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

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.



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

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| <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, Daniel Marsh, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Elisha Walton, Peter DeVroom, George Anderfon, <i>v. p.</i> Thomas Clark, William Parret, Permenus Corfon, John Lambert, Abraham Kitchel, Joel Fithian, Charles Beardsee,</p> | <p>Esquires.</p> |
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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| <p><i>Bergen,</i></p> | <p>{ Peter Ward, Thomas Blanch, Robert Campbell,</p> | <p>Esquires.</p> |
| <p><i>Essex,</i></p> | <p>{ William Pennington, Abraham Speer, Charles Clark,</p> | |
| <p><i>Middlesex,</i></p> | <p>{ Gerthom Dunn, Thomas McDowell, James Morgan,</p> | |
| <p><i>Monmouth,</i></p> | <p>{ Joseph Stillwell, William Lloyd,</p> | |
| <p><i>Somerset,</i></p> | <p>{ Henry Southard, James VanDuyn, David Kelly,</p> | |
| <p><i>Burlington,</i></p> | <p>{ William Coxe, <i>Spsaker,</i> Job Lippencott, William Stockton, Joseph Budd,</p> | |
| <p><i>Gloucester,</i></p> | <p>{ Joshua L. Howell, Samuel W. Harrifon, James Wilkins,</p> | |
| <p><i>Salem,</i></p> | <p>{ John Sinnickfon, Anthony Keasby, Joseph Shinn,</p> | |
| <p><i>Cape-May,</i></p> | <p>{ Elijah Townsend,</p> | |
| <p><i>Hunterdon,</i></p> | <p>{ Benjamin Vancleve, Simon Wyckoff, Joseph Beavers, Joseph Hankinfon,</p> | |
| <p><i>Morris,</i></p> | <p>{ Silas Condict, William Corwin, Cornelius Voorheefe,</p> | |
| <p><i>Cumberland,</i></p> | <p>{ Ifaac Wheaton, John Sheppard, jun.</p> | |
| <p><i>Suffex,</i></p> | <p>{ John Gustin, Joseph Gaston, Levi Howell, William Runkle,</p> | |

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T R E N T O N , O c t o b e r 2 3 , 1 7 9 8 .

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, Abraham Speer and Charles Clark, as representatives for the county of Essex; Gershom Dunn and James Morgan, as two of the representatives for the county of Middlesex; Joseph Stillwell and William Lloyd, as two of the representatives for the county of Monmouth; Henry Southard, James VanDuyn and David Kelly, as representatives for the county of Somerset; William Coxe, jun. Joseph Budd, Job Lippencott and William Stockton, as representatives for the county of Burlington; Samuel W. Harrison, Joshua L. Howell and James Wilkins, as representatives for the county of Gloucester; John Sinnickson, Anthony Keasby and Joseph Shinn, as representatives for the county of Salem; Benjamin Vancleve, Joseph Hankinson and Simon Wyckoff, as three of the representatives for the county of Hunterdon; Silas Condict, William Corwin and Cornelius Voorhees, as representatives for the county of Merris; Isaac Wheaton and John Sheppard, jun. as representatives for the County of Cumberland; John Gustin, William Runkle and Levi Howell, as three of the representatives for the county of Sussex, appeared in the house and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon,

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 William Coxe, jun. was chosen, and took the chair.

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

Maskell Ewing attended, and, after taking the oath of allegiance, and, also, an oath for the faithful discharge of his office, took his seat as clerk.

Resolved, That David Wrighter be doorkeeper to this house during the present session.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have chosen William Coxe their speaker, and Maskell Ewing their clerk, and proceeded to business.

Ordered, That Messrs. Condict, Sinnickson and Ward, be a committee to bring forward a draught of rules and regulations for the government of the house.

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

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

A sufficient number of Members of Council have this day met, elected the honorable George Anderson, esquire, vice-president, John Beatty, esquire, their secretary, and proceeded to business.

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

Wednesday, October 24, 1798.

The house met.

Joseph Beavers, returned as one of the representatives of the county of Hunterdon, and Joseph Gaston, returned as one of the representatives of the county of Sussex, appeared in the house, and produced the respective certificates of their election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, they took their seats in the house.

On motion,

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 to 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 that service.

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

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

Mr. Condict laid before the house a warrant of half-pay in favor of Debe-

trah Minthorn, which was committed to Messrs. Clark, Budd and Sheppard to report thereon.

A petition from Joseph Halsey, relative to a bond given by himself and others to the treasurer of the state, was read and committed to Messrs. Clark, Budd and Sheppard to report thereon.

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

1. The bill, intituled, "An act for creating the upper part 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," referred to the second Wednesday of this sitting.

2. The report of Mr. Burrowes of the 3d of February last, on the application of Benjamin Stevenson, was referred to this sitting.

3. The bill, intituled, "An act authorising Joseph Stout, agent for 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."

4. The bill, intituled, "An act for the establishment of schools for the education of poor children," was committed to a committee of the whole house, who, on the 20th of January last, reported progress and desired leave to set again.

5. Sundry petitions from the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, praying that a law may pass, authorizing commissioners to purchase lands and erect suitable buildings for the accommodation of the poor of the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, were ordered a second reading.

6. The report of Mr. Biddle of the 9th of March, 1797, was ordered a second reading.

7. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief and support of poor and confined debtors;" ordered a second reading.

8. The report of Mr. Clement, of the 7th of March, on the memorial of Caleb Ruffell—Ordered a second reading.

9. The report of Mr. Wallace, of the 22d of February, on the petition of John Phillips—Ordered a second reading.

10. The bill, intituled, "An act to fix the places of holding elections in the townships of Amwell and Readington, in the county of Hunterdon," was committed and remains on a 2d reading.

11. The letter from the treasurer, stating difficulties in the collection of the exempt taxes—Ordered a second reading.

12. The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the running of stages through any part of this state on the Lord's day," was ordered a second reading.

13. The bill, intituled, "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," was ordered a second reading.

14. The petitions, 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, were ordered a second reading.

15. The petition from Bergen county, praying that the inhabitants may not be compelled to work a certain road therein referred to, was ordered a second reading.

16. The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to incor-

porate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," was ordered a second reading.

17. The report of Mr. Vancleve of the 5th of February last, on the petition of Rebecca Margerum—Ordered a second reading.

18. The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the Borough of Elizabeth, and part of the township of Westfield, in the county of Essex, into a separate township"—Ordered a second reading.

19. The bill, intituled, "An act regulating fences"—Referred to this sitting.

20. The bill, intituled, "An act concerning fines and common recoveries"—Referred to this sitting.

21. The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the governor of this state to purchase field artillery"—Referred to this sitting.

22. Mr. Clement's report of the 12th February last, on the petition of Benjamin Guild—Referred to this sitting.

23. Mr. Sharps's report on the petition of Rebecca Williams—Referred to this sitting.

24. The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "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"—Referred to this sitting.

25. The bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook Bay"—Referred to this sitting.

26. The bill, intituled, "A supplementary act to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to build a toll-bridge over Rancoccus Creek"—Referred to this sitting.

27. The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the ferries at Paules-Hook and Hobucken in the county of Bergen," was referred to this sitting.

28. The bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent," was referred to this sitting.

29. The report of Mr. Southard, of the 13th of March, on the petition from Essex respecting the causeways adjoining the bridges over Passaick and Hackin-sack rivers—Referred to this sitting.

30. The bill, intituled, "An act directing where the offices of the clerks of common pleas shall be kept," was referred to this sitting.

31. The bill, intituled, "An act to revive, extend and continue part of an act, intituled, "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 referred to this sitting.

32. Sundry petitions, praying an alteration of the law for the punishment of crimes, were referred to this sitting.

33. The petition of Ann Read Wardell was referred to this sitting.

34. The petition from Benjamin Stevenson was referred to this sitting.

35. The petition respecting the shad fishery on South-River, in Middlesex county, was referred to this sitting.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Which report was read.

The papers accompanying the said report, marked No. 1, No. 2, No. 9, No. 15, No. 16, and No. 17, were postponed.

The papers marked No. 3, No. 5, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 14, were severally read and dismissed.

The report of Mr. Clement, marked No. 8, was dismissed.

Ordered, That the memorial of Caleb Russell, on which the report marked No. 8 was made, do lie on the table.

The papers marked No. 4, No. 6, No. 7, No. 13, and No. 18, were severally read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from a committee of the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland, praying that a law may pass to prevent an improper destruction of oysters, tarapins and fish within the said township, was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Jonathan Forman, who, by a certificate accompanying the same, appears to have been duly elected as one of the representatives of the county of Monmouth; by which letter he declines accepting a seat in this house.

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

Sundry petitions from persons imprisoned for debt, praying the benefit of an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, were read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, J. Howell and Dunn.

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

The house met.

The letter from Jonathan Forman, informing that he declines accepting a seat in this house, with the certificate accompanying the same, was read a second time;

Ordered, That the speaker be directed to issue a warrant to the clerk of the county of Monmouth to hold an election for a member to supply the place of the said Jonathan Forman.

Ordered, That Messrs. VanDuyn, Budd, Shinn, Lloyd and Gustin, or any three of them, be a committee, to join a committee of Council, to settle the accounts of the treasurer, and that the clerk be directed to wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. Morgan, Keasby, Pennington, Sinnickson and Blanch be a committee to enquire into the progress made in the revision of the statute laws, and to report the same with their opinion relative to the further measures necessary to be pursued to complete the said revision, and to cause the same to be printed and bound in convenient volumes.

The report of Mr. Biddle, in the list of unfinished business, marked No. 6, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Hankinson and Stockton, to report on the subject therein referred to.

Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed for that purpose, brought in a draught of rules and regulations for the better government of the house, which was read and agreed to.

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

Thursday, October 25, 1798.

The house met.

A letter from the honorable William Paterson, on the subject of the revision of the laws of this state was read and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Keasby, Pennington, Sinnickson and Blanch.

A petition from Samuel, Stephen and Mary Beckett, stating demands against the state, and praying payment, was read and referred to Messrs. Stillwell, Wyckoff and Wilkins to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Southard from the committee to whom was referred the report of Mr. Biddle relative to state prisoners, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, provision is made by law to answer the object of said report, in the 4th section of the act incorporating the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of this state.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

To which the house agreed.

Mr. Clark, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Halfey of Essex county, reported, as the opinion of the committee,

THAT the prayer of the petitioner is just, and that the house pass a resolution directing Mr. Mott to deliver up to the said Halfey a certain bond in his office, in behalf of the state of New-Jersey, against the said Halfey and others, agreeable to the request in said petition.

By order of the committee,

CHARLES CLARK.

Also, we the committee further report on the warrant of the Widow Minthorn for half-pay, as the opinion of the committee, that the said warrant ought to be renewed.

By order of the committee,

CHARLES CLARK.

To which the house agreed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from a gentleman who subscribes his name Delormerie, on the subject of œconomy and agriculture, which was read and ordered to be filed.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Condict, Wheaton and Lippencot be a committee of this house, to join a committee of Council to examine the penitentiary house and report the state of the same, and to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, the commissioner appointed for building the state prison, and that the clerk do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Messrs. DeVroom and Lambert, or either of them, a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of settling the accounts of the treasurer.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Kitchel a committee, to

join the committee of this house for the purpose of examining the penitentiary house and reporting a state of the same, and settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, the commissioner appointed for building the state prison.

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

The house met.

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

Ordered, That Messrs. Ward, Cerwin and Gaston be a committee to prepare and present a bill for defraying incidental charges.

The papers in the report of unfinished business marked No. 19, No. 21, No. 22, No. 24, No. 25, No. 26, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31 and No. 34, were severally read and ordered a second reading.

The papers marked No. 32 and No. 33, were read and dismissed.

No. 35 was read and committed to Messrs. Morgan, VanDuyn and Speer to report thereon.

No. 23 was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Beavers and Kelly to report thereon.

No. 27 was ordered to be read a second time on the 3d Wednesday of this sitting.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the resolution of the Assembly appointing Gerstom Craft engrossing clerk for the year ensuing.

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

Friday, October 26, 1798.

The house met.

A petition from the executors of Samuel Kelly, deceased, stating that the deceased, in his life time, had his house burned, and the sum of thirty pounds, Loan-Office Money, burned therein, and praying that the treasurer may be directed to pay the same, was read and committed to Messrs. Dunn, Sheppard and Runkle to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The report of Mr. Clement on Benjamin Guild's petition, marked No 22 in the unfinished business, was read a second time and committed to the last mentioned committee.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning fines and common recoveries," was read a second time, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the consideration of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief and support of poor and confined debtors," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Pennington, agreeably to leave given, presented a resolution in the words following :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to cancel and deliver up the bond in the treasury given by Joseph Halsey, John Hamilton, Daniel Willis and John Willis, to James Mott, treasurer of the state, dated 6th December, 1790, conditioned to deliver into the treasury certain notes, bonds and books contained in an inventory deposited in the treasury office, agreeably to an act of the Council and General Assembly, passed the 28th November, 1789, relative to the estate of John Willis.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Elijah Townsend, returned as a representative for the county of Cape-May, appeared in the house, and produced the certificate of his election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed, whereupon, being duly sworn by the speaker, he took his seat in the house, and having rendered to the house an excuse for his non-attendance before this time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, informing the house that there is in the treasury-office, £949 6 0 Loan-Office and Revenue Bills of credit, and the sum of £1026 6 3, in old State-Money, of the emission of June 9, 1790, which was read ;

Ordered, That Messrs. Southard, L. Howell and Voorhees, or any two of them, be a committee to join a committee of Council for the purpose of examining and burning the said money in the treasury, and that the clerk do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

A warrant of half-pay in favor of Deborah Minthorn, in lieu of one granted March 23d, 1786, which is filled on the back with indorsements, was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

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

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, with affidavits to shew that Valeria Ivins, who, by warrant, was intitled to draw the half-pay of her husband, Abel Ivins, has been married some years ago, were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act regulating fines," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Stockton, Townsend, Wilkins, Wyckoff and Gustin.

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

Saturday, October 27, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Beckett, Stephen and Mary Beckett, administrators to the estate of Peter Beckett, deceased, with three bonds and one note of hand, report,

No. 1, a bond against Harrison Wells and William Wells, for £100, dated the 25th April, 1776, with interest ; No. 2, a bond against Harrison Wells, for £50, dated the first June, 1776 ; No. 3, a note of hand against the said Har-

rison Wells, for £50, dated the 18th June, 1776 ; No. 4, a bond given by William Wells and Dalbo Lloyd for £150, dated 21st January, 1778, payable the first day of January, 1779, which at the time of payment, was worth £19 10 0, specie ; which several obligations amount to £219 10 0. Your committee are of opinion that the petitioners ought to have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, if so much of the forfeited estate of the said Harrison Wells and William Wells remains in the treasury.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The resolution presented yesterday by Mr. Pennington, was read a second time and agreed to.

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

Robert Campbell, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Bergen, appeared in the house and produced the certificate of his election, which was read, approved, and ordered to be filed, whereupon, being duly qualified by the speaker, he took his seat in the house, and having rendered to the house an excuse for his non-attendance, before this time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The letter from the treasurer respecting the marriage of Valeria Ivins, with the papers accompanying the same, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Condict, J. Howell and Keasby to report thereon.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing where the offices of the clerks of the courts of common pleas shall be kept," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A motion was made, that the clerk call on the printers and direct them to furnish the house, during their sitting, with their weekly papers ; to which an amendment was moved, that Matthias Day be called on to furnish his paper, and the question being put, the amendment was lost.

The main question being put, it was carried in the negative, as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Messrs. Blanch, | Morgan, | Messrs. Beavers, | Sheppard, |
| Clark, | Pennington, | Budd, | Shinn, |
| Condict, | Runkle, | Campbell, | Stockton, |
| Corwin, | Southard, | Gustin, | Vancleve, |
| Gaston, | Speer, | Harrison, | Ward, |
| Hankinson, | Stillwell, | J. Howell, | Wilkins, |
| L. Howell, | VanDuyn, | Lippencott, | Wyckoff. |
| Keasby, | Voorhees, | Lloyd, | |
| Kelly, | Wheaton. | | |

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the clerk be directed to send alternately to Gershom Craft and Matthias Day for their papers.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed a committee on the part of this house, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of examining, counting and burning certain sums of Loan-Office, Revenue and old Emission Money, now in the treasury of this state.

Mr. Condict, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act for the safe-keeping of the books and papers of the auditor's office," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act to revive, extend and continue part of an act, intitled, "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 twenty-eight, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, so as to authorize John Perrine to recover certain monies which were by him forfeited to and vested in the state of New-Jersey," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, October 29, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council to count and burn the paper money in the treasury office, brought in a report, as follows:

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 27th October, 1798.

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We, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of one thousand and twenty-six pounds six shillings and three pence, 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,

ELISHA WALTON,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

An account of Revenue Money paid into the treasury, and counted by the committees of Council and Assembly on the 27th of October, 1798.

| Denominations. | Revenue Money | | | | | | | | | Amount. | | |
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We, the committees of both houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of one hundred and eighty-four pounds ten shillings, Revenue Money of 1783, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

ELISHA WALTON,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

An account of Loan-Office Money paid into the treasury, and counted by the committees of Council and Assembly on the 27th October, 1798.

| Denominations. | 120f. | 60f. | 30f. | 15f. | 12f. | 6f. | 3f. | 1f. | Amount. |
|----------------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| | | | | | | | | | £. s. d. |
| Bundle, No. 1 | 34 | 40 | 127 | 140 | 177 | 95 | 55 | 47 | 764 16 0 |

We, the committees of both houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of seven hundred and sixty-four pounds sixteen shillings, Loan Office Money of 1786, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

ELISHA WALTON,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Dunn, J. Howell, Ward, Pennington and Lloyd be a committee to examine the militia laws of this state, and to report whether any and what amendments may be necessary to the same.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the establishment of schools for the education of poor children," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Campbell, Harrifon and Sheppard.

Mr. Condict, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to prevent certain estates from being barred by fines or common recoveries," which was read and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

Mr. Stockton from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act regulating fences," reported the same with sundry amendments, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the warrant authorizing Deborah Minthorn to draw the half-pay of her late husband.

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

On the question, Whether the governor be allowed £.750 by the year? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Nays. |
| Messrs. Blanch, | Gustin, | Runkle, | Vancleve, |
| Budd, | Hankinson, | Shinn, | VanDuyn, |
| Clark, | L. Howell, | Sinnickson, | Voorhees, |
| Condict, | Kelly, | Southard, | Ward, |
| Corwin, | Lloyd, | Speer, | Wheaton, |
| Dunn, | Morgan, | Stillwell, | Wyckoff. |
| Gaston, | Pennington, | | |

Yeas.
Messrs. Beavers,
Campbell,
Harrison,
J. Howell,

Yeas.
Keasby,
Lippencott,
Sheppard,

Yeas.
Stockton,
Townsend,
Wilkins.

On the question, Whether the governor be allowed £.700 by the year? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Shinn, | Messrs. Clark, | Morgan, |
| Blanch, | Sinnickson, | Condict, | Pennington, |
| Budd, | Stockton, | Corwin, | Runkle, |
| Campbell, | Townsend, | Dunn, | Southard, |
| Harrison, | Vancleve, | Gaston, | Speer, |
| J. Howell, | Ward, | Gustin, | Stillwell, |
| Keasby, | Wilkins, | Hankinson, | VanDuyn, |
| Lippencott, | Wyckoff, | L. Howell, | Voorheese, |
| Lloyd, | <i>Speaker.</i> | Kelly, | Wheaton. |
| Sheppard, | | | |

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Condict, from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter of the 26th instant, reported,

THAT it appears to your committee, a warrant was passed in the year 1793, in favour of Valeria Ivins, to a pension of 25 shillings per month, from the 11th day of September, 1777, as widow of Abel Ivins, a soldier in the 4th Jersey regiment : that the treasurer has paid on the said warrant the sum of £.307 10 0, for twenty years and six months, ending the 11th March, 1798 : and it further appears, that the said Valeria was married to Charles Cuffens in the year 1783 or 1784, at which time her pension ought to have ceased ; and that about £.203 has been paid on said warrant since she had any legal claim thereto : and it further appears, by the information of William Lloyd, esquire, that the sum of 38 dollars and 47 cents, being part of the monies lately paid, has not been delivered to the said Valeria, but is yet in the hands of William Lloyd, esquire.

On which facts, your committee submits to the house for their consideration the following resolution :

Resolved, That William Lloyd, esquire, be requested to pay the monies in his hands, drawn on the order of the said Valeria, to the treasurer ; and that the said treasurer be directed not to pay any more monies on the said warrant ; and that he prosecute the said Charles Cuffens, for the recovery of all the monies paid on the said warrant since his marriage with the said Valeria.

By order of the committee,

SILAS CONDUCT.

Which report was read and agreed to.

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

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

Tuesday, October 30, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Williams, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Rebecca Williams;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Dunn, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Benjamin Guild and the executors of Samuel Kelly, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Guild and the executors of Samuel Kelly;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The paper, in the report of unfinished business, marked No. 34, being the petition of Benjamin Stevenson, with the papers accompanying the same, were read a second time and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Van Duyn and Keasby.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that this house are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting, for the purpose of appointing a governor and other officers, and to request that Council will appoint a time and place of meeting.

Ordered, That Messrs. Vancleve, Condict and Campbell be a committee to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of enquiring into the necessity of continuing the auditor's office.

Mr. Wilkins, agreeably to leave given, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Beckett and Stephen Beckett, and of Mary Beckett, administratrix of Peter Beckett, deceased;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That Messrs. Stillwell, Lippencott and Townsend be a committee to enquire the price, from the printers, for printing the laws, votes and journals of the Legislature, and to receive proposals from the printers.

The paper marked No. 15, in the list of unfinished business, was read a second time and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the borough of Elizabeth, and a part of the township of Westfield, in the county of Essex, into a separate township," was read a second time and dismissed.

The petition from a committee of the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland, read on the 24th instant, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Wheaton, Shinn and Harrison to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee to whom was referred the letter of Judge Paterfon, reported,

THAT it appears to your committee, that Judge Paterfon has agreed with a printer to print the statute laws, according to the laws of this state; and that it is the opinion of your committee, that Judge Paterfon ought to be authorized to draw as much money from the treasurer as will fulfil his contract, but not to exceed 1000 dollars, by the first day of February next; and that your committee are of opinion, that a permanent law for the election of representatives in Congress ought to be passed, printed and bound with the statute laws.

By order of the committee,

JAMES MORGAN.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the governor of this state to purchase field artillery," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Harrison, Pennington and Ward.

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

Wednesday, October 31, 1798.

The house met.

A Message from Council by Mr. Secretary Beatty.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting in the Assembly-Room on Thursday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to choose the governor and other officers.

The Council have appointed Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Marsh, or either of them, a committee, on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of enquiring into the necessity of continuing the auditor's office.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the register, stating the business of his office, which was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Stockton and Runkle.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from prisoners confined for debt, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Harrison from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the governor of this state to purchase field artillery," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and re-committed to the same committee.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, respecting their shad fishery in South-River, reported,

THAT it is the opinion of your committee, that the petitioners ought to have leave to present a bill, according to the prayer of their petition, on the second Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature, with their advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present in two of the most public places, on each side of the river, ten days previous thereto.

By order of the committee,

JAMES MORGAN.

To which the house agreed.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the resolution requesting William Lloyd, esquire, to repay the monies in his hands, drawn on the order of Valeria Couzens, late Ivins, and also directing the treasurer to withhold any further payment, and to prosecute Charles Couzens for the recovery of the monies paid since his intermarriage with the said Valeria.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act directing where the offices of the clerks of the courts of common pleas shall be kept," was read and compared ;

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

| Nays. | | Yeas. | |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | Morgan, | Messrs. Beavers, | Pennington, |
| Campbell, | Sheppard, | Budd, | Runkle, |
| Clark, | Shinn, | Condict, | Sinnickson, |
| Gaston, | Southard, | Corwin, | Stockton, |
| J. Howell, | Speer, | Dunn, | Vancleve, |
| L. Howell, | Stillwell, | Gustin, | Voorheese, |
| Keafby, | Townsend, | Hankinson, | Wheaton, |
| Kelly, | Van Duyn, | Harrison, | Wilkins, |
| Lloyd, | Ward. | Lippencott, | Wyckoff. |

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to revive, extend and continue part of an act, intituled, " 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 Perrine to recover certain monies which were by him forfeited to and vested in the state of New-Jersey," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | | Nays. | |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | J. Howell, | Southard, | Messrs. Sheppard, |
| Blanch, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Ward. |
| Budd, | Keafby, | Speer, | |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Stillwell, | |
| Condict, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | |
| Corwin, | Lloyd, | Vancleve, | |
| Dunn, | Morgan, | Van Duyn, | |
| Gaston, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | |
| Gustin, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Hankinson, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Harrison, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The speaker laid before the house communications from the Legislature of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, and desiring the concurrence of the Legislature of this state therein ; which were read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned for half an hour.

The house met.

The list of nomination having been made out, was directed to be exchanged with Council.

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

The house met.

Mr. Wheaton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of the township of Downs, in the county of Cumberland, reported, that the existing laws of the state are adequate for the relief of the petitioners ; which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said petition be dismissed.

Mr. Gustin, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " A supplement to an act, intituled, " An act for the trial of small causes ;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time, debated by sections, and negatived, as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| Messrs. Campbell, | Shinn, | Messrs. Beavers, | Lloyd, |
| Clark, | Sinnickson, | Blanch, | Morgan, |
| Condict, | Southard, | Budd, | Sheppard, |
| Corwin, | Speer, | Dunn, | Stockton, |
| Gustin, | Vancleve, | Gaston, | Stillwell, |
| Hankinson, | Van Duyn, | Harrison, | Townsend, |
| L. Howell, | Voorheese, | J. Howell, | Wheaton, |
| Keasby, | Ward, | Kelly, | Wilkins. |
| Pennington, | Wyckoff. | Lippencott, | |
| Runkle, | | | |

A message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have rejected the bill, intituled, " An act to revive, extend and continue part of an act, intituled, " 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 far as to authorize John Perrine to recover certain monies which were by him forfeited to and vested in the state of New-Jersey."

Mr. Corwin, agreeably to leave given, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for the further division of the township of Roxbury, in the county of Morris ;" which was read, together with the papers accompanying the same, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Rebecca Williams," was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Thursday, November 1, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Stevenson, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson, executor and legatee of James Stevenson, deceased ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Samuel Beckett, Stephen Beckett and of Mary Beckett, administratrix of Peter Beckett, deceased," was read a second time, and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed.

The bill, intituled, " An act respecting bridges," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Budd, Blanch and Sheppard.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Andrew Kirkpatrick, one of the justices of the supreme court, stating a misunderstanding between the justices of the supreme court and the privy-council, with respect to the compensation allowed the justices for attending the circuit courts, was read and committed to Messrs. J. Howell, Beavers and Campbell.

The report of Mr. Morgan, of the 30th instant, on the letter of Judge Pater-son, was read a second time and agreed to, as far as respects the direction for the treasurer to pay him one thousand dollars, to be appropriated in forwarding the printing of the statute laws ; whereupon,

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act authorizing William Pater-son, esquire, to draw from the treasury of this state a sum of money therein-mentioned ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That Judge Pater-son be authorized to change the contract entered into by him for printing the statute laws, so as to have only two hundred copies printed for the use of the state, in octavo, provided such change can be effected without any injury to the person with whom he hath contracted ; in which case he be authorized to suffer the printer to print any number of copies that he may think proper, and that he lay the printer under obligation to furnish a sufficient number of copies to each county in the state, to be sold at a reasonable price.

