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VOTES
 AND
PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 OF THE
STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,

AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF
 OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN,
 AND CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENTS.;

BEING THE FIRST SITTING,



TRENTON:

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1814,

LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Bergen,
Essex,
Middlesex,
Monmouth,
Somerset,
Burlington,
Gloucester,
Salem,
Cape-May,
Hunterdon,
Morris,
Cumberland,
Sussex,

THE HONORABLE

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Adrian Post,
Charles Kinsey,
Ercuries Beatty,
Silas Crane,
Andrew Howell,
Caleb Earl,
Samuel W. Harrison,
Jerediah Dubois,
Furman Leaming,
John Haas,
Benjamin Ludlow,
James Clark,
William Kennedy.
}

ESQ'RS.

LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
BERGEN.

Albert C. Zabriskie, Richard Cadmus, Jacob K. Mead, esquires.

ESSEX.

Samuel Pennington, *Speaker*, John Wilson, Jonathan Dayton, Samuel Condit, esquires.

MIDDLESEX.

John N. Simpson, William Edgar, Alexander Dunn, esquires.

MONMOUTH.

James Anderson, John S. Holmes, and Thomas Cox,
esquires.

SOMERSET.

James Van Duyn, Samuel Bayard, Joseph Annin,
esquires.

BURLINGTON.

William Pearson, William Irick, Charles Ellis, Sam-
uel J. Read, esquires.

GLOUCESTER.

Charles French, Isaac Pine, Nicholas Rape, esquires.

SALEM.

Jeremiah Dubois, John Dickinson, James Newell,
esquires.

CAPE-MAY.

Robert M. Holmes, esquire.

HUNTERDON.

Aaron Vansyckle, Edward Yard, Samuel Barber,
John Opdycke, esquires.

MORRIS.

Jephthah B. Munn, David Thompson, jun. Nicholas
Mandeville, esquires.

CUMBERLAND.

Daniel Richman, Thomas Lee, esquires.

SUSSEX.

**Joseph Sharp, Simon Cortright, James Davison,
Robert W. Rutherford, esquires.**

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



TRENTON, *October 25, 1814.*

THIS being the time and place appointed by law for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons, to wit: Albert C. Zabriskie, Richard Cadmus, and Jacob K. Mead, as Representatives for the county of Bergen; Samuel Pennington, Samuel Condit, Jonathan Dayton, and John Wilson, as Representatives for the county of Essex; John N. Simpson, Alexander Dunn, and William Edgar, as Representatives for the county of Middlesex; James Anderson, John S. Holmes, and William Reynolds, as Representatives for the county of Monmouth; James Vanduyn, Samuel Bayard and Joseph Annin, as Representatives for the county of Somerset; William Pearson, William Irick, Charles Ellis, and Samuel J. Read, as Representatives for the county of Burlington; Charles French, Isaac Pine, and Nicholas Rape, as Representatives for the county of Gloucester; Jeremiah Dubois, John Dickinson and James Newell, as Representatives for the county of Salem; Robert M. Holmes, as a Representative for the county of Cape May; Aaron Vansyckel, Edward Yard, Samuel Barber and John Opdycke, as Representatives for the county of Hunterdon; Jephthah B. Munn, and Nicholas Mandeville, as Representatives for the county of Morris; Daniel Richman, and Thomas Lee, as Representatives for the county of Cumberland; Simon

Cortright, James Davison and Robert W. Rutherford, as Representatives for the county of Sussex ; appeared in the House, and produced the respective certificates of their election ; which being read and approved, James Vanduyn, esquire, was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify Samuel Pennington, esquire, who being duly sworn, took his seat, and the remaining members present being qualified by the said Samuel Pennington, esquire, took their seats in the House.

The Members proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, when Samuel Pennington and William Pearson, esquires, were respectively nominated.

The question being taken, the votes were,

For Samuel Pennington, esquire.

Messrs. Anderson,	Messrs. Mandeville,
Barber,	Munn,
Condit,	Newell,
Cortright,	Opdycke,
Davison,	Richman,
Dayton,	Rutherford,
Dickinson,	Vansyckel,
Dubois,	Wilson,
J. S. Holmes,	Yard.
Lee,	

For William Pearson, esquire.

Messrs. Annin,	Messrs. Cadmus,
Bayard,	Dunn,
Edgar,	Rape,
Ellis,	Read,
French,	Reynolds,
R. M. Holmes,	Simpson,
Irick,	Vanduyn,
Mead,	Zabriskie.
Pine,	

Whereupon it appeared that the honorable Samuel Pennington, esq. was chosen, who accordingly took the chair.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when James J. Wilson was chosen without opposition.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that a quorum of this House have this day met, have elected the honorable Samuel Pennington, esquire, their Speaker, and James J. Wilson their Clerk, and have proceeded to business.

William Gould was appointed door-keeper.

Messrs. Dayton, Rutherford and Vansyckel, were appointed a committee to prepare and report rules and regulations for the Government of this House.

Messrs. Pearson, Cortright and Opdycke, were appointed a committee to examine and report the unfinished business.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 26, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Pearson from the committee for that purpose, reported the following list of unfinished business :

1. A bill supplementary to the act entitled an act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates.

2, A bill to establish the Bridgetown bank, at the town of Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey.

3, A bill to establish a bank at Hacketstown.

4. A bill authorising the banking and improvement of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May.

5. A bill to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Howell's ferry to New-Brunswick, through Middleburgh.

6. A bill for the relief of sundry citizens of the state of New-York.

7. A bill to extend the Princeton and Kingston branch turnpike.

8. A bill to incorporate the Newark fire department.

9. A bill to encourage the establishment of fire companies.

10. A bill for the relief of George Biggs.

11. A bill for the relief of persons confined in the jails of the several counties of this state.

12. A bill supplementary to the act the more effectually to prevent the waste of timber in this state, &c.

13. A bill to vest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, and to prevent drunkenness and gambling.

14. A bill to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Cough's town to Somerville.

15. A bill supplementary to the act respecting forfeited estates.

16. A bill to raise a sum of money by lottery for the improvement of the navigation of the river Delaware.

17. A bill concerning surety to keep the peace,

8. A bill supplementary to the act concerning Steam-boats.

19. A bill to establish a bank at the city of Perth-Amboy.

20. A bill to authorize the erection of a turnpike road from Hope to the river Delaware.

21. A bill for the preservation of sheep.

22. A bill relative to Statutes.

23. A bill to authorise the ditching and draining of the bog and fly meadows in Morris county.

24. A bill to incorporate certain persons for the purpose of opening a communication by water to commence from the tide water of the river Raritan to the tide-water of the river Delaware.

25. A bill to compel executors owing debts to their testators to account for the same.

26. A bill to repeal part of the act therein mentioned.

27. A bill relative to executors.

28. A bill relative to turnpike roads.

29. A bill to incorporate the Pittstown turnpike company.

30. A bill supplementary to the act for the preservation of sheep.

31. A bill for the sale of the real estate of Daniel N. Demarest, late of the county of Bergen, deceased.

32. A report relative to free schools.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that the Council have this day met, chosen the Honorable William Kennedy their Vice-President, and James Linn their Secretary, and proceeded to business.

Mr Pearson presented a petition from a number of inhabitants of Hunterdon and Burlington, praying that so much of the law authorising a draw-bridge over Crosswicks creek as requires a draw to be kept in the same may be repealed.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Pearson, Condit and Dickinson.

Mr Rutherford presented a memorial from Thomas Cox, esq. setting forth that at the late election in the county of Monmouth, he had a legal majority of votes for a representative in the General Assembly; but owing to an illegal return of one of the township clerks, Dr William Reynolds was returned by the county clerk, and has accordingly taken his seat in the House, and praying redress; which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs Munn, Irick and Newell.

Mr Annin presented a petition from the children of Christopher 'Strimple, late of Somerset, deceased, praying Legislative interference in relation to a sum of money held in trust for them.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Annin, Zabriskie and Edgar.

Mr Opdycke presented a petition from Tunis Case, confined in Hunterdon jail for debt, praying for legislative aid.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Bayard, Barber and Reed, to whom all petitions on the same subject were ordered to be referred.

Messrs Simpson, Yard, Mead, Richman, and Du-bois, were appointed a committee to join a committee of Council to settle the accounts of the State-Prison.

Messrs Wilson, Vanduyn, Opdycke, Ellis and J. S. Holmes, were appointed a committee to join a committee of Council to settle the accounts of the Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the appointment of said committees by this House, and request them to appoint committees on their part to join them.

On motion of Mr Simpson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of providing that the children employed in manufacturing establishments in this state be suitably educated, with leave to report by bill.

Messrs Simpson, Anderson and Richman were accordingly appointed.

On motion of Mr Bayard,

Ordered, that the report of last sitting on the subject of Free-Schools, being item 32 of the unfinished business, be referred to said committee.

Mr Dayton from the committee on that subject, reported Rules and Regulations for the Government of the House, which was considered by paragraph, amended, and agreed to, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to meet a committee from Council for the purpose of considering whether any, and if any, what rules are necessary for the preservation of the Library.

Messrs Bayard, Mandeville and R. M. Holmes were accordingly appointed, and the Clerk directed to inform Council thereof, and to request them to appoint a committee on their part.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Simpson presented petitions from sundry persons confined for debt in Middlesex jail. Referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what alterations if any, are necessary in the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes and its various supplements.

Messrs Wilson, Lee and Cadmus, were accordingly appointed.

Mr Munn, from the committee appointed on the memorial of Thomas Cox, setting forth that at the late election in the county of Monmouth, he had a legal majority of votes for a Representative in the General Assembly, but owing to an illegal return of one of the township Clerks, Dr. William Reynolds was returned by the county Clerk, and has accordingly taken his seat, praying redress, reported,

That it appears from the documents accompanying this report, that a mistake was made by the Clerk of the township of Stafford, in his return to the Clerk of the county of Monmouth, by inserting the name of James Cox (not on nomination) instead of Thomas Cox, which gave Dr. William Reynolds the majority of votes.

This appears manifest to your committee by the duplicate return of the Clerk and Judges of Election of said township of Stafford, together with the testimony of a witness who has examined the votes since the return made to the Clerk of the county of Monmouth, stating that they were given for Thomas and not James Cox.

From all which your committee report, that in their opinion the seat of Dr William Reynolds, in this House, ought to be vacated, and that Thomas Cox, having a fair majority of votes, is the legal representative of the county of Monmouth, and as such ought to be admitted to his seat in this House.

Which report being read, the further consideration thereof, was postponed till tomorrow.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have appointed Messrs Ludlow and Kinsey, or either of them, a committee to settle the accounts of the Treasurer; Messrs Howell and Clark, or either of them, a committee to settle the accounts of the State-Prison; and Messrs Howell and Earl, or either of them, a committee to consider what rules are necessary for the preservation of the library.

No. 12 of the unfinished business, being a bill supplementary to an act the more effectually to prevent the waste of timber in this state, and to repeal the former act for that purpose, passed 13th June, 1793, was called up, and committed to Messrs Irick, Dunn and Rape.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into a joint-meeting for the appointment of a Governor of this state, Clerks of the courts of Common pleas in the counties of Hunterdon, Somerset, Salem and Cape-May, and such other civil officers as may be thought necessary, and

request Council to appoint the time and place of said meeting.

The House took up the list of unfinished business, when

No. 1, being a bill entitled a supplement to the act entitled an act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, was read, and postponed, and ordered meantime to be printed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.



THURSDAY, October 27, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

David Thompson, jun. a representative from the county of Morris appeared in the House and produced the certificate of his election, which being approved, he was duly qualified and took his seat.

Mr Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorising the Orphan's court of the county of Somerset to appoint trustees to carry the last will and testament of Christopher Strimple, dec. into effect.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorised to furnish each member of this House, at the expense of the state, with any two newspapers printed in the state, which the member may require.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the memorial of Thomas Cox, esquire, claiming a seat in this House, which re-

port was in favor of the claim of the said Thomas Cox, esquire, to his seat.

