean the exclusive Right to use Steam Engines in the manufacture of Lumber, and granting to him the exclusive Right to use a Steam Engine of a certain Description for other Purposes, for a limited Time,” with sundry Amendments; to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Beatty, from Council, also informed the House, that Council recede from the third Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, “An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways”—Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act regulating Fences,” was read a second Time and referred to the next Sitting.

On Motion—*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State is authorized to receive from the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators of John Vandervier, deceased, the Sum of £.244 15 1 Principal, of a certain Bond, given by the said John Vandervier, the 12th Day of August, 1774, unto William Walton, and also to receive the Sum of £.146 16 8 it being ten Years Interest of the aforesaid Bond, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to give up said Bond unto the Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, or either of them, after receiving the Money aforesaid.

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

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of Mr. Vancleve, on the Monmouth Petition of the 18th of February, 1797, presented a Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Distribution of the Estates of Persons who die insolvent:” Which Bill was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act for suppressing Vice and Immorality,” with sundry Amendments; which Bill and Amendments he presented, and to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill, as amended, was read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes,” was read and compared—

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

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

Thursday, March 15, 1798.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges,” was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, Swamps, and Low Lands on the River Passaic, and its several Branches, between the Little Falls and the Mill Dam at Chatham, to break up the Reefs near said Falls, and to dig Canals for the more effectual draining said Lands, and to raise Money for that Purpose,” was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

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The Bill, entitled, "An Act regulating the Ferries at Paulus Hook and Hobucken, in the County of Bergen," was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting, to be read on the 3d Wednesday of the next Sitting.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Joseph Hedges," was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "A supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll Bridge over Rancocus Creek," was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, "A Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," without Amendment—That they have concurred in the Warrant entitling Elizabeth Dugan to receive the half-pay of her late Husband—That they have concurred in the Resolution directing the Treasurer to receive a certain Sum of Money from the Estate of John Vandervier, and to give up the Bond of William Walton, &c.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent certain Estates from being barred by Fines or common Recoveries," was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Report of Mr. Clement, on the Petition of Benjamin Guild, of the 12th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Report of Mr. Moore, of the 2d Instant, on the Petitions of Captains Ayres and Hay, with the Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Governor of this State to purchase Field Artillery," was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Report of Mr. Sharps, of the 9th Ultimo, on the Petition of Rebecca Williams, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act appointing Commissioners to lay out and open a Road from Monmouth Court-House to some part of Sandy-Hook-Bay," was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this State to issue Certificates to the several Counties thereof, and for raising the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds per Annum, for two Years, for the Support of the Government," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Stansbury,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,		

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Lloyd,			

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of John Salmon," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stockton.
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Stansbury,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have rejected the Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Relief of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge.”

The Bill, entitled, “An Act directing where the Office of the Court of Common Pleas shall be kept,” was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned to 3 o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges,” was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act for the Relief of Joseph Hedges,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Dunn,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff,
Mr. French,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Stewart,	<i>Mr. Speaker.</i>

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Guftin,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Burrows,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lippincott,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act for preventing Injuries to the breed of Horses,” was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow adjoining the River Passaick, to clear the same within the Limits therein mentioned,” without Amendment—The Council have passed the Bill, entitled, “An Act relative to Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” with sundry Amendments.

Which Bill, as amended, was read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act to prevent Injuries to the breed of Horses,” was read and compared—

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act respecting Trespasses by Swine,” was read a second Time, and ordered a third reading.

The Bill, entitled, “An Act respecting Trespasses by Swine,” was read a third Time. *Resolved*, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “An Act for suppressing Vice and Immorality,” was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

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—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Leeds,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Guftin,			

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Newbold.
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Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning eight of the Clock.

Friday, March 16, 1798.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act granting to Robert M'Kean the exclusive Right to use Steam Engines in the manufacture of Lumber," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Guftin,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stryker,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Van Duyn,
Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. French,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Welsh.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Ward,	

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act ascertaining Costs," was read and compared: *Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills, and that the Clerk do carry the same to the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bills are passed by this House, with their Amendments.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their Clerk—

Mr. Speaker—The Council have rejected the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Joseph Hedges," and have disagreed to the Act, entitled, an Act authorizing the Treasurer of this State to issue Certificates to the several Counties thereof, and for raising the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds per Annum, for two Years, for the Support of the Government.

Mr. Beatty presented the following Resolution for Concurrence:

Whereas it appears, that several of the Counties of this State are largely in Arrear in the Payment of their Taxes, which Arrears, if paid into the Treasury, would be sufficient for the Exigencies of Government for the present Year—And whereas it is, from these Circumstances, wrong to tax those Counties who have paid their Taxes according to Law—Therefore,

Resolved, That no Tax for the Support of Government ought this Year to be laid on such Counties as are not in Arrear, and that the Treasurer, he and he is hereby directed to compel those delinquent Counties to pay forward their respective Deficiencies as the Law directs, without delay, and that he lay a Statement of his Proceedings against such delinquent Counties before the Legislature.

Which Resolution was read, and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

The re-engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act making Provision for working and repairing the Highways," was read and compared—On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

—Y E A S.—

Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. French,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Gustin,	Mr. Newbold,	Mr. Vancleve,
Mr. Burrowes,	Mr. Hall,	Mr. Seagrave,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Lippincott,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Welsh,
Mr. Coxe,	Mr. Montgomery,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Dunn,			

—N A Y S.—

Mr. Edgar,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Stryker,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Leaming,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van Duyn,	Mr. Ward,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same, and that the Clerk do wait on the Council, and inform them that the said Bill is passed by this House, with their Amendments.

The House rose without Day.



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