Which resolution was read and considered ;

On the question, Whether the house agree thereto ? It was negatived.

The residue of Mr. Morgan's report, on Judge Pater-son's letter, was agreed to.

The house adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the letter of John Beatty, register of wills, containing a return of probates, letters of administration and guardianships, issued since the 1st of November, 1797, and stating that a number of original wills, bonds of administration and guardianship, proved before Hugh Hughes, esquire, late of Suffex, and Elijah Hughes, esquire, late of Cape-May, while surrogates of those respective counties, remaining in the hands of the executors or administrators of those deceased persons, and also that a number are in the hands of William Livingston, late surrogate of the county of Essex, now resident in the state of New-York, reported,

THAT your committee are fully satisfied, that the fact set forth in said letter is true, and that the safe-keeping of wills, bonds of administration and letters of guardianship is of importance to the citizens in general, and to the persons immediately concerned in particular, therefore submit to the consideration of the house the following resolution :

Resolved, That the register be hereby authorized and directed, as soon as may be, to take such legal measures as he shall think proper to recover the said wills, bonds of administration and guardianship, out of the possession of the respective persons in whose hands they may be, and cause the same to be deposited and registered according to law, and that the said register make report to the Legislature at their next meeting, and lay before them an account of the necessary expenses incurred in prosecuting said business.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

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

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Rebecca Williams," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Morgan, | Messrs. Blanch, | Voorheese, |
| Budd, | Runkle, | Campbell, | Ward, |
| Dunn, | Southard, | Clark, | Wheaton. |
| Gaston, | Stockton, | Condict, | |
| Hankinson, | Speer, | Corwin, | |
| Harrison, | Stillwell, | Gaston, | |
| J. Howell, | Townsend, | Pennington, | |
| L. Howell, | Vancleve, | Sheppard, | |
| Keasby, | Wilkins, | Shinn, | |
| Lippencott, | Wyckoff. | Sinnickson, | |
| Lloyd, | | | |

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 counties of Cumberland and Salem, praying that some mode may be laid down by law to direct how the road from Salem to Greenwich, by Hancock's bridge, should be laid and hereafter kept in repair, was read and ordered a second reading.

The members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the speaker resumed the chair, and then

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

Friday, November 2, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed to confer with the printers respecting the state printing, and to receive their proposals for the printing, presented the same, as follows :

| Proposal by Mr. Craft— | | by Mr. Day for Laws and Proceedings. | |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| The Laws. | Per sheet. | | Per sheet. |
| 1000 copies, at | £4 10 0 | | £5 0 0 |
| 1200 at | 5 2 0 | | 6 0 0 |
| 1500 at | 5 18 0 | | 7 0 0 |

Proposal by Mr. Craft—
The Votes, &c.

by Mr. Day.

| | | | |
|----------------|----|----|---|
| 1000 copies at | £4 | 5 | 0 |
| 1200 at | 4 | 17 | 0 |
| 1500 at | 5 | 13 | 0 |

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson, executor and legatee of James Stevenson, deceased," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Budd, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges," reported the same without amendment; which bill was read and ordered a third reading.

Sundry petitions from insolvent debtors, confined in gaol in this state, were read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Dunn and L. Howell to report a bill for the relief of such insolvent debtors as may appear to merit legislative aid.

The house adjourned until Monday morning ten of the clock.

Saturday, November 3, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. Vancleve, from the committee appointed to enquire into the necessity of continuing the auditor's office, reported,

THAT they have examined into the business to them submitted, and find—
1st, That there are a few accounts of agents of forfeited estates unsettled.
2d, That by a law, passed December 20, 1781, the clerks of the several counties are directed to transmit to the auditor abstracts of the fines and amercements, &c. of the courts of their respective counties. 3d, And by the same law the receipts of monies paid into the treasury should be registered in that office; and 4th, by a law passed the 15th February, 1798, the auditor is directed to countersign the orders drawn on the treasurer for the payment of money to the inspectors of the state prison. As to the first particular, those few accounts that remain unsettled, the delay seems to have been occasioned by the difficulty of collecting the monies arising from sales by the agents, and those accounts are of long standing, as appears by the auditor not having reported any settlement for a number of years past—As to the second particular, your committee are of opinion, that those abstracts ought to be made to the treasurer instead of the auditor—As to the third, the committee thinks receipts may be as properly registered by the secretary in his office—As to the 4th particular, your committee are of opinion that the clause of the law directing the auditor to countersign those orders ought to be repealed. On the whole, it is the opinion of your committee, that it is not necessary, at present, to continue the auditor's office in the manner it is now kept, but that a law ought to be passed to alter those laws above referred to, and to direct the books and papers now in that office, belonging to the state, to be deposited in the secretary's office for the more safe-keeping the same, and authorizing the secretary to do those duties of the auditor's office that will then remain necessary to be done.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,
BENJAMIN VANCLEVE.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the safe-keeping of the books and papers of the auditor's office," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have rejected the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Rebecca Williams," and have concurred in the resolution authorizing and directing the register of this state to recover certain wills and bonds of administration and guardianship, out of the hands of the executors or administrators of Hugh Hughes, Elijah Hughes and William Livingston, late surrogates, and to cause them to be deposited and registered according to law.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Guild and the executors of Samuel Kelly," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors;" which bill he presented, and which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. J. Howell, from the committee to whom was referred the letter of Judge Kirkpatrick, relative to compensation to the junior judges for holding the circuit courts in several of the counties, reported,

THAT they are of opinion, that provision ought to be made to compensate the junior judges for holding the circuit courts, as stated in the said letter; and they further state, that in the opinion of the committee, some provision should be made to prevent the inconveniences complained of arising in future.

JOSHUA L. HOWELL.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," and after having gone through the said bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The house adjourned to three clock, P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing William Paterfon, esquire, to draw from the treasury of this state a sum of money therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the trial of small causes," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, M'Dowell and Vancleve.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson, executor and legatee of James Stevenson, deceased," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Clark, | Runkle, | Messrs. Beavers, | Sinnickson, |
| Gustin, | Southard, | Blanch, | Wheaton. |
| Hankinson, | Stockton, | Budd, | |
| Harrison, | Speer, | Campbell, | |
| J. Howell, | Stillwell, | Condict, | |
| L. Howell, | Townsend, | Corwin, | |
| Kelly, | Vancleve, | Gaston, | |
| Lippencott, | Van Duyn, | Keasby, | |
| Lloyd, | Voorheese, | Sheppard, | |
| Morgan, | Wilkins, | Shinn, | |
| Pennington, | Wyckoff. | | |

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 till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, November 5, 1798.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer, stating the arrearages of taxes in the several counties, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The petition from the counties of Cumberland and Salem, praying that some mode may be laid down by law to direct how the road from Salem to Greenwich, by Hancock's bridge, should be laid and hereafter kept in repair, was read a second time ;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, to answer the prayer of their petition, on the second Tuesday of the next sitting, they advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, for three weeks, in three of the most public places in each of the said counties contiguous to said road.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, "An act to authorize the governor of this state to purchase field artillery," reported the same with fundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the further division of the township of Roxbury in the county of Morris," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Condict and Corwin.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act regulating fences," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Blanch, Speer, M'Dowell, Lippencott, Wheaton and L. Howell.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act authorizing William Paterfon to draw from the treasury of this state a sum of money therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act for the safe-keeping the books and papers of the auditor's office," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | I. Howell, | Speer, | Messrs. Campbell, |
| Blanch, | Keasby, | Stillwell, | Dunn, |
| Budd, | Kelly, | Vancleve, | J. Howell, |
| Clark, | Pennington, | VanDuyn, | Lippencott, |
| Condict, | Runkle, | Voorheese, | Morgan, |
| Corwin, | Sheppard, | Wheaton, | M'Dowell, |
| Gaston, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | Townsend, |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | Ward. |
| Hankinson, | Southard, | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

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

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Roxbury in the county of Morris," reported the same with the following title: "An act for the further division of the township of Roxbury and altering the line of the township of Washington in the county of Morris;" which bill was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time;

On the question, Whether the house agree to the section of the bill? It was carried in the negative.

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

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

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

Resolved, That the said bond, and the sureties, are satisfactory to the house and they do approve of the same.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said bond to the Council, with the above resolution, for their concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have rejected the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson, executor and legatee of James Stevenson, deceased."

Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed to enquire into the state of the penitentiaries, and to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, reported,

THAT they have examined the said building, the keeper's house, consisting of four rooms on a floor, besides the hall, cellar and piazza; the rooms on the first floor are finished and convenient for the purposes intended, two of which are designed for the keeper, the other two for the inspectors and

clerks ; the upper rooms are not finished. The cellar, or ground story, is divided into a kitchen or cooking-room, a baking-room, a dining-room that will admit of about sixty persons dining at once, and two store-rooms, all very convenient.

The left wing of the said building, intended for the confinement and employment of male prisoners, is completed, or nearly so ; the ground story of which is divided into a long hall, a washing-room and a work-shop and pump-room, containing the well of water. The second, or middle story, is divided into two work-shops or rooms, an infirmary, a long hall and a temporary cell, all secured with iron grated doors with bars and locks, and arched over head. The third, or upper story, is divided into two lodging-rooms of confinement, which will contain about fifteen persons each, a lodging-room for the under-keepers, two halls and a temporary cell, all secured with iron grated doors, bars and locks, also arched over head.

The right wing, designed for the confining and employment of females, is not yet finished, the walls of which are nearly up ; the cellar, or ground story, of which is divided into a cellar, a washing-room and one other working-room, a hall and stair-case. The second, or middle story, is divided into two working-rooms, a hall and stair-case. The third, or upper story, is divided into two lodging-rooms of confinement, a hall and stair-case.

The yard is inclosed with a stone wall agreeably to the directions of the law, with a partition wall of the same height, dividing the apartment designed for the males from that of the females ; there is, besides the well above-mentioned, two other wells of water—one for the use of the female prisoners, the other near the place where permanent cells are to be built.

The whole of the work, as far as your committee could judge, appears to be well done, and the regulations established by the board of directors appear to be judicious and well calculated to promote the intentions of the institution, and the methods made use of by the keeper of the house as to the treatment of the prisoners, keeping their accounts, diet, &c. meets the approbation of your committee ; but the said prisoners are not yet employed at any manufacturing business, owing, as it is said, to the prevalence of the sickness in Philadelphia, which has prevented procuring proper materials.

And your committee further report, That we have examined the accounts of Jonathan Doan, and find the said Jonathan Doan has drawn from the treasury the sum of £4852 0 3, and received for sundry refuse materials sold £5 10 8½, making £4857 10 11½, and that he has expended the sum of £5244 5 8, including the sum of £494 4 2, reported to be due him on the 4th day of November last, and that a balance is now due to him of £386 14 8½, and a further sum of £195 13 1 for 250 days attendance, superintending the work and expenses.

And your committee further report, That the said Jonathan Doan has made several contracts for materials not yet paid for, which with his estimate for finishing the said building, will amount to about £1400 more, which is stated as follows, viz.

State-Prison,

To Jonathan Doan, Dr.

| | | |
|--|---|-----------------|
| To balance due him reported last year, | - | £494 4 2 |
| To amount of his account per vouchers, examined from | } | 4750 1 6 |
| No. 1 to No. 95. | | |
| | | <hr/> £5244 5 8 |

| | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Amount bro't forward, | | £5244 | 5 | 8 |
| Cr.—By cash drawn out of the treasury, | £4852 | 0 | 3 | |
| By refuse sold at vendue, | 5 | 10 | 8½ | |
| | £4857 | 10 | 11½ | |
| | | £386 | 14 | 8½ |
| Jonathan Doan's expense, 250 days, as superintending the said prison at 14/0 | £175 | 0 | 0 | |
| Expense, &c. procuring materials, | 20 | 13 | 1½ | |
| | £195 | 13 | 1½ | |
| Estimated expenses yet wanted, | - | - | £582 | 7 10 |
| | | | 1400 | 0 0 |
| | | | £1982 | 7 10 |

By order of the committee,

DANIEL MARSH,
SILAS CONDICT.

November 5, 1798.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Egg-Harbour, in the county of Burlington, praying to be supplied by the government with two pieces of artillery, and that they may be allowed to organize an artillery company of militia, was read and committed to Messrs. Dunn, J. Howell, Ward, Pennington and Lloyd.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief and support of poor and confined debtors," and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. Dunn, Clark and Stockton.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

I am directed by Council to lay before this house a bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange," and request their concurrence therein; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting bridges," was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | Sheppard, | Messrs. Beavers, | Runkle, |
| Budd, | Southard, | Clark, | Shinn, |
| Campbell, | Stockton, | Condict, | Sinnickson, |
| Dunn, | Stillwell, | Corwin, | Speer, |
| Gustin, | Vancleve, | Gaston, | Townsend, |
| Hankinson, | VanDuyn, | Harrison, | Voorheese, |
| Kelly, | Ward, | J. Howell, | Wilkins. |
| Lippencott, | Wheaton, | L. Howell, | |
| Morgan, | Wyckoff, | Keasby, | |
| M'Dowell, | Speaker. | Pennington, | |

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

Tuesday, November 6, 1798.

The house met.

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

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Sheppard, | Messrs. Clark, | Southard, |
| Budd, | Shinn, | Condict, | Speer, |
| Blanch, | Sinnickson, | Corwin, | VanDuyn, |
| Campbell, | Stockton, | Dunn, | Voorheese. |
| Harrison, | Stillwell, | Gaston, | |
| J. Howell, | Townsend, | Gustin, | |
| Keasby, | Vancleve, | Hankinson, | |
| Lippencott, | Ward, | L. Howell, | |
| Lloyd, | Wheaton, | Kelly, | |
| Morgan, | Wilkins, | Pennington, | |
| M'Dowell, | Wyckoff. | Runkle, | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Guild and the executors of Samuel Kelly, deceased," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Keasby, | Stockton, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Speer, | Budd, |
| Corwin, | Morgan, | Stillwell, | Campbell, |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Vancleve, | Condict, |
| Gustin, | Pennington, | VanDuyn, | Gaston, |
| Hankinson, | Runkle, | Voorheese, | Lippencott, |
| Harrison, | Shinn, | Wheaton, | Lloyd, |
| J. Howell, | Sinnickson, | Wilkins, | Sheppard, |
| L. Howell, | Southard, | Wyckoff. | Townsend, |
| | | | Ward. |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the governor of this state to purchase field artillery," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill.

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

The report of Mr. Condict from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council for the purpose of enquiring into the state of the penitentiary-house, and to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, was read a second time and agreed to; whereupon,

Mr. Condict, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council approve of the bond given by James Mott, esquire, and his sureties, for the faithful discharge of his office as treasurer of the state.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act regulating fences," reported the same with fundry amendments, which were read and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A memorial from Rebecca Margerum, executor, &c. of Richard Margerum, deceased, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Beavers, Voorheese and Gaston.

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

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize William Paterson, esquire, to draw from the treasury of this state a sum of money therein mentioned," and the bill, intituled, "An act for the safe-keeping of the books and papers of the auditor's office," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*
On account of taxes levied in Continental—

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

Bergen,

Hunterdon,

Lawful Money.

£266 14 11

402 5 9

£669 0 8

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A petition, praying that the fisheries in Egg-Harbour river, &c. may be regulated by law, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition, praying for a division of the county of Gloucester, was read and dismissed.

A petition from Egg-Harbour, praying that disputes respecting surveys may be settled by arbitrators, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Weymouth, Egg-Harbour and Galloway, praying that a law may pass to prevent liquor being sold or given away at elections, was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Wednesday, November 7, 1798.

The house met.

Mr. VanDuyn, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council for the purpose of settling the treasurer's accounts, brought in a report, as follows :

—*the state of New-Jersey,* *Cr.*

—Money and reduced to Specie.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

Bergen,

Hunterdon,

Balance carried to account current,

Lawful Money.

£164 14 11

402 5 9

102 0 0

£669 0 8

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,

JAMES VANDUYN.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

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

To deficiencies not paid in on the last

settlement by the counties of

State Money.

Burlington,

£578 0 2½

Suffex,

578 19 7½

£1,156 19 10

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

State Money.

Suffex,

£1,159 6 9½

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

State Money.

Lawful Money.

Essex,

£49 0 1

Hunterdon,

£190 0 7

Morris,

814 6 3½

£1,004 6 10½

£49 0 1

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—Money and certificates due December 1, 1781.

By deficiencies not yet paid in

by the counties of

Burlington,

Suffex,

State Money.

£578 0 2½

578 19 7½

October 27, 1798.

£1,156 19 10

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,

JAMES VANDUYN.

—*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

Suffex,

Balance carried to account current,

State Money.

£742 10 3

416 16 6

October 27, 1798.

£1,159 6 9½

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,

JAMES VANDUYN.

—*to 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

Effex,

Hunterdon,

Morris,

State Money.

£190 0 7

814 6 3½

Lawful Money.

£49 0 1

October 27, 1798.

£1,004 6 10½

£49 0 1

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,

JAMES VANDUYN.

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.

£137 9 10

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
Hunterdon,

Lawful Money.

£721 15 4¹

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of Tax for raising £10,000 for sinking—

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

Lawful Money.

£286. 4 4

633 18 7

£920 2 11

—*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, | £23 0 1 |
| Balance carried to account current | 114 9 9 |
| | £137 9 10 |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—*the state of New-Jersey,* Cr.

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

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| By deficiency not yet paid in | |
| by the county of | Lawful Money. |
| Hunterdon, | £721 15 4 ³ |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—*the state of New-Jersey,* Cr.

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

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| By deficiencies not yet paid in | |
| by the counties of | Lawful Money. |
| Hunterdon, | £286 4 4 |
| Suffex, | 633 18 7 |
| | £920 2 11 |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

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

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

Lawful Money.

£369 14 8

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

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

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 5s.—

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

Lawful Money.

£48 11 2

—*the state of New-Jersey,* Gr.

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

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of
Suffex,
October 27, 1798.

Lawful Money.
£369 14 8

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—*the state of New-Jersey,* Gr.

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

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of
Suffex,
October 27, 1798.

Lawful Money.
£614 7 1

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—*the state of New-Jersey,* Gr.

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

By deficiency not yet paid in
by the county of
Suffex,
Balance carried to account current,
October 27, 1798.

Lawful Money.
£5 14 8
42 16 6

£48 11 2

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax in specie, due January 1, 1783, which—
but by a law passed November 28, 1789—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last

settlement by the counties of

Hunterdon,

Morris,

Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£2,183 17 3½

1,870 3 9

1,946 13 0

£6,000 14 0½

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax, due October 1, 1783, which—
but by a law passed November 28, 1789,—

To deficiencies not paid in on the last

settlement by the counties of

Monmouth,

Burlington,

Hunterdon,

Morris,

Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£1,098 2 6½

916 19 4

368 6 2

1,239 6 8

572 1 9

£4,194 16 5½

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—was payable to the receiver of continental taxes,
—is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

| | Lawful Money. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Hunterdon, | £2,183 17 3½ |
| Morris, | 1,842 7 3 |
| Suffex, | 1,946 13 0 |
| Balance carried to account current, | 27 16 6 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £6,000 14 0½ |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—was payable to the receiver of continental taxes,
—is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

| | Lawful Money. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Monmouth, | £1,098 2 6½ |
| Burlington, | 916 19 4 |
| Hunterdon, | 297 8 8 |
| Morris, | 1,239 6 8 |
| Suffex, | 572 1 9 |
| Balance carried to account current, | 70 17 6 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £4,194 16 5½ |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax, due January 1, 1784, which—

but by a law passed Nov. 28, 1789—

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

| | Lawful Money. |
|-------------|---------------|
| Bergen, | £51 19 4 |
| Monmouth, | 1,465 10 0 |
| Somerfet, | 1,293 0 0 |
| Burlington, | 1,540 6 4 |
| Hunterdon, | 1,714 18 5 |
| Morris, | 1,239 6 8 |
| Cumberland, | 598 12 7 |
| Suffex, | 728 0 0 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £8,631 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, | £1,000 1 8 |
| Effex, | 1,073 2 4 |
| Middlefex, | 1,235 10 0½ |
| Monmouth, | 1,498 16 0 |
| Somerfet, | 1,214 19 6 |
| Burlington, | 1,689 0 5 |
| Gloucester, | 1,210 5 9 |
| Salem, | 1,028 13 4½ |
| Cape-May, | 202 17 10½ |
| Hunterdon, | 1,961 11 5 |
| Morris, | 1,103 2 6 |
| Cumberland, | 524 10 3½ |
| Suffex, | 1,257 8 10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £15,000 0 0 |

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—was payable to the receiver of Continental taxes,
—is made payable into the treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in
by the counties of

Lawful Money.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Monmouth, | £1,465 10 0 |
| Somerset, | 37 10 0 |
| Burlington, | 1,540 6 4 |
| Hunterdon, | 1,714 18 5 |
| Morris, | 1,239 6 8 |
| Cumberland, | 5 5 0 |
| Suffex, | 728 0 0 |
| Balance carried to account current, | 1,900 16 11 |
| October 27, 1798. | £8,631 13 4 |

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—£15,000, due December 30, 1797.

Lawful Money.

By amount carried to account current, £15,000 0 0

October 27, 1798.

£15,000 0 0

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

AMOUNT OF DEFICIENCIES DUE FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

ARREARS of TAXES due before the YEAR 1785.

| COUNTIES. | TOTAL AMOUNT. | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| | <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>Old State Money. Lawful Money.</i> |
| Bergen, | 0 0 0 | 164 14 11 | 0 0 0 | 164 14 11 |
| Essex, | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 49 0 1 | 49 0 1 |
| Middlesex, | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Monmouth, | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 2563 12 6½ | 2563 12 6 |
| Somerset, | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 37 10 0 | 37 10 0 |
| Burlington, | 578 0 2½ | 0 0 0 | 2457 5 8 | 578 0 2½ 2457 5 8 |
| Gloucester, | 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 |
| Cape-May, | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Hunterdon, | 190 0 7 | 402 5 9 | 721 15 4½ | 190 0 7 5606 9 10½ |
| Morris, | 814 6 3½ | 0 0 0 | 4321 0 7 | 814 6 3½ 4321 0 7 |
| Cumberland, | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 5 5 0 | 0 0 0 5 5 0 |
| Suffex, | 1344 10 0½ | 0 0 0 | 3246 14 9 | 1344 10 0½ 4870 9 9 |

Sinking Fund Tax, due December 1, 1785.

Arrears of Revenue Taxes.

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

On account of cash received of fundry persons.

| | | |
|-------|---|-------------|
| 1797. | Nov. 13, Received of George Burgin, sberiff of Cumberland county, per James Giles, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county, | £6 0 0 |
| 1798. | Jan. 18. William Campfield, sberiff of Morris county, per Silas Condict, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county, | 13 10 0 |
| | March 5. William Gordon Forman, executor of General David Forman, in discharge of James M'Comb, late marshal, and his sureties, and the estate of General David Forman, deceased, from the demand of the state, on account of the Schooner Dolphin and Sloop Diamond, and their cargoes, agreeably to a law passed March 1, 1798, | 5000 0 0 |
| | 15. John Westervelt, late sberiff of Bergen county, per Robert Campbell, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county, | 15 0 0 |
| | April 4. Edward Vaughn, sberiff of Gloucester county, per Franklin Davenport, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county, | 112 10 0 |
| | May 14. Benjamin Williamson, late sberiff of Essex county, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county, | 73 0 0 |
| | Oct. 17. Benjamin Smith, esquire, of Trenton, a fine levied on Dennis Hogerty, a pedler, the 16th August last, agreeably to a law (passed March 7, 1797) for regulating hawkers and pedlers, | 2 16 3 |
| | Amount carried to account current, | £5,222 16 3 |
| | October 27, 1798. | |

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

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

On Account of cash received for fundry stage licenses.

| | | |
|-------|--|---------|
| 1798. | May 10. Received of Amos Hutchin, per Robert Pearson, for a license to run a line of stages through or across this state, from Amboy to Burlington, for one year from the first instant, | £20 0 0 |
| | Carried forward, | £20 0 0 |

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|-------------------|---|----------|
| | Brought forward, | £20 0 0 |
| July 2. | John VanEmburch, per John Thorn, for a license to run a line of stages through or across this state, from Amboy to Bordentown, for one year from the first day of June, 1798, | 20 0 0 |
| Oct. 25. | John N. Cumming, for a license to run a line of stages through or across this state, from Trenton to Powles-Hook or Hoebocken, for one year from the first day of January last, | 100 0 0 |
| | Amount carried to account current, | £140 0 0 |
| October 27, 1798. | | |

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

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

On account of cash received from the commissioners and agents of forfeited estates, &c.

1798.

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| April 25. | Received of Joseph Gaston, agent for the county of Sussex, on account of the forfeited estates in said county, | £22 10 0 |
| July 14. | Andrew Smyth, son and heir of John Smyth, late of Amboy, deceased, being one fourth part of the value of two lots of land at Amboy, agreeably to a law for transferring the residue of the confiscated real estate, late of John Smyth, passed May 30, 1792, a description and valuation of said lots having been deposited in this office, | 18 15 0 |
| Oct. 23. | Garrit Vanderveer, executor of John Vanderveer, by the hand of James Morgan, esquire, in part of a bond given by said John Vanderveer to William Walton (whose estate was forfeited) and dated August 12, 1774, conditioned for the payment of £244 15 1, Jersey Money, at eight shillings the ounce, agreeably to a resolution of the legislature of March 14, 1798, | 96 0 0 |
| | Amount carried to account current, | £137 5 0 |
| October 27, 1798. | | |

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

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.

1797.

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| Nov. 8. Received of Jonas Wade, the fees on "An act to appoint commissioners to clear out and remove the obstructions in Rahway-River, from the bridge near the house of John Meeker, to the bridge above the land of William Reeves," passed February 7, 1797, | £4 2 6 |
| Jonas Wade, the fees on "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a piece of bog or fresh meadow, situate at Connecticut-Farms, in the county of Essex, to appoint managers to drain the same," passed March 2, 1797, | 3 10 2 |
| Amount carried to account current, | £7 12 8 |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

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

On account of cash received from the United States.

1798.

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| May 7. Received of James Ewing, commissioner of loans, two quarterly payments of principal and interest, due January 1, and April 1, 1798, 1781 : 41 dols. | £668 0 6 |
| July 18. James Ewing, commissioner of loans, one quarterly payment of interest, due July 1, 1798, being 563 : 84 dols. | 2 11 8 9½ |
| Oct. 6. James Ewing, commissioner of loans, one quarterly payment of interest, due Oct 1, 1798, being 563 : 84 dols. | 2 11 8 9½ |
| Amount carried to account current, | £1,090 18 1 |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

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.