After some discussion, the question being taken by yeas and nays, the votes were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,	Messrs. Mandeville,
Barber,	Munn,
Condit,	Newell,
Cortright,	Opdycke,
Davison,	Pennington, Sp.
Dayton,	Richman,
Dickinson,	Rutherford,
Dubois,	Vansyckel,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
Lee,	Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,	Messrs. Mead,
Bayard,	Pearson,
Cadmus,	Pine,
Dunn,	Rape,
Edgar,	Read,
Ellis,	Simpson,
French,	Vanduyn,
R. M. Holmes,	Zabriskie.
Irick,	

So the Resolution was agreed to ; Mr Reynolds accordingly left his seat, and Thomas Cox, esq. was qualified and took his seat.

On motion,

Ordered, That two members be added to the committee on the small cause act.

Messrs Vanduyn and Read were accordingly appointed.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council will be ready to go into a joint-meeting on Friday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly room, for the purpose of appointing a Governor, Clerks of the counties of Hunterdon, Somerset, Salem and Cape-May, and such other civil officers as may be thought necessary.

The House resumed the report of the committee of unfinished business, when

No. 2, was read and postponed.

No. 3, read and postponed.

No. 4, read and postponed till tomorrow.

No. 5, read and postponed.

No. 6, read and dismissed.

No. 7, read and postponed.

No. 8, read and postponed.

No. 9, read and postponed.

No. 10, read and dismissed.

No. 11, read and referred to the committee on insolvencies.

No. 13, read and postponed.

No. 14, read and postponed.

No. 15, read and postponed.

No. 16, read and postponed.

No. 17, read and postponed.

No. 18, read and postponed.

No. 19, read and postponed.

No. 20, read and postponed.

No. 21, read and postponed.

No. 22, read and postponed.

No. 23, read and dismissed.

No. 24, read and dismissed.

No. 25, read and postponed.

No. 26, read and postponed to the next sitting.

No. 27, read and postponed.

No. 28, read and postponed.

No. 29, read and postponed.

No. 30, read and postponed.

No. 31, read and referred to the next sitting.

On motion,

Resolved, That this House will now decide whether there be, or not, an adjourned sitting.

On the question shall there be an adjourned sitting?

It was decided in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,

Messrs. Irick,
Lee,
Mead,
Newell,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyn,
Wilson,
Yard,

Messrs. J. S. Holmes, Mr. Zabriskie.
R. M. Holmes,

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit, Messrs. Opdycke,
Dubois, Pine,
Mandeville, Rutherford,
Munn, Vansyckel.

The House proceeded to fix the time at which the adjournment should take place, when Friday the 4th of November was agreed on.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Irick presented a remonstrance against the application for an alteration in the law authorising a draw-bridge over Crosswicks creek—

Referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed on the part of this House to join a committee of Council, to enquire whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in our Militia-Law.

Messrs Dayton, Munn, Irick, J. S. Holmes, and Edgar, were accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the said appointment, and request Council to appoint a committee on that subject.

Messrs Pine, Thompson and Dunn, were appointed a committee to bring in a bill for the payment of the several officers of government.

Joseph Sharp, esq. appeared in the House, and produced a certificate of his election, which being read and approved by the House, the said Joseph Sharp, esq. was duly qualified and took his seat.

On motion of Mr Rutherford,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if there is any law preventing individuals or associations of individuals without incorporation, from the discounting or issuing of paper money; and if no law exist, what laws should be enacted prohibiting the same.

Messrs Rutherford, French and Sharp, were accordingly appointed.

Mr Thompson, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to repeal an act prescribing the time of chusing Senators of the United States, passed October 31st, 1796.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled a supplement to the act entitled An act relative to statutes, was called up and dismissed.

The bill entitled An act to repeal an act prescribing the time of chusing Senators of the United States, passed October 31st, 1796, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Messrs Vansyckel, Cox and Pine were appointed a committee to report a bill to defray incidental expences.

Mr Dayton presented a petition from Peter Corriell praying an act of the Legislature to confirm his title to certain real estate purchased of aliens.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs Dayton, Pearson and Anderson.

On motion of Mr Bayard,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and to report to this House, whether any, and if any, what alterations or amendments are necessary or expedient in the laws of this state respecting the reference of matters at variance in law to the final decision of persons indifferently chosen by the parties to the controversy, or of persons appointed by the Court, before which such suit or suits may be depending.

Messrs Bayard, Lee and Opdycke were accordingly appointed.

A message from Council informed, that Council have appointed Messrs Ludlow and Dubois, or either of them, a committee on their part to join a committee of the Assembly to enquire, whether any, and if any what alterations are necessary in our militia-laws.

The bill entitled An act to repeal an act prescribing the time of chusing Senators of the United States passed October 31st, 1796, was called up, and committed to Messrs Thompson, Dunn, and R. M. Holmes.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, October 28, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Dayton presented a memorial from Daniel W. Coit and William Gibbons, trustees of Mrs Ann Trumbull, respecting the subject of Steam-boats; which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorised to examine what repairs are necessary to the

State-House, and to the fences round the yard, and to employ proper workmen to repair the same immediately.

Mr Dayton, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill for the relief of Peter Coriell.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act relative to turnpike roads, was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled an act authorizing the Orphan's court of the county of Somerset, to appoint Trustees to carry the last will and testament of Christopher Strimple, dec. into effect, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act relative to executors, and the bill entitled An act to compel executors owing debts to their testators to account for the same, were called up, and committed to Messrs Sharp, Ellis and Zabriskie, in order to be incorporated in one bill.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Newark fire department, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act authorising the banking and improvement of certain meadows and swamps in Cape-May, was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Pine, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to provide for the payment of the several officers of the government of this state ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading ; afterwards called up, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Dayton presented a petition from Mrs Jane Smith, formerly Mrs Laroux, praying Legislative aid in relation to certain confiscated property ;

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs Anderson, Annin, and Davison.

Council came into the Assembly-room, and the two Houses went into Joint-Meeting; after which the Speaker resumed the chair, and

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



SATURDAY, October 29, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Sharp presented a petition from Peter Smilie, confined in Somerset jail for debt—

Referred to the committee on that subject.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorising the Orphan's court of the county of Somerset to appoint Trustees to carry the last will and testament of Christopher Strimple, deceased, into effect, was read a third time and compared.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to provide for the payment of the several officers of the government of this state, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,	Messrs. Munn,
Bayard,	Pearson,
Cadmus,	Pennington, Sp.
Dayton,	Rape,
Dunn,	Read,
Edgar,	Simpson,
Ellis,	Thompson,
R. M. Holmes,	Vanduyn,
Irick,	Zabriskie.
Mead,	

NAYS.

Messrs. Anderson,	Messrs. Mandeville,
Condit,	Newell,
Cortright,	Opdycke,
Cox,	Richman,
Davison,	Rutherford,
Dickinson,	Sharp,
Dubois,	Vansyckel,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
Lee,	Yard.

Mr Kinney, private Secretary to his Excellency Governor Pennington, brought to the House the following Message from his Excellency :

*Gentlemen of the Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.*

Soon after the adjournment of the Legislature, and in conformity to the joint resolution of both Houses, I visited the sea coast, and the shores of the Delaware bay and river, and proceeded to make such arrangements for the defence of the exposed parts as I conceived the resources placed at my disposal would justify me in doing. A considerable number

of pieces of field artillery have been taken from the interior, and placed at proper positions, and confided to the local militia, who have in some cases been formed into special corps for the purpose. As many small arms as could be spared, have been disposed of in the same manner, and the whole furnished with ammunition.

The events of the war have not made it necessary to call into service any portion of the militia on the authority of the state. Considerable bodies of militia, however, have been called into service by the commanding generals of the 3d and 4th military districts of the United States, a small detachment in August, and the remainder in September. They are yet mostly in service. The patriotism displayed by a large number of uniform companies, who volunteered their services, and the alacrity and promptness with which those companies, as well as the detailed officers and soldiers, obeyed the call of their country; and the patience with which they have borne the hardships, and suffered the privations incident to a military life, entitle them to the highest respect and consideration.

Care has been taken to pay to the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, the extra allowance provided by the liberality of the Legislature, as soon as it could conveniently be done after it became due. Further provision on that subject will claim the immediate attention of the Legislature. It is to be presumed that the militia will not be detained in service longer than shall be rendered indispensable by the movements of the enemy.

Although our militia system has carried us so far through the campaign with as little inconvenience as could have reasonably been expected, yet experience has pointed out some defects susceptible of correction. The uniform volunteer companies have become very important, and merit encouragement. The advances they have made in military acquirements, together

with their promptness to act on sudden emergencies, render them peculiarly useful. How far it will comport with the public interest to provide by a state law, military corps of more durability, than is compatible with the nature of militia service, and whether some addition ought not to be made to the arms and other military equipments belonging to the state, are subjects worthy of your consideration.

An account of the expenditures from the military fund is ready to be examined, in such way as you may please to direct.

Accompanying this you will receive communications from the Governors of the states of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New-Hampshire, covering resolutions of their respective state Legislatures relative to an alteration of the Constitution of the United States.

During the recess of the Legislature, changes have taken place in Europe, which at first view excited an apprehension of serious injury to this country. The success of the Allies in their war with France, was productive of a peace which, early in the spring, left to our enemy an immense unemployed military force. Great-Britain did not fail to avail herself of the advantages which this event placed in her power, by sending out large fleets and armies, to aid the forces already here in the subjugation of America, expecting to create dismay, and overwhelm the country by a sudden vigorous effort of military skill and discipline. In this expectation, by the interposition of Divine Providence, she has been disappointed. The bravery of our soldiers and seamen, the skill and heroism of our officers and commanders, deserve the thanks and rewards of a grateful country—America withstood the shock with a firmness becoming freemen. The ferocious savages on our frontiers, of whose alliance Great-Britain unblushingly boasts, and for whose afflictions she expresses a fraternal sympathy, have

atoned for their inhuman atrocities by death, exile, or submission. The brilliant achievements of our navy are daily adding new proofs of the superior skill and intrepidity of the gallant heroes on that element; while the slaughtered and discomfited armies of Britain, attest the valor of our troops, and heroic patriotism of the militia.

The progress of the negociation of our Commissioners of peace, is such as was to be expected from the inordinate pride and injustice of the British ministry. To paralyze the efforts of the nation, the British Government made an insidious offer of peace, and therein invited Commissioners to Europe. After three months unnecessary delay, conditions are offered fit only to be accepted by a conquered people. It is well known that in the first stages of the controversy the enemy only assumed the dominion of the sea, but she now claims the sovereignty of the land. We are arrogantly required to dismantle our ships and demolish our fortifications, while the enemy is to retain his own unimpaired, and to surrender part of our territory, with other humiliating conditions and restrictions, too degrading to repeat. Nothing short of a base surrender of the independence gloriously achieved by the patriots of the revolution, will satisfy the pride, avarice, and ambition of the enemy. Long experience must at length convince every reflecting man, that our rights cannot be maintained by negociation—that it is in vain to reason with tyrants. The controversy must be settled in the field—and the line of demarcation traced by the sword.

Duty imperiously calls upon us to strengthen the national arm for national defence, nor have we any cause to despond. We have an invincible army, commanded by able generals, a gallant navy, and a spirited patriotic militia, daily increasing in military skill—The enemy have been repulsed in every attempt on our

country but one. The only achievement of any moment of which he can boast is the wanton destruction of a few public edifices, in an inroad from which he could in no other way escape chastisement but by abandoning his sick and wounded to the mercy of an insulted enemy.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the plain direct road to peace and future prosperity is a vigorous prosecution of the war. A manly united effort of the nation in one year would transfer the seat of negotiation from Europe to America. Although our country is able to contend with the collected force of the British empire, yet that force cannot be spared. The seeds of discord are too deeply sown in Europe, to be eradicated by a treaty extorted by the bayonet. Great-Britain is already forming a camp of no small extent in the territory of an ally; ostensibly to watch the motions of a friend but probably to shackle both. In pursuit of her chimerical project of balancing Europe by placing four-fifths in one scale, she will want the aid of a large portion of her resources, and unforeseen events may require the presence of her whole military force nearer home.