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| Dec. 30. Received of William Phillips, one of the commissioners for Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, the amount of the 11th year's interest, due December 5, 1797, | £234 1 3 |
| Carried forward, | £234 1 3 |

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| | | Bought forward, | £234 1 3 |
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| 1798. | | | |
| Jan. 9. | Received of Abraham Staats, one of the commissioners for Somerset county, the amount of the 11th year's interest, due December 5, 1797, | | 142 5 0 |
| | John Black, do. for Burlington county, the amount of do. do. | | 134 17 8 |
| 18. | Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, per Clement Hall, on account of do. do. | | 60 0 0 |
| | Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, the amount of do. do. | | 136 9 11 |
| 20. | Peter Covenhoven, do. for Monmouth county, per John Covenhoven, the amount of do. do. | | 173 7 4 |
| 22. | Samuel Hugg and Joseph Champion, commissioners for Gloucester county, the amount of do. do. | | 182 8 6 |
| 27. | Isaac Wheaton, one of the commissioners for Cumberland county, the amount of do. do. | | 60 3 10 |
| Feb. 6. | John Myer, do. for Middlesex county, the amount of do. do. | | 114 18 8 |
| March 1. | Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, the balance of do. do. | | 62 16 6 |
| 2. | John Condit, do. for Essex county, the amount of do. do. | | 149 12 9 |
| 16. | John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, the amount of do. do. | | 36 0 10 |
| April 23. | Aaron Eldridge, do. for Cape-May county, the amount of do. do. | | 16 17 5 |
| 27. | Thomas Anderson do. for Suffex county, per William Anderson, three months interest on mortgages foreclosed, due March 6, 1798, | | 1 17 4 |
| | Joseph Lewis, do. for Morris county, the amount of the 11th year's interest, due December 5, 1797, | | 96 13 8 |
| | Ditto do. for do. 3 month's interest on mortgages foreclosed, due March 6, 1798, | | 0 17 1 |
| | Amount carried to account current, | | £1,603 7 9 |
| October 27, | 1798. | | |

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

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.

1798.

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| Jan. 18. | Received of Thomas Anderson, one of the commissioners for Suffex county, on account of the principal, due May 1, 1798, | £705 16 4 |
| | Carried forward, | £705 16 4 |

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| | Brought forward, | £705 | 16 | 4 |
| Jan. 20. | Received of Peter Covenhoven, one of the commissioners for Monmouth county, on account of principal, due May 1, 1798, | 418 | 19 | 7 |
| 22. | Samuel Hugg and Joseph Champion, commissioners for Gloucester county, on account of do. do. | 1065 | 1 | 3 |
| March 1. | Robert G. Johnson, one of the commissioners for Salem county, on account of do. do. | 316 | 7 | 6 |
| | John Holme, do. for do. per Robert G. Johnson, on account of do. do. | 155 | 7 | 3 |
| 9. | William Phillips, do. for Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, on account of do. do. | 550 | 0 | 0 |
| April 17. | John Smock, do. for Monmouth county, on account of do. do. | 691 | 10 | 5 |
| 23. | Aaron Eldridge, do. for Cape-May county, on account of do. do. | 148 | 9 | 6½ |
| 27. | Thomas Anderson, do for Suffex county, per William T. Anderson, on account of do. do. | 448 | 17 | 9 |
| | Joseph Lewis, do. for Morris county, on account of do. do. | 786 | 16 | 6 |
| 30. | Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, on account of do. do. | 308 | 12 | 6 |
| | Joseph Champion, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do. | 93 | 2 | 6 |
| | Joseph Reading, do. for Hunterdon county, on account of do. do. | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| May 3. | William Phillips, do. for do. per Ralph Phillips, on account of do. do. | 821 | 4 | 1 |
| 4. | John Black, do. for Burlington county, on account of do. do. | 1213 | 0 | 0 |
| | John Myer, do. for Middlesex county, on account of do. do. | 689 | 18 | 3 |
| 7. | William Phillips, do. for Hunterdon county, per Ralph Phillips, on account of do. do. | 469 | 15 | 0 |
| | Abraham Staats and Joseph Annin, commissioners for Somerset county, on account of do. do. | 1061 | 11 | 6 |
| 15. | John Outwater, one of the commissioners for Bergen county, on account of do. do. | 330 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. | Samuel Hugg, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do. | 132 | 0 | 0 |
| June 8. | John Smock, do. for Monmouth county, per Jonathan Rhea, on account of do. do. | 34 | 0 | 7½ |
| 12. | Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, on account of do. do. | 402 | 17 | 7½ |
| 28. | Nicholas VanBrunt, do. for Monmouth county, on account of do. do. | 23 | 12 | 8 |
| July 23. | Jonas Wade, do. for Essex county, on account of do. do. | 1172 | 3 | 0 |
| Sept. 4. | Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, per Reubin Burgin, on account of do. do. | 19 | 13 | 2 |

Amount carried to account current,
October 27, 1798.

£12,258 17 0½

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

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| To balance due on settlement, made October 25, 1797, £1090 0 0, specie, received at one for three on the sinking fund tax, and not exchanged, equal in old State Money, to | £3270 0 0 |
| To do. on tax due April 1, 1782, | 416 16 6 |
| To do. on do. due January 1, 1783, | 114 9 9 |
| | £3801 6 3 |

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the--
thereto, do find a balance of nine hundred and twenty-five pounds,--
exchanged, equal in old State Money, to two thousand seven hundred and--
to the above statement.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current—

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|---|---------------------------|
| To balance due the state on settlement, made October 25, 1797, | £20928 19 9 |
| To do. received on the tax levied in continental money and reduced to specie, | 102 0 0 |
| To do. do. on the revenue tax, due December 30, 1788, | 42 16 6 |
| To do. do. on the tax, due January 1, 1783, formerly payable to the receiver of continental taxes, | 27 16 6 |
| To do. do. on do. due October 1, 1783, do. | 70 17 6 |
| To do. do. on do. due January 1, 1784, do. | 1900 16 11 |
| To Amount of Tax, due December 30, 1797, | 15000 0 0 |
| To cash received of fundry persons, | 5222 16 3 |
| To do. do. for stage licenses, | 140 0 0 |
| To do. do. from agents, commissioners of forfeited estates, &c. | 137 5 0 |
| To do. do. for fees on private laws, | 7 12 8 |
| To do. do. from the United States on account of principal and interest, | 1090 18 1 |
| To do. do. of the commissioners of the new loan offices on ac- count of interest, | 1603 7 9 |
| To do. do. of do. on account of principal, | 12258 17 0 ¹ |
| Carried forward, | £58,534 3 11 ¹ |

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—old State Money.

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|---|------------|
| By amount of voucher No. 1, for State Money, examined, counted and burned this fitting of the Legislature, by the committees of both houses, of the emission of June 9, 1780, | £1026 6 3 |
| By balance due the state, £925 0 0, specie, received at one for three on the sinking fund tax, and not yet exchanged, equal in old State Money to | 2775 0 0 |
| | £3,801 6 3 |

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative
 --specie, received on the sinking fund tax, due December 1, 1785, and not yet
 --seventy-five pounds, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably

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 JOHN LAMBERT,
 JAMES VANDUYN,
 JOHN GUSTIN,
 WILLIAM LOYD,
 JOSEPH BUDD.

—the state of New-Jersey,

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—in Lawful Money.

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| By amount of fundry vouchers from No. 1 to No. 143, inclusive, for cash paid to the members of the Legislature for their wages, to their clerks, door-keepers, and to the printers. | £4789 17 7 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 19, for do. paid the officers of government on account of their salaries, and to the judges of the Supreme Court, for holding courts of Oyer and Terminer, | 2840 0 0 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 43, for do. paid for fundry incidental charges, | 5792 17 4 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 53, for do. paid on warrants for pensions, | 2135 9 7 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 8, for do. paid for one year's interest on old State Money, | 65 1 4 ¹ / ₂ |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 5, for do. paid to the agent for erecting a state-prison, agreeably to laws passed November 10, 1797, and February 22, 1798, | 4852 0 3 |
| By do. of voucher No. 1, for do. paid as bounty to the militia, agreeably to a law passed June 10, 1794, | 17 5 0 |
| By do. of fundry vouchers from No. 1 to No. 8, for do. paid for the principal and interest of notes given for demands against forfeited estates, | 98 1 5 |
| | £20,590 12 6 ¹ / ₂ |
| Carried forward, | |

To amount brought forward,

£58,534 3 11½

£58,534 3 11½

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the-
thereto, viz. From No. 1 to No. 143, from No. 1 to No. 19, from No. 1-
No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 8, from No. 1 to No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 18, from-
to No. 4, inclusive, do find a balance of thirteen thousand seven hundred and-
remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

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| By amount brought forward, | | £20590 | 12 | 6½ |
| By amount of sundry vouchers from No. 1 to No. 2, inclusive, for cash paid for one fourth of the principal and interest of notes or certificates received and funded, agreeably to a law passed March 12, 1796, | | | 6 | 11 5 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 18, for do. paid for the prin- cipal and interest of notes funded by an act of March 12, 1796, agreeably to a law passed February 13, 1797, | | 446 | 14 | 0 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 52, for do. paid for the prin- cipal and interest of militia condicts and depreciation notes, agreeably to a law passed February 13, 1797, | | 9266 | 16 | 1 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 5, for do. paid to the keeper of the state-prison, his deputy, assistants, &c. agreeably to a law passed February 15, 1798, | | 227 | 10 | 8½ |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 3, for do. paid to the com- missioners for repairing roads, agreeably to laws passed Jan. 26 and February 12, 1798. | | 620 | 0 | 0 |
| By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 4, for do. delivered to the committees of Council and Assembly, and by them burned on the following dates : | | | | |
| Jan. 30, 1798. In Loan Office Money, | £7928 | 5 | 0 | |
| In Revenue Money, | 4717 | 18 | 3 | |
| October 27. In do. | 184 | 10 | 0 | |
| In Loan Office Money, | 764 | 16 | 0 | |
| | | | | 13595 9 3 |
| Balance due the state, | | | | 13780 9 11½ |
| | | | | <u>£58,534 13 11½</u> |

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative
--to No. 43, from No. 1 to No. 53, from No. 1 to No. 8, from No. 1 to No. 5,
--No. 1 to No. 52, from No. 1 to No. 5, from No. 1 to No. 3, and from No. 1
--eighty pounds nine shillings and eleven pence half-penny, Lawful Money,

PETER DEVROOM,
JOHN LAMBERT,
JAMES VANDUYN,
JOHN GUSTIN,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOSEPH BUDD.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

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

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the—
ing to twenty-three pounds fourteen shillings and two pence, remain—

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To thirty-four notes, signed and issued by the treasurer, and countersigned by the auditor, remaining in the hands of the treasurer on settlement made October 25, 1797, amounting to £401 16 5

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the—
delivery of four notes, do find thirty notes, amounting to three hun--
the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

—the state of New-Jersey,

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—Notes of Depreciation.

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

--treasurer'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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JAMES VANDUYN,
JOHN GUSTIN,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOSEPH BUDD.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—forfeited estate notes.

By four notes delivered to the proprietors thereof, amounting to £23 12 7
By thirty notes remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, amounting to 378 3 10

£401 16 5

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers for the hundred and seventy-eight pounds three shillings and ten pence, remaining in

PETER DEVROOM,
JOHN LAMBERT,
JAMES VANDUYN,
JOHN GUSTIN,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOSEPH BUDD.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in—

To forty-one 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 James Mott, treasurer, on settlement made October 25, 1797, amounting to

Dols. 90lbs.
930 89

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the delivery of one note, do find forty notes, amounting to nine hundred--said treasurer, agreeably to the above statement.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current in notes issued agreeably—

To three notes signed and issued by the treasurer, on certificates funded agreeably to the above law, remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, on settlement made October 25, 1797, amounting to,

£21 7 6

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the delivery of two notes, do find one note, amounting to one pound--the above statement.

—*the state of New-Jersey,*

Cr.

—final settlement notes.

| | | |
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| By one note delivered to the proprietor thereof amounting | Dols. | 90ths. |
| to | 23 | 0 |
| By forty notes remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, amounting to | 907 | 89 |
| | <u>930</u> | <u>89</u> |

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the voucher for the
--and seven dollars and eighty-nine ninetieths, remaining in the hands of the

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JAMES VANDUYN,
JOHN GUSTIN,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOSEPH BUDD.

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—to a law passed March 12, 1796.

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| By two notes delivered to the proprietors thereof, amounting | £19 | 14 | 6 |
| to | | | |
| By one note remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, amounting to | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| | <u>£21</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>6</u> |

--treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers for the
--thirteen shillings, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to

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JOHN LAMBERT,
JAMES VANDUYN,
JOHN GUSTIN,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOSEPH BUDD.

*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 |

 £1,526 3 8
*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, accounted for by the collector, | £13 | 15 | 5 |
| Monmouth, | £23 | 9 | 3 |
| The collector accounted for | 29 | 5 | 0 |
| Cumberland, | | 0 | 19 |
| Suffex, | | 26 | 15 |

 £94 4 9

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1793.

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

| | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|------|----|----|----|
| Burlington, | By cash received, | | £0 | 5 | 0 |
| | By exempts cleared, | £677 | 19 | 6 | |
| Gloucester, | By cash received, | | 19 | 1 | 2 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 0 | 7 | 3 | |
| | By 627 exempts cleared, | 705 | 7 | 6 | |
| Salem, | By cash received, | | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| | By 62 exempts cleared, | 69 | 15 | 0 | |
| Cumberland, | By deficiency not paid in, | £8 | 19 | 9 | |
| Suffex, | By cash received, | | 41 | 17 | 9 |

£8 19 9 £1453 10 1 £63 13 10

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|--|------|----|----|
| Amount of deficiency not paid in, | 8 | 19 | 9 |
| Do. of clearances with fees and commissions, | 1453 | 10 | 1 |
| Balance carried to account current, | 63 | 13 | 10 |

£1,526 3 8

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1795.

By payments made, fees and commissions for collection, &c. by the counties of

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Essex, | By cash received, | | £13 | 10 | 0 |
| | By fees and commissions, | £0 | 5 | 5 | |
| Monmouth, | By cash received, | | 51 | 14 | 2 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Cumberland, | By cash received, | | 0 | 19 | 3 |
| Suffex, | By cash received, | | 26 | 15 | 10 |

£1 5 6 £92 19 3

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|---|
| Amount of fees and commissions, | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Balance carried to account current, | 92 | 19 | 3 |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DEVROOM,
JAMES VANDUYN.

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

On account of tax levied on persons—

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

| | | | |
|--|-------|----|---|
| Essex—Accounted for by the collector, 17 exempts, | £19 | 2 | 6 |
| Monmouth—Accounted for by the collector, | } 57 | 7 | 6 |
| 51 exempts, | | | |
| Burlington, | } 242 | 4 | 3 |
| Accounted for by the collector | | | |
| Salem—Accounted for by the collector, 100 exempts, | 112 | 10 | 0 |
| Morris, | 14 | 12 | 6 |
| Suffex, | 24 | 15 | 0 |

 £470 11 9
*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, | 133 exempts, | £149 | 12 | 6 |
| Essex, | 65 do. | } 73 | 2 | 6 |
| Accounted for by the collector, | 10 | | | |
| Middlesex, | 102 do. | 114 | 15 | 2 |

 Carried forward,

£347 12 8

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—exempt from militia Duty, due December 30, 1796.

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

| | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Essex, | By cash received, | | £15 | 1 | 2 |
| | By fees and commissions, | £1 | 16 | 4 | |
| | By two exempts cleared, | 2 | 5 | 0 | |
| Monmouth, | By cash received, | | 55 | 16 | 9 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 1 | 10 | 9 | |
| Burlington, | By cash received, | | 237 | 2 | 10 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 5 | 1 | 5 | |
| Salem, | By cash received, | | 108 | 12 | 5 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 3 | 17 | 7 | |
| Morris, | By cash received, | | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 1 | 10 | 0 | |
| | By one exempt cleared, | 1 | 2 | 6 | |
| Suffex, | By cash received, | | 24 | 5 | 8 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 0 | 9 | 4 | |

£17 12 11 £452 18 10

Amount of clearances, with fees and commissions, 17 12 11
 Balance carried to account current, 452 18 10

£470 11 9

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DE VROOM,
 JAMES VANDUYN.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—from militia duty, due December 30, 1797.

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, | | £36 | 14 | 0 |
| | By fees and commissions, | £2 | 15 | 8 | |
| | By 40 exempts cleared, | 45 | 0 | 0 | |
| | By deficiencies not paid, £65 | 2 | 10 | | |
| Essex, | By cash received, | | 65 | 2 | 10 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 2 | 9 | 8 | |
| | By 13 exempts cleared, | 14 | 12 | 6 | |
| Middlesex, | By cash received, | | 103 | 4 | 2 |
| | By fees and commissions, | 3 | 13 | 4 | |
| | By 7 exempts cleared, | 7 | 17 | 6 | |

Carried forward, £65 2 10 £76 8 8 £206 1 0

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|----------------------------|--|------|----|---|
| To amount brought forward, | | £347 | 12 | 8 |
| Monmouth, 190 exempts, | | 213 | 15 | 0 |
| Somerfet, 41 do. | | 46 | 2 | 6 |
| Burlington, 526 do. | | 591 | 15 | 0 |
| Gloucester, 502 do. | | 564 | 15 | 0 |
| Salem, 473 do. | | 532 | 2 | 6 |
| Cape-May, 58 do. | | 65 | 5 | 0 |
| Hunterdon, 123 do. | | 138 | 7 | 6 |
| Morris, 63 do. | | 70 | 17 | 6 |
| Cumberland, 72 do. | | 81 | 0 | 0 |
| Suffex, 110 do. | | 123 | 5 | 0 |

£2,774 17 6

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| By amount brought forward, | £65 | 2 | 10 | £76 | 8 | 8 | £206 | 1 | 0 |
| Monmouth, By cash received, | | | | | | | 163 | 9 | 0 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 6 | 3 | 6 | | | |
| By 25 exempts cleared, | | | | 28 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| By deficiency not paid in, | £16 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Somerfet, By cash received, | | | | | | | 42 | 6 | 11 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 1 | 10 | 7 | | | |
| By two exempts cleared, | | | | 2 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Burlington, By cash received, | | | | | | | 269 | 0 | 0 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 13 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| By deficiency not paid in, | 309 | 5 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Gloucester, By cash received, | | | | | | | 498 | 10 | 4 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 17 | 17 | 2 | | | |
| By 43 exempts cleared, | | | | 48 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Salem, By cash received, | | | | | | | 361 | 2 | 10 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 14 | 12 | 2 | | | |
| By 123 exempts cleared, | | | | 138 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| By deficiency not paid in, | 18 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Cape-May, By cash received, | | | | | | | 29 | 5 | 0 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 1 | 9 | 7 | | | |
| By deficiency not paid in, | 34 | 10 | 5 | | | | | | |
| Hunterdon, By cash received, | | | | | | | 128 | 5 | 0 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| By 5 exempts cleared, | | | | 5 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| Morris, By cash received, | | | | | | | 55 | 5 | 8 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 2 | 1 | 10 | | | |
| By 12 exempts cleared, | | | | 13 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Cumberland, By cash received, | | | | | | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 1 | 14 | 2 | | | |
| By deficiency not paid in, | 49 | 5 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Suffex, By cash received, | | | | | | | 115 | 16 | 4 |
| By fees and commissions, | | | | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| By three exempts cleared, | | | | 3 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| | £492 | 4 | 1 | 383 | 11 | 4 | 1899 | 2 | 1 |
| Amount of deficiencies not paid, | | | | | | | 492 | 4 | 1 |
| Do. of clearances, with fees and commissions, | | | | | | | 383 | 11 | 4 |
| Balance carried to account current, | | | | | | | 1899 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | £2,774 | 17 | 6 |

October 27, 1798.

By order of the committees,

PETER DE VROOM,
JAMES VAN DUYN.

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Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer, to—*

Account current—

On account of the—

To balance due the state on settlement made

October 25, 1797,

£1928 19 1¹/₂

To ditto received on tax due December 30, 1793,

63 13 10

To do. do. December 30, 1795,

92 19 3

To do. do. December 30, 1796,

452 18 10

To do. do. December 30, 1797,

1899 2 1

£4,437 13 1¹/₂

October 27, 1798.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the treasury, viz. From No. 1 to No. 33, inclusive, do find a balance of three-pence, remaining in the hands of the said treasurer, agreeably to the above—

The foregoing report was read and agreed to.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for 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. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | J. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Campbell, |
| Blanch, | Keafby, | Speer, | L. Howell, |
| Budd, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | Sheppard, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Townsend, | Southard, |
| Condict, | Morgan, | Vancleve, | VanDuyn, |
| Corwin, | M'Dowell, | Voorheese, | Ward. |
| Dunn, | Pennington, | Wheaton, | |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Wilkins, | |
| Hankinson, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | |
| Harrison, | Sinnickson, | | |

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, intituled, "An act for defraying incidental charges," and having gone through the said bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the ferries at Paules-Hook and Hoebocken, in the county of Bergen," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

—the state of New-Jersey,

Cr.

—in Lawful Money.

—exempt taxes.

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| By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 33, 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, | £500 8 4½ |
| Balance due the state, | 3937 4 9 |
| | £4,437 13 1½ |

--furer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouchers relative there--
--thousand, nine hundred and thirty-seven pounds, four shillings and nine
--statement.

PETER DEVROOM,
JOHN LAMBERT,
JAMES VANDUYN,
JOHN GUSTIN,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOSEPH BUDD.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom were referred the petition of John Chambers and Andrew Miller, insolvent debtors, reported,

THAT your committee think it not necessary to proceed in the business, as Council have passed a bill for the relief of insolvent debtors; which bill has been since rejected by this house.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which report the house agreed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be dismissed.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a resolution in the words following, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly :

Resolved, That the governor of this state be requested to make report to the Legislature, at their next sitting, how many companies of artillery in the militia of this state are actually enrolled, and to what regiments, brigades and divisions the same belong; how many of the said companies are already supplied with proper pieces, of what kind, and by whom the same were procured; how many pieces are still necessary to be purchased for the said companies, of what kind, description and sizes; and also to enquire and make report where, and at what prices the same may be procured, together with their carriages and other apparatus necessary for actual service.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

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, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the further division of the township of Roxbury and altering the line of the township of Walkington, in the county of Morris," 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.

A petition was presented, praying that a law may pass to authorize the people at large to appoint electors of the president of the United States; which was read and ordered a second reading.

The resolution sent down this morning from Council, requesting the governor to make enquiries respecting the state of the artillery companies in this state, and to report a state of their pieces, &c. was read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that this house do concur in the said resolution.

Mr. Beavers from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Margerum, reported,

THAT they have duly examined and considered the same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition is reasonable and ought to be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of her petition.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH BEAVERS.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," without amendment.

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

Thursday, November 8, 1798.

The house met.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their secretary,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," and the bill, intituled, "An act for defraying sundry incidental charges," without amendment.

The house adjourned till Wednesday the sixteenth of January next.

V O T E S
AND *Wm. C. Cooper*
P R O C E E D I N G S
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AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON ON THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF
OCTOBER, SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT, AND
CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENTS.

BEING THE SECOND SITTING.



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

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| <p>Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cape-May, Hunterdon, Morris, Cumberland, Suffex,</p> | <p>The Honorable</p> | <p>John Outwater, Daniel Marsh, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Elisha Walton, Peter DeVroom, George Anderson, <i>v. p.</i> Thomas Clark, William Parret, Permenus Corson, John Lambert, Abraham Kitchel, Joel Fithian, Charles Beardlee.</p> | <p>} Esquires.</p> |
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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| <p>Bergen,</p> | <p>{ Peter Ward, Thomas Blanch, Robert Campbell,</p> | <p>} Esquires.</p> |
| <p>Essex,</p> | <p>{ William S. Pennington, Abraham Speer, Charles Clark,</p> | |
| <p>Middlesex,</p> | <p>{ Gershom Dunn, Thomas McDowell, James Morgan,</p> | |
| <p>Monmouth,</p> | <p>{ Joseph Stillwell, William Lloyd, David Gordon,</p> | |
| <p>Somerset,</p> | <p>{ Henry Southard, James VanDuyn, David Kelly,</p> | |
| <p>Burlington,</p> | <p>{ William Coxe, <i>Speaker</i>, Job Lippencott, William Stockton, Joseph Budd,</p> | |
| <p>Gloucester,</p> | <p>{ Joshua L. Howell, Samuel W. Harrifon, James Wilkins,</p> | |
| <p>Salem,</p> | <p>{ John Sinnickson, Anthony Keasby, Joseph Shinn,</p> | |
| <p>Cape-May,</p> | <p>Elijah Townsend,</p> | |
| <p>Hunterdon,</p> | <p>{ Benjamin Vancleve, Simon Wyckoff, Joseph Beavers, Joseph Hankinson,</p> | |
| <p>Morris,</p> | <p>{ Silas Condict, William Corwin, Cornelius Voorheese,</p> | |
| <p>Cumberland,</p> | <p>{ Isaac Wheaton, John Sheppard, jun.</p> | |
| <p>Suffex,</p> | <p>{ John Gustin, Joseph Galton, Levi Howell, William Runkle,</p> | |

V O T E S
AND
P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE
T W E N T Y - T H I R D
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

Trenton, January 16, 1799.

THIS being the time to which the house stood adjourned, the following members met, to wit ;

Messrs. Beavers, Budd, Clark, Condict, Corwin, Hankinson, J. Howell, L. Howell, Keasby, Lippencott, Lloyd, Morgan, Pennington, Runkle, Sinnickson, Southard, Stockton, Speer, Van Cleve, Voorheese, Wilkins, Wyckoff.

David Gordon appeared in the house and produced a certificate of his having been elected as a representative for the county of Monmouth, for the remainder of the present year, in the place of Jonathan Forman, esquire, who declined taking his seat at the last sitting, which was read and approved, and being duly sworn, he took his seat.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and inform them that a quorum of the Assembly have this day met and proceeded to business.

Ordered, That Messrs. Condict, Keasby and J. Howell, be a committee to report such business as remained unfinished at the last sitting.

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

Thursday, January 17, 1799.

The house met.

Messrs. Campbell, Dunn, Gaston, Gustin, Kelly, Sheppard, Shinn, Stillwell and Van Duyn attended and took their seats.

Mr. Condict from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a List of Unfinished Business before the General Assembly, January 16, 1799.

1. An act to build a bridge across the fourth branch of Great-Timber-Creek, in the county of Gloucester, with a sufficient causeway to and from the same;—Ordered a second reading.

2. The bill, intitled, “A supplement to the act, intitled, “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;”—Ordered a second reading.

3. The bill, intitled, “An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook bay;”—Ordered a second reading.

4. The bill, intitled, “A supplement to the act, intitled, “An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon,” was postponed.

5. The report of Mr. Southard on the petition from Essex respecting the road leading from Newark to Paules-Hook, of the 13th of March last—Ordered a second reading.

6. The report of Mr. Burrowes on the petition of Benjamin Stevenson of the 3d of February last, postponed.

7. The bill, intitled, “An act to prevent certain estates from being barred by fines and common recoveries;”—Ordered a second reading.

8. The petition from Egg-Harbour, praying that disputes respecting furveys may be settled by arbitration—Ordered a second reading.

9. The petition respecting the fisheries in Egg-Harbour river—Ordered a second reading.

10. The petition from Weymouth, Egg-Harbour and Galloway, praying that a law may pass to prevent liquor being sold or given away at elections—Ordered a second reading.

11. The bill, intitled, “An act to regulate the ferries at Paules-Hook and Hoboken, in the county of Bergen;”—Referred to this sitting.

12. Mr. Beavers’s report on the petition of Rebecca Margerum of the 7th of November last—Ordered a second reading.

13. Sundry petitions respecting the appointment of electors of the president, &c. of the United States—Ordered a second reading.

14. The bill, intitled, “An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent—Ordered a second reading.

15. The report of Mr. Morgan on the letter of Judge Paterfon, in part passed on, and in part ordered a second reading.

16. The letter from the treasurer respecting the arrears of taxes—Ordered a second reading.

17. The bill, intitled, “An act for the relief of Samuel Becket and Stephen Becket, and of Mary Becket, administratrix of Peter Becket, deceased,” postponed.

18. The bill, intituled, " A supplementary act to the act, intituled, " 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.

19. The report of Mr. Morgan on the petition respecting the shad fishery in South-River—Leave to present a bill at this sitting.

20. The petition from Cumberland and Salem counties respecting the road from Salem to Greenwich—Leave to present a bill.

21. The bill, intituled, " An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange ;"—Ordered a second reading.

22. The bill, intituled, " An act for erecting the upper part 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 gaol in the same ;"—Ordered a second reading.

23. The petitions 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 should be obliged to pay a toll for the use of the county, were ordered a third reading.

24. The communications from the Legislature of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, was ordered a second reading.

25. The bill, intituled, " An act respecting fences," was ordered to be engrossed.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Sundry petitions, from prisoners confined in the different gaols of this state for debt, were read, praying the benefit of an act of insolvency ;

Ordered, That the said petitions be committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Kelly and Stockton.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

A quorum of Council met yesterday and have proceeded to business.

The report of unfinished business was read a second time.

The papers accompanying the said report marked No. 6, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10 and No. 12, were severally read and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent," was read a second time and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for consideration.

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

The house met.

A petition from Cyrenius Van Mater, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Lippencott, Lloyd and Shinn.

A letter from James Ewing, esquire, one of the judges of the inferior court of common-pleas of the county of Hunterdon, stating a diversity of sentiment on the construction of the act of Assembly in New-Jersey with respect to the acknowledgement of deeds, was read and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Campbell and Southard.

A letter from William Paterfon, efquire, defiring instructions with refpect to the infertion of the titles of repealed laws in the compilation of the laws, was read and committed to Meflrs. Campbell, Pennington and Dunn.

The fpeaker laid before the houfe a number of bills prepared by William Paterfon, efquire ; whereupon,

Ordered, That they be referred to Meflrs. Lloyd, Sinnickfon and Morgan, and that the clerk be directed to wait upon Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this houfe to examine the faid bills and report which of them fhall be originated in the Council, and which of them fhall be originated in the Houfe of Affembly.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning promiffory notes and inland bills of exchange," was read a third time ;

On the queftion, Whether the fame do pafs ? It was negatived, as follows :

| | Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Meflrs. Beavers, | Guftin, | Southard, | Meflrs. Campbell, | Morgan, | |
| Blanch, | Hankinfon, | Speer, | Dunn, | Sheppard, | |
| Budd, | L. Howell, | Voorheefe, | Gordon, | Sinnickfon, | |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Wheaton, | J. Howell, | Stockton, | |
| Condict, | Pennington, | Wilkins, | Keafby, | Stillwell, | |
| Corwin, | Runkle, | Wyckoff. | Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | |
| Gafton, | Shinn, | | Lloyd, | Van Duyn. | |

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the faid bill is rejected by this houfe.

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

Friday, January 18, 1799.

The houfe met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the feveral petitions from prifoners confined for debt, prefented the draught of a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of perfons confined for debt ;" which bill was read and ordered a fecond reading.

On motion,

Ordered, That Meflrs. Morgan, Campbell and Harrifon be a committee, on the part of this houfe, to join a committee of Council to draught and report a refpectful addrefs to the prefident of the United States, and that the clerk do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this houfe for that purpofe.

The paper marked No. 24 of unfinished bufinefs, containing the communications from the Legislature of Maffachufetts, propofing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, was read a fecond time and made the order of the day for Wednesday the 30th inflant.

The fpeaker laid before the houfe like communications from the Legislature of Connecticut, which were read and ordered to be confidered at the fame time.

The feveral petitions refpecting the appointment of electors of the prefident, &c. of the United States, marked No. 13 in the lift of unfinished bufinefs, was

read a second time and made the order of the day for Thursday the 31st instant.

The bill, intituled, "An act for erecting the upper part 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 gaol in the same," was read and dismissed.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to alter the act for revising and digesting the laws of this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

I am ordered to acquaint the House of Assembly that Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Marsh, 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 making a distribution of the bills compiled and reported by Judge Paterson between the two houses respectively.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Becket and Stephen Becket, and of Mary Becket, administratrix of Peter Becket, deceased," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The petitions from the county of Gloucester, marked No. 23 in the report of unfinished business, respecting the road to Cooper's-Ferry, from Great-Timber-Creek bridge, were read a second time and dismissed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee appointed by both houses to report which of the bills prepared by Judge Paterson shall be originated in Council, and which of them shall be originated in the House of Assembly, reported the following bills to be originated in Council, to wit;

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to dower."

A bill, intituled, "An act to facilitate pleadings."

A bill, intituled, "An act to regulate, in certain cases, the issuing of certiorari to the courts of general quarter sessions and justices of the peace."

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to guardians."

A bill, intituled, "An act respecting writs of error."

A bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions."

And the remainder of the said bills to be originated in the House of Assembly, to wit;

A bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries."

A bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain oaths."

A bill, intituled, "An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons."

A bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons who are scrupulous of taking an oath in the usual form."

A bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses and to take their depositions in certain cases."

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to posthumous children."

A bill, intituled, "An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts."

A bill, intituled, "An act respecting work-houses."

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to suits instituted by common informers."

A bill, intituled, "An act to assist poor persons in the prosecution of their suits."

A bill, intituled, "An act concerning notaries public."

A bill, intituled, "An act respecting the office of treasurer."

A bill, intituled, "An act to fix the standard of weights and measures."

A bill, intituled, "An act to ascertain the times and places of holding courts of appeals."

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,
WILLIAM LLOYD,
JOHN SINNICKSON,
JAMES MORGAN.

To which report the house agreed; whereupon,

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain oaths," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons who are scrupulous of taking an oath in the usual form," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses and to take their depositions in certain cases," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to posthumous children," was read and ordered a second reading.

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

A message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. Anderson and Mr. Kirkpatrick, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of draughting and reporting a respectful address to the president of the United States.

Mr. Townsend attended and took his seat, and assigned reasons for his non-attendance, which were deemed satisfactory.

The speaker laid before the house resolutions adopted by the commonwealth of Virginia, relative to certain measures of the general government, which were read—

A motion was made, that the said resolutions be dismissed;

On the question, Whether the house agree thereto? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Gordon, | Lippencott, | Sinnickson, | Van Cleve, |
| Blanch, | Harrison, | Lloyd, | Stockton, | Whcaton, |
| Budd, | J. Howell, | Sheppard, | Stillwell, | Wilkins. |
| Campbell, | Keafby, | Shinn, | Townsend, | |

| | | | |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Nays. |
| Messrs. Clark, | Gustin, | Pennington, | Van Duyn, |
| Corwin, | Hankinson, | Runkle, | Voorheese |
| Dunn, | L. Howell, | Southard, | Wyckoff. |
| Gaston, | Morgan, | Speer, | |

The speaker laid before the house resolutions adopted by the commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to certain measures of the general government, which were read—

A motion was made that the said resolutions be dismissed ;

On the question, Whether the house agree thereto ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

| | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
| Messrs. Beavers, | Keasby, | Stillwell, | Messrs. Clark, | Morgan, |
| Blanch, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | Corwin, | Pennington, |
| Budd, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | Dunn, | Runkle, |
| Campbell, | Sheppard, | Wheaton, | Gaston, | Southard, |
| Gordon, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | Hankinson, | Speer, |
| Harrison, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | L. Howell, | Van Duyn, |
| J. Howell, | Stockton, | | Kelly, | Voorheese. |

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer on the subject of the exempt taxes, which was read and committed to Messrs. Dunn, J. Howell, Ward, Pennington and Lloyd.

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

Saturday, January 19, 1799.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, " An act respecting the office of Treasurer," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act relative to suits instituted by common informers," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to fix the standard of weights and measures," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to ascertain the times and places of holding the courts of appeals," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act concerning notaries public," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to assist poor persons in the prosecution of their suits," was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stockton, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act to repeal a certain act therein mentioned ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled " An act to alter the act for revising and digesting the laws of this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Moore Furman, esq. who was appointed to enclose the state-house lot, desiring that a committee may be appointed to examine and settle his accounts, which was read ;

Ordered, That Messrs. Budd, Shinn and Runkle be a committee for that purpose, to join a committee of Council, and that the clerk 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 till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, January 21, 1799.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, desiring instructions respecting certain certificates in his office, was read and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, Sheppard and Gordon.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act regulating fences," 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. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Gustin, | Runkle, | Voorheese, | Messrs. Blanch, | |
| Budd, | Hankinson, | Sheppard, | Wheaton, | J. Howell, | |
| Clark, | L. Howell, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | Harrison, | |
| Corwin, | Keasby, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | Kelly, | |
| Dunn, | Lippencott, | Speer, | | Southard, | |
| Gordon, | Lloyd, | Stillwell, | | Stockton, | |
| Gaston, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | | Townsend, | |
| | | | | Van Duyn. | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

A petition from John Smock, stating a loss he is likely to sustain as a commissioner of the loan-office of the county of Monmouth by the delinquency of one of the other commissioners, and praying that he may be discharged by law from any loss, was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the executors, &c. of Hannah Peston, late widow of Col. Isaac Peston, 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. Blanch, Townsend and Gustin.

Mr. M'Dowell attended and took his seat, and having rendered an excuse for his non-attendance, the same was deemed satisfactory.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The house met.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. DeVroom and Mr. Lambert, or either of them, a committee of that house to join the committee of the House of Assembly for the purpose of examining and settling the accounts of Moore Furman, esquire.

The bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain Oaths," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons," was read a second time and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for consideration.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting work-houses," was read a second time and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for consideration.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons who are scrupulous of taking an oath in the usual form," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Condict, Lippencott and Sinnickson.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to posthumous children," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, January 22, 1799.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a warrant given to Ann Barber, widow of Col. Francis Barber, which is full of endorsements, and on which has been paid by the treasurer to her order £2587 9 0, was read and ordered to be renewed; whereupon,

A warrant was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

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

Mr. Condict from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons who are scrupulous of taking an oath in the usual form," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

A certificate of half-pay in favor of Elizabeth Meeker, widow of Abraham Meeker, a soldier in the flying camp in 1776, and who died with sickness at his house in Elizabeth-Town, while he was a soldier in the service of the United States, was read and committed to Messrs. Blanch, Townsend and Gustin.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting the office of treasurer," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Keasby and Sheppard.

The bill, intituled, "An act to ascertain the times and places of holding the court of appeals," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That Messrs. Van Cleve, M'Dowell and Condict, be a committee to examine into the propriety of bringing in a bill to raise money by tax.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons confined for debt," was read and dismissed."

The several petitions from insolvent debtors were ordered to be filed.

Mr. Gustin, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Dunn, Clark and Stockton, be a committee to take into consideration the state of the prisoners confined for debt in the several counties of this state.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Samuel Becket and Stephen Becket, and of Mary Becket, administratrix of Peter Becket, deceased," was read and compared;

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

| | Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Messrs. Blanch, | Keasby, | Voorheese, | Messrs. Beavers, | Pennington, | |
| Budd, | Lloyd, | Wyckoff. | Clark, | Runkle, | |
| Condict, | Sheppard, | | Dunn, | Stockton, | |
| Corwin, | Shinn, | | Gustin, | Speer, | |
| Gaston, | Sinnickson, | | Harrison, | Stillwell, | |
| Gordon, | Southard, | | J. Howell, | Van Cleve, | |
| Hankinson, | Townsend, | | Kelly, | Wheaton, | |
| L. Howell, | Van Duyn, | | Lippencott, | Wilkins. | |
| | | | Morgan, | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to alter the act for revising and digesting the laws of this state," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act relative to posthumous children," 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 for concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Stillwell, Beavers and J. Howell, be a committee to examine and report whether any, and what alterations are necessary to be made in the act for incorporating the several townships of this state.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Wednesday, January 23, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act respecting the office of treasurer," reported the same, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ward attended and took his seat, and for reasons assigned, was excused for non-attendance before this time.

Mr. Stockton, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to revive, extend and continue part of 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;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton in the county of Hunterdon,"" was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth Dodge, praying that a small lot of land near Bridgetown, in the county of Middlesex, which was forfeited to the state as the property of James Moore, the father of the said Elizabeth, and praying, for reasons therein contained, that the said lot may by law be vested in the said Elizabeth Dodge, was read and committed to Messrs. Kelly, Wyckoff and Wilkins.

The petition from John Smock, read on the 21st instant, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Ward, Wheaton and Corwin.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act therein mentioned," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Lippencott, Keasby and Hankinson, who are to enquire whether any and what alterations are necessary to the act, intituled, "An act to discourage the keeping of dogs, by imposing a tax on the owners or keepers thereof."

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the warrant intitling Ann Barber, widow of Col. Barber, to draw the half-pay of her late husband, and that the resolution passed by the House of Assembly, at the last sitting, directing the treasurer to cancel and deliver up the bond of Joseph Halfey and others, is concurred in by Council.

That the bill, intituled, "An act regulating fences," is passed by Council without amendment.

Ordered, That Messrs. VanDuyn, Budd and Voorheese, be a committee to prepare and present a bill for defraying incidental charges.

The speaker laid before the house, a letter from John Beatty, esquire, register, stating, that in conformity with the resolution of the Legislature, he had procured from the representatives of Hugh Hughes and Elijah Hughes, esquires, the wills, bonds of administration, &c. which were in their hands, and accompanied with a schedule of them, which were read and ordered to be filed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concern-

ing promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public," and after having gone through the said bill.

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee appointed to examine into the propriety of bringing in a bill to raise money by tax, reported,

THAT the committee are of opinion it is unnecessary to pass a bill to raise money by tax this present session.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act to assist poor persons in the prosecution of their suits," was read a second time, debated by sections and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intitled, "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," was read a second time and dismissed.

Ordered, That Messrs. Harrison, Gordon and Speer, be a committee to examine the law relative to the running of horses, &c. and to report whether any and what amendments are necessary in the said law.

The report of Mr. Morgan of the 30th of October last, brought forward in the unfinished business and marked No. 15, was read and referred to the next sitting.

The report of Mr. Morgan on the petition respecting the shad fishery in South-River, in Middlesex county, with the petition, was read, on which leave was given to present a bill this day; whereupon, a petition was presented, praying that no such bill may pass, and no bill having been brought forward agreeably to the order of the house,

Ordered, That the said papers be dismissed.

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

Thursday, January 24, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Blanch from the committee to whom was committed the petition of John Bowers and Isaac Preston, reported,

THAT your committee have carefully examined the petition, vouchers and laws respecting the same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS BLANCH.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Kelly from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Dodge and Elizabeth, his wife, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined the facts set forth in the said petition, and they are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioners ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,

DAVID KELLY.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act respecting the office of treasurer," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to assist poor persons in the prosecution of their suits," 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. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Harrison, | Runkle, | Van Duyn, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Budd, | J. Howell, | Sinnickson, | Voorheese, | Corwin, |
| Clark, | L. Howell, | Southard, | Ward, | Keafby, |
| Condict, | Lippencott, | Stockton, | Wheaton, | Kelly, |
| Dunn, | Lloyd, | Speer, | Wilkins, | Sheppard, |
| Gordon, | Morgan, | Stillwell, | Wyckoff. | Shinn. |
| Gustin, | M'Dowell, | Townsend, | | |
| Hankinson, | Pennington, | Van Cleve, | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills, and that the clerk do carry the same to Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to alter the act for revising and digesting the laws of this state," and the bill, intituled, "An act relative to posthumous children," without amendment.

Mr. Beatty presented from Council a bill, intituled, "An act to facilitate pleadings;" to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. J. Howell, Pennington and Southard.

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

Friday, January 25, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Lippencott, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal a certain act therein mentioned," reported a bill in lieu thereof, intituled, "An act to discourage the keeping of dogs by imposing a tax

upon the owners and keepers thereof;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from John Mulford, esquire, late collector of the county of Cumberland, praying to be exonerated from the payment of interest on a sum of money which was due from him to the state, for the deficiencies of taxes of the county of Cumberland, was read and committed to Messrs. Sinnickson, Budd and Gordon.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from William Paterfon, esquire, accompanied with

A bill, intituled, "An act respecting bail in civil actions ;"

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to indictments, and

A bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the practice of the courts of law ;"

Which bills were severally read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That 60 copies of the last mentioned bill be printed for consideration.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes and inland bills of exchange and notaries public," 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. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | J. Howell, | Sheppard, | Van Cleve, | Messrs. Condict, |
| Blanch, | Keasby, | Shinn, | Van Duyn, | Corwin, |
| Budd, | Kelly, | Sinnickson, | Voorheese, | Gaston, |
| Clark, | Lippencott, | Southard, | Ward, | Hankinson, |
| Dunn, | Lloyd, | Stockton, | Wheaton, | L. Howell. |
| Gordon, | Morgan, | Speer, | Wilkins, | |
| Gustin, | Pennington, | Stillwell, | Wyckoff. | |
| Harrison, | Runkle, | Townsend, | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to ascertain the times and places of holding the court of appeals," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," 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. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Gustin, | Runkle, | Van Cleve, | Messrs. Harrison, |
| Blanch, | Hankinson, | Shinn, | Van Duyn, | J. Howell, |
| Budd, | Keasby, | Sinnickson, | Vooheese, | Sheppard, |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Southard, | Ward, | Wilkins. |
| Corwin, | Lippencott, | Stockton, | Wheaton, | |
| Dunn, | Lloyd, | Speer, | Wyckoff. | |
| Gordon, | Morgan, | Stillwell, | | |
| Gaston, | Pennington, | Townsend, | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills and that the clerk do carry the said bills to the Council for their concurrence.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from General Heard, desiring that some compensation may be made him for his expenses in reviewing and instructing the cavalry of this state, which was read and committed to Messrs. Harrison, Morgan and Lippencott.

A petition from William Clark, late a foldier of this state, in the service of the United States, setting forth that he was disabled in the service, and praying a pension, was read and committed to Messrs. Ward, Wyckoff and L. Howell.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the ferries at Paules-Hook and Hoboken, in the county of Bergen," was read a second time and dismissed.

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

Saturday, January 26, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Lippencott, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Cyrenius Van Mater, reported,

THAT they have examined the vouchers and papers accompanying the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

By order of the committee,

JOB LIPPENCOTT.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from John Smock, one of the commissioners of the loan-office of the county of Monmouth, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, the county of Monmouth (and not the said commissioners) being responsible to the state, any legislative interference would be improper.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

To which the house agreed ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the petition of John Smock be dismissed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton in the county of Hunterdon," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Sinnickson, Townsend and Kelly.

The speaker laid before the house a general account of convicts confined at hard labour in the penitentiary house ; whereupon,

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

Ordered, That Messrs. Stillwell, Blanch, Clark, Morgan, Van Duyn, Stockton, Wilkins, Keasby, Townsend, Hankinson, Voorheese, Runkle and Shepard, be a committee to examine and report the situation of the penitentiary house, and what further provision may be necessary respecting the same, and that the clerk be directed to wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

The report of Mr. Van Cleve of the 23d instant, was read a second time and agreed to.

Mr. Morgan, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to vest in Elizabeth Dodge the full right of a certain lot of land therein mentioned ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition praying that a law may pass to prevent the licensing hawkers and pedlers, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Harrison from the committee to whom was referred the letter of General Heard, reported,

THAT, in their opinion, there ought to be paid to the said General Heard, the sum of for his service in instructing the cavalry of his brigade; and do further report the propriety of passing a supplement to the present militia law, or a section engrafted in the militia bill now before the house, allowing to the brigadier-general of cavalry the sum of for such duty as may be enjoined on him by said law.

By order of the committee,

SAMUEL W. HARRISON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to facilitate pleadings," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to suits instituted by common informers," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses, and to take their depositions in certain cases," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, January 28, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Clark, reported,

THAT on examining the petition and vouchers accompanying the same, and the law on which such claims are founded, are of opinion said petition and papers ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting bail in civil actions," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to indictments," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The petition praying that a law may pass to prevent the licensing hawkers and pedlers, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Pennington, Beavers and M'Dowell, to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Blanch, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Meeker, widow of Abraham Meeker, late a soldier in the service of the United States, reported,

THAT your committee have examined the claims and vouchers set forth in the said petition, and the laws respecting the same, and are of opinion that she does not come within the meaning of the law, and therefore the petition ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS BLANCH.

Which report was read and agreed to.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Messrs. Outwater, Walton and Beardlee, or either of them, a committee, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of examining and reporting the situation of the penitentiary house, and what further provision may be necessary respecting the same.

Mr. Beatty presented from Council a bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions," a bill, intituled, "An act relative to dower," a bill, intituled, "An act to regulate in certain cases the issuing of writs of certiorari to the courts of general quarter sessions and justices of the peace," a bill, intituled, "An act relative to guardians," and a bill, intituled, "An act respecting writs of error;" to which several bills he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to discourage the keeping of dogs by imposing a tax upon the owners and keepers thereof," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Lippencott, Keasby and Hankinson.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to assist poor persons in the prosecution of their suits," without amendment.

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

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, inclosing a copy of a bond given by the attorney of William Walton, and an estimate of the debts due to the said Walton, which was confiscated, &c. which was read and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Corwin and Wheaton.

A memorial from Joseph Bloomfield, esquire, late attorney-general, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Speer and Gustin.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Mulford, collector of taxes in the county of Cumberland, reported as follows:

THAT, on an investigation of the facts stated by the petitioner, your committee are satisfied that he has paid into the treasury the full amount of the judgment obtained against him, and that the sum for which the interest of £389 0 9 hath accrued, according to the statement from the treasurer's office, remains as yet uncollected by the said petitioner; and it has been shewn to your committee, from sufficient authority, that no interest has ever before been paid into the treasury on any arrearages of tax, and from the circumstances of the present case it would seem particularly hard to exact the payment of interest from the petitioner. Your committee are of opinion, that leave ought to be granted him to bring in a bill to exonerate him from the payment thereof.

By order of the committee,

JOHN SINNICKSON.

Which report was read and agreed to; whereupon,

Mr. Sinnickson, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Mulford, esquire, late collector of the county of Cumberland;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act respecting work-houfes," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, the committee to sit to-morrow.

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

Tuesday, January 29, 1799.

The house met.

A petition from John Tichoner, Jotham Harrison and others, stating demands against the state and praying relief, was read and committed to Messrs. Stockton, M'Dowell and Wilkins.

Mr. Budd, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council for the purpose of examining and settling the accounts of Moore Furman, esquire, commissioner, appointed to enclose the state-house lot, &c. reported, **T**HAT they have examined the vouchers of the said Moore Furman, commissioner as aforesaid, from No. 1 to No. 63, inclusive, and the account accompanying the same, and find a balance due to the said Moore Furman, (including his commissions of five per cent. amounting to £37 19 9, and deducting £375, which he acknowledges to have received from the treasurer) of £380 14 8; that the sum necessary to complete the intention of the Legislature in his appointment, according to his estimate, will be 735 dols. 66 cts. and that a further sum of 410 dols. will be necessary for paving round the state-house with brick, and for sand and gravel to raise the ground and stone to secure the brick.

PETER DEVROOM,
JOHN LAMBERT,
JOSEPH BUDD,
WILLIAM RUNKLE,
JOSEPH SHINN.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intitled, "An act for the further division of the township of Roxbury, and altering the line of the township of Washington, in the county of Morris, the bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Guild, and the executors of Samuel Kelly, deceased, and the bill, intitled, "An act to ascertain the times and place of holding the courts of appeals," without amendment.

Agreeably to order, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Van Cleve in the chair, and took into consideration the bill, intitled, "An act respecting work-houfes," and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee had made some progress in the bill referred to them, 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.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Bloomfield, esquire, reported,

THAT they have considered the said memorial, and the documents accompanying the same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the memorialist ought to be granted, and do recommend, that the memorial and papers be referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to defray incidental charges.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Keasby, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented a bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the commissioners therein named to lay out a road from Salem, in the county of Salem, to Greenwich, in the county of Cumberland;" whereupon, Mr. Wheaton presented a petition from the county of Cumberland, praying that the same may not pass until the purport thereof be more fully and clearly made known; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

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

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting writs of error," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

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

Wednesday, January 30, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton in the county of Hunterdon," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Campbell, who was appointed on a committee, to join a committee of Council, to draught and report a respectful address to the president of the United States, being now detained from the house by the indisposition of his father,

Ordered, That Mr. Lippencott do attend that committee in the place of Mr. Campbell, and that the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter, reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That the treasurer be authorized and directed to deliver the following bonds and mortgage to the persons who gave them, or to their lawful representatives, when applied for at his office :

A bond from John Vanderveer and Tunis Vanderveer, to William Walton, dated June 8th, 1769, conditioned for the payment of £1117 1 8 Jersey light money, and a mortgage of the same date, from John Vanderveer to

William Walton, given to secure the payment of said bond: Also, a bond from William Taylor, John Taylor and John Rattoon, to James Mott, treasurer, for the use of the state, dated March 1, 1795, in the penal sum of £500, as security for William Taylor's faithful performance, agreeably to a law passed November 28, 1789, and the supplement thereto, passed November 26, 1792. Also, two bonds given by Robert Stockton and Thomas M'Dowell, commissioners for repairing the road at Rocky-Hill, to his excellency, governor Howell, in the penalty of £400 each, agreeable to laws passed February 21, 1794, and March 13, 1795; the first bond dated May 1, 1794, and the second dated April 29, 1795; and a bond given by Daniel Van Riper and Nathaniel Camp, commissioners of the road in Bergen county, between the new road over Hackensack and Horsimus, for six hundred pounds, dated March 30, 1795, for the performance of their duty agreeably to law, passed February 21, 1794, and March 5, 1795: Also, three bonds given by Jonathan Doan, Moore Furman and Peter Hunt, to James Mott, treasurer, for the use of the state, the first bond dated March 6, 1797, the second bond dated November 14, 1797, the third bond dated March 31, 1798, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of Jonathan Doan, as agent for erecting and completing the state-prison, agreeably to laws passed March 1, 1797, November 10, 1797, and February 22, 1798.

Resolved, That the treasurer be authorized and directed to settle with, and receive from Jacob Covenhoven, the balance due from him, on a note he gave to William Taylor for sixty pounds, dated February 22, 1777, after deducting therefrom the price of the mare mentioned in said note, and to deliver said note to said Jacob Covenhoven, or to his order.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE.

Which report was read and the resolutions therein agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said resolutions to the Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," with sundry amendments, to which they request the concurrence of this house; which bill, with the amendments, were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beatty informed the house that Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public," without amendment.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the resolutions from the Legislature of Massachusetts, Mr. Van Cleve in the chair, and after having considered the said resolutions, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee of the whole house had agreed to the following resolutions.

His excellency the governor having communicated to this house a resolution of the Legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed June 28, 1798, recommending the adoption of measures to obtain an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which shall exclude foreign influence from her councils, and to co-operate with the said commonwealth in the attainment of an object so important to our national independence,

Resolved, That the senators and representatives of this state, in the Congress of the United States, be and they are hereby requested to use their best endeavours that Congress propose to the Legislatures of the several states the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to wit:

That, in addition to the other qualifications prescribed by the said constitution, no person shall be eligible as president or vice-president of the United States, nor shall any person be a senator or representative in the Congress of the United States, except a natural born citizen, or unless he shall have been a resident in the United States at the time of the declaration of independence, and shall have continued to reside within the same, or to be employed in its service from that period to the time of his election; and in case the senators and representatives of this state in Congress shall find that the aforesaid amendment is not conformable to the sentiments of a constitutional majority of the national Legislature, they are hereby requested so to modify the same as to meet the sentiments of such majority: *Provided, however*, That any amendment which may be agreed upon shall exclude from a seat in either branch of Congress, any person who shall not have been naturalized at the time of making this amendment, and have been a citizen of the United States fourteen years at least, at the time of such election.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to communicate the foregoing resolution to the supreme executive of the several states, and also to transmit the same to the senators and representatives of this state in Congress.