The enemies of American independence have yet one hope left, arising from a supposed inability of our government to command funds necessary to its operations—it is apprehended that this difficulty will diminish as it is approached. If we look back for twenty years, we shall find that the wealth of the country has increased beyond all calculation. Immense fortunes have been made by individuals, and there is scarcely a man among us who has not doubled his estate, and many have added to it four, six, and even ten-fold. Can any wise man feel a reluctance in parting with a small portion of this gain, for the security of every thing dear to himself, his family and country? The government of a free enlightened people, cannot

be poor while the members are rich. Property is the proper subject of taxation. The burthen will not fall on the poor, but on the rich, who are able to bear it. The natural resources of the country are such as to command credit, and a few years of peace and commercial prosperity will renovate the most disordered state of our finances.

Perseverance in national defence will every day put our country on higher and surer ground. It is now in our power to place the independence of our country on a foundation, that nothing short of divine vengeance can shake. Whatever opinions may have been entertained as to the character of the war in its commencement, it is undeniably at this time, purely a war of defence. It is no new thing that a war in its progress may change its character—nothing is more common, and if any had doubts at first, they must now be convinced of the injustice of the enemy. The British Commissioners instead of discussing the real subjects in controversy, between the two nations, set up new, unheard of and degrading demands on our national territory, so outrageously unjust and humiliating, that there is not a man to be found in our country who does not spurn them; and one of the most pernicious of these is given as a *sine qua non*. Can it be doubted then that we are engaged in a war for national defence, involving in its consequences the safety and independence of America? This being the case, it is impossible to contemplate any other state of things, than an unanimous determination to prosecute the war with vigor, until at least these exorbitant demands are relinquished, and our enemy disposed to listen to reasonable terms.

In every measure which you may adopt for the public interest, you may calculate on a ready and faithful co-operation on my part.

WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

New-Jersey, October, 1814.

Which message was read, and ordered to be printed ; and the accompanying documents ordered to be filed.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Peter Coriell, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Vansyckel, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this state ; which bill was twice read, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to vest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, and to prevent drunkenness and gambling, was called up, and ordered to be printed.

The house adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, October 31, 1814,

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Rutherford presented a memorial from John R. Livingston, and Robert J. Livingston, praying an investigation of the subject of the exclusive privilege granted to Messrs Ogden and Dod ; which memorial was read, and with the accompanying documents, committed to Messrs Rutherford, Bayard and John S. Holmes.

Mr Dayton presented a petition from the Bloomfield flying artillery company, praying the aid of the Legislature in procuring suitable pieces of Artillery.—

Which petition was read, and referred to the military committee.

Mr Mead presented a petition for a law to authorize a turnpike road from the town of Paterson to the town of Hackensack ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Mead, Cortright and Condit.

Mr Thompson, from the committee on the bill relative to the appointment of senators, reported the bill with the title so amended as to read, An act to repeal so much of a supplement to an act passed the thirty-first day of October 1796, and so much of an act passed the 12th day of November, 1790, and so much of an act passed the 12th day of November, 1790, as prescribes the time of chusing Senators of the United States ;

Which bill was read, and postponed to next sitting.

The Speaker presented to the House the following Report from Elias Vanarsdale, esq. a Commissioner to enquire into the accounts of the Paterson Manufacturing company :

To the Honorable Legislative Council and General Assembly of the state of New-Jersey.

In obedience to an act of the Legislature passed on the 12th day of February 1814 entitled " An act to preserve the interest of this state now vested in the stock of the society for establishing useful Manufactures," I gave notice some time in the same month to the governor and directors of the said society of my appointment as commissioner and of the additional powers granted by the said act, and required of them such statement of the affairs of the said society and such further measures as would fully accomplish the object of the said act, in the manner therein contemplated.

At different times in the course of the Spring, Summer and Fall, I have attended at Paterson to inspect the proceedings of the said corporation and the state of its affairs and to examine the books of the company. I had shewn to me a large quantity of old books and

papers, many, of little or no importance. The most material books of the society in which were kept their accounts at the time of breaking up their manufacturing business on or about the year 1796 have never been shewn to me.

The excuse assigned, is, that these books are in the possession of Mr George Scriba who neglects to deliver them up although he has been written to and required so to do.

The want of these books prevents me from giving to the legislature a view of the affairs of the Society prior to their quitting the manufacturing business. Some information is to be obtained from a statement of their affairs purporting to be made on the 11th April, 1796, and found among the papers of the society. It appears that after the manufacturing business of the society was ended—they were possessed of in land,

750 27.100 acres for which they paid	\$30,597 60
In stock of the U. States	19,542 00
In money received on a loss by fire from the London Phœnix Company.	6,500 00
In rents of real estate, partly brought into accounts hereafter mentioned.	

There was also a large personal estate belonging to the society of which no satisfactory account has been given. Part was no doubt consumed by fire, with the manufacturing house, and part has been sold by Mr Jesse Baldwin, whose account of sales amounts to \$ 1154,74 out of which some payments have been made and the account remains unsettled.

An inventory was ordered by the society to be taken, but upon enquiring after it, I am informed that the person who took it considered it of little or no value and destroyed it.

There are also sundry balances due on the books kept by Mr Abraham Van Houten, an agent for the society not considered very important. And there may also be other sums due besides those hereafter mentioned.

It appears from accounts furnished to the 1st Oct. 1814, that there was then due the society,

On bonds, notes and obligations	\$ 81,415 00
On book accounts	12,490 44
Shares in the Beaver Company for a mill lot	3,000 00
6 lots, producing an annual rent of 535 equal to a capital of	7,642 85
8 houses which rent for \$ 595, being old require considerable repair, say	3,760 82
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	\$ 108,309 11
Deduct a debt due Abraham Van Houten	21 11
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	\$ 108,288 00

There appears to be 2256 shares of capital stock which at \$ 48 per share, is equal to \$ 108,288 00

Of the monies due to the society as above stated, the sum of \$ 44,372 37 is the proceeds of the sale of land and the residue arises chiefly, if not wholly from the United States stock, insurance money, rents and interest.

The money arising from the sale of land, has been from town lots, mill seats, and about 36 acres of out-

land. There are 5 mill seats ready for sale, and as many more can be formed as will use all the waters of the river Passaick, including such mills as are worked in seasons only when water is plenty. The out lands are worth but little more than the purchase money, paid for them, but the building lots, mill seats and water-privileges are of great value not easily estimated on account of the uncertainty in the demand for them, and the great expence necessary to create the mill seats.

I have lately received from Mr Roswell L. Colt, a communication in which in substance he informs me that for reasons therein mentioned the society decline complying with the terms required by the state in the late act of the Legislature. He offers at the same time to purchase their shares, but would prefer that the state should remain interested in the society.

This proposition together with sundry letters, statements and accounts are ready for examination in such manner as shall be thought most advisable. Within these few years while the property has been under the particular care of Messrs Roswell L. and John Colt, Patterson has greatly improved in building, manufactories and population, and bids fair under proper management to be a manufacturing town well worthy of the fostering care of the Legislature of New-Jersey.

ELIAS VAN ARSDALE,

Commissioner, &c.

Dated 31st Oct 1814.

Which report was read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to a joint-committee, to examine and report upon the said statement and such documents as may be submitted to them by the said commissioner. Messrs Dayton, Simpson and Munn, were accordingly appointed on the part of this house

Ordered, That the clerk inform Council of the appointment of said committee, and request them to appoint a committee on their part for the same purpose.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of Peter Coriell, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this state, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

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| Messrs. Anderson, | Messrs. Mandeville, |
| Barber, | Munn, |
| Condit, | Newell, |
| Cortright, | Opdycke, |
| Cox, | Pennington, Sp. |
| Davison, | Rape, |
| Dayton, | Richman, |
| Dickinson, | Rutherford, |
| Dubois, | Sharp, |
| Dunn, | Simpson, |
| Edgar, | Thompson, |
| Ellis, | Vansyckel, |
| French, | Wilson, |
| J. S. Holmes, | Yard, |
| Irick, | Zabriskie. |
| Lee, | |

NAYS.

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| Messrs. Annin, | Messrs. Pearson, |
| Cadmus, | Read, |

Messrs R. M. Holmes, Mr Vanduyne.
Mead,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act relative to the Draw-bridge over Crosswicks creek ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on the first Thursday of next sitting.

The Governor's Message of Saturday last being called up,

Ordered, That so much of the said Message as relates to his Excellency's "account of the expenditures from the military fund," be referred to a committee ;

Messrs Irick, Dunn, and Vansyckel were accordingly appointed.

Mr Simpson presented a petition from a number of inhabitants of the counties of Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex, praying for a law to authorize the clearing of Stony Brook ;

Which petition being read, was committed to Messrs Simpson, Wilson and Dubois.

Mr Mead presented a petition from a number of citizens in the county of Bergen, praying that a certain disqualification may be removed by a legislative act from Asa Wright, of said county ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Yard, Zabriskie and Davison.

The house adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

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Three o'clock, afternoon, the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have appointed Messrs Kinsey and Howell, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council to join a committee of the Assembly, to examine the report on the subject of the Paterson Manufacturing Company.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, was read a second time, and after considerable discussion, postponed to next sitting.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report to this House whether any, and if any what alterations or amendments are necessary or expedient in the laws of this state relative to absconding debtors.

Messrs Sharp, Rape and Newell were accordingly appointed.

Mr Simpson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Somerset, Middlesex and Hunterdon, praying for a law to authorize the clearing of Stony Brook from obstructions; *Reported*, that the prayer of the petitioners appears to be reasonable, and that they have leave to present a bill for the purpose, on the first Monday of next sitting of the Legislature, they giving three weeks previous notice, by advertisements set up, one at the brick tavern belonging to Dr Clark, one at Grover's tavern at Penns Neck, one at Worth's mills, and one at each of the public houses at Princeton.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Pearson presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Burlington county praying that a law may be passed requiring elections at town-meetings to be by ballot;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Pearson, Opdycke and Rutherford.

Mr Vansyckel presented two petitions from insolvent debtors in Hunterdon jail. Referred to the committee on that subject.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 1, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Wilson presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of West-Bloomfield, praying to be incorporated by the name of the West-Bloomfield Manufacturing company ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Wilson, Cortright and Cadmus.

Mr Bayard from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act for the relief of all persons now in confinement for debt ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council had passed a bill entitled An act for the removal of public records, and certain corporate bodies ; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Yard, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of Asa Wright ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Dayton, from the joint committee on military affairs, reported in part, the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the Governor or Commander in Chief be and he is hereby authorised and requested to purchase for the use of the militia of this state, two brass field pieces suitable for flying artillery, and to cause the same to be put into a proper condition for immediate service. And that he be further authorised to purchase two hundred rifles, with the accoutrements proper for the same.

Resolved, That so much of the sum of five thousand dollars appropriated by the act passed the 20th February, 1813, for home defence, as will be necessary to defray the costs and expences attending the aforesaid purchases, be and the same are hereby authorized to be thus appropriated.

Which resolutions were read and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be carried to Council for their concurrence.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges ;

Which bill was read, progressed in, and postponed.