Which resolutions were read and the consideration thereof postponed.

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

Thursday, January 31, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter of the 21st instant, reported,

THAT they have examined said letter agreeably to a statement therein made, and that there are now remaining in his office, thirty-seven notes, making compensation for the services of the troops of this state in the service of the United States during the late American revolution, amounting to seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-nine ninetieths; which notes, in the opinion of your committee, ought to be funded for the use of the state.

By order of the committee,

JAMES VAN DUYN.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole house of yesterday on the resolutions from the Legislature of Massachusetts; whereupon,

Mr. Pennington moved, and was seconded by Mr. Speer, that the house agree to the following resolution instead of the one reported by the committee of the whole:

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of New-Jersey have taken into serious consideration the communications from the Legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated the twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and on mature deliberation are

of opinion that the alteration proposed to be made in the constitution of the United States of America, by the Legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, ought not to be agreed to—

1st, Because it is the opinion of this Legislature, that the constitution of the United States, and the laws made in conformity thereto, are sufficiently guarded on the subject matter of the said resolutions.

2d, That even if the Legislature of New-Jersey should be mistaken in the first point, yet that no circumstances, that can at present be supposed to exist, are so imperious as to justify the people of America in depriving the class of citizens which are the object of the said communications from the rights they have already fairly acquired of being eligible to a seat in our national councils.

Resolved, That the president of the Council and speaker of the House of Assembly be requested jointly to transmit the foregoing resolution to the Legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and at the same time to inform the said Legislature, that the Legislature of the state of New-Jersey entertain a high sense of the patriotism and virtue of the Legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and particularly its attachment to the constitution of the United States, and that it is after the most mature deliberation and unbiassed reflection, that it hath found itself under the necessity of a departure in opinion from the Legislature of the said commonwealth.

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said motion? It was negatived, as follows :

| Nays. | Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Blanch, | Lloyd, | Van Duyn, | Corwin, |
| Budd, | Morgan, | Ward, | Gaston, |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Wheaton, | Hankinson, |
| Gordon, | Sheppard, | Wilkins, | L. Howell, |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | Pennington, |
| Harrison, | Sinnickson, | | Runkle, |
| J. Howell, | Stockton, | | Southard, |
| Keasby, | Stillwell, | | Speer, |
| Kelly, | Townsend, | | Voorheese. |

A motion was made that the house agree to the report of the committee ;

On the question, Whether the house agree thereto? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Blanch, | Lloyd, | Van Duyn, | Corwin, |
| Budd, | Morgan, | Ward, | Gaston, |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Wheaton, | Hankinson, |
| Gordon, | Sheppard, | Wilkins, | L. Howell, |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | Pennington, |
| Harrison, | Sinnickson, | | Runkle, |
| J. Howell, | Stockton, | | Southard, |
| Keasby, | Stillwell, | | Speer, |
| Kelly, | Townsend, | | Vooheese. |

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolutions so agreed to, to the Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Van Duyn, with leave, presented the following resolution to carry into effect his report on the treasurer's letter of this morning, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the treasurer of this state be and he is hereby directed, in his own name as treasurer of the state, to vest in the funds of the United States, agreeably to an act passed by the Congress of the United States the ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, limiting the time within which claims against the United States for credits on the books of the treasury may be presented for allowance, thirty-seven notes deposited in his office by John Blair and John Peck, amounting to seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and twenty-nine ninetieths, and transfer the same from the books of the treasury of the United States to the books of James Ewing, esquire, commissioner of loans in this state.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, on the several petitions respecting the appointment of electors of the president, &c. of the United States, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Southard in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Southard reported, that the committee had taken into consideration the said petitions, and had directed him to report to the house that the said petitions ought to be dismissed.

On the question, Whether the house, agree to the said report? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Blanch, | Lloyd, | Townsend, | Corwin, |
| Budd, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | Gaston, |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Van Duyn, | Gustin, |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Ward, | Hankinson, |
| Harrison, | Sheppard, | Wheaton, | L. Howell, |
| J. Howell, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | Pennington, |
| Keasby, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | Southard, |
| Kelly, | Stockton, | | Speer. |

A petition from Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Andrew Howell, appointed guardians of the children of John Hardenbergh, deceased, praying to be authorized by law to sell lands for the education of the said children, was read and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Southard and Budd.

A petition from Egg-Harbour, in the county of Burlington, praying that a law may pass to confirm a road from Tuckerston to Cooper's Ferry, agreeably to the record thereof, was read and committed to Messrs. Sheppard, Van Duyn and Pennington.

A petition from the executors of the testament and last will of Anthony Woodward, deceased, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Wyckoff, Shinn and Gustin.

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

The house met.

Mr. Lippencott, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, "An act to discourage the keeping of dogs, by imposing a tax upon the owners

or keepers thereof," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, intituled "An act relative to suits instituted by common informers," was read and compared ;

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act respecting bail in civil actions," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act relative to indictments," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain oaths," 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 for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to dower," was read a third time ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time.

A memorial from Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lot, stating a demand against the state and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Ward, Corwin and Keasby.

Ordered, That Messrs. Condict and Voorheese have leave of absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington be added to the committee to whom was referred the bill respecting schools.

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

Friday, February 1, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions against pedling in this state, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to restrain hawkers and pedlers ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wyckoff, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Josiah Woodward, William Woodward and Abner Woodward, executors, &c. of Anthony Woodward, deceased, reported,

THAT it is the opinion of your committee, that the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

By order of the committee,

SIMON WYCKOFF.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Sheppard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from the inhabitants of Little Egg-Harbour, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted. The law passed in 1794, directing in what manner roads shall be laid out, appearing, in the opinion of your committee, fully competent to the purpose.

By order of the committee,

JOHN SHEPPARD, JUN.

To which report the house agreed.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Keziah Hunt, presented a bill, intituled, "An act directing Joseph Stout, agent of forfeited estates, for the county of Middlesex, to pay to Nathaniel Hunt, esq. and Keziah his wife, a sum of money therein mentioned;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Andrew Howell, guardians of the children of John Hardenbergh, deceased, reported,

THAT it is the opinion of your committee that the petitioners ought to have leave to bring in a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM LLOYD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, praying leave to present a bill to compel each and every owner to contribute their proportion towards the expense of a causeway and bridge to the salt marsh, called the House-Lot-Meadows, was read;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, on the twelfth of February, instant, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in the New-Brunswick news-paper, and in three of the most public places in the vicinity of the said meadow, for one week previous thereto.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate in certain cases the issuing of writs of certiorari to the courts of general quarter sessions and justices of the peace," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting writs of error," was read a third time.
Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to guardians," was read a third time;
Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The bill, intituled, "An act to facilitate pleadings," 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 do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bills are passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to vest in Elizabeth Dodge the full right of a certain lot of land therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The house met.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Pennington be added to the committee to whom was referred the letter from James Ewing, esquire, one of the judges of the inferior court of common pleas, of the county of Hunterdon, on the 17th ultimo.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions," was read a second time and amended;

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be read a third time.

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

Saturday, February 2, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Andrew Howell, guardians of the children of John Hardenbergh, late of the county of Somersset, deceased, to sell the real estate of the said children, and to appropriate the money to certain purposes therein mentioned;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The resolution directing the treasurer to fund certain certificates to and for the use of the state, presented by Mr. Van Duyn, was read a second time and agreed to.

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

The bill, intituled, "An act to restrain hawkers and pedlers," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lloyd, with leave and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Josiah Woodward, William Woodward and Abner Woodward, executors of Anthony Woodward, deceased;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Mulford, esq. late collector of the county of Cumberland," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have negatived the resolutions recommending an adoption of certain measures to obtain an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which shall exclude foreign influence from her Councils.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Southard and Pennington.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, February 4, 1799.

The house met.

A petition from the creditors of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and of Henry Cuyler the younger, deceased, praying that a law may pass to appoint trustees to fulfil the purposes of their respective wills, in the room of the trustees formerly appointed by law, all of whom are since deceased, was read and leave given to present a bill for that purpose.

A message from the Council by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act respecting bail in civil actions," the bill, intituled, "An act relative to suits instituted by common informers," and the bill, intituled, "An act relative to indictments," without amendment.

The report of Mr. Lippencott on the petition of Cyrenius Van Mater, was read a second time and agreed to;

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill; whereupon,

Mr. Lloyd presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Cyrenius Van Mater;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Southard on the memorial of Joseph Bloomfield, esquire, of the 29th ultimo, was read a second time and agreed to.

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

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the trial of small causes," reported the same with fundry amendments, and the following title: "A supplement to an act constituting courts for the trial of small causes;" which bill was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The report of Mr. Budd, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council for the settlement of Moore Furman's accounts of the 29th ultimo, was read a second time and agreed to, as far as monies have been expended, and the house further agreed that 285 dollars and 66 cents be appropriated for completing the parts of the work already begun.

Ordered, That Messrs. Gordon, Gaston and Shinn, be a committee to prepare and present a bill to appropriate a further sum of money in conformity to the above agreement.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses and to take their depositions in certain cases," 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.

Agreeably to order, the house again went into a committee of the whole on the bill; intituled, "An act respecting work-houses," Mr. Van Cleve in the chair, and after having spent some time thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve, chairman of the committee, reported the said bill with fundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, February 5, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. J. Howell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts," reported the same withundry amendments, which were read, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to Messrs. Southard, Pennington and Lloyd.

The speaker laid before the house a resolution from the state of New-Hampshire, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, with regard to the mode of electing president and vice-president, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole house, to set on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That sixty copies thereof be printed for consideration.

The speaker laid before the house resolutions from New-Hampshire, recommending an adoption of certain measures to obtain an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which will exclude foreign influence from her councils, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, on the subject of the settlement of the account of Daniel Van Riper and Nathaniel Camp, and desiring directions respecting the bond given by them, was read and committed to Messrs. Blanch, Beavers and L. Howell.

A memorial from James Morgan, esquire, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Speer, Townsend and Gordon.

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

Wednesday, February 6, 1799.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to discourage the keeping of dogs, by imposing a tax upon the owners or keepers thereof," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Budd, | Sheppard, | Messrs. Beavers, |
| Clark, | Shinn, | Blanch, |
| Dunn, | Sinnickson, | Corwin, |
| M'Dowell, | Southard, | Gaston, |
| Gordon, | Speer, | Gustin, |
| Keafby, | Stillwell, | Hankinson, |
| Kelly, | Van Duyn, | Runkle, |
| Lippencott, | Voorheese. | Stockton, |
| Lloyd, | Ward, | Townsend, |
| Morgan, | Wheaton, | Van Cleve, |
| Pennington, | Wilkins. | Wyckoff. |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to vest in Elizabeth Dodge, the full right of a certain lot of land therein mentioned," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | J. Howell, | Speer, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Budd, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Lippencott, |
| Clark, | Keasby, | Stillwell, | Lloyd, |
| Corwin, | Kelly, | Townsend, | Sheppard, |
| Dunn, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | Van Duyn, |
| M'Dowell, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | Ward. |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Gordon, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |
| Hankinson, | Southard, | | |

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, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | J. Howell, | Southard, | Messrs. Pennington, |
| Beavers, | L. Howell, | Speer, | Van Duyn. |
| Budd, | Keasby, | Stockton, | |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Stillwell, | |
| Corwin, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | |
| Dunn, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | |
| M'Dowell, | Morgan, | Vooheese, | |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Ward, | |
| Gordon, | Sheppard, | Wheaton, | |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |

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.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate in certain cases the issuing of writs of certiorari to the courts of general quarter sessions and justices 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 wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Mulford, esquire, late collector of the county of Cumberland," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to restrain hawkers and pedlers," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Messrs. Budd, | Runkle, |
| Beavers, | L. Howell, | Southard, | Clark, | Stockton, |
| Corwin, | Keasby, | Van Cleve, | Gaston, | Stillwell, |
| Dunn, | Kelly, | Van Duyn, | J. Howell, | Townsend, |
| M'Dowell, | Pennington, | Voorheefe. | Lippencott, | Wheaton, |
| Gordon, | Sheppard, | Ward, | Lloyd, | Wilkins. |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | Morgan, | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon," 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. |
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| Messrs. Blanch, | Gustin, | Pennington, | Stillwell, | Mr. Van Duyn. |
| Beavers, | J. Howell, | Runkle, | Townsend, | |
| Budd, | L. Howell, | Sheppard, | Van Cleve, | |
| Clark, | Keasby, | Shinn, | Voorheefe, | |
| Corwin, | Kelly, | Sinnickson, | Ward, | |
| Dunn, | Lippencott, | Southard, | Wheaton, | |
| M'Dowell, | Lloyd, | Speer, | Wilkins, | |
| Gaston, | Morgan, | Stockton, | Wyckoff. | |
| Gordon, | | | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning ferries," 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. Blanch, | Gordon, | Morgan, | Stillwell, | Messrs. J. Howell, |
| Beavers, | Gustin, | Pennington, | Van Duyn, | Sheppard, |
| Budd, | Hankinson, | Runkle, | Voorheefe, | Townsend, |
| Clark; | L. Howell, | Shinn, | Ward, | Van Cleve, |
| Corwin, | Keasby, | Sinnickson, | Wheaton, | Wilkins. |
| Dunn, | Kelly, | Southard, | Wyckoff. | |
| M'Dowell, | Lippencott, | Speer, | | |
| Gaston, | Lloyd, | Stockton, | | |

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.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examinations of witnesses, and to take their depositions in certain cases," with sundry amendments, to which they requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill and amendments were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Andrew Howell, guardians of the children of John Hardenbergh, late of the county of

Somerfet, deceased, to sell the real estate of the said children, and to appropriate the money to certain purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Southard from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, "An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts," reported the same with fundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the trustees of the congregation of the first presbyterian church of Mansfield-Woodhouse, in the county of Suffex, praying the benefit of a lottery to raise money to enable them to finish their church," was read and committed to Messrs. Kelly, Wyckoff and Sinnickson, to report by bill or otherwise.

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. Stockton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Coe and others, reported as follows :

THAT it appears to your committee that the amount of the confiscated estate of Nathaniel Richards, late of Essex county, amounting to £3864 6 0½, which reduced to specie, according to the scale of depreciation, is £3379 1, and there appearing fundry demands against the said estate, to the amount of £172 0 7, which leaves a balance in the treasury of £165 8 6 ; and further, your committee report, that it is their opinion the petitioners ought to be entitled to draw from the Treasury, the sum of £104 6 9, the sum paid by the petitioners for property sold by the commissioners of forfeited estates as the estate of Nathaniel Richards, and afterwards recovered from them, by virtue of a former mortgage on part of said estate.

By order of the committee,

WM. STOCKTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the resolution, authorizing and directing the treasurer, to deliver certain bonds and other papers deposited in his office, to the persons who gave them, or their legal representatives.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed to view the state of the penitentiary house, having taken the same into consideration, reported as follows :

THAT the mens' apartments appear sufficient for the reception of prisoners, that the keeper's house is unfinished and the womens' apartments are unfit for their reception.

Yet wanting in the keeper's apartment to be finished, to wit :

In the first story, the entry and stair-case, and in the women's apartment, for present use, two rooms, two halls and the stair-cases.

Likewise, to be constructed and built, four cells for solitary confinement.

Likewise, the cupalo to be finished and an alarm bell of (or about) two hundred weight, to be hung.

Sums supposed to be necessary for completing the above items, as follows :

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| The first or lower story and stair-case of the keeper's house, | £75 0 0 |
| The fourth wing, or women's apartment, as aforesaid, | 200 0 0 |
| The four cells, | 1000 0 0 |
| Cupalo and alarm bell, | 45 0 0 |
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| | £1320 0 0 |

Your committee further report, that in their opinion, the commissioners appointed to inspect said house ought to be authorized to draw from the treasury, from time to time, as they shall have occasion, the aforesaid sum, and lay out the same for finishing the aforesaid items, as they or a majority of them shall think proper.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL,
JOHN OUTWATER.

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

The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the commissioners therein named to lay out a road from Salem, in the county of Salem, to Greenwich, in the county of Cumberland," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Abraham D. Ackerman, stating a demand against the state for a horse that died on the western expedition, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Shinn and Runkle.

The report of Mr. Harrison of the 26th ultimo, was read a second time and the first paragraph agreed to ;

Ordered, That Messrs. J. Howell, Budd and Hankinson, be a committee to present a bill in conformity with the first paragraph in the said report.

The second paragraph was disagreed to.

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

Thursday, February 7, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Gordon, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of money to Moore Furman, commissioner, for the completing the state-house yard ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham D. Ackerman, reported as follows :

THAT they have carefully examined and duly considered the said petition, and the vouchers accompanying the same, and are of opinion the petitioner ought to apply agreeably to an act passed June 5, 1793, for the relief of persons in similar cases with your petitioner.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the constituting and appointing of new trustees, in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of

the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased ;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kelly, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from the presbyterian congregation of Mansfield-Woodhouse, for a lottery, presented a bill, intituled, “ An act empowering the trustees of the first presbyterian congregation of Mansfield-Woodhouse, in the county of Suffex, to have a lottery for the purpose therein mentioned ;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, “ An act appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook Bay,” was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Stockton, on the petition of Benjamin Coe and others, was read a second time and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Stockton, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, “ An act for the relief of Benjamin Coe and others ;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house resolutions from Maryland, recommending an adoption of certain measures to obtain an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which will exclude foreign influence from her councils, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole house, to sit on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That sixty copies thereof be printed for consideration.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have negatived the bill, intituled, “ An act to discourage the keeping of dogs by imposing a tax upon the owners or keepers thereof.”

The bill, intituled, “ An act to restrain hawkers and pedlers,” and the bill, intituled, “ A supplement to an act, intituled, “ An act to incorporate a part of the township of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon.”

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, “ An act concerning fines and common recoveries,” and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be dismissed.

The house adjourned to three o’clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, “ An act directing Joseph Stout, agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, to pay to Nathaniel Hunt, esquire, and Keziah his wife, a sum of money therein mentioned,” was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the board of trustees and freeholders of the county of Somerset, praying that the Legislature would appropriate a sum of money, from the fund arising from state licenses, to the repair of the bridges on the stage road, was read and dismissed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, “ An act respecting work-houses,” was read and compared ;

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

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Corwin, | Runkle, | Messrs. Blanch, | Shinn, |
| M'Dowell, | Sheppard, | Beavers, | Sinnickson, |
| Galton, | Southard, | Budd, | Stockton, |
| Gordon, | Speer, | Clark, | Stillwell, |
| Gustin, | Townsend, | Dunn, | Van Cleve, |
| Hankinson, | Van Duyn, | Harrison, | Voorheese, |
| Keafby, | Ward, | Lippencott, | Wheaton. |
| Kelly, | Wilkins. | Lloyd, | |
| Morgan, | Wyckoff. | Pennington, | |

Ordered, That the said bill be dismissed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their clerk.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the limitation of actions," with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly; that they have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Mulford, esquire, late collector of the county of Cumberland," and the bill, intituled, "An act to vest in Elizabeth Dodge the full right of a certain lot of land therein mentioned," without amendment.

Mr. Beatty presented from Council a bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," and a bill, intituled, "An act to suspend the operation of a part of a certain act therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to a certain tract of tide-swamps and meadows in the county of Bergen;" to which bills he requested the concurrence of this house, which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed to view the state of the penitentiary house of yesterday, was read a second time and agreed to;

Ordered, That Messrs. Harrison, Lippencott and Van Duyn, be a committee to present a bill for the appropriation of money agreeably to the said report.

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

Friday, February 8, 1799.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the constituting and appointing of new trustees in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Pennington and Dunn.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent certain estates from being barred by fines and common recoveries," was read a second time and dismissed.

Mr. Van Cleve, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the establishment of work-houses in the several counties of this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Coe and others," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Lippencott, Stillwell and Sheppard.

A certificate of half-pay, in favor of Hugh Jones, was read and committed to Messrs. Blanch, Townsend and Gustin.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the constituting and appointing of new trustees, in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Saturday, February 9, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Gustin, Lippencott and Dunn, be a committee, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of John Thorn, one of the commissioners for repairing the stage road from Bordentown to South-Amboy, and that the clerk do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a committee to join a committee of this house for that purpose.

A petition from the widow and heirs of Samuel Wells, late of the county of Morris, deceased, praying that a law may pass to establish and confirm, as the testament and last will of Samuel Wells, an instrument written as and for his last will, which was not duly executed according to law, was read and committed to Messrs. Pennington, Stillwell and Corwin.

Mr. Lippencott, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. Marsh, on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of settling the accounts of John Thorn, one of the commissioners for repairing the stage road from Bordentown to South-Amboy.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the establishment of work-houses in the several counties of this state," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Coe and others," and after some time spent thereon,
Ordered, That the said bill be dismissed.

A petition from Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, widow of Doctor Horton, who was said to have died in the service of the United States, praying a renewal of a warrant given her for the amount of her late husband's half-pay, accompanied with sundry vouchers to support her claim, was read and committed to Messrs. Ward, Clark and Wheaton.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, February 11, 1799.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning notaries public," was read a second time and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Harrifon, Van Duyn and Van Cleve.

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act more effectually to prevent fraudulent practices at elections;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to suspend the operation of part of a certain act therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to a certain tract of tide-swamps and meadows, in the county of Bergen," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The report of Mr. Southard, marked No. 5 in the unfinished business, respecting the road leading from Newark to Paules-Hook, with the papers accompanying the same, was read and dismissed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the practice of the courts of law," to which they requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Tuesday, February 12, 1799.

The house met.

A memorial from Daniel Marsh, esquire, stating a demand against the forfeited estate of William Bayard, esquire, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs M'Dowell, Keasby and Voorheese.

Mr. Harrifon, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Harrison, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act to build a bridge across the fourth branch of Great-Timber-Creek, in the county of Gloucester;" 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 resolutions from the state of New-Hampshire, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, with regard to the mode of electing president and vice-president, Mr. Stillwell in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stillwell, chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee of the whole had had the said resolution under consideration, and had agreed to rise, that the house may consider the same; whereupon the said resolutions were read.

A motion was made, that this house adopt similar resolutions.

On the question to agree thereto, it was carried in the negative; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. J. Howell, Southard and Stockton, be a committee to prepare and present an answer to the Legislature of New-Hampshire, stating the reasons that this house have disagreed to coincide with them in their resolutions communicated to this house.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Morgan, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, intitled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the salt meadows, lying on the Raritan river, known by the name of the House-Lot-Meadows, in the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, to erect a causeway from the upland to the House-Lot-Creek, and to build a bridge over the same, and to prevent the hay being carted or drawn out of said meadows at certain seasons;" which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "A supplement to the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "An act to regulate the practice of the courts of law," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act respecting libels;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Wednesday, February 13, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from James Ewing, esquire, presented a bill, intituled, "An act concerning the acknowledgment of deeds;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Samuel Minor, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Gustin, Shinn and Hankinso.

A petition from the county of Monmouth, praying that the act for suppressing vice and immorality, may be so amended as to lay the fine for the breach of the Sabbath, by distillers, much higher, was read and referred to Messrs. Townsend, Gaston and Wheaton.

A petition from Mary Cooke, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Cooke, stating that her father went over to England, from the county of Monmouth, in May, 1775, and in consequence of which, and under a mistaken opinion that he had forfeited his allegiance to this state, the commissioners of forfeited estates, of the county of Monmouth, had seized and sold her father's estate in pursuance of an inquisition found against him, and praying that the treasurer of the state may be directed to pay to her and her sisters a sum of money equal to the value of the estate so seized and sold, was read and committed to Messrs. Campbell, Beavers and Sinnickson.

A petition from Albert C. Zabriskie, sheriff of the county of Bergen, stating that a person who was fined in the sum of thirty dollars for larceny, had broken goal, by which he is accountable to the treasury for the fine, and praying leave to present a bill to exonerate him from the payment of the said fine, was read and leave given to present a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Van Duyn, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan river, northward, so far as the same affects Raritan river, and for other purposes therein mentioned," with a petition desiring that the same may be passed; which were read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Thomas Crowell, jun. praying that further time may be given to him in the prosecution of a suit against Benjamin Brown, one of the sons and devisees of George Brown, deceased; any law to the contrary notwithstanding, was read and committed to Messrs. Speer, Corwin and L. Howell.

A petition from Moses Hetfield, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Wilkins, Clark and Runkle.

Mr. J. Howell, from the committee appointed to prepare an answer to the resolution communicated to this house from the Legislature of the state of New-Hampshire, recommending an amendment to the constitution of the United States, by designating the persons intended to be voted for as president and vice-president, by the electors in the several states, having taken the same into consideration, having reflected upon the intricacy of the question, the importance of a just conception of it, and the dangerous consequences of an

improper decision upon the subject ; reflecting farther, that the question is novel in its nature and has not yet undergone a deliberate discussion in the Legislature of any of our sister states, and conceiving that farther time, by affording opportunity for enquiry, will enable the members of this house to examine the principles on which the proposed amendment is founded, and its probable operation on the tranquillity and safety of the United States,

YOUR committee are of opinion, that these desirable objects will be best attained by deferring a final determination on the subject ; they therefore recommend that the said resolution be referred to the next session of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,

JOSHUA L. HOWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the resolution from the state of Maryland, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which shall exclude foreign influence from her councils, Mr. Van Cleve in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve reported, that the committee had directed him to report the following :

State of New-Jersey, by the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS it is highly expedient that every constitutional barrier should be opposed to the introduction of foreign influence into our national councils, and that the constitution of the United States should be so amended as to effect and secure, in the best manner, the great objects for which it was designed ; therefore,

Resolved, That the senators and representatives of this state, in the Congress of the United States, be, and they are hereby requested to use their best endeavours, that Congress propose to the Legislatures of the several states the following amendments to the federal constitution, *to wit* : That in addition to the other qualifications prescribed by said constitution, no person shall be eligible as a senator or representative in the Congress of the United States, except a natural born citizen, or unless he shall have been a resident in the United States at the time of the declaration of independence, or naturalized and admitted a citizen at the time of making this amendment to the constitution, no person shall be eligible as vice-president of the United States, except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States at the time of the adoption of the federal constitution, and that no person shall be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States.

Resolved, That the president of the Council, and the speaker of this house, be requested forthwith to transmit the foregoing resolve to the senators and representatives of this state in Congress, and that the governor be and he is hereby requested to communicate the same to the supreme executives of the several states, with a request that they may be submitted to the consideration of their respective Legislatures.

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, " An act to enable the trustees of the first presbyterian congregation of Mansfield-Woodhouse, in the county of Suffex, to have a lottery for the purpose therein mentioned," was read a second time and dismissed.

Mr. Morgan, from the joint-committee of the Council and Assembly ap-

pointed to draught a respectful address to the president of the United States, brought in the draught or address, which was read and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of persons who are scrupulous of taking an oath in the usual form," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

The engrossed bill, intituled " An act to authorize the establishment of work-houses in the several counties of this state," was read and compared ;

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

| Nays. | Nays. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
|----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Clark, | Morgan, | Messrs. Beavers, | Sheppard, |
| Corwin, | Runkle, | Budd, | Shinn, |
| Gaston, | Southard, | Dunn, | Sinnickson, |
| Gordon, | Speer, | M'Dowell, | Stockton, |
| Gustin, | Townsend, | Harrison, | Stillwell, |
| Hankinson, | Van Duyn, | J. Howell, | Van Cleve, |
| L. Howell, | Voorheese, | Lippencott, | Wheaton, |
| Keasby, | Ward, | Lloyd, | Wyckoff. |
| Kelly, | Wilkins. | Pennington, | |

Ordered, That the said bill be dismissed.