Mr Irick presented a petition from the Directors of the Farmers Bank of New-Jersey, for an act of incorporation ;

Which petition being read,

Mr Irick, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to incorporate " The President, Directors and Company of the Farmers Bank of New-Jersey ;"

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Irick from the committee on that part of the Governor's message which refers to the fund placed at his disposal for the defence of the maritime frontier,

Reported, That they have examined the vouchers and account of his excellency. The account and documents from No. 1, to 14, are herewith presented amounting to eleven hundred and fifty seven dollars sixty-seven cents and a half, all which to the committee appears just and reasonable.

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Newark fire department, was read a second time, and progressed in until

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Newark fire department; which being gone through,

Ordered, That said bill be engrossed.

Mr Munn, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to repeal an act passed February 19, 1813;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Sharp, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors, passed the eighth day of March 1798;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Rutherford, from the committee on the petition of John R. Livingston, and Robert J. Livingston, reported a bill entitled An act repealing an act entitled An act concerning Steam-boats;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on the first Tuesday of next sitting.

Mr Wilson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the West Bloomfield Manufacturing Company ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of all persons now in confinement for debt, was read a second time, considered and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to repeal an act passed February 19, 1813, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House that Council have passed the bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this state, without amendment.

The bill authorising the Banking and improvement of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 2, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Vansyckel presented a petition from Peter T. Smith, Samuel Wright, jun. and Daniel W. Coxe, praying a law to authorize them to erect a wing-Jam in the river Delaware ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Vansyckel, Ellis and Cortright.

Mr Reed presented a counter memorial from Gideon H. Wells and Robert Waln, which was read and referred to the above committee.

Mr John S. Holmes presented a petition from the Shrewsbury and New-Jersey stage and Steam-boat company, praying an act of incorporation ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs John S. Holmes, Vanduyn and Edgar.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council had passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mendham Cotton and Woolen Factory, to which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Sharp, from the committee to whom two bills on that subject were committed, reported a bill entitled An act relative to executors ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Bayard, from the joint-committee on that subject, made the following report :

1. That during the recess of the legislature, the library be confided to the special care of the Secretary of State, whose duty it shall be not to suffer any book or books, pamphlets, maps, charts or other documents to be taken therefrom, except by the Governor, or one of the members of Council while sitting as a court of errors and appeals, from whom respectively some memorandum in writing, signed by the person taking a book or other document from said library be taken and reserved by said secretary, until the book so taken be returned in like condition as when delivered out.

2. That during the sitting of the Legislature every member of the same desirous of a book or other docu-

ment from said library is required to send or give a memorandum in writing, containing the title of the book or document wanted, and signed with his hand, to the door-keeper of Council, who is thereupon required to obtain such book, or document (if in the library,) for the person desiring the same, and to keep such memorandum until such book or document if obtained shall be returned.

3. That at the close of the session of each Legislature it shall be the duty of the President of Council to call on the door-keeper of Council to ascertain whether there are any books or documents in the hands of either of the members of said Houses not returned. And if such be the case, said President is hereby authorized to take such measures as he may judge prudent and advisable for effecting the return of said books or other documents. And for the services by these resolutions required, a compensation shall be allowed in the incidental bill.

By order of the joint-committee,

SAMUEL BAYARD, Chairman.

Which report was read, and laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is desirous of going into the appointment of Military officers to-morrow in Joint Meeting, and request their concurrence in this resolution, that nominations may be made accordingly.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to repeal an act passed February nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs. Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pearson,
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyn,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Dubois,
French,
Irick,
Mead,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Sharp,
Zabriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Newark fire department, was read a third time and compared.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,
Annin,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Mead,

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Edgar,
Ellis,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Lee,

Messrs Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Barber,
Dunn,
French,
Irick,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pine,
Vanduyn,
Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of all persons now in confinement for debt, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,

Messrs. Dickinson,
Dubois,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,

YEAS.

Messrs. Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,

Messrs. Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Pennington, Sp.
Thompson,

Zabriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain Meadows and Swamps, in the county of Cape-May, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, That Council concur in the Resolution of the House of Assembly relative to making military appointments tomorrow in joint-meeting ; also, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened on or through lands belonging to this state, to which bill they request the concurrence of this House ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Pine presented a warrant of half-pay in favor of Keziah Albertson, widow of Levi Albertson, the back of which being filled with endorsements, she prays a renewal thereof; whereupon,

Ordered, That said warrant be renewed.

Mr Simpson, from the joint-committee to settle the accounts of the State-Prison, reported the following statement;

Dr. The State-Prison, in account current with the

For the year commencing October 1st, 1813, and
1814.

	Dolls.	Cts.
Oct. 1. To amount nett stock this day to begin with,	23,106	37
To amount of balances due sundry persons. No. 1.	5,922	20
To amount of balance in favor of fine account. See ledger H. fol. 50	405	00
To amount of balance in favor of transportation account. See ledger H. fol. 51.	927	95
To amount of balance drawn from the Treasury. No. 3.	4,586	78
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	34,948	30
1814. Oct. 1. To balance paid contra,	2,344	14

State of New Jersey.

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closing September 30th, 1814.

1814.

Dolls. Cts.

Oct. 1. By amount of due sundry persons,	17,449	09
By amount of inventories,	13,280	50
By amount of cash on hand per ledger H. folio T	1,874	57
By balance against the Prison this year,	2,344	14
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	34,948	30

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Recapitulation as resulting from

1814.

Dolls. Cts.

<i>June 10.</i> To the subsistence of sundry prisoners who were prevented from working during the time the new shop was building per order of the Inspectors,	61 55
<i>Sept. 15.</i> To paid Ephraim Green, sheriff's fees on conviction of John Chambers, William Johnson and Jacob Pough, the amount having been charged to him under the old law, but agreeable to a law passed in 1812, he becomes entitled to the same,	45 35
30. To amount debited to Robert Ross and Samuel Swain, it having been charged as above,	10 57
To amount lost by sundry persons, they having taken the benefit of the insolvent law,	125 66
To Weaving Factory per nett loss,	166 68
To Cordwainers acct. per nett loss,	103 17
To Clothing acct. per nett loss,	73 99
To Prison repairs per nett loss,	788 60
To Incidentals per nett loss,	290 50
To Loss & gain pr. nett loss (by prisoners)	753 21
To Salaries per nett loss,	3,235 50
	5,654 78

the Profit and Loss account.

	Dolls.	Cts.
1814.		
Sept. 30. By Nail Factory pr. nett proceeds	2018	38
By Coopering account per nett proceeds,	48	62
By Provision account per nett proceeds,	1,012	53
By Screw Factory per nett proceeds,	11	63
By State lot per nett proceeds,	137	37
By Garden account per nett proceeds,	45	29
By Furniture per nett proceeds,	36	82
Per nett loss this year,	2,344	14
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	5,634	78

1814.

	Dolls. Cts.
Oct. 1. To balance pr. contra, bro't over,	2,344 . 14

REMARKS.

Deduct Subsistence of the prisoners as above.	\$ 61 55
Paid Ephraim Green as above,	45 36
Amount debited to Rob- ert Ross and Samuel Swain as above,	10 57
Lost by sundry persons as above,	125 66
Prison repairs	788 60
Loss by prisoners,	753 50
	1,785 23

1,785 23

Actual loss,

558 91

It would appear by the above statement that the Prison in its own operation for the year past has maintained itself and paid the salaries of the keepers, with the exception of the sum of \$ 558 91. It also would appear by the account of Prison repairs, had it not been for building the new shop, there would have been a balance in favor of the Prison \$229 69.

The committee to settle the accounts of the State Prison, report the within statement with the accompanying documents—all which is submitted.

A. HOWELL,
JAMES CLARK,
JOHN N. SIMPSON,
EDW'D. YARD,
JEREMIAH DUBOIS,
J. K. MEAD,
DANIEL RICHMAN.

November 2d, 1814.

Which report was read and agreed to, and ordered to be carried to Council for their concurrence.

Mr Wilson, from the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, made the following report :

*Dr. Peter Gordon Treasurer, in account with the
Being for receipts and disbursements commencing
1813.*

	Dolls.	Cts.
Oct. 17. To cash received for dividend on turnpike road,	312	50
28. To do received of James Ewing, for interest on stock,	811	51
Nov. 1. To do received of Aaron Leaming, sheriff of Cape May for fines,	20	90
9. To do received of John Linn, 1814. Sheriff of Sussex co. for do.	100	
Jan. 11. To do received of the several banks for tax, total amount of capital of sd. banks \$1,438,120	7190	60
To do received of James Ewing, for interest and part of princi- pal of the funded stock,	1792	11
To do received of the several county collectors, for amount of tax,	20,000	
21. To do received of D. Stewart collector of Sussex, in full of principal and interest of old arrearages	202	97
To do received of William Rose, sheriff of Cumberland, for fines,	25	65
22. To do received of Henry Frees, late sheriff of Salem co. for do	13	
Feb. 8. To do received of A. Dunn, sheriff of Middlesex, for do	2	95
To do received of banks, being money borrowed,	32,000	
March 17. To do received of A. Van Arsdalen, for fines,	7	25
Carried forward,	62,479	44

<i>state of New-Jersey</i>		CONTRA.	Cr.
Oct. 16, 1813, to Oct. 16, 1814.			
1813.			Dolls. Cts.
Oct. 19.	By cash paid Rebecca Dennis, for 6 months pension,		120
25.	By do paid Thomas Skillman, for 3 months do		10
	By do paid conveying a prisoner from Monmouth county,		12 91
26.	By do paid Lydia Westbrook, for 1 years pension,		240
	By do paid Abigal Thompson, for do		46 66
28.	By do paid for 4 inquisitions, in Bergen county,		52 16
Nov. 2.	By do paid Lydia Wood for 1 years pension,		40
	By do paid for 1 inquisition,		15 66
	By do paid for conveying a pris- oner from Hunterdon county,		9 50
5.	By do paid Kesiah Albertson, for 1 years pension,		40
	By do paid members of the Leg- islature,		1804 30
	By do paid William Gould, door-keeper for Assembly,		13 75
	By do paid John Bellerjeau, do for Council,		15
	By do paid for 1 inquisition,		11 65
	By do paid Aaron Ogden, late Governor, for salary due him,		900
	By do paid Judge Pennington, for salary,		500
	By do paid do for attending courts,		120
	By do paid do as Law Reporter,		55 56
Carried forward,			4,007 15

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. Account continued.

1814.		Dolls. Cts.
	To amount brought forward,	62,479 44
April 7.	To do received of James Ewing, for interest on stock,	811 51
13.	To do received for dividend on turnpike road,	375
June 26.	To do received of R. Craven, sheriff of Salem county for fines,	32 11
July 5.	To do received of John Out- water, esq. being money re- covered of the estate of Hen- ry Brockhurst, dec.	450
7.	To do received of James Ewing, esq. for interest on stock,	811 51
12.	To do received for dividend on turnpike stock,	312 50
Oct. 4.	To do received for do	312 50
	To do received of James Ewing, esq. for interest on stock,	811 51
	To do received for private bills of the last session.	73 58
	Carried forward,	66,469 66

		CONTRA.	Cr.
			Dolls. Cts.
1813.	By amount brought forward,		4,007 15
Nov. 2.	By do paid Peter Gordon, treasurer for 6 months salary,		500
	By do paid James Linn, esq. Secretary,		32 04 ✓
	By do paid do for 18 months salary as Auditor,		75 ✓
	By do paid do for stationary per incidental bill,		10 50 ✓
	By do paid Daniel Coleman, Clk. of Assembly,		32 03
	By do paid do for engrossing,		11 16
	By do paid Henry Pike, for candles, per incidental bill,		1 40
	By do paid John Bellerjeau, per do		3 70
	By do paid Jonathan Briant, per do		8 06
10.	By do paid Judge Kirkpatrick, for salary,		500
	By do paid do for attending courts,		150
	By do paid do for courts of chancery,		42
	By do paid Judge Rossell, for 1 1-2 years salary,		1350
	By do paid do for attending courts,		240
15.	By do paid Mrs Ann Barber, for 3 months pension,		112 50
	By do paid George Sherman for printing per incidental bill,		44 33
	By do paid Richard L. Beatty, for expence of library,		56 50
Carried forward,			7,176 37

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. *Account continued.*

1814.

To amount brought forward, Dolls. Cts:
66,469 66

Carried forward, 66,469 66

CONTRA.		Cr.	
		Dolls	Cts.
1813.			
Nov. 15.	By amount brought forward,	7,176	37
	By cash paid do for expences of paving street,	210	93
	By do paid do for recording votes,	23	50
	By do paid John Russell, for 6 months pension,	18	
	By do paid John Bellerjeau, Sergt. at Arms,	6	
Dec. 2.	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Sussex,	32	50
11.	By do for conveying 1 do from Cumberland,	25	50
27.	By do for conveying 1 do from Burlington,	2	50
Dec. 29.	By do paid for 4 inquisitions in Burlington county,	51	45
	By cash paid for 1 inquisition in Hunterdon county,	9	08
	By cash paid William Watson, for 25 maps,	134	
	By cash paid Edward Condict, clerk of Morris, per incidental bill of Feb. last,	58	50
1814.	By cash paid A. D. Woodruff Attorney Gen. for salary due him,	86	88
Jan. 7.	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Morris Co.	21	50
	By do. paid for 3 Inquisitions,	41	45
11.	By do. paid for 9 do. in Essex co.	116	06
	By do. paid for 4 do. in Morris co.	52	49
Carried forward,		8,066	71

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. Account continued.

Dolls. Cts.

To amount brought forward, 66,469 66

Carried forward, 66,469 66

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1814.

Dolls. Cts.

	By amount brought forward,	8,066 71
13.	By cash paid for 2 inquisitions in Morris county,	32 76
	By do. paid for 3 do in Cum- berland co.	40 78½
	By do. paid for 2 do. in Sussex co.	31 20
24.	By do. paid for 10 do. in Gloucester county,	108 73
25.	By do paid Henry Van Dalsen, clk of Bergen co. per inciden- tal bill of Nov. last,	42
26.	By do paid Mary M'Myer, for 3 months pension,	60
28.	By do paid Thomas Skillman, for 3 months do	10
29.	By do paid Messrs Isaac An- drews, M. Schenck and Col. Emley, for sundry disburs- ments,	413 20
Feb. 1.	By do paid for 1 inquisition in Monmouth county,	16 45
4.	By do paid for conveying prison- ers from Bergen county,	79 50
8.	By do paid for conveying 1 do from Hunterdon county,	12
9.	By do paid the United States the amount of the direct tax,	92,541 06
	My expences to Philadelphia to pay said tax,	5
12.	By do paid the members of the Legislature,	4,580 98
14.	By do paid John Bellerjeau, door- keeper for Council,	45
	Carried forward,	<hr/> 106,085 37½

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. *Account continued.*

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	66,469	66

Carried forward,	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	66,469 66
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1814.			Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	106,085	37½
Feb .14.	By cash paid Daniel Coleman, clerk of Assembly,		96
	By do paid do for engrossing and copying minutes,	116	55½
	By do paid William Gould door- keeper for Assembly,		45
	By do paid for 8 inquisitions in Salem county,	83	63
	By do paid Joseph Broadhurst for wood, per incidental bill,	126	
	By do paid James Linn, Secre- tary of Council,	96	12
15.	By do paid Elizabeth Rue, for 9 months pension,		30
	By do paid Alexander With- erup, for venetian blinds, per incidental bill,	90	55
	By do paid John Bellerjeau for services, per do		3 50
	By do paid William Gould for sawing wood, per do	17	50
16.	By do paid James Johnson for services, per do		6 25
	By do paid Daniel Coleman for News-papers, per do	2	78
	By do paid Samuel Paxon, for glass, per do		1 98
	By do paid Messrs Moore and Lake for sundries, per do	13	46
17.	By do paid Phebe Little for 2 years pension,		80
	By do paid Alexander Cham- bers for sundries, per in. bill,	15	31
Carried forward,		106,910	01

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. Account continued.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	66,469	66
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Carried forward,	66,469	66

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		Dolls. Cts.
1814.	By amount brought forward,	106,910 01
Feb. 21.	By cash paid James J. Wilson for sundries, per do	131 45
	By do paid Daniel Phillips for services, per do.	35 53
22.	By do paid Daniel Fenton for stationary, per do.	15 29
	By do paid for 1 inquisition in Sussex county,	18 04
	By do paid for 2 do in Gloucester county,	20 16
25.	By do paid Asa Belden for services, per in. bill	1
	By do paid Ellet Howell for sundries per do	3 20
	By do paid Mrs Ann Barber for 3 months pension	112 50
March 4.	By do paid Benjamin Yard for services. per in. bill.	3
	By do paid John Bellerjeau Sergeant at arms	4
11.	By do paid George Abbot for sundries per in. bill	1 13
17.	By do paid for conveying prisoners from Middlesex co.	48 67 ¹⁻²
April 2.	By do paid John Russell for 6 months pension	18
	By do paid Pearson Hunt for 2 stamps	10
	By do paid C. Gordon for 6 do	30
7.	By do paid for conveying prisoners from Bergen co.	39 75
12.	By do paid Eunice Platt for 6 months pension	20
	Carried forward,	107,421 73 ³ / ₄

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. *Account continued.*
Dolls. Cts.
To amount brought forward, 66,469 66
Carried forward, 66,469 66

		CONTRA.	Cr.
1814.			Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,		107,421 73½
15.	By cash paid John Blackwell clk. of Hunterdon co. per in. bill		47 50
21.	By do paid Rebecca Dennis for 6 months pension		120
May 2.	By do paid for 7 inquisitions in Burlington co.		93 87
3.	By do paid Mary M'Myer for 3 months pension		60
	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Somerset co.		16 42
5.	By do paid Shepard Kollock for printing Journals of coun- cil		287 50
10.	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Monmouth co.		16 66
11.	By do paid for three inquisi- tions in Cumberland co.		44 69
14.	By do paid Thomas Skillman for 3 months pension		10
	By do paid Mrs Ann Barber, 3 months do		112 50
	By do paid Lydia Whitlock for 1 years do		160
19.	By do paid for 1 inquisition in Monmouth co.		13 87
20.	By do paid members of the court of Appeal		197 91
	By do paid John Bellerjeau ser- geant at arms		7 50
	By do paid for 1 inquisition in Monmouth co.		17 21
23.	By do paid John Bellerjeau ser- geant at arms		2
Carried forward,			108,629 36½

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. Account continued.

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To amount brought forward, 66,469 66

Carried forward, 66,469 66

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1814.

Dolls. Cts.

	By amount brought forward,	108,629 36 ¹⁻²
26.	By cash paid for 2 inquisitions in Sussex co.	34 16
	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Burlington co.	1 50
June 1.	By do paid William Tuttle for printing reports	75
	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Sussex	32 50
	By do paid Treasurer for 6 months salary	500
	By do paid James Linn, secretary of Council	10 68
8.	By do paid A. D. Woodruff Attorney Gen. for salary,	40
	By do paid Elias Van Arsdalen, commissioner	100
	By do paid for 2 inquisitions in Sussex county	31 67
16.	By do paid for distributing the Laws, Votes, &c. to the several counties	75
	By do paid for conveying prisoners from Cumberland co.	36 85
26.	By do paid for 2 inquisitions in Gloucester county	29 22
	By do paid Gov. Pennington, for 6 months salary	900
	By do paid for 6 inquisitions in Middlesex county	77 28 ¹⁻²
	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Salem county	32 11
July 2.	By cash paid Elizabeth Rue, for 4 months pension	13 33
	Carried forward,	110,618 67

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. Account continued.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward	66,469	66
Carried forward,	<hr/>	<hr/>
	66,469	66

CONTRA.

Cr.

1814.

Dolls. Cts.

	By amount brought forward,	110,618 67
7.	By do paid James J. Wilson, for printing laws, &c.	662 50
8.	By do paid Mary M'Myer for 3 months pension	60
	By do paid Judge Rossell, for 6 months salary	450
	By do paid do for attending courts	120
	By do paid for 1 inquisition in Gloucester county	8 81
14.	By do paid George Shearman, for papers, per. in. bill	11 70
18.	By do paid John Bellerjeau, sergt. at arms	6
	By do paid for 2 inquisitions in Sussex co.	31 26
28.	By do paid for 2 do	30 41
	By do paid Thomas Skillman, for 3 months pension	10
	By do paid Mary Pane for pension due her	40
29.	By do paid for 2 inquisitions in Hunterdon county	31 50
Aug. 13.	By do paid Jacob Mann, per. in. bill	10
	By do paid Mrs Barber for 3 months pension	112 50
16.	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Salem county	29 86
27.	By do paid for 2 inquisitions in Hunterdon county	31 66
Sept. 6.	By do paid for 2 do	27 24

Carried forward, 112,292 11

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	66,469	66
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	66,469	66

CONTRA.

Cr.

1813.

Dolls. Cts.

	By amount brought forward,	112,292	11
	By cash paid for conveying a prisoner from Monmouth co.	14	92
14.	By do paid for 2 inquisitions	34	77
	By do paid Sarah Wood for pension due her	53	33
15.	By do paid Mary Winter for 2 years pension	80	
21.	By do paid John Bellerjeau serjt. at arms	6	
Oct. 3.	By do paid Eunice Platt for six months pension	20	
8.	By do paid Mary M'Myer for 3 months pension	60	
10.	By do paid for conveying a prisoner from Somerset co.	15	42
	By do paid for 1 inquisition in Middlesex county	14	64
11.	By do paid judge Dickinson for salary	382	50
	By do paid judge Kirkpatrick for 6 months salary	500	
	By do paid do for attending courts	120	
	By do paid Richard L. Beatty for expense paving the street in front of the State House	305	99½
	By do paid Banks for 6 months interest, on money borrowed to pay the direct tax	1024	02
	Carried forward,	114,925	70½

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Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer. *Account continued.*

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	66,469	66
Balance carried to Treasurer's account current,	48,456	04 ³
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114,925 70³

Nov. 2, 1814.

We the committees of council and assembly, apined the above accounts and the vouchers relative find the same correctly stated.

CHARLES KINSEY,
JOHN WILSON,

CONTRA.

Cr.

1814.

Dolls. Cts.

By amount brought forward, 114,925 70¹⁻²

Oct. 15, 1814. By balance per above
carried to the Treasurer's
account current, 48,456 04¹⁻²

Errors excepted,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

pointed to settle the treasurer's account, have exam-
thereto, viz. from No. 1. to No. 274, inclusive, and

CHARLES ELLIS,
JOHN S. HOLMES,
JOHN OPDYCKE.

Dr. Militia Account, being for receipts and disbursements

1813.

Dolls. Cts.

Oct. 28.	To cash paid Maj. Ward, inspector of Bergen for his salary	30
30.	To do paid Maj. Doughty, inspector of Morris, for salary	30
Nov. 5.	To do paid the Adj. Gen. for six months salary	60
9.	To do paid Maj. Budd, inspector of Burlington for 2 years salary	60
10.	To do paid Maj. M'Kissack, inspector of Somerset, for do	30
18.	To do paid Maj. James of Monmouth for do	30
Dec. 2.	To do postage of letters for Adjutant General	82
27.	To do paid Alexander Bonnell, Collector for 2 clearances	6
29.	To do paid do for 1 Captain's return	1
1814.		
Jan. 29.	To do paid Capt. W. Potter, paymaster of southern militia for the state allowance of \$ 3 per month	2910
Feb. 21.	To do paid Maj. Clement inspector of Gloucester for salary	30
22.	To do paid Maj. M'Kean inspector of Essex, for salary	30
June 18.	To do paid Maj. Holcombe, inspector of Hunterdon for do	30
26.	To do paid Maj. Budd, inspector of Burlington, for do	30
	Carried forward,	<hr/> 3,277 82

<i>from Oct. 16, 1813, to Oct. 16, 1814.</i>		CONTRA.	Cr.
1814.			Dolls. Cts.
Jan. 7.	By cash received of the Pay- master of Gloucester county,		230 45
May 10.	By do received of Col. Ogden, being unexpended money put into his hands whilst Gov. for the defence of the state,		2,550 68
	Carried forward,		<u>2,781 31</u>

Dr. The Militia Account.