Mr. Harrison, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Hugh Jones ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, " A supplement to an act, intituled, " An act for the relief and employment of the poor [in the county of Salem." "

Which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beatty, from the Council, presented the following resolution, to which he requested the concurrence of this house, in the place of the resolution proposed by the House of Assembly.

Resolved, That James Mott be, and he is hereby directed, in his own name as treasurer of the state, to vest in the funds of the United States, for the use of those persons respectively in whose favor the same are drawn, thirty-seven notes, deposited in his office by John Blair and John Peck, amounting to seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and twenty-nine ninetieths, and transfer the same from the books of the treasury of the United States to the books of James Ewing, esquire, commissioner of loans in this state.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "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 after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Campbell, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of Albert C. Zabriskie, sheriff of the county of Bergen;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Thursday, February 14, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Speer, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Col. James Morgan, respecting a certain claim said to be due to the heirs of Nicholas Morgan, deceased, reported,

THAT they have examined the papers and documents relative to said claim, and are of opinion the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM SPEER.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Harrison, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of John Heard;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of John Tichenor, Jotham Harrison, and others;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act to regulate the practice of the courts of law," was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Blanch, | Harrison, | Southard, Messrs. Gordon, | |
| Beavers, | J. Howell, | Speer, | Kelly, |
| Budd, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Lloyd, |
| Campbell, | Keasby, | Townsend, | Stillwell, |
| Clark, | Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | Ward. |
| Corwin, | Pennington, | Van Duyn, | |
| Dunn, | Runkle, | Voorheese, | |
| M'Dowell, | Sheppard, | Wheaton, | |
| Gaston, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |
| Hankinson, | | | |

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.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Cooke, reported,

THAT by the vouchers accompanying the said petition, it appears that the Reverend Samuel Cooke, the father of the petitioner, and mentioned in

the said petition, quit the state of New-Jersey and went to Great-Britain prior to the fourth of July, 1776, that having left this country prior to the declaration of independence, he was not a league subject of this state, and consequently did not forfeit his allegiance according to the interest and meaning of the act of the fourth of October, 1776.

Your committee further report, that the net proceeds of the sale of the real and personal estate of the said Samuel Cooke, amounts to £.442 11 0 in specie, they therefore recommend that the said petitioners have leave to present a bill to authorize her to receive that sum from the treasury, if so much now remains there of the proceeds of the said estate.

ROBERT CAMPBELL,
JOHN SINNICKSON,
JOSEPH BEAVERS.

Which report was read and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Campbell presented a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Mary Cooke ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The address to the president of the United States reported yesterday, was read a second time ; whereupon,

The house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take the same into consideration, Mr. Southard in the chair, and after having gone through the address, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Southard reported the same, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Gustin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Minor ; reported,

THAT they have examined the claim of the petitioner and the vouchers accompanying the same, and that there appears to be due the said Samuel Minor, from the estate of Joseph Allen, the sum of twenty-two pounds six shillings and eight-pence, and from the estate of Thomas Hooper, the sum of three pounds eighteen shillings and ten-pence ; and there being money sufficient in the treasury, of the said estate, to pay the same, your committee are therefore of opinion that the said petitioner ought to have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

By order of the committee,
JOHN GUSTIN.

Which report was read.

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

Ordered, That the papers on which the said report was founded be dismissed.

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.

Friday, February 15, 1799.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer, accompanied with a certificate from Robert Wade, which was read and referred to Messrs. Runkle, Harrison and VanDuyn.

The house having taken into consideration the resolution from Council of the 13th instant, directing the treasurer to vest in the funds of the United States thirty-seven notes deposited in his office, in lieu of the one sent up to Council for concurrence some time ago, was read a second time ;

Resolved, That this house do concur therein.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said resolution to Council, and acquaint them that this house do concur in the said resolution.

Mr. VanDuyn, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for defraying fundry incidental charges ;" 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.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Hugh Jones," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of John Heard," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Beavers, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act concerning horse racing ;" which bill was read.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Albert C. Zabriskie, sheriff of the county of Bergen, was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dunn, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan Great Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned," with fundry petitions praying that the said bill may pass ; which bill and petitions were read and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

A petition from the stage proprietors on the road from Trenton to New-York, was read, praying a repeal of the act requiring them to pay for a license to run their stages, was read and committed to Messrs. Clark, Wilkins and Gordon.

Mr. M'Dowell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Marsh, esquire, reported as follows :

THAT the charges against the estate of William Byard, esquire, appear just, and that your committee are of opinion, that the petitioner have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS M'DOWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Campbell, with leave, presented a bill, intitled, "An act regulating the money of account in this state;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intitled, "An act for the distribution of the estate of persons who die insolvent," reported,

THAT your committee, on due consideration of the principles of this bill, find considerable difficulties in framing amendments to the same, so as to operate with equal justice and to prevent delays in the recovery of debts due by persons contemplated in the said bill; they therefore recommend a reference of the same to judge Paterson, with a request to draught a bill for the consideration of this house, on the principles of the one now under consideration.

By order of the committee,

BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Gustin, from the committee of both houses, appointed to settle the accounts of John Thorn, one of the commissioners for laying out certain monies on the stage road, leading from Burlington and Bordenton to South Amboy, reported,

THAT it appears to your committee, that the said commissioner, in the month of July, 1798, received of the treasurer of this state the sum of forty pounds out of the monies appropriated for that purpose, and by examining the accounts of the said John Thorn, (the said commissioner) and the voucher accompanying the same, from No. 1, to No. 15, inclusive, together with his fees (as allowed by law) amounting to forty-one pounds eight shillings and four-pence, do find a balance due the said commissioner the sum of one pound eight shillings and four-pence.

By order of the committee,

DANIEL MARSH,
JOHN GUSTIN.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The house resumed the consideration of the address to the president of the United States, and having gone through the same by paragraphs,

On the question, Whether the said address, which is agreed to by the house in the following words, be engrossed?

JOHN ADAMS, PRESIDENT *of the* UNITED STATES *of* AMERICA.

SIR,

AT a time like this, when our rights are invaded by a foreign nation, and our property unjustly taken away; when our ministers of reconciliation are treated with contumely and rejected with disdain; when the fate of conquered republics is presented to our view to terrify us into submission, and that too through the instrumentality of our own citizens; at a time like this, sir, when weak men despond and wicked men forsake their country, the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of New-Jersey think it their duty to express to you their entire confidence in the administration of the general government, and their fullest determination to maintain and support it.

While we have strictly pursued the duties of neutrality, they have plundered our citizens on the high seas, they have seized and condemned our

defenceless trading vessels, they have interdicted our commerce on pains of forfeiture. Under these injuries we have remonstrated and reclaimed our right, but we have remonstrated and reclaimed in vain.

When we sent an ambassador with full powers to negotiate, and, if we had offended, to make satisfaction, they refused to hear him; when we bore with patience this wanton insult and again sent three of our most distinguished citizens as envoys extraordinary, with still more explicit, and, if possible, more ample powers, they did worse, they not only refused to hear them, but actually claimed the right of selecting for themselves the man with whom they would negotiate. When we refused tamely to submit to such treatment, and continued to assert our rights, they pointed to their conquered provinces, groaning under the weight of their exactions, and told us our fate; nay, they even presumed to found their hopes of conquest here, on claims of interest in the American mind, superior to that which its own government had attained.

In a situation like this, what more could be done, than to declare that treaty no longer obligatory on our part, which they, on theirs, had openly violated and professedly set at nought? than to abandon all further attempts at negotiation, and prohibit a friendly intercourse with those who had abused our friendship; than to draw forth the resources of the republic in making preparations for defensive war.

Sensible of the blessings of liberty, we rejoice that we have, in our chief magistrate, a man, who, in times like these, dares to speak the sentiments of every true American, and at least claim to be free. The first to propose the independence of our country, always engaged in directing her Councils, and making her interest the business of your life, we repose with confidence, sir, on your wisdom and integrity, aided and supported by the energy of the American people, to conduct her in this alarming crisis of her affairs, and to lead her to prosperity and peace.

That the fine spun philosophy of some visionary men, and the overweening ambition of others, disappointed in the pursuit of honors and offices for which they were never fit, should array them against the government; that this band should aggregate to themselves many discontented foreigners who can be happy under no laws, and even many honest emigrants, who being strangers in our land, are also strangers to that *amor patriæ* which warms every American bosom, and that these, in a day of difficulty, should oppose themselves to our public measures, is neither a subject of wonder, nor a cause of dismay.

Misrepresentation and falsehood may, for a time, lead even honest men astray. In these, as if they were the peculiar weapons of their warfare, the enemies of our country cannot bear restraint; but, however restless they may feel, and however hard they may struggle, we rest assured that the force of truth is great, and must at length prevail.

Representatives of a people warmly attached to the constitution and the laws of their country, we may venture to say, that the sentiments which we express are the sentiments of our constituents; accustomed to order and duly appreciating the blessings of good government, they will be the last to oppose, but we humbly presume, not the last to protect and defend them.

Accept, sir, our sincerest wishes for your health and happiness, and be assured, when we thus present them, we are actuated not solely by the respect and esteem which we have for your person and character, but also by the love which we have for our country, and for the whole human race.

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | J. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Beavers, | Keasby, | Stillwell, | Corwin, |
| Budd, | Kelly, | Townsend, | Gaston, |
| Campbell, | Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | Hankinson, |
| Dunn, | Lloyd, | Van Duyn, | L. Howell, |
| M'Dowell, | Morgan, | Ward, | Pennington, |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | Speer, |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | Voorheefe. |
| Harrifon, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "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 :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | M'Dowell, | Messrs. Blanch, | Runkle, |
| Budd, | Sheppard, | Campbell, | Speer, |
| Corwin, | Shinn, | Clark, | Townsend, |
| Dunn, | Sinnickson, | Gaston, | Van Duyn, |
| Gordon, | Stockton, | Gustin, | Vooheefe, |
| Harrifon, | Stillwell, | Hankinson, | Ward, |
| J. Howell, | Van Cleve, | L. Howell, | Wyckoff. |
| Lippencott, | Wheaton, | Keasby, | |
| Lloyd, | Wilkins, | Kelly, | |
| Morgan, | Speaker. | Pennington, | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts," was read and compared ;

Resolved, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for 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. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Kelly, | Stillwell, | Messrs. Corwin, |
| Blanch, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | Gaston, |
| Budd, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | L. Howell, |
| Campbell, | Morgan, | Van Duyn, | Speer. |
| Clark, | M'Dowell, | Voorheefe, | |
| Gordon, | Pennington, | Ward, | |
| Gustin, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Hankinson, | Sheppard, | Wilkins, | |
| Harrifon, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |
| J. Howell, | Stockton, | | |
| Keasby, | | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to authorize Jacob R. Hardenberg and Andrew Howell, guardians of the children of John Hardenberg, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, to sell the real estate of the said children and to appropriate the money to certain purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | Hankinson, | Stockton, | Messrs. Keasby, |
| Blanch, | Harrison, | Speer, | Pennington, |
| Budd, | J. Howell, | Stillwell, | Sheppard, |
| Campbell, | Kelly, | Van Cleve, | Shinn, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Van Duyn, | Sinnickson, |
| Corwin, | Morgan, | Voorheese, | Townsend, |
| Gordon, | M'Dowell, | Ward, | Wheaton, |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Wyckoff. | Wilkins. |
| Gustin, | | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cook," was read a second time and the consideration thereof postponed.

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

Saturday, February 16, 1799.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of money to Moore Furman, commissioner for the completing the state-house yard," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the building of a bridge across the south branch of Great-Timber-Creek, in the county of Gloucester," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Runkle from the committee to whom was referred the treasurer's letter of the 15th instant, reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That the treasurer deliver to Aaron Ogden, attorney for William Walton, when called for at his office, a certain bond given by said Aaron Ogden, Elias Dayton and Elias B. Dayton to James Mott, treasurer, for the use of the state, dated September 28, 1793, in the sum of £7539 3 2, conditioned for the faithful performance of said Aaron Ogden, as agent for said William Walton, agreeably to a law therein mentioned, passed November 28, 1789, and the supplement thereto, passed November 26, 1792, he having fully complied with the condition of said bond.

Which resolution was read and agreed to.

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

On motion,

Resolved, That the charge of the state-house, in the recess of the Legislature, be committed to the door-keeper of the House of Assembly, and that no person be permitted to enter therein, except for the purpose of holding or attending the supreme court, or such other court as are or shall be directed by law to be held therein, unless they shall first obtain the permission of the governor, the secretary of the state, or the clerk of the Assembly for the time being.

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

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Stillwell, Pennington and Corwin, be a committee to examine into the sufficiency of the penalty provided by law against retailing strong liquors and other offences made cognizable before a justice of the peace, and to report thereon.

The engrossed address to John Adams, president of the United States, was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the same to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the heirs and legatees of Samuel Wells, reported,

THAT the heirs aforesaid ought to have permission to bring in a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, at the next sitting of the Legislature.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM PENNINGTON.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan river northward, so far as the same affects Raritan river, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, Campbell and Wilkins.

The bill, intituled, "An act to suspend the operation of part of a certain act therein mentioned, so far as the same relates to a certain tract of tide-swamps and meadows in the county of Bergen," was read a third time ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The bill, intituled, "An act supplementary to the act concerning the supreme and circuit courts," 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 do carry the said bills to Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act respecting the office of treasurer," the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of persons who are scrupulous of taking an oath in the usual form," and the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses, and to take their depositions in certain cases," with the amendments made thereto by the Council, was read a second time, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act regulating the money of account in this state," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act concerning horse-racing," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Pennington and Corwin.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, February 18, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Wilkins, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Moses Hetfield, reported,

THAT your committee have duly examined the aforesaid petition and vouchers accompanying the same, and it is the opinion of your committee that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,
JAMES WILKINS.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Clark, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of stage proprietors, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined said petition, and the law respecting stages, and are of opinion that the law, in many respects, is calculated to answer good purposes; your committee, however, are of opinion that on account of the contagious disorders which have raged, and probably may again visit the cities of New-York and Philadelphia, and consequently has and may again subject the proprietors to inconvenience, that for the present, the sum imposed for licenses be reduced to two hundred dollars per annum.

By order of the committee,
CHARLES CLARK.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Heard," was read a third time;

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

| Nays. | | Nays. | | Yeas. | |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Hankinson, | Speer, | Messrs. Harrison, | Van Cleve, | |
| Blanch, | L. Howell, | Stillwell, | J. Howell, | Ward. | |
| Campbell, | Keafby, | Townsend, | Lippencott, | | |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Van Duyn, | Lloyd, | | |
| Corwin, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | Morgan, | | |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Wyckoff. | M'Dowell, | | |
| Gaston, | Shinn, | | Southard, | | |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | | Stockton, | | |

Ordered, That the said bill be dismissed.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses, and to take their depositions in certain cases," 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 bills to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act regulating the money of account in this state," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of money to Moore Furman, commissioner for completing the state-house yard," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the building of a bridge across the fourth branch of Great-Timber-Creek in the county of Gloucester," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Hugh Jones," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nay. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Keasby, | Stockton, | Mr. Van Duyn. |
| Blanch, | Kelly, | Speer, | |
| Campbell, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Townsend, | |
| Gordon, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | |
| Gaston, | M'Dowell, | Voorheese, | |
| Gustin, | Pennington, | Ward, | |
| Hankinson, | Runkle, | Wilkins, | |
| Harrison, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | |
| J. Howell, | Sinnickson, | | |
| L. Howell, | Southard, | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Albert C. Zabriskie, sheriff of the county of Bergen," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Clark, | Stillwell, |
| Blanch, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | Gordon, | Van Duyn. |
| Campbell, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | Harrison, | |
| Corwin, | M'Dowell, | Voorheese, | Keasby, | |
| Gaston, | Pennington, | Ward, | Kelly, | |
| Gustin, | Runkle, | Wilkins, | Lloyd, | |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | Shinn, | |
| J. Howell, | Southard, | | Speer, | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said several bills, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to the Council for their concurrence.

Resolved, That the speaker be requested to transmit to Judge Paterson the bill respecting the acknowledgment of deeds, together with Mr. James Ewing's letter on that subject, and request him to report to this house a bill comprising the acts now in force, with such alterations as to him appears necessary to remedy the evil complained of.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have made sundry amendments to the resolution relative to the charge of the state-house, in the recess of the Legislature.

Which resolution he presented with the amendments, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which resolution was read, as amended, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beatty informed the house that Council have concurred in the resolution directing the treasurer to deliver up to Aaron Ogden, attorney for William Walton, a certain bond deposited in his office.

Mr. Beatty returned the bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain oaths," with the amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill and amendments were read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts," without amendment, and the bill intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money for completing the state-prison," is negatived by Council.

Mr. Beatty returned the address to John Adams, president of the United States, with the amendments made thereto by Council; to which amendments he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which address, as amended, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of John Titchenor, Jotham Harrison and others," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cooke," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

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

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain oaths," 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 resolution relative to the charge of the state-house, in the recess of the Legislature, with the amendment of Council to dele the words, "door-keeper of the House of Assembly," and insert *secretary of the state*, was read a second time and agreed to, and in other respects this house do adhere to their resolution.

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

The address to John Adams, president of the United States, with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time, the amendments agreed to, and the address ordered to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the commissioners therein named to lay out a road from Salem, in the county of Salem, to Greenwich, in the county of Cumberland," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | Harrison, | Sinnickson, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Beavers, | J. Howell, | Southard, | Hankinson, |
| Budd, | Keasby, | Speer, | Pennington, |
| Campbell, | Kelly, | Stockton, | VanDuyn, |
| Corwin, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | Ward, |
| Dunn, | Lloyd, | Townsend, | Wheaton, |
| M'Dowell, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | Wilkins, |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Voorheese. | Wyckoff. |
| Gordon, | Sheppard, | | |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act directing Joseph Stout, agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, to pay to Nathaniel Hunt, esquire, and Keziah, his wife, a sum of money therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | Morgan, | Messrs. Budd, | Townsend, |
| Beavers, | Runkle, | Campbell, | Van Duyn, |
| Corwin, | Sinnickson, | Clark, | Voorheese, |
| Dunn, | Speer, | Gordon, | Wilkins. |
| M'Dowell, | Stockton, | Hankinson, | |
| Gaston, | Stillwell, | Keafby, | |
| Gustin, | Van Cleve, | Kelly, | |
| Harrison, | Ward, | Lippencott, | |
| J. Howell, | Wheaton, | Pennington, | |
| L. Howell, | Wyckoff. | Sheppard, | |
| Lloyd, | | Shinn, | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

Petitions from the county of Somerset, praying that a new township may be set off from the east end of the townships of Bernard and Bridgewater, were read.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their petition on the second Wednesday of the first sitting of the next Legislature, the petitioners previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, in the New-Brunswick news-paper, and in three of the most public places in each of the townships of Bernard and Bridgewater, three weeks previous to the time of presenting the same.

The report of Mr. Speer of the 14th instant, on the petition of Col. James Morgan, was read a second time and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Morgan presented a bill, intituled, " An act authorizing the treasurer to pay unto James Morgan a sum of money therein mentioned ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Tuesday, February 19, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Townsend, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, intituled, " A supplement to an act, intituled, " An act to suppress vice and immorality," passed March 16, 1798 ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Van Cleve, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Daniel Marsh, esquire ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Dunn, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill,

intituled, " An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Craft be directed to strike off 160 copies of the said bill for consideration.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do adhere to their second amendment made to the resolution relative to the charge of the state-house in the recess of the Legislature.

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, " An act for the relief of Hugh Jones," and the bill, intituled " An act for the payment of money to Moore Furman, commissioner for completing the state-house yard," without amendment.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, accompanying an account of monies heretofore received in the treasury for stage licenses, which was read ; whereupon,

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act reducing the sum directed by law to be paid by the proprietors of the stages running from New-York, by the way of Trenton, to Philadelphia ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have negatived the bill, intituled, " An act directing Joseph Stout, agent of forfeited estates for the county of Middlesex, to pay to Nathaniel Hunt, esquire, and Keziah his wife, a sum of money therein mentioned."

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

The house met.

Mr. Campbell, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, " An act for appropriating a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The petition from the prisoners confined for debt in the gaol of Burlington county, praying that a law may pass to authorize the judges of the inferior court of common pleas of the said county to receive and hear the petitions of the said insolvent debtors, and then to appoint a time agreeable to the act of the 18th of March, 1795, for the hearing of the said insolvent debtors and their creditors, was read and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Lippencott and Campbell.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, " An act for the establishment of work-houses in the several counties of this state ;" which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beatty returned the bill, intituled, "An act regulating the money of account in this state," with the amendments made thereto by the Council, and to which amendments he requested the concurrence of this house; which bill, as amended, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for appropriating a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for establishing of work-houses in the several counties of this state," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the constituting and appointing of new trustees in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased," was read and compared;

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed until the next sitting.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the salt meadows lying on the Raritan river, known by the name of the House-Lot-Meadows, in the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, to erect a causeway from the upland to the House-Lot-Creek, and to build a bridge over the same, and to prevent the hay being carted or drawn out of said meadows at certain seasons," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook Bay," and after some time spent thereon,

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

The bill, intituled, "An act for the establishment of work-houses in the several counties 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 till to-morrow morning ten of the clock.

Wednesday, February 20, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from the prisoners confined in the gaol of Burlington county, reported a bill, intituled, "An act to carry into immediate effect an act therein mentioned;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the establishment of work-houses in the several counties of this state;" which bill was read and ordered a third reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the following resolution, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Resolved, That it shall and may be lawful for any printer or printers, in this state, to print and publish such and so many edition or editions of the laws of

this state, according to the compilation to be made by William Paterfon, esquire, together with the index and marginal notes which may be published with the said compiled edition, either in folio or such other sizes as they may think fit: *And resolved further*, That the said William Paterfon be requested, and he is hereby requested to enter into contract with the printer or printers, who may be employed in this business, to furnish all such other printer or printers, as may chuse to print and publish the same, with a copy of the said compiled edition, in sheets, as fast as the same may be struck off, on such printer or printers paying such reasonable compensation therefor as the said William Paterfon may, in that behalf, contract and agree to be paid.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fishery within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan river northward, so far as the same affects Raritan river, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill was read, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to carry into immediate effect an act therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion,

Ordered, That the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan Great-Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned," be read a second time on the second Wednesday of the next sitting, and that the petitioners give notice, by advertisement in the New-Brunswick news-paper, that the said bill will be read on that day, for at least three weeks previous thereto.

The bill, intituled, "An act reducing the sum directed by law to be paid by the proprietors of the stages running from New-York, by the way of Trenton, to Philadelphia," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Southard and Pennington.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for appropriating a further sum of money towards 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 bill to the Council for concurrence.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act prescribing certain oaths," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Dunn, | J. Howell, | Morgan, |
| Blanch, | Gordon, | L. Howell, | M'Dowell, |
| Budd, | Gaston, | Keasby, | Pennington, |
| Campbell, | Gustin, | Kelly, | Runkle, |
| Clark, | Hankinson, | Lippencott, | Shinn, |
| Corwin, | Harrison, | Lloyd, | Sinnickson, |

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nay. |
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| Messrs. Southard, Stockton, Speer, Stillwell, | Van Cleve, VanDuyn, Voorheefe, Ward, | Wheaton, Wilkins, Wyckoff. | Mr. Sheppard. |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill, 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 re-engrossed address to John Adams, president of the United States, was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said address to Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

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

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to carry into immediate effect the act therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, Blanch, Budd, Campbell, Dunn, Gordon, Gaston, Gustin, Harrison, J. Howell, Keasby, | Lippencott, Lloyd, Morgan, Pennington, Sheppard, Stockton, Stillwell, Townsend, Ward, Wheaton, Wilkins. | Messrs. Clark, Hankinson, L. Howell, M'Dowell, Runkle, Southard, Speer, Van Cleve, Van Duyn, Voorheefe, Wyckoff. |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, " An act for the establishment of work-houses in the several counties of this state," was read a third time ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, Blanch, Budd, Campbell, Clark, Dunn, Gordon, Gustin, Hankinson, | Harrison, J. Howell, Kelly, Lippencott, Lloyd, Pennington, Runkle, Sheppard, Shinn, | Stockton, Speer, Stillwell, Townsend, Van Cleve, Van Duyn, Wheaton, Wilkins, Wyckoff. | Messrs. Corwin, Gaston, L. Howell, Keasby, Morgan, M'Dowell, Southard, Voorheefe, Ward. |

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, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the salt meadows lying on the Raritan river, known by the name of the House-Lot-Meadows, in the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, to erect a causeway from the upland to the House-Lot-Creek, and to build a bridge over the same, and to prevent the hay being carted or drawn out of said meadows at certain seasons," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nay. |
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| Messrs. Blanch, | Keasby, | Speer, | Mr. Beavers. |
| Budd, | Kelly, | Stillwell, | |
| Campbell, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | |
| Corwin, | Morgan, | Van Duyn, | |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Voorheese, | |
| Gordon, | Pennington, | Ward, | |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Gustin, | Sheppard, | Wilkins, | |
| Hankinson, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | |
| Harrison, | Southard, | | |
| J. Howell, | Stockton, | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act regulating the money of account in this state," was read, with the amendments from Council, the amendments agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

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

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Budd, | Keasby, | Townsend, | Gordon, |
| Campbell, | Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | Gaston, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Voorheese, | Kelly, |
| Corwin, | Morgan, | Ward, | Speer. |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Wheaton, | |
| Gustin, | Runkle, | Wilkins, | |
| Hankinson, | Sheppard, | Wyckoff. | |
| Harrison, | Shinn, | | |
| J. Howell, | Southard, | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Keasby, Budd and Wheaton.

The bill, intituled, " A supplement to the act, intituled, " An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands on the river Pasfaick 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 a second time and dismissed.

The house took into consideration the resolution sent down from Council this morning for concurrence, respecting the authorizing William Paterfon, esquire, to enter into a contract with the printer, who may be employed to print his edition of the laws, to furnish sheets thereof, as fast as they may be struck off, to such printers as may choose to publish an edition of the laws ;

On the question, Whether the house concur in the said resolution ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Budd, | Pennington, | Wheaton, | Messrs. Beavers, |
| Clark, | Runkle, | Wilkins, | Blanch, |
| Corwin, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | Campbell, |
| Gaston, | Southard, | | Dunn, |
| Gustin, | Stockton, | | Gordon, |
| Hankinson, | Speer, | | Harrison, |
| L. Howell, | Stillwell, | | J. Howell, |
| Keasby, | Townsend, | | Lippencott, |
| Kelly, | Van Cleve, | | M'Dowell, |
| Lloyd. | Van Duyn, | | Sheppard, |
| Morgan, | Voorheese, | | Ward. |

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that this house do concur in the said resolution.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, " An act regulating the money of account in this state," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Keasby, | Stockton, | Messrs. Corwin, |
| Blanch, | Kelly, | Speer, | Gaston, |
| Budd, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | L. Howell. |
| Campbell, | Lloyd, | Townsend, | |
| Clark, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | |
| Dunn, | M'Dowell, | Van Duyn, | |
| Gordon, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | |
| Gustin, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Hankinson, | Sheppard, | Wilkins, | |
| Harrison, | Shinn, | Wyckoff. | |
| J. Howell, | Southard, | | |

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 with their amendments.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act for appropriating a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison," and the bill, intituled,

“ An act to carry into immediate effect, the act therein mentioned,” without amendment.