1814.		Dolls. Cts.
	To amount brought forward,	
July 8.	To cash paid Maj. M'Kissack, in- specter of Somerset, for do.	3,277 82
15.	To do paid James J. Wilson, Adjutant General, for do	30
Sept. 7.	To do paid Maj. Shute, inspec- tor of Cumberland for do	60
15	To do paid Maj. Doughty in- specter of Morris, for do	30
	To do paid Maj. Andrews in- specter of Monmouth for do.	80
Oct. 11.	To do paid the Militia stationed at the Telegraph for the state allowance of \$ 3 per month	702
	To do paid postage of letters for the Adjutant General	11 93
	To do paid the Governor for maritime defence of this state	1,150
	To do paid the militia, stationed at Sandy Hook, for 1 month's allowance of the state	7046 71
		<hr/> <u>\$ 12368 46</u> <hr/>
Oct. 15.	To balance due from this ac- count per above which is car- ried to the militia account current, and also to the Cr. of the Treasurer's account current	9587 33
	Deduct for error	54
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	Balance, \$	9586 79
	Errors excepted, PETER GORDON, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

CONTRA.

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	Dolls.	Cts.
By amount brought forward,	2781	13
Balance,	9,587	33
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12,368 46

We the committees of council and assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, have examined the above militia account, and vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1. to No. 23, inclusive, and believe it justly stated.

Nov. 2. 1814.

CHARLES KINSEY, JOHN S. HOLMES,
JOHN WILSON, JOHN OPDYCKE.
CHARLES ELLIS,

*Dr. State-Prison account,
Being for receipts and disbursements, for said insti-*

1813.		Dolls	Cts.
Nov. 10.	To cash paid Jos. Broadhurst late inspector for services,		53
Dec. 2.	To do paid George Anderson, late inspector for do		12
1814.			
Jan. 4.	To do paid Francis S. Labau keeper, for three months salary,	200	00
	To do paid I. F. French Clk. for do.	118	75
	To do paid Wm. Costner assistant keeper for do.	93	75
	To do paid Joseph Dye do for do	87	50
	To do paid Thomas Neal do for do	87	50
	To do paid Peter Neal do for do	75	00
	To do paid Doctor Clark for do.	18	75
	To do paid Thomas Grant for services as inspector,	5	00
13.	To do paid Wm. Pearson late inspector for services,	—	636 25
24.	To do paid Isaac Barnes, inspector for services,		49
Feb. 25.	To do paid Benj. Yard, late inspector for his services,		10
April 7.	To do do paid F. S. Labau keeper, for three months salary,		8
			225 00
	Carried forward,		<hr/> 1043 25

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Contribution, from Oct. 15, 1813, to Oct. 16, 1814.

1814.

Dolls. Cts.:

Jan. 4. By cash received of keeper,

300

Sep. 14. By do received of do

2,000

Carried forward,

2,300

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Dr. The state-prison.

1814.

Dolls. Cts:
1043 25

	To amount brought forward,		1043 25
	To cash paid J. T. French clk. for 3 months do	143 75	
	To do paid Wm. Cost- ner, assistant for three months do.	112 50	
	To do paid Joseph Dye, do for three months do	106 25	
	To do paid Thomas Neal do for 3 months do	106 25	
	To do paid Peter Neal do for 3 months do	75 00	
	To do paid Doctor Clarke physician, for 3 months do	25 00	
July 8.	To F. S. Labau keeper, for 3 months do.	225 00	793 75
	To do paid J. T. French, clk. for 3 months do.	143 75	
	To do paid Wm. Costner assistant for 3 mo. do	112 50	
	To do paid Jos. Dye, do for 3 months do.	106 25	
	To do paid Peter Neal do for 3 months do	87 50	
	To do paid Dr. Clark, physician for 3 months do.	25 00	
	To do paid Thos. Neal as- sistant, for 3 months do	106 25	
	To do paid Jos. M. Low- rie inspector for services,	2 00	
18.	To do paid William Potts, inspector,		808 25
29.	To do paid F. S Labau keeper, for the purchase of iron,		9
			3,200
	Carried forward,		<u>5,854 25</u>

		<i>Gr.</i>
		Dolls. Cts.
1814.	CONTRA.	
	By amount brought forward,	2,300
	Carried forward,	<u>2,300</u>

Dr. The state prison.

1814.		Dolls.	Cts.
	To amount brought forward,		
Oct. 6.	To cash paid F. S. Labau keeper for 3 mo. salary,	225	00
	To do paid J. T. French clk. for 3 months do.	143	75
	To do paid Wm. Cost- ner, assistant for three months do.	112	50
	To do paid Jos. Dye, as- sistant for 3 mo. do.	106	25
	To do paid Thomas Neal assistant for 3 mo. do.	106	25
	To do paid Samuel Lanning assistant for 3 months do	87	50
	To do paid Dr. Clark for 3 months do	25	00
		———	806 25
			<u>§ 6435 50</u>

Balance due from this account which is carried to State-Prison account current, and also to the Cr. of the Treasurer's account current, § 4,135 50

Errors excepted,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

We the committees of council and assembly, apined the foregoing accounts, and the vouchers relative find the same correctly stated. Nov. 2, 1814.

CHARLES KINSEY,
JOHN WILSON,

CONTRA.		Cr.
By amount brought forward,	2,300	
Balance,	4,135	59

6,435 50

pointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, have examined thereto, viz. from No. 1, to No. 37, inclusive, and

CHARLES ELLIS,
JOHN S. HOLMES.
JOHN OPDYCKE,

Dr. The militia account current.

1813.	Dolls. Cts.
Oct. 15. To balance due from this account per statement rendered to the Legislature,	10,859 07
1814. Nov. 2. To balance due from this account for receipts and disbursements for the past year, viz. from Oct. 15, 1813, to Oct. 15, 1814, per statement this day rendered,	9,586 79
Total amount,	<u>20,445 86</u>

Errors excepted,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

Nov. 2, 1814.

We the committees of council and assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, have examined the above account and find it justly stated.

CHARLES KINSEY,
CHARLES ELLIS,

JOHN WILSON,
JOHN S. HOLMES,
JOHN OPDYCKE.

CONTRA.

Cr.

Dr. The state-prison account current.

	Dolls.	Cts.
1813.		
Oct. 15. To balance of monies drawn from the treasury for 10 years, viz. from Nov. 1, 1803, to this day, per account rendered,		
1814.	5,198	54
Oct. 15. To balance of monies drawn from the treasury, the year past, per account now rendered	4,135	50
Total amount drawn from the treasurer, for 11 years past,	<u>9,334</u>	<u>04</u>

Errors excepted,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

Nov. 2, 1814.

We the committees of council and assembly, appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, have examined the above state-prison account current, and find the same justly stated.

CHARLES KINSEY, JOHN S HOLMES,
 JOHN WILSON, JOHN OPDYCKE.
 CHARLES ELLIS,

CONTRA.

Cr.

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Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer, in account current with
1813. Dolls. Cts.

October. To balance remaining in the
hands of the treasurer, per account ren-
dered to the 15th inst.

79,315 23

79,315 23

1814.

Oct. 15. To balance per above remaining
in the treasurer's hands, 17,136 89½

Errors excepted,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

We the committees of council and assembly, ap-
ined the same, with the vouchers thereto, and do find
seventeen thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars,
above statement. Nov. 2, 1814.

**CHARLES KINSEY,
JOHN WILSON,
CHARLES ELLIS,**

<i>the state of New-Jersey.</i>		CONTRA.	Cr.
1814.			Dolls. Cts.
Oct.	By balance of receipts and disbursements for the past year, viz. from Oct. 15, 1813, to Oct. 15, 1814, per account now rendered,		48,456 04½
	By balance due from the militia account, per statement now rendered,		9,586 79
	By balance due from the state-prison account, per statement for balance drawn from the treasury,		4,135 50
	Balance,		17,136 89½
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			79,315 23
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pointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, have examined a balance remaining in the hands of the treasurer of and eighty-nine and a half cents, agreeably to the

JOHN S. HOLMES,
JOHN OPDYCKE.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee on the Governor's accounts of the expense incurred in the protection of the maritime frontier, was called up and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said report to Council for concurrence.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Mendham Cotton and Woolen Factory, was read a second time, and postponed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the West-Bloomfield Manufacturing Company, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Rutherford, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated banks ; which bill was read and ordered a second reading on the first Saturday of the next sitting.

The bill from Council entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened on or through lands belonging to this state, was read a second time, considered, and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, November 4, 1814.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the West-Bloomfield Manufacturing Company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Ellis,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs. Barber,
French,
Pine,

Messrs Vanduyn,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mendham Cotton and Woolen Factory, and having gone through and amended the same,

Ordered, That said bill as amended have a third reading.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council have concurred in the resolution of the House of Assembly relative to

the purchasing of two field pieces and two hundred rifles.

The bill to defray sundry incidental charges, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened on or thro' lands belonging to this state, was read a third time.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,	Messrs. Munn,
Annin,	Newell,
Barber,	Opdycke,
Bayard,	Pennington, Sp.
Condit,	Richman,
Cortright,	Rutherford,
Cox,	Sharp,
Davison,	Simpson,
Dayton,	Thompson,
Dickinson,	Vanduyne,
Dubois,	Vansyckel,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
Lee,	Yard,
Mandeville,	Zabriskie.
Mead,	

NAYS.

Messrs Cadmus,	Messrs. Irick,
Edgar,	Pearson,
Ellis,	Pine,
French,	Rape,
R. M. Holmes,	Read.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, without amendment.

The bill from Council entitled An act relative to the removal of public records and certain corporate bodies, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors, was read a second time and ordered to be printed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Mendham Cotton and Woolen Factory, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill as amended pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,

Messrs. Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,

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YEAS.

Messrs Ellis,	Messrs. Thompson,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
R. M. Holmes,	Zabriskie.
Irick,	

NAYS.

Messrs Opdycke,	Messrs. Vanduyn,
Pine,	Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House with an amendment, and request their concurrence in said amendment.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of reporting a plan for conveying to the prisoners confined in the state-prison the advantages of social worship on the Lord's day, to be conducted by some licensed Minister of the gospel.

Messrs Bayard, Richman and Newell, were accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled an act for the relief of Asa Wright, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The report on the treasurer's account, was called up, agreed to, and sent to Council for concurrence.

The warrant in favor of Kesiah Albertson, was compared and approved of; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same, and that the Clerk carry it to Council for their concurrence.

Resolved, That when this house adjourn, it adjourn to half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

The House adjourned to half-past two o'clock afternoon.

Half-past two o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr J. S. Holmes, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and New-Jersey Stage and Steam-Boat Company ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on the second Monday of next sitting.

Mr Bayard, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act for regulating references and determining controversies by arbitration, passed on the 2d December, 1794.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading next sitting, and meantime to be printed.

The Speaker presented an account of John Scull, jr. Captain of Egg-Harbor volunteers, for expenses incurred in military services ;

Which account was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of the stock belonging to this state in the Capital Stock of the Society for establishing useful manufactures and for other purposes ; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on the second Wednesday of next sitting.

The bill entitled An act to encourage the establishment of fire companies, was called up, and dismissed.

The bill entitled An to establish the Bridgetown bank, at the town of Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was called up, and dismissed.

The bill entitled An act to establish a bank at Hack-
etstown, was called up and dismissed.