Resolved, That the governor of this state be requested to transmit the address for the president of the United States, to the senators and representatives of this state, in the Congress of the United States, to be by them delivered to the president when he shall be pleased to receive the same.

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

Thursday, February 21, 1799.

The house met.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, “ An act to enable the owners and possessors of the salt meadows, lying on Raritan river, known by the name of the House-Lot-Meadows, in the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, to erect a causeway from the upland to the House-Lot-Creek, and to build a bridge over the same, and to prevent the hay being carted or drawn out of said meadows at certain seasons;” the bill, intituled, “ An act regulating the money of account in this state;” the bill, intituled, “ An act authorizing the governor of this state to purchase field artillery,” and the bill, intituled, “ An act for defraying incidental charges,” are severally passed by this house without amendment.

The house adjourned till the third Tuesday in May next, then to meet at Trenton.

V O T E S
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
S T A T E
OF
NEW-JERSEY,

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

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| <p>Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cape-May, Hunterdon, Morris, Cumberland, Sussex,</p> | <p>The Honorable</p> | <p>{ John Outwater, Daniel Marsh, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Elisba Walton, Peter De Vroom, George Anderson, <i>v. p.</i> Thomas Clark, William Parret, Permenus Corfon, John Lambert, Abraham Kitchel, Joel Fithian, Charles Beardflee,</p> | <p>} Esquires.</p> |
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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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| <p>Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cape-May, Hunterdon, Morris, Cumberland, Sussex,</p> | <p>{ Peter Ward, Thomas Blanch, Robert Campbell, { William S. Peannington, Abraham Speer, Charles Clark, { Gersthom Dunn, Thomas M'Dowell, James Morgan, { Joseph Stillwell, William Lloyd, David Gordon, { Henry Southard, James Van Duyn, David Kelly, { William Coxe, <i>Speaker</i>, Thos Lippencott, William Stockton, Joseph Budd, { Joshua L. Howell, Samuel W. Harrifon, James Wilkins, { John Sinnickfon, Anthony Keasby, Joseph Shinn, Elijah Townsend, { Benjamin Van Cleve, Simon Wyckoff, Joseph Beavers, Joseph Hankinson, { Silas Condict, William Corwin, Cornelius Voorheefe, { Isaac Wheaton, John Sheppard, jun. { John Gustin, Joseph Gaston, Levi Howell, William Runkle,</p> | <p>} Esquires.</p> |
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Tuesday, May 21, 1799.

THIS being the time to which the house stood adjourned, the following members met, to wit ;

Messrs. Beavers, Blanch, Campbell, Clark, Condict, Corwin, Dunn, Gordon, Gaston, Hankinson, L. Howell, Keasby, Kelly, Lippencott, Morgan, Pennington, Runkle, Shinn, Sinnickson, Southard, Stockton, Speer, Stillwell, Van Cleve, Van Duyn, Voorheese, Wheaton and Wilkins.

Ordered, That Messrs. Van Cleve, Pennington and Keasby, be a committee to examine the minutes of the last sitting, and report such business as was referred or remains unfinished from the last sitting.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and inform them that a quorum of the Assembly have this day met and proceeded to business.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

A quorum of the Council have this day met and proceeded to business.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from William Paterson, informing that he had forwarded a number of bills to his excellency the Governor, for the consideration of the Legislature.

Ordered, That Messrs. Condict, Lippencott and Kelly, be a committee on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council, to call on the Governor for those bills, and to examine and report which of them shall be taken first up

in this house, and which of them shall be first taken up in the Council, and that the clerk do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last sitting, brought in the following list of unfinished business before the House of Assembly in February, 1799 :

1. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Daniel Marsh, esq."
2. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Josiah Woodward, William Woodward and Abner Woodward, executors of Anthony Woodward, deceased."
3. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Cyrenius Van Mater."
4. The bill, intituled, "An act to revive, extend and continue part of 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 confiscation, 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."
5. The bill, intituled, "An act more effectually to prevent fraudulent practices at elections."
6. The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to suppress vice and immorality," passed March 16, 1798.

7. The bill, intituled, "An act respecting libels."

The above several bills were ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Clark on the petition from the stage proprietors, was agreed to on the 18th of February last.

9. The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fisheries within that part of the eastern division of this colony, from the mouth of Raritan river northward, so far as the same affects Raritan river, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was postponed.

The following bills were referred to this sitting.

10. The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cooke."
11. The resolutions communicated to this house from the Legislature of the state of New-Hampshire, recommending an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, by designating the persons intended to be voted for as President and Vice-President by the electors in the several states.
12. The bill, intituled "An act for constituting and appointing new trustees, in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased."
13. The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan Great-Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned," was ordered a second reading on the second Wednesday of May sitting.

14. The bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and

open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook bay," was postponed.

By order of the committee,
BENJAMIN VAN CLEVE.

Which report was read and agreed to.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fitchian, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of making a distribution of the several bills compiled and reported by Judge Paterson to this sitting of the Legislature.

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

Wednesday, May 22, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Condict, from the joint-committee of Council and Assembly appointed to consider which of the bills received from Judge Paterson should be taken up by the Assembly, and which by the Council; reported,

That the following bills be first taken up by the Assembly, viz.

1. The bill concerning taxes.
2. The bill concerning statutes.
3. The bill relative to Queen's College.
4. The bill relative to registering births and deaths.
5. The bill respecting laying out roads.
6. The bill to repeal certain acts.
7. The bill to raise a revenue from stages.
8. The bill concerning wrecks.
9. The bill for the confinement of prisoners of the United States in the state gaols.
10. The bill to register mortgages.
11. The bill to regulate the fisheries.
12. The bill concerning fines and amercements.
13. The bill to regulate fees.

And that the remainder of the said bills, viz.

1. The bill concerning religious societies.
2. The bill relative to the College of New-Jersey.
3. The bill for the distribution of estates of persons who die insolvent.
4. The bill concerning witnesses.
5. The bill respecting conveyances.
6. The bill to ascertain the toll of millers.
7. The bill concerning rams.
8. The bill respecting the court of chancery.
9. The bill concerning furrogates.
10. The bill to punish the venders of unwholesome liquors and provisions.
11. The bill for the recovery of fines imposed upon defaulting jurors—be first taken up by the Council.

By order of the committee,
GEORGE ANDERSON,
SILAS CONDUCT.

Which report was read and agreed to.

A petition from Efek L. Hartshorne, a prisoner confined for debt in the gaol of the county of Burlington, praying that the act for the relief of insolvent debtors may, by law, be extended so that he may be liberated from his confinement, was read and committed to Messrs. Gustin, Wheaton and Shinn.

A petition from Lucy S. Robertson, praying, for reasons therein mentioned, that an act may be passed to divorce her from her husband, Charles Robertson, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Stockton and Dunn.

Messrs. Budd, Ward, Wyckoff, Harrison and Gustin, attended and took their seats.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning taxes," was read and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, Budd and Keasby.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to statutes," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to Queen's College," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to registering births and deaths," was read and committed to Messrs. Campbell, Sinnickson and Voorheese.

The bill, intituled "An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering of roads, was read and committed to Messrs. Beavers, Wilkins and Gordon.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal certain acts," was read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Corwin and Gaston.

The bill, intituled, "An act to raise a revenue from stages," was read and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Southard and Pennington.

A petition from the stage proprietors, praying the repeal of the laws to raise a revenue from stages, was read and committed to the last named committee.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning wrecks," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the confinement of prisoners of the United States in the state gaols," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to register mortgages," was read and committed to Messrs. Morgan, Blanch and Sinnickson.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate certain fisheries in the river Delaware," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the clerks of courts to make return to the treasurer of amercements, fines and forfeitures," was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate fees," was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That sixty copies thereof be printed for consideration.

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

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Lucy S. Robertson, praying a divorce from her husband, Charles Robertson, reported,

THAT they have examined the laws relative to divorce and alimony, and are of opinion, that the petitioner's case does not come within the provisions of said laws ; therefore,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to produce her evidence before the House of Assembly, in support of the facts set forth in her petition, on the first Wednesday in June next, previously advertising a copy of this resolve in the Newark Newspapers.

By order of the committee,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to register births and deaths when required," reported the same ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," was read a second time and postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to register births and deaths when required," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Job Matthews, William Wilbers and Jackson Fitz Randolph, confined for debt in the gaol of Monmouth county, praying the benefit of an act of insolvency, was read and committed to Messrs. Gustin, Wheaton and Shinn.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the o'clock.

Thursday, May 23, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal certain acts," reported the same, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Keafby, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons," reported the same, which was read, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to statutes," was read a second time and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to Queen's College," was read a second time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. J. Howell attended and took his seat.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning wrecks," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the confinement of prisoners, under the authority of the United States, in the gaols of this state," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the clerks of courts to make return to the treasurer of amercements, fines and forfeitures," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Morgan, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to register mortgages," reported the same, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The said bill, being read a second time and debated, was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate certain fisheries in the river Delaware," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act more effectually to prevent fraudulent practices at elections," was read a second time and dismissed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, "An act concerning rams," and a bill, intituled, "An act to ascertain the toll of millers;" which bills he presented and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Daniel Marsh, esq." was read a second time and dismissed.

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

Friday, May 24, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Beavers, from the committee to whom was referred, the bill, intituled, "An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering roads," reported the same, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act concerning taxes," reported the same with sundry amendments; which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act for the relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem;"

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Ward, Sheppard and Keafby.

Ordered, That Messrs. Kelly, Speer and L. Howell, be a committee to prepare and present a bill to defray incidental charges.

The bill, intituled, "An act to ascertain the toll of millers," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning rams," was read a second time, amended in the house and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intitled, " An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," was taken into consideration ;

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house; the committee to sit on Tuesday next.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the acting committee of inspectors of the state-prison, desiring that a committee of the Legislature may be appointed to view and examine the state-prison, and report what further improvements they would wish should be made, which was read ;

Ordered, That Messrs. Condict, Harrison, Sheppard, Runkle and Budd, be a committee on the part of this house to join a committee of Council, and that the clerk do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose, and that the said committee be also directed to examine and settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, late agent, appointed for building the state-prison, and report a state of the same to the Legislature.

The engrossed bill, intitled, " An act to register births and deaths when required," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intitled, " An act for the confinement of prisoners, under the authority of the United States, in the gaols of this state," 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 bills to Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intitled, " An act relative to the College of New-Jersey," and a bill, intitled, " An act to punish the venders of unwholesome liquors and provisions," which bills he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, " An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering of roads," was read a second time and re-committed to Messrs. Stockton, Pennington, Wyckoff, Wilkins and Southard.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from John Beatty, register of the prerogative court, stating, that in compliance with the act for the better security of the office of the secretary of this state, he had procured iron window-shutters to be affixed to the inside of the windows of the deposit of the said office, so as to render it entirely secure from fire ; and that in further compliance with the joint resolution of the Legislature of the 1st November, 1798, he had procured a number of original wills and other papers from William Livingston, esquire, late surrogate of the county of Essex ; that these, together with those heretofore reported to have been received from the representatives of Hugh Hughes and Elijah Hughes, esquires, late surrogates of the counties of Suffex and Cape-May, he had caused to be recorded and filed according to their respective dates ; and suggesting also some further provision which he wished should be introduced into the bill concerning surrogates, now under the consideration of the Legislature, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

The house met.

A petition from David Clark, of the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland, praying that the branch of Cohansey Creek, called Ogden's Mill-Creek, may by law be made a lawful fence, was read and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, Wheaton and Hankinson.

A petition from John Edfall and others, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the real estate late of Jacob Edfall, deceased, may be sold and the monies thence arising appropriated to the bringing up and education of his children, and that the surplus thereof be distributed among his legal representatives according to law, was read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Clark and Blanch.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. Parret and Mr. Fithian, or either of them, a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of viewing and examining the state-prison, and reporting what further improvements they would wish should be made therein, and also to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan.

Mr. Townsend attended and took his seat.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning taxes," was read a second time and postponed.

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the o'clock.

Saturday, May 25, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of David Clark, have examined the same, and are of opinion that the object of the petitioner is fully provided for by a law of this state, intituled, "An act to regulate fines," and are of opinion that the petition ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,

JAMES VAN DUYN.

Which report was read and agreed to.

A petition from Sarah Hall, praying for a warrant to draw the amount of her late husband's half pay, he having been a soldier in the service of the United States, and who died in the service, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Clark and Townsend.

A petition from Ann Fitzworth, on the same subject, was read and committed to the said committee.

A petition from Mary Stewart, on the same subject, was read and committed to the said committee.

A petition from Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, on the same subject, was read and committed to the said committee.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning taxes," and after having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to punish the venders of unwholesome liquors and provisions," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to the College of New-Jersey," was read a second time, debated and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning rams," 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:

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Gaston, | Morgan, | Speer, | Messrs. Gordon, |
| Blanch, | Gustin, | Pennington, | Stillwell, | Sheppard, |
| Budd, | Hankinson, | Runkle, | VanDuyn, | Townsend, |
| Clark, | Harrison, | Shinn, | Voorheese, | Van Cleve, |
| Campbell, | L. Howell, | Sinnickson, | Ward, | Wilkins, |
| Condict, | Keasby, | Southard; | Wheaton. | Wyckoff. |
| Corwin, | Kelly, | Stockton, | | |

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.

The bill, intituled, "An act to ascertain the toll of millers," was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Hankinson, | Southard, | Messrs. Sheppard, |
| Blanch, | Harrison, | Stockton, | Speer, |
| Budd, | L. Howell, | Stillwell, | Townsend. |
| Campbell, | Keasby, | Van Cleve, | |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Van Duyn, | |
| Condict, | Morgan, | Voorheese, | |
| Corwin, | Pennington, | Ward, | |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Gaston, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |

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 house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, May 27, 1799.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act directing the clerks of courts to make return to the treasurer of ameracements, fines and forfeitures," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act relative to Queen's-College," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to register mortgages," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act concerning wrecks," 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 Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act to register births and deaths when required," without amendment.

That they have passed a bill, intituled, " An act to alter part of the public road in the township of Greenwich, in the county of Gloucester, leading from Woodbury to Salem," which bill he presented and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to punish the venders of unwholesome liquors and provisions," 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.

A message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, " An act for the recovery of fines imposed upon defaulting jurors," and a bill, intituled, " An act respecting conveyances," which bills he presented and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bills were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to repeal certain acts," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stockton, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, intituled, " An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering of roads," reported the same with fundry amendments ; which bill was read and considered, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering of roads."

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the first, second and third amendments made by the Assembly to the bill, intituled, " An act concerning rams," and in other respects do adhere to their bill.

Which bill and amendments were read.

Resolved, That this house do recede from their amendment made to the said bill, and which was disagreed to by Council.

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

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to the College of New-Jersey," 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 Council and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to alter part of the public road, in the township of Greenwich, in the county of Gloucester, leading from Woodbury to Salem," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting conveyances," was read a second time and postponed.

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

Tuesday, May 28, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, agreeably to leave given and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to enable John Bryan and Joseph Annin to convey unto Thomas Wills and Samuel Wills, certain lands, late the property of Samuel Wills deceased," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the children of James Wheeler, late a captain in the service of the United States, and who died in the service of the United States, praying an allowance of half-pay, was read and committed to Messrs. M'Dowell, Gordon and Shinn.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for the relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," reported,

THAT on examination, they find that the law passed 12th March, 1796, for the relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem is repealed, to which the bill referred to your committee is a supplement, by an act passed February 13, 1798, incorporating the chosen freeholders and making general regulations for the poor in the several counties in this state—Your committee are therefore of opinion that the bill now before the house ought to be rejected.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have made an amendment to the bill, intituled, "An act for the confinement of prisoners, under the authority of the United States, in the goals of this state," to which they request the concurrence of this house.

Which bill and amendment 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 bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," Mr. Vancleve in the chair, and after some time spent on the said bill, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee had made some progress in the bill referred to them, 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.

Mr. Southard, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house three several bills prepared and sent forward by Judge Paterfon, to wit:

A bill, intituled, "An act concerning the boards of chosen freeholders."

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to the supreme and circuit courts."

A bill, intituled, "An act relative to fines and common recoveries."

Which several bills were read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to order the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," Mr. Van Cleve in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee had made progress in the bill referred to them, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee have leave to sit again.

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

Wednesday, May 29, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Edfall and others, having examined the statement therewith shewn, are of opinion that it will be to the advantage of the minor children of Jacob Edfall, deceased, to have a law passed to answer the prayer of the petitioners.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Southard from the committee to whom was referred the petition, adjudication and documents of Elizabeth Dunham, have carefully examined the same, and report the following facts as they appear from the documents to them committed:

THAT Doctor Jonathan Horton, deceased, late husband of the petitioner, was, in the year 1777, appointed by Doct. Cockran, surgeon-general of the army of the United States, assistant surgeon to Doct. Spafford, to attend the sick in the hospital at Mendham, in Morris county; that Doct. Horton attended the sick in said hospital until the month of May, when he was seized with a

contagious fever that raged amongst the sick ; that he was then taken care of by the hospital doctors, and died the twenty-fourth day of the same month, while in the service of the United States ; that in September, 1779, the petitioner applied to the court of general quarter sessions of the peace in and for the county of Morris, and obtained an adjudication in her favour for her deceased husband's half-pay ; in consequence of said adjudication she applied to the Legislature of this state, and obtained a warrant authorizing her to receive from the treasury of the state the half-pay of her said husband during her widowhood ; that the petitioner drew several years pay until the back of said warrant was filled with endorsements ; that she applied to the Legislature for a renewal of her said warrant ; but instead of renewing said warrant, they passed a resolution suspending any further payment, all which facts your committee submit to the consideration of the house.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Elizabeth Meeker, praying an allowance of half-pay, her husband having died in the service of the United States, was read and committed to Messrs. Blanch, Townsend and Gustin.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer, stating that he had vested certain notes in the funds of the United States, agreeably to the resolutions of the Legislature of the 13th and 15th of February last, accompanied with a copy of the proceedings of the treasury department, and with an account of the money received by him from the treasurer of the United States, for the principal of the notes so funded, &c. which were read and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Wheaton and Voorheese.

The bill, intituled, " An act to enable John Bryan and Joseph Annin to convey unto Thomas Wills and Samuel Wills, certain lands, late the property of Samuel Wills, deceased, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Agreeably to order, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," Mr. Van Cleve in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Van Cleve, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee had made progress in the bill referred to them, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That Mr. Harrison have leave of absence for the remainder of this week.

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

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to enable John Bryan and Joseph Annin to convey unto Thomas Wills and Samuel Wills, certain lands, late the property of Samuel Wills, deceased, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Campbell, agreeably to leave given for that purpose, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to appoint and authorize trustees to sell and dispose of the real estate whereof Samuel Edfall died seized within this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to order, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," Mr. VanCleve in the chair, and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. VanCleve, chairman of the committee, reported that the committee had gone through the bill to them referred, which he reported with sundry amendments; which bill was read and committed to Messrs. Lippencott, Dunn and Campbell.

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

Thursday, May 30, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions and documents of Ann Teetsworth and Sarah Hall, relative to the half-pay of their deceased husbands, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined the papers and documents to them committed, and are of opinion that the claims of the petitioners do not come within the provision of law, and therefore ought not to be granted.

Your committee further report, that they have also examined the petition, adjudication and evidences of Mary Stewart, relative to the half-pay of her deceased husband, and are of opinion that she is entitled to receive the monthly half-pay of her said husband from the 29th day of August, 1776, to the 20th day of June, 1779.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. VanCleve, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from the treasurer respecting certain notes by him vested in the funds of the United States, &c. brought in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of this state is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the proprietors of the final settlement notes of the army deposited in the treasury by John Blair and John Peck, agents, which have been vested in the funds of the United States agreeably to a resolution of the 13th and 15th of February last, each his proportion of the money received from the treasury of the United States for the said notes so funded, amounting to 795 dols. 82 cents, and the interest due on the three per cent note, given for the original interest, the sum of 83 dols. 57 cents, due from James Ewing, commissioner of loans, to April 1, 1799; also to pay ten shillings on the pound for each of their shares of the principal of said three per cent note, amounting to 337 dols. 80 cents; the said treasurer observing the same rules and method, and requiring the same proof and vouchers in paying out said money as he was required to observe in delivering out the original notes.

Which report was read and the resolution agreed to.

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

The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway in the Raritan Great-Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Corwin, Van Duyn and Dunn.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to regulate certain fisheries in the river Delaware," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering of roads," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Lippencott, | Speer, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Budd, | Morgan, | Stillwell, | Hankinson, |
| Campbell, | M'Dowell, | Townsend, | Pennington, |
| Clark, | Runkle, | Van Cleve, | Sheppard, |
| Dunn, | Shinn, | Voorheese, | Van Duyn, |
| Gordon, | Sinnickson, | Ward, | Wyckoff. |
| Gustin, | Southard, | Wheaton, | |
| L. Howell, | Stockton, | Wilkins. | |
| Keafby, | | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to repeal certain acts," 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 bills to the council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal the act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fisheries within that part of the eastern division of this colony from the mouth of Raritan river, northward, so far as the same affects Raritan river, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, the title thereof amended to read as follows:

"An act to regulate the fisheries on Raritan river, and to repeal a certain act therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to alter part of the public road in the township of Greenwich in the county of Gloucester, leading from Woodbury to Salem," 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.

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

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge," 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 Council for concurrence.

The report of Mr. Southard on the petition of Elizabeth Dunham, and papers accompanying the same, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said petition and papers be dismissed.

The report of Mr. Southard on the application of Ann Teetsworth and Sarah Hall, relative to the half-pay of their deceased husbands, was read ;

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said report, as far as respects the application of Ann Teetsworth ? It was carried in the affirmative.

On the question, Whether the house agree to the said report, as far as respects the application of Sarah Hall ? It was carried in the affirmative.

The report of Mr. Southard on the application of Mary Stewart, relative to the half-pay of her deceased husband ;

On the question, Whether the house agree to said report, as far as respects the application of Mary Stewart ? It was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a warrant do issue accordingly ;

Whereupon, a warrant was read, approved and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the same to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed, bill, intituled, " An act to regulate the fisheries on Raritan river, and to repeal a certain act therein mentioned," 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, intituled, " An act relative to the supreme and circuit courts," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Friday, May 31, 1799.

The house met.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act concerning wrecks," the bill, intituled, " An act relative to Queen's-College," and the bill, intituled, " An act directing the clerks of courts to make return to the treasurer of ameracements, fines and forfeitures," without amendment.

They have also passed the bill, intituled, " An act concerning rams," with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly ; which was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

They have passed a bill, intituled, " An act concerning surrogates, and declaring what exemplifications of wills and testaments should be holden and received as good evidence and request their concurrence in the said bill.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The house met.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent;" which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Saturday, June 1, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. VanCleve, from the committee to whom was referred the petition from the stage proprietors, and the bill, intituled, "An act to raise a revenue from stages," presented a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns, and the supplement thereto;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed to join a committee of Council to view and examine the state prison, reported,

THAT the entry and stair-case in the first story of the keeper's apartment and the cupola appear to be finished, and the bell hung; two rooms and the stair-case in the lower story of the south wing (or women's apartment) appear nearly complete; the other parts of the house unfinished; by an estimate of the acting committee of inspectors, it appears that twelve hundred dollars will be necessary for finishing the south wing (or women's apartment) that fifteen hundred dollars will be necessary for the purpose of providing materials to build an infirmary and four cells.

Your committee further report, That there appears to be due to Jonathan Doan, seventy-seven dollars and two cents, on a final settlement of his accounts, (per receipt and vouchers, from No. 1 to 35 inclusive.)

Jonathan Doan, late agent, has delivered to your committee a statement of materials left on hand when he quit the superintendance of the building, to the amount of twelve hundred and fourteen dollars and sixty-four cents, see paper marked A,

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM PARRET,
SILAS CONDUCT.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to Messrs. Ward, Pennington and Southard.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary,

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the warrant entitling Mary Stewart, late

Doty, to receive the half-pay of her late husband—They have concurred in the resolution directing the treasurer to pay to the proprietors of certain final settlement notes, their proportionable part of the monies arising thereon as funded by him, agreeably to the joint resolution of the two houses of the 13th and 15th February last.

And they have passed the bill, intituled, “ An act to regulate the fisheries in Raritan river, and to repeal a certain act therein mentioned,” the bill, intituled, “ An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge,” and the bill, intituled, “ An act relative to the laying out, vacating and altering of roads,” without amendment.

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

The house met.

A petition from captain John Konkapot, one of the Oneida Indians, praying, that in consideration of his services in the army of the United States, the Legislature of this state would take under their care for education, his second son, Lewis Konkapot, was read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Van Cleve and Wheaton.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, intituled, “ An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey,” reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning nine of the clock.

Monday, June 3, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of captain John Konkapot, presented a bill, intituled, “ An act in respect to the education of Lewis Konkapot;” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, “ An act relative to statutes.”

A motion was made that the house agree to the following as the fifth section :

5. *And be it enacted,* That no adjudication, decision or opinion made, had or given in any court of law or equity in Great-Britain, or any cause therein depending, nor any printed or written report, or statement thereof, nor any compilation, commentary, digest, lecture, treatise or other explanation or exposition of the common law, made, had, given, written or composed since the fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in Great-Britain, shall be received or read in any court of law or equity in this state, as law or evidence of the law, or elucidation or explanation thereof; any practice, opinion or sentiment of the said courts of justice, used, entertained or expressed to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Budd, | Kelly, | Messrs. Beavers, | Pennington, |
| Clark, | Morgan, | Blanch, | Shinn, |
| Condict, | Runkle, | Campbell, | Sinnickson, |
| Corwin, | Southard, | Harrison, | Stillwell, |
| Dunn, | Stockton, | Keasby, | Van Duyn, |
| Gaston, | Speer, | Lippencott, | Ward, |
| Gordon, | Townsend, | Lloyd, | Wheaton, |
| Gustin, | Voorheese, | M'Dowell, | Wyckoff. |
| Hankinson, | Wilkins. | | |
| L. Howell, | | | |

The house having gone through the said bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A petition from John Terrell, stating that he had purchased a confiscated estate of the commissioner of forfeited estates of the county of Bergen, that he had paid for the same, but had not received a deed; that the commissioner had removed out of the state, and praying that a law may be passed to authorize him to obtain a title, was read and committed to Messrs. Clark, Sheppard and Hankinson.

The bill, intituled, "An act to revive, extend and continue part of 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, 1787, so as to authorize John Perrine to recover certain monies which were by him forfeited to and vested in the state of New-Jersey," was read a second time and dismissed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning taxes," 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 Council for concurrence.

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

The house met.

Mr. Blanch, from the committee to whom was referred, the petition of Elizabeth Meeker, widow of Abraham Meeker, late a soldier in the service of the United States, reported,

THAT they have examined the claims and vouchers of the petitioner and the laws respecting the same, and are of opinion that she does not come within the description of the law, and the petition ought therefore to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,
 THOMAS BLANCH.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The report of Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council, to view and examine the state-prison, and to settle the accounts of Jonathan Doan, was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Stockton and Beavers, to bring in a bill for the appropriation of money in conformity with the said report.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act relative to the supreme and circuit courts," 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 secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the bill, intituled, " An act to enable John Bryan and Joseph Annin to convey unto Thomas Wills and Samuel Wills, certain lands late the property of Samuel Wills, deceased, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act to repeal certain acts," and the bill, intituled, " An act to authorize Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Andrew Howell, guardians of the children of John Hardenbergh, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, to sell the real estate of the said children, and to appropriate the money to certain purposes therein mentioned," without amendment.