The bill entitled An act to establish a bank at Perth Amboy was called up and dismissed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act concerning Steam-Boats, was called up and dismissed.

The bill entitled An act to raise a sum of money by lottery for the improvement of the navigation of the river Delaware, was called up and dismissed.

Council came into the Assembly room, and the two Houses went into Joint-Meeting, after which the Speaker resumed the chair.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of Asa Wright, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Resolved, That when this house adjourn at the end of this sitting, it adjourn to the second Wednesday in January next.

The House adjourned to eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 4, 1814.

Eight o'clock, the House met.

Mr Wilson presented a communication on the subject of commissioning the officers of exempt corps, and allowing said corps pay, &c. when called into actual service.

Which communication was read, and referred to the Military committee.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to defray incidental charges, was read a third time and compared.

On the question Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request the concurrence of Council therein.

The Treasurer's bond was read, approved, and sent to Council for concurrence.

The account of Capt. Scull for military services was called up, and committed to Messrs Rape, Richman and Sharp.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the relief of creditors against absconding and absent debtors, passed the eighth day of March, 1798, was read a second time, and referred to the committee who reported it.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the house that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act for the relief of Peter Coriell ; the bill entitled An act to incorporate the West Bloomfield Manufacturing company ; the bill entitled An act authorising the Orphans Court of the county of Somerset to appoint Trustees to carry the last will and testament of Christopher Strimple, dec. into effect ; a bill entitled An act for the relief of all persons now in confinement for debt ; and the bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges, severally without amendment.

Also, That Council have agreed to the report of a committee of the House of Assembly on the Governor's account of the expense incurred in the protection of the maritime frontier.

Also, That Council have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act to repeal An act passed February nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Also, That Council have concurred in the warrant in favor of Kezia Albertson ;

Also, That Council have agreed to the amendments made by the House to the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mendham Cotton and Woolen Factory, and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared in the House,

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Anderson,	Messrs. Mandeville,
Annin,	Mead,
Bayard,	Munn,
Condit,	Newell,
Cox,	Pearson,
Davison,	Pennington, Sp.
Dayton,	Rape,
Dickinson,	Read,
Dubois,	Richman,
Dunn,	Sharp,
Ellis,	Wilson,
J. S. Holmes,	Zabriskie.
Lee,	

NAYS.

Messrs. Barber,	Messrs Vanduyn,
French,	Yard.
Pine,	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said re-engrossed bill has been passed by this House.

The Speaker adjourned the House to the ~~first~~ Wednesday in January next.

John Smith *commissioner to*

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,

AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF
OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN,
AND CONTINUED BY ADJOURNMENTS.

BEING THE SECOND SITTING.



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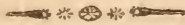
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



TRENTON, January 11, 1815.

Ten o'clock, forenoon.

This being the time and place to which this House stood adjourned, the Speaker took the chair, and, there not being a sufficient number of Members present to form a quorum, adjourned the House to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The roll being called by the clerk, the following Members appeared, viz.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Mead,
Annin,	Opdycke,
Barber,	Pearson,
Bayard,	Pennington, Sp.
Condit,	Pine,
Cortright,	Rape,
Cox,	Read,
Dunn,	Vansyckel,
Ellis,	Wilson,
French,	Yard,
Irick,	Zabriskie.
Mandeville,	

Ordered, That the clerk inform Council, that a sufficient number of the Members of this House to form a

quorum have this day met, and have proceeded to business.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to ten o'clock on Friday morning next.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that a sufficient number of the Members of Council to form a quorum have this day convened, and proceeded to business.

The Secretary brought to the House a Communication from his Excellency the Governor, in the following words :

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

SINCE your adjournment, the militia of our state, in the service of the United States, have all been discharged; the largest portion of which have been paid off, and satisfactory assurances given that the remainder will be paid in a few days. By the care, and diligence of the Treasurer, two months' state allowance to the militia was paid about the time it became due; the remainder, being about one month's allowance, has been necessarily delayed a few weeks until the coming in of the annual tax, and will be discharged as soon as the pay rolls can be perfected.

The experience of the last year has manifested some defects in the militia law which will require your particular attention. In pursuance of your joint-resolution of the eighth of February last, I have obtained from the War department an engagement to repay the monies expended by the state, in the repairs of the arms, mentioned in said resolution, as soon as vouchers shall have passed the proper offices. As those repairs were not done under my direction, I am not in possession of the necessary vouchers to enable me to present this account for adjustment. The Adjutant-General will lay before you the annual return of the militia.

Sufficient time has not elapsed since the discharge of the militia, to procure proper returns of the arms, ammunition and camp equipage. As soon as this can be done, a general return will be laid before you. In the recess of the legislature I have received communications from the Governors of Georgia, North-Carolina and Vermont, accompanying resolutions of the Legislatures of those states, which are herewith laid before you. It would have afforded great consolation if the prospect of peace had kept pace, with the liberal and enlightened policy of our government to promote it; that the enemy have abandoned the iniquitous project of establishing a savage barrier, between civilized nations, might have afforded some hope, if this had not been counterbalanced by new pretensions equally exceptionable.

It cannot have escaped your observation, gentlemen, that a combination is forming in the Eastern States, hostile to the constitution, and government of the Union, threatening a separation of the states. An honorable Union, formed under the pressure of common danger, and cemented with the blood of patriots; a constitution devised by the venerable statesmen and sages of the revolution, calculated to preserve the liberties and promote the happiness of unborn millions; are about to be broken up and cast to the wind, in a paltry struggle for the gratification of a silly ambition to govern. Had this section of the Union in time of peace seceded from the Union, the act would have been greatly to have been deplored, and would in that case have merited the appellation of folly; but to meditate the desertion of their brethren in the midst of a dangerous war, and thereby excite the exertions and encourage the hopes of a vindictive enemy, gives rise to emotions easier felt than described. Language scarcely furnishes epithets of sufficient opprobrium, to apply to this dereliction of every honorable feeling of the mind.

Was it for this return, that the intrepid warriors of America, led by the illustrious WASHINGTON, unfurled the triumphant banners of the Union on the plains of Massachusetts, and drove the enemy in disgrace from the capitol? Can it be endured that the holy edifice of our freedom, erected by the combined wisdom and labor of the revolutionary patriots, should be demolished by the wicked acts of a combination of men whose claim to public consideration rests on no better foundation than an insatiable thirst of power? It must not be understood that it is intended to involve in this censure the body of citizens of the Eastern States; their steady habits and virtuous deportment entitles them to great respect and consideration. Candor, however, requires us to deal plainly with them, apprising them of the situation in which they are placed, that they are artfully led by unprincipled ambitious men to the verge of treason, and a favorable opportunity only wanted to plunge them and their country into irretrievable ruin and disgrace. There is every reason to hope that as soon as the veil in which this conspiracy against the happiness and prosperity of America is attempted to be shrowded, is fully removed, and the monster exposed in its naked deformity, that the virtuous yeomanry of New-England, warned by danger, and animated with patriotism, will rise in their strength, and strangle it in its cradle.

Should it be said that the object of the Eastern malcontents is not to dissolve the Union, but only to compel the general government to change its measures, and pursue those marked out by them, or at most to compel those in the administration to abandon their stations to make way for themselves, the deleterious effect on the constitution would in that case be even worse. In one case, a portion of the Union would be severed from the great body, which might become sounder by the amputation; in the other, the constitution itself would be shaken to its foundation. If an

Eastern confederacy can control the government, why not a Middle, a Southern, or a Western do the same? it requires no argument to prove that a body with four or five heads constitutes a monster.

The fate of Greece ought to furnish a lesson of instruction to every subsequent confederacy of states. While united, it successfully withstood the combined powers of the Persian Empire, but as soon as the league was broken, by a combination of members against the head, and jealousy among themselves, it fell an easy prey to the first invader, and at this day groans in chains, a deplorable monument of the folly of selfish policy, local jealousy and private ambition. One defect in the Grecian confederacy was, that the laws acted on the states in their aggregate capacity, and not on the individual citizens; delinquencies were therefore punished by coercing the states; this necessarily produced violence, and violence anarchy. The framers of our excellent constitution have wisely corrected this defect. The laws of the United States act on the citizens independent of the state authorities. The violators of the laws of the Union may be brought to justice and compelled to obedience, without consulting the states, or in any way intermeddling with the portion of sovereignty reserved to the state governments. The friends of the government will therefore have a rallying point, and find protection in the laws of the United States. This principle well attended to will be found to have an important influence in the preservation of the Union.

Whatever may be the real motive, the ostensible complaint against the government at this time is the war. I think I am warranted in saying that no well-informed man, free from British attachments, is to be found, that denies that the injuries inflicted on the persons and property of our citizens by Great Britain afforded on the principles of the laws of nature and nations a justifiable cause of war. These injuries were

avowed, persisted in and justified by the British ministry. Satisfaction for the past and security for the future, directly and peremptorily denied before the war was declared. The war must therefore be considered, a legitimate legal war, in the view of civilized nations; and as it respects ourselves, constitutionally declared. It must, however, be admitted, that there are a considerable number of respectable citizens in our country, who think that it would have been wiser to have borne in quiet the injuries inflicted on us, than to have encountered the calamities incident to a state of war, to redress them; that on this question of public policy the government misjudged. The result of the frequent elections since the declaration of war, evinces, however, that this is not the sentiment of the majority of the nation. But in compliance with the desires of the minority, the government has done every thing towards obtaining peace, that could be done consistently with the safety and honor of the country. Very soon after the war broke out, our government, in answer to a communication from Admiral Warren, offered the British government to treat of peace, and for nearly two years have had commissioners in Europe for that purpose. These commissioners, with full authority from the government, have offered the enemy reasonable terms of peace; these terms have not yet been accepted, but on the other hand the enemy have set up unreasonable and humiliating demands on us, such as no man in our country has yet been found so destitute of virtue and public spirit as to advocate the acceptance of.

It appears to me that a man who opposes the prosecution of the war, is bound to say, that the conditions of peace offered by the enemy is such as ought to have been accepted, otherwise he is involved in the absurdity of acknowledging, that we cannot have peace, and yet declaring by his actions at least that we must not have war. A candid examination of the commu-

nications contained in the despatches from our commissioners in Europe, must carry conviction to every mind, that our government is seriously disposed to peace. Should it, however, so happen that the enemy should offer us such terms of peace as ought to be accepted, and contrary to every reasonable expectation the government should be so insensible to its duty and regardless of the interest of the nation as to reject them, we should stand in need of no partial convention at Hartford or elsewhere to stop the progress of the war. The unanimous voice of a free people would be heard; no administration would be hardy enough to refuse to listen to it.

In our present situation we have no alternative left, but war or submission. After the glorious stand made the last campaign against the power of the British empire, nothing short of the basest cowardice or foulest treason can suggest the latter. Heaven has committed to our keeping an invaluable stake, no less than the liberties and independence of the only free government on earth. A remembrance of the virtues of our ancestors urges to the performance of a pious duty; posterity requires it at our hands; nothing more is wanting to the accomplishment of this great object than a love of country. With a strict observance of this vital principal of free governments, and a rational reliance on an all-wise and over-ruling providence, we may look forward with confidence to a happy issue to the conflict in which we are engaged.

I have not the presumption to say that in making the foregoing observations, I have not been more under the influence of feeling than wisdom.

It is difficult, however, to judge correctly of the interest of the nation, without feeling for its happiness and prosperity. If an apology is wanting for touching on the subject at all, it is to be found in the momentous

crisis in the affairs of our country, calling for measures of a decisive and determined character.

WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

New-Jersey, Jan. 11, 1815.

Which communication being read, was ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Documents accompanying the Communication, viz. A resolution of the Legislature of Georgia approving of the amendments proposed by the Legislatures of Pennsylvania and Tennessee to the Constitution of the United States for reducing the term of service of Senators in Congress from six to four years; and Resolutions of the Legislatures of Vermont and North-Carolina disapproving of said proposed amendment, were read and ordered to be filed.

Mr Bayard moved the following Preamble and Resolution :

A communication having this day been received from the Governor of this State, containing sundry matters on which this Assembly cannot constitutionally legislate, and containing statements and inferences not warranted by fact,

Resolved, that the said communication be referred to the Governor for reconsideration.

On this Resolution some debate took place; when, there not being a quorum within the bar, a motion to adjourn was made and carried, and

The Speaker adjourned the House to ten o'clock on Friday morning.

FRIDAY, Jan. 13, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The following Members, in addition to those present on Thursday last, appeared and took their seats, viz.

Messrs Cadmus,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Edgar,
R. M. Holmes,
Lee,

Messrs Newell,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson.

Mr Condit presented a petition from the town committee of the town of Newark praying that the said town may be exempted from a tax for a county Poor-House ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Condit, Simpson and Richman.

Mr Anderson presented an account from the Clerk of Monmouth, for certain services rendered in regard to the Congressional election; which account being read,

Messrs Vansyckel, Cox and Pine, were appointed a committee on incidental expenses, and the above account referred to them.

Mr Zabriskie, presented to the House a petition from Abraham Allen, confined in Bergen jail for debt, praying legislative interference ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Zabriskie, Yard and Irick.

The Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Militia of New-Jersey made by the late Adjutant-General ; whereupon,

On motion, *Ordered*, That said Return be posted up in this House for the inspection of the Members.

Mr Mead presented a petition from the owners of the tract of woodland, in the county of Bergen, called

the Big Swamp, praying to be authorized to fence the same ;

Which petition being read, was committed to Messrs Mead, Dunn and Ellis.

Mr Bayard offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider how far it would be expedient to prevent individuals or associations of individuals not incorporated, from issuing bills of credit for any sum less than one dollar payable to any person or persons, to order or to bearer, and to report by bill or otherwise ;

Which Resolution was read, and committed to Messrs Bayard, Rutherford and Edgar.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to regulate the fees of Clerks of Counties for services rendered in regard to elections of Representatives to Congress and Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States.

Messrs Pearson, Wilson and Cortright were accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled An act for the preservation of sheep, and the bill entitled An additional supplement to the act for the preservation of sheep, were called up, and committed to Messrs Opdycke, Irick and Cadmus.

The report of the Committee of the last sitting on the subject of the library, was called up, and, after some discussion, the further consideration thereof postponed to the afternoon.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Messrs Davison and John S. Holmes, appeared and took their seats.

Mr Bayard presented a memorial from the inhabitants of the borough of Princeton, in favor of the bill before the House for suppressing Drunkenness, and also praying a revision of the act for the suppression of vice and immorality ; which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs Bayard, Dickinson and Lee.

The House resumed the consideration of the Report on the subject of the Library, and having gone through and amended the same to read as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That during the recess of the Legislature, the Library be confided to the special care of the Secretary of State, whose duty it shall be not to suffer any book or books, pamphlets, maps, charts or other documents to be taken therefrom, except by the Governor, or any Member of the Legislature during the sitting of the Court of errors and appeals, from whom respectively some memorandum in writing, signed by the person taking a book or other document from said library, be taken and preserved by said secretary, until the book so taken be returned in like condition as when delivered out.

2. That at the close of each session of the Legislature it shall be the duty of the President of the Council and Speaker of the House of Assembly to remind the members of their respective houses having books belonging to the state to return the same prior to their leaving the seat of the Legislature.

Ordered, That said Resolutions be carried to Council for concurrence.

Mr Wilson presented a remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, against the contemplated turnpike from Paterson to Hackinsack ;

Which remonstrance was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The bill entitled An act relative to the Draw-bridge over Crosswicks creek, was read a second time ;

Whereupon, Mr Irick presented a remonstrance from Hugh M. Weed, and from several hundred inhabitants of the counties of Burlington, Middlesex and Monmouth, against the passage of said bill, which being read,

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

Mr Vansyckel presented a memorial from Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and George Dill respecting a wing-dam in the river Delaware near this city ; which memorial was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

The Resolution concerning the Governor's Message was made the order for tomorrow morning ten o'clock.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Rutherford presented a memorial from sundry heirs and devisees of Peter Van Burgh Livingston, dec. praying legislative aid respecting the sale and distribution of the estate of said deceased ; which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs Rutherford, Newell, and R. M. Holmes.

Mr Edgar presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Perth-Amboy Turnpike company, for an extension of the time allowed in their act of incorporation for completing said road ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Edgar, Dubois and Annin.

Mr Mead, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike road from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackinsack ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The order of the day, being a bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated banks, was called up, and re-committed to the committee who reported it.

The house went into a committee of the whole, Mr Vansyckel in the chair, on the Resolution offered by Mr Bayard on Wednesday last respecting the Governor's message ; and after considerable debate, the Resolution was disagreed to ;

Whereupon, the committee rose, and reported their disagreement to said Resolution ; which Report was taken up by the House, and on the question Will the House agree to said Report ? It was decided in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,
Dann,

Messrs Edgar,
Ellis,
R. M. Holmes,

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NAYS.

Messrs Mead,
Pearson.
Pine,

Messrs Rape,
Simpson,
Zabriskie.

Mr Pearson moved to expunge from the Minutes of this House so much of the Governor's Message as relates to an alledged " combination in the Eastern states hostile to the constitution and Government of the Union, threatening a separation of the states;" which motion being seconded, some discussion thereof took place, when the question on agreeing to it was taken, and the motion was negatived as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Mead,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Lee,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

Mr Rutherford then moved to expunge from the minutes the Resolution offered by Mr Bayard relative to the Governor's Message; which remained under discussion until

The House adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the applicants for the bill for the sale of real estate of Daniel N. Demarest, late of the county of Bergen, dec. have leave to withdraw their papers.

The bill entitled An act to repeal so much of a supplement to an act passed the 31st of October 1796, and so much of an act passed the 12th day of Nov. 1790, as prescribes the time of choosing Senators of the United States, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act relative to turnpike roads, was read and postponed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting forfeited estates, passed the twenty-second day of November, 1803, was read and postponed.

Messrs Vansyckel, Irick and John S. Holnes, were appointed a committee to bring in a tax-bill

The bill entitled An act to repeal part of the act therein mentioned, was read, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, Jan. 16, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Sharp appeared in the House, and took his seat.

Mr Condit presented a petition from Margaret Kent, of the township of Caldwell, praying a divorce from her husband Moes Kent ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Condit, Pine and Mandeville.

Mr Thompson presented a petition from inhabitants of Morris county for a law to authorize a turnpike road from near Rockaway to intersect the Union turnpike near Buckshire valley.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Thompson, Annin and Sharp.

Mr Edgar, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Perth-Amboy turnpike company ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

On motion, *Ordered* That two members be added to the committee on the insolvent law.

Messrs Wilson and Simpson were accordingly added.

The Speaker presented to the House a letter from the Hon. William Coxe, enclosing a pamphlet entitled a Short account of the origin of Steam-boats ;

Which letter was read, and the pamphlet ordered to lie on the table for the use of the members.

Mr Nevell offered the following Resolution ;

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if there is any law providing for the militia of this state to vote when called into actual service, and if no law exist what law should be enacted providing for the same.

Which being read and agreed to, Messrs Newell, Mead and Thompson were accordingly appointed.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the parties on the subject of the application for a law to authorize a wing-dam in the river Delaware have leave to be heard by Counsel at the bar of the House, on Wednesday next.

Mr Simpson agreeably to leave given at the last sitting, presented a bill entitled An act to authorize the

clearing out of Stoney Brook, in the county of Middlesex ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Anderson presented a petition from the executors and devisees of Henry Harper, late of the county of Monmouth, dec. for a law to authorize the sale of the real estate of said deceased, and to confirm a title thereto ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Anderson, Dubois and Cadmus.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to repeal so much of a supplement to an act passed the 31st of October 1796, and so much of an act passed the 12th day of November 1790, as prescribes the time of choosing Senators of the United States, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to repeal part of the act therein mentioned, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,

Messrs Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,

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YEAS.

Messrs Lee,
Mead,
Newell,
Opdycke.
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Rape,

Messrs Richman,
Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,

Messrs Mandeville.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Bayard, from the committee appointed to consider the expediency of providing for the support of public worship on the Lord's day in the State Prison, reported,

That the inspectors of said prison be authorized to engage and employ any protestant minister of the gospel, or public friend, to conduct the public worship in the said prison on every Sabbath or Lord's day, and that they be permitted to pay to every such minister of the gospel as an indemnity for his expenses and services in executing the said service a sum not exceeding \$ and to charge the same to the state, which charge shall be allowed in the settlement of the annual account of said inspectors with the Treasurer of the state.

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Vansyckel offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the House now determine what sum shall be raised by tax for the expense of the state the present year ;

Which Resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Rutherford presented a petition from John R. Livingston in behalf of himself and Robert J. Livingston, praying to be heard by Counsel at the bar of the House on the bill before the House respecting Steam-Boats ;

Which petition being read, the question on permitting the applicants to be heard by Counsel was, after some discussion, decided in the negative.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Pittstown turnpike company, was called up, and dismissed.

The Resolution reported this morning respecting providing for public worship in the State-Prison, was called up, and, after some discussion, the further consideration thereof postponed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting forfeited estates, passed the twenty-second day of November one thousand eight hundred and eight, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs Simpson, Wilson and Rutherford.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 17, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Vanduyn appeared in the House and took his seat.

Mr J. S. Holmes presented a petition from the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Staam-boat company in favor of a continuance of the restrictive laws on the subject of Steam-boats; also a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth of a similar tenor; likewise a memorial from Nicholas J. Roosevelt, claiming to be the original inventor of the machinery now in use for propelling Steam-boats, and praying to be protected in his rights; which several petitions and memorials were read, and committed to Messrs Wilson, Newell and Edgar.

Mr Irick also presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Monmouth, of a like tenor with the one above-mentioned;

Which petition was referred to the above committee.

Mr Rutherford presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying that the Judges of the Supreme Court may preside at the Courts of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions:

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Rutherford, Read, and Dubois.

Mr Cox, agreeably to leave given at the last sitting, presented a bill entitled An act authorizing improvements to be made in the navigation of Meleticunk river.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Newark, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a poor-house;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Sharp offered a Resolution, which, being amended, read as follows;

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report to this House in what state the suit between this state and the Jersey Banking company is; and also, what sum has been expended in the prosecution of said suit.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs Sharp, Pearson and Yard accordingly appointed.

Mr French presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Gloucester in favor of the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-boat company, of a like tenor with those already presented;

Which petition was referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr Mead presented a petition from a large number of the owners of meadows, &c. on the river Passaic, praying a repeal of certain acts relative to removing obstructions in said river;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Mead, Condit and Thompson.

Mr Pearson, offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this House, as soon as may be, the amount he has paid to the militia lately called into actual service, designating the amount paid those of each county, and the balance yet due.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Rutherford, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An Act to authorize Peter Keen to fulfil the last will of Peter Van Burgh Livingston, deceased;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Edgar presented a petition from Reuben Ayers, an old soldier, wounded in the revolutionary war, praying legislative aid in his support;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Edgar, Cox and Ellis.

The bill entitled An act repealing an act concerning Steam-boats, agreeably to the order of the day, was called up; and, after some discussion,

Ordered, That the parties for and against said bill have leave to be heard by Counsel at the bar of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Cortright presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Sussex in favor of the bill before the House altering the descent of real estates;

Which petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the clearing out of Stoney Brook in the county of Middlesex, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act for the relief of Asa Wright, without amendment.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike, from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackinsack, was read a second time and postponed.

The bill entitled An act relative to executors was read a second time, and after some discussion, re-committed to the committee who reported it.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Jan 18, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Dayton appeared in the House, and took his seat.

Mr Wilson