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, " An act to incorporate trustees of the religious societies ;" which bill he presented and to which he requested the concurrence of this house ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, " An act to regulate fees," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, June 4, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Gustin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Essek L. Hartshorne and others, prisoners, confined for debt in the gaols of several counties of this state, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, it would be inexpedient to revive the act, intituled, " An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt" the present sitting.

By order of the committee,

JOHN GUSTIN.

Which report was read and agreed to ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitions which were referred to the said committee be dismissed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a road from Monmouth court-house to some part of Sandy-Hook Bay.

The petitions for and against the said bill were read, and the bill ordered to be dismissed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, " An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons ;"

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Corwin, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan Great-Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned," reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,
Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent," and having gone through the said bill,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act relative to fines and common recoveries," was read a second time and the consideration thereof postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning surrogates, and declaring what explanations of wills and testaments shall be holden and received as good evidence," was read a second time and amended ;

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the boards of chosen freeholders," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the confinement of prisoners under the authority of the United States in the gaols of this state," was read a second time with the amendment made thereto by the Council, the amendment agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting conveyances," and amended the same ;

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be read a third time.

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

Wednesday, June 5, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Clark, from the committee to whom was referred the petition and vouchers of John Terrell, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined the same, also the law respecting commissioners and agents of forfeited estates, and are of opinion that the law does not authorize the present commissioners or agents to make conveyances for lands sold by their predecessors in office ; therefore are of opinion, that the agent of forfeited estates for the county of Bergen be authorized to make out a deed of conveyance to the said John Terrell, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioner, that leave be given to bring in a bill for that purpose.

By order of the committee,

CHARLES CLARK.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. M'Dowell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Wheeler and others, heirs of Rhoda Crane, widow of captain James Wheeler, reported,

THAT your committee have examined the claim and vouchers accompanying the same, and the law on which such claims are founded, and are of opinion said petition and papers ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,
THOMAS M'DOWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to abolish the practice of obtaining possession by fine and common recovery;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to the order of the day, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to divorce Lucy S. Robertson, from her husband Charles Robertson;" which bill was read, together with the affidavits of Doct. James Tillary, Elizabeth Jamefon and George Robertson, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the recovery of fines imposed upon defaulting jurors," was read a second time and ordered a third reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act relative to the supreme and circuit courts," without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act in respect of the education of Lewis Konkapot," was read a second time and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting conveyances," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Budd, |
| Blanch, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | Condict, |
| Campbell, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | Keafby, |
| Clark, | M'Dowell, | Ward, | Kelly, |
| Corwin, | Pennington, | Wheaton. | Morgan, |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | | Speer, |
| Gordon, | Sheppard, | | Van Duyn, |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | | Voorheese, |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | | Wilkins, |
| Harrison, | Southard, | | Wyckoff. |

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning furrogates, and declaring what exemptions of wills and testaments shall be holden and received as good evidence," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills and amendments, and that the clerk do carry the said bills and amendments to the Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die insolvent," was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|---------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Budd, | Speer, | Messrs. Beavers, | Lippencott, |
| Condict, | Stillwell, | Campbell, | Lloyd, |
| Corwin, | Van Duyn, | Clark, | M'Dowell, |
| Gaston, | Voorheese, | Gordon, | Sheppard, |
| Morgan, | Wheaton, | Gustin, | Sinnickson, |
| Pennington, | Wilkins. | Hankinson, | Townsend, |
| Runkle, | | Harrison, | Van Cleve, |
| Shinn, | | L. Howell, | Ward, |
| Southard, | | Keasby, | Wyckoff. |
| Stockton, | | Kelly, | |

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said bill is disagreed to by this house.

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

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act to divorce Lucy S. Robertson from her husband, Charles Robertson," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act relative to statutes," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Budd, | Runkle, | Messrs. Blanch, | Sinnickson, |
| Clark, | Southard, | Campbell, | Van Cleve, |
| Condict, | Stockton, | Gustin, | Wheaton, |
| Corwin, | Speer, | Harrison, | Wyckoff. |
| Dunn, | Stillwell, | Keasby, | |
| Gaston, | Townsend, | Lippencott, | |
| Gordon, | Van Duyn, | Lloyd, | |
| Hankinson, | Voorheese, | M'Dowell, | |
| L. Howell, | Ward, | Pennington, | |
| Kelly, | Wilkins. | Sheppard, | |
| Morgan, | | Shinn, | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Hankinson, | Shinn, | Messrs. Sheppard, |
| Blanch, | Harrison, | Southard, | Sinnickson, |
| Budd, | L. Howell, | Speer, | Townsend, |
| Campbell, | Keasby, | Stillwell, | Wilkins. |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Van Cleve, | |
| Condict, | Lippencott, | Van Duyn, | |
| Corwin, | Lloyd, | Voorheese, | |
| Dunn, | Morgan, | Ward, | |
| Gaston, | M'Dowell, | Wheaton, | |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Wyckoff. | |
| Gustin, | | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to the Council for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Sheppard have leave of absence for the remainder of this sitting.

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

Thursday, June 6, 1799.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to divorce Lucy S. Robertson from her husband, Charles Robertson," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Budd, |
| Blanch, | Kelly, | Speer, | Gordon, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Stillwell, | Hankinson |
| Condict, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | Keasby, |
| Corwin, | M'Dowell, | Van Duyn, | Lippencott, |
| Dunn, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | Runkle, |
| Galton, | Shinn, | Ward, | Townsend, |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | Wheaton, | Wyckoff. |
| Harrison, | Southard, | Wilkins. | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning the boards of chosen freeholders," 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 bills to Council for concurrence.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the confinement of prisoners under the authority of the United States in the gaols of this state," 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 Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the recovery of fines imposed upon defaulting jurors," 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 secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, "An act concerning witnesses," which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

The bill was read ;

Ordered, That it pass to a second reading,

The bill, intitled, "An act to appoint and authorize trustees to sell and dispose of the real estate whereof Samuel Edfell, died, seized within this state," was read a second time and dismissed.

Mr. Clark, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented a bill, intitled, "An act to direct the agent of forfeited estates in the county of Bergen, to make a deed of conveyance for a certain lot of land therein mentioned," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act to repeal an act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns, and the supplement thereto," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Harrifon, Stillwell, Pennington, Southard and Van Cleve.

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

The house met.

A petition from Richard Stevens, stating difficulty in the settlement of a Loan-Office mortgage, with the commissioners of the Loan-Office of the county of Somerset, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Van Duyn and Kelly.

A petition from John Anderson, stating that he has a sum of Loan-Office money in his hands, which was sent to him to be exchanged at the treasury since the time limited for the treasurer to receive the same, was read, praying the interference of the Legislature, and committed to Messrs. Van Cleve, Voorheese and Townsend.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, intitled, "An act for appropriating a further sum of money towards completing the state prison;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of Josiah Woodward, William Woodward and Abner Woodward, executors of Anthony Woodward, deceased," was read a second time and dismissed.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning witnesses," was read a second time and postponed.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons," was read and compared;

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

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|------------------|-------------|----------|------------------|
| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
| Messrs. Beavers, | Morgan, | Ward, | Messrs. Condict, |
| Blanch, | M'Dowell, | Wheaton. | Dunn, |
| Budd, | Runkle, | | Gaston, |
| Clark, | Shinn, | | Gordon, |
| Corwin, | Sinnickson, | | Hankinson, |
| Gustin, | Stockton, | | L. Howell, |
| Harrifon, | Stillwell, | | Kelly, |
| Keasby, | Speer, | | Pennington, |
| Lippencott, | Townsend, | | Southard, |
| Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | | Wilkins. |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council for concurrence.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Cyrenius Van Mater," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

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

Friday, June 7, 1799.

The house met.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Anderson, presented the following resolution, which was read and agreed to :

Resolved, That the treasurer of this state is hereby authorized and directed to exchange the bills of credit of this state, generally called Loan-Office money, for specie as shall be presented to him for that purpose, at any time before the first day of November next.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said resolve to the Council for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act constituting and appointing new trustees in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Condict, |
| Blanch, | Keasby, | Speer, | Dunn, |
| Budd, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | Kelly, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | Townsend, |
| Corwin, | Morgan, | Van Duyn, | Wilkins. |
| Gaston, | M'Dowell, | Voorheese, | |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Ward, | |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wheaton, | |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan Great-Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates, for the uses 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 said bills to the Council for concurrence.

Mr. Condict, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die, not leaving sufficient property to pay all their just debts ;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to Messrs. Pennington, Runkle and Lippencott.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning witnesses," and after having gone through the said bill,

Ordered, That the same be read a third time.

The bill, intituled, "An act for appropriating a further sum of money towards completing the state prison," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, intituled, "An act respecting conveyances," and the bill, intituled, "An act concerning furrogates, and declaring what explanations of wills and testaments shall be holden and received as good evidence," with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly.

Which bills were read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bills.

The bill, intituled, "An act to abolish the practice of obtaining possession by fine and common recovery," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning witnesses," was read a third time ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stockton, | Messrs. Kelly, |
| Blanch, | Keasby, | Speer, | Van Duyn, |
| Budd, | Lippencott, | Stillwell, | Wilkins. |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Townsend, | |
| Condict, | Morgan, | Van Cleve, | |
| Corwin, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | |
| Gaston, | Runkle, | Ward, | |
| Gordon, | Shinn, | Wheaton, | |
| Gustin, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |
| Hankinson, | Southard, | | |

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 bill, intituled, "An act to direct the agent of forfeited estates in the county of Bergen, to make a deed of conveyance for a certain lot of land therein mentioned," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die, not leaving sufficient property to pay all their just debts," reported the same with sundry amendments.

Which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns, and the supplement thereto," reported the same with sundry amendments and the following title :

“ An act to raise a revenue from stages,” which was read ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|------------------|
| Messrs. Blanch, | Kelly, | Ward, | Messrs. Beavers, |
| Eudd, | Lippencott, | Wheaton. | Gordon, |
| Campbell, | Lloyd, | | Harrison, |
| Clark, | M'Dowell, | | L. Howell, |
| Condict, | Shinn, | | Pennington, |
| Corwin, | Southard, | | Runkle, |
| Dunn, | Speer, | | Sinnickson, |
| Gaston, | Stillwell, | | Stockton, |
| Gustin, | Townsend, | | Van Cleve, |
| Hankinson, | Van Duyn, | | Wilkins, |
| Keasby, | Voorheese, | | Wyckoff. |

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Saturday, June 8, 1799.

The house met.

A letter from John Hills, proposing to make a map of New-Jersey, was read and committed to Messrs. Pennington, Ward and Morgan.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, “ An act to raise a revenue from stages,” and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to Messrs. Pennington, Stillwell and Kelly.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, “ An act to register mortgages,” without amendment ; they have passed the bill, intituled, “ An act concerning taxes,” with sundry amendments ; which bill, with the 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 bill, intituled, “ An act respecting libels,” was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pennington from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, “ An act to raise a revenue from stages,” reported the same with sundry amendments, which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning nine of the clock.

Monday, June 10, 1799.

The house met.

Ordered, That Messrs. Van Duyn, Lippencott and Dunn, be a committee on the part of this house, to join a committee of Council to confer with the inspectors of the state prison, to enquire and report if any and what amendments are necessary in the laws respecting that institution, and report thereon ; and that the clerk do wait on the Council and request them to appoint a committee to join the committee of this house for that purpose.

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

Mr. Runkle, with leave, presented the following resolution :

It appearing unnecessary that private laws, passed for the benefit of individuals, should be published and inserted in the volume or pamphlet with the public laws ; therefore,

Resolved, That no private law shall henceforth be copied, printed or published at the expense of the state, unless it shall be so directed by the Legislature.

The speaker laid before the house a resolution of the Legislature of the state of Virginia, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house an inventory of materials left by Jonathan Doan at the state prison, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the resolution sent up to them, authorizing and directing the treasurer of the state to exchange for specie such Loan-Office money as may be presented for that purpose before the first day of November next ; they have passed a bill, intituled, "An act respecting the court of chancery," which he presented and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The secretary presented the following resolution for concurrence :

Resolved, That the charge of the state-house and yard, in the recesses of the Legislature, be committed to the secretary of this state, and that no person be permitted to enter therein, except for the purpose of holding or attending the supreme court, or such other courts as are or shall be directed by law to be held therein, unless they shall first obtain the permission of the Governor, the secretary, or clerk of the Assembly for the time being.

Which resolution was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that this house do concur in the said resolution.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning taxes," 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, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die, not leaving sufficient property to pay all their just debts," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Kelly, | Voorheese, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Clark, | Lippencott, | Wheaton, | Hankinson, |
| Condict, | Pennington, | Wilkins. | Harrison, |
| Corwin, | Runkle, | | Lloyd, |
| Dunn, | Shinn, | | M'Dowell, |
| Gaston, | Southard, | | Sinnickson, |
| Gordon, | Stockton, | | Townsend, |
| Gustin, | Speer, | | Van Cleve, |
| L. Howell, | Stillwell, | | Ward, |
| Keasby, | VanDuyn, | | Wyckoff. |

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to abolish the practice of obtaining possession by fine and common recovery," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Kelly, | Messrs. Blanch, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Harrison, |
| Condict, | M'Dowell, | Lippencott, |
| Corwin, | Runkle, | Pennington, |
| Dunn, | Sinnickson, | Shinn, |
| Gaston, | Southard, | Van Cleve, |
| Gordon, | Stockton, | Van Duyn, |
| Gustin, | Speer, | Ward, |
| Hankinson, | Stillwell, | Wheaton, |
| L. Howell, | Townsend, | Wilkins, |
| Keasby, | Voorheese. | Wyckoff. |

The engrossed, bill, intituled, "An act for appropriating 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. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Shinn, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Blanch, | Sinnickson, | Corwin, |
| Condict, | Stockton, | Gaston, |
| Dunn, | Stillwell, | Gustin, |
| Gordon, | Townsend, | Hankinson, |
| Harrison, | Van Cleve, | L. Howell, |
| Keasby, | Ward, | Kelly, |
| Lippencott, | Wheaton, | Southard, |
| Lloyd, | Wilkins, | Speer, |
| M'Dowell, | Wyckoff. | Van Duyn, |
| Pennington, | | Voorheese. |

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to direct the agent of forfeited estates in the county of Bergen to make a deed of conveyance for a certain lot of land therein mentioned," was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act respecting libels," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nay. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Keasby, | Speer, | Mr. Ward. |
| Blanch, | Kelly, | Stillwell, | |
| Clark, | Lippencott, | Townsend, | |
| Condict, | Lloyd, | VanCleve, | |
| Corwin, | M'Dowell, | Van Duyn, | |
| Gaston, | Pennington, | Voorheese, | |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |
| Harrison, | Southard, | | |
| L. Howell, | Stockton, | | |

The engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to raise a revenue from stages," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Stillwell, | Messrs. Harrison, |
| Blanch, | Kelly, | Townsend, | Keasby, |
| Clark, | Lloyd, | Van Cleve, | Lippencott, |
| Corwin, | M'Dowell, | Van Duyn, | Runkle, |
| Dunn, | Pennington, | Ward, | Shinn, |
| Gaston, | Sinnickson, | Wheaton, | Wilkins. |
| Gordon, | Southard, | Wyckoff. | |
| Gustin, | Stockton, | | |
| Hankinson, | Speer, | | |

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 secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act concerning the board of chosen freeholders," and the bill, intituled, " An act to describe, apprehend and punish disorderly persons," without amendment.

They have passed the bill, intituled, " An act to regulate certain fisheries in the river Delaware," the bill, intituled, " An act to divorce Lucy S. Robertson from her husband, Charles Robertson," and the bill, intituled, " An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," with sundry amendments ; which bills he presented with the amendments, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bills, with the amendments, were read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the Governor containing information respecting the misconduct of some of the officers and men of colonel Allen, and Ford's regiments, which was read with a letter from colonel Ford, a return from colonel Allen to general Doughty, and a letter from general Doughty, which were committed to Messrs, Ward, Runkle and J. Howell.

The bill, intituled, "An act to divorce Lucy S. Robertson, from her husband, Charles Robertson," 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 to three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Harrison, with leave presented a bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state, against the introduction of contagious diseases;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time;

Resolved, That the house agree to the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 19th and 30th amendments 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 Council and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state against the introduction of contagious diseases," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Tuesday, June 11, 1799.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to regulate fees," was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state against the introduction of contagious diseases," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Lloyd, | Messrs. Clark, |
| Blanch, | Morgan, | Gordon, |
| Corwin, | M'Dowell, | L. Howell, |
| Dunn, | Shinn, | Pennington, |
| Gaston, | Sinnickson, | Southard, |
| Gustin, | Stockton, | Speer, |
| Hankinson, | Van Cleve, | Stillwell, |
| Harrison, | Van Duyn, | Townsend, |
| J. Howell, | Ward, | Wilkins. |
| Keasby, | Wheaton, | |
| Kelly, | Wyckoff. | |
| Lippencott, | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bills to Council for their concurrence.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to divorce Lucy S. Robertson, from her husband, Charles Robertson," was read and compared;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Messrs. Beavers, | M'Dowell, | Messrs. Gordon, |
| Blanch, | Pennington, | Hankinson, |
| Clark, | Shinn, | Keasby, |
| Corwin, | Sinnickson, | Lippencott, |
| Dunn, | Southard, | Runkle, |
| Gaston, | Stockton, | Townsend, |
| Gustin, | Stillwell, | Wyckoff. |
| Harrison, | Van Cleve, | |
| L. Howell, | Van Duyn, | |
| Kelly, | Ward, | |
| Lloyd, | Wheaton, | |
| Morgan, | Wilkins. | |

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.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to suppress vice and immorality," reported the same with sundry amendments, and the following title, "An act to suppress dram-shops and tippling-houses, and other purposes therein mentioned," which was read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Speer, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Crowell, reported,

THAT they are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and that he have leave to present an additional supplement to the act respecting forfeited estates.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM SPEER.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

Resolved, That 1775 copies of the act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey, together with the act of Congress, intituled, "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," be immediately struck off by Messrs. Sherman, Mershon and Thomas, to be printed in duodecimo pamphlets, and sent to the several counties with the laws of this state, to be distributed among the militia officers, to wit: To

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| <i>Bergen,</i> | - | - | - | 120 |
| <i>Essex,</i> | - | - | - | 170 |
| <i>Middlesex,</i> | - | - | - | 160 |
| <i>Monmouth,</i> | - | - | - | 180 |
| <i>Somerset,</i> | - | - | - | 160 |
| <i>Burlington,</i> | - | - | - | 120 |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | - | - | - | 110 |
| <i>Salem,</i> | - | - | - | 85 |
| <i>Cape-May,</i> | - | - | - | 30 |
| <i>Hunterdon,</i> | - | - | - | 180 |
| <i>Morris,</i> | - | - | - | 180 |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | - | - | - | 80 |
| <i>Suffex,</i> | - | - | - | 200 |

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

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the bill, intituled, "An act to raise a revenue from stages;" that they have passed the bill, intituled, "An act for constituting and appointing new trustees in the place of those deceased, to execute and fulfil the purposes of the last wills and testaments of Henry Cuyler, the elder, and Henry Cuyler, the younger, deceased," without amendment.

Mr. Beatty, also informed the house, that Council recede from the 1st, 6th, 9th, 10th, 20th, 21st and 22d amendments, by them made to the bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey;" whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-engrossed with the amendments made thereto by Council, and agreed to by this house.

Mr. Beatty, also informed the house, that Council have appointed Messrs. Kitchel and Walton, or either of them, a committee to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of conferring with the inspectors of the state-prison, and to enquire and report, whether any and what amendments are necessary in the laws respecting that institution.

The bill, intituled, "An an respecting the court of chancery," was read a second time and postponed.

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

The house met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from the Governor, containing information respecting the misconduct of some of the officers and men of colonel Allen and Ford's regiments, with the papers accompanying the same, presented a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cooke," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the committee appointed to confer with the inspectors of the state prison, and to enquire if any and what amendments are necessary in the laws for carrying into effect that institution, reported;

THAT they have had a conference with the said inspectors, and are of opinion, that the keeper of said prison be authorized, whenever any of the prisoners under his care behave themselves in a mutinous or refractory manner, to chain them, or either of them, to their respective work, and that the time for solitary confinement, by said act, is not sufficient to answer the purpose thereby intended, and ought, therefore, to be extended.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHEL,
JAMES VAN DUYN.

Which report was read and agreed to.

A petition from Charles Pemberton, sheriff of Suffex, stating extraordinary expenses, which he has been put to, in consequence of the escape of a prisoner from his custody, on the way from Suffex prison to the state-prison, and in retaking him, was read and committed to Messrs. M'Dowell, Townsend and Hankinso.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state against the introduction of contagious diseases," the bill, intituled, "An act to appropriate a further sum of money towards completing the state-prison," and the bill, intituled, "An act to direct the agent of forfeited estates in the county of Bergen, to make a deed of conveyance for a certain lot of land therein mentioned," without amendment.

That Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act respecting libels," and the bill, intituled, "An act to abolish the practice of obtaining possession by fine and common recovery," with sundry amendments; which bills, with the amendments he presented, and to which amendments he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bills were read with the amendments, the amendments agreed to, and the bills ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate certain fisheries in the river Delaware," 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. Van Duyn, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The said bill was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act respecting the court of chancery," and after having made fundry amendments thereto,

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be read a third time.

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

Wednesday, June 12, 1799.

The house met.

The resolution presented by Mr. Runkle, on the 10th instant, was read a second time and disagreed to.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to abolish fines and common recoveries," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Morgan, | Messrs. Harrison, |
| Blanch, | M'Dowell, | J. Howell, |
| Clark, | Runkle, | Lippencott, |
| Corwin, | Sinnickson, | Pennington, |
| Dunn, | Southard, | Shinn, |
| Gaston, | Stockton, | Van Cleve, |
| Gordon, | Speer, | Van Duyn, |
| Hankinson, | Stillwell, | Wilkins, |
| L. Howell, | Townsend, | Wyckoff. |
| Keasby, | Wheaton. | |
| Kelly, | | |
| Lloyd, | | |

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act respecting libels," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Blanch, | Keasby, | Stockton, | Messrs. Kelly, |
| Clark, | Lippencott, | Speer, | Ward. |
| Corwin, | Lloyd, | Stillwell, | |
| Dunn, | Morgan, | Townsend, | |
| Gaston, | M'Dowell, | Van Cleve, | |
| Gordon, | Pennington, | Van Duyn, | |
| Hankinson, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Harrison, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| J. Howell, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |
| L. Howell, | Southard, | | |

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, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | Morgan, | Townsend, | Messrs. Corwin, |
| Blanch, | M'Dowell, | Van Cleve, | L. Howell. |
| Dunn, | Pennington, | Van Duyn, | |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Ward, | |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wheaton, | |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Wilkins. | |
| Harrison, | Southard, | | |
| J. Howell, | Stockton, | | |
| Keasby, | Speer, | | |
| Lippencott, | Stillwell, | | |
| Lloyd, | | | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. M'Dowell, from the committee to whom the petition of Charles Pemberton, sheriff of the county of Suffex, was referred, reported,

THAT we have examined the law for the punishment of crimes, and the allegations of the said Charles Pemberton, and are of opinion that said petition ought to be dismissed.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS M'DOWELL.

To which the house agreed.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from John Hills, relative to furnishing a map of the state, reported,

THAT they have examined the map to which the said letter referred, and have considered the subject matter of the said letter, and are of opinion that a general map of the state, taken from actual survey, and accurately laid down, would contribute very much to the convenience and utility of the state; but as the session is too near a close to digest a suitable plan for that purpose, it is the opinion of your committee, that the letter of the said John Hills be referred to the next Legislature.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The bill, intituled, "An act respecting the court of chancery," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | L. Howell, | Southard, | Messrs. Harrison, |
| Blanch, | Keasby, | Stockton, | J. Howell, |
| Clark, | Kelly, | Speer, | Lippencott, |
| Corwin, | Lloyd, | Stillwell, | M'Dowell, |
| Dunn, | Morgan, | Townsend, | Van Cleve, |
| Gaston, | Pennington, | Ward, | Van Duyn. |
| Gordon, | Runkle, | Wheaton, | |
| Gustin, | Shinn, | Wilkins, | |
| Hankinson, | Sinnickson, | Wyckoff. | |

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of certain salt meadows and marsh, lying in the townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the Raritan Great-Meadows, to make and keep open the necessary drains, build and repair bridges and gates for the uses therein mentioned," is passed by Council without amendment; they have concurred in the resolution directing Sherman, Merihon and Thomas to strike off 1775 copies of the militia law, &c.

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

The house met.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," 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 and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house with their amendments.

Mr. Ward, with leave, presented a bill, intituled, "An act for the further regulation of the militia of New-Jersey;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, "An act to regulate fees," the bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die, not leaving sufficient property to pay all their just debts," the bill, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," with sundry amendments; which bills he presented, with the amendments, and to which amendments he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bills, as amended, were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to suppress dram shops and tippling houses," was read a second time and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the further regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate fees," with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second time with the amendments;

Resolved, That this house do agree to the 1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 11th amendments 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 Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read a second time with the amendments;

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 Council, and acquaint them therewith.

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

Thursday, June 13, 1799.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die, not leaving sufficient property to pay all their just debts," was read a second time with the amendments made thereto by Council, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," 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 Council for concurrence.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the 2d and 3d amendments made by the Assembly to the bill, intituled, "An act respecting the court of chancery," and in other respects do adhere to their bill.

Resolved, That this house do recede from their amendments made to the said bill, and which have been disagreed to by Council.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait upon Council and inform them thereof.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council insist on their second amendment made to the bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled; "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," and recede from their amendments made to the bill, intituled, "An act to regulate fees ;" whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for the further regulation of the militia of New-Jersey," was read and compared ;

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

| Yeas. | Yeas. | Nays. | Nays. |
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| Messrs. Beavers, | M'Dowell, | Messrs. Clark, | Kelly, |
| Blanch, | Runkle, | Corwin, | Pennington, |
| Dunn, | Shinn, | Gaston, | Townsend, |
| Harrison, | Sinnickson, | Gordon, | Van Duyn, |
| J. Howell, | Stillwell, | Hankinson, | Wilkins. |
| Lippencott, | Van Cleve, | L. Howell, | |
| Lloyd, | Ward. | Keafby, | |
| Morgan, | | | |

Ordered, That the said bill be dismissed.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to regulate certain fisheries in the river Delaware," 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 and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with their amendments.

The bill, intituled, " An act to incorporate trustees of religious societies," was read a third time ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the township of Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset, praying that a law may pass to add the part of the township of Bridgewater, in which they live, to the township of Hillsborough, was read and referred to the next sitting.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act for defraying incidental charges," without amendment.

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

The house met.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, " An act to regulate fees," was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill, intituled, " An act for the distribution of the estates of persons who die, not leaving sufficient property to pay all their just debts," was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

A message from the Council, by Mr. Beatty, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, intituled, " An act relative to statutes," without amendment.

They have passed the bill, intituled, " An act respecting the court of chancery," with the amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly ; which re-engrossed bill he presented, and which was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

The house rose without day.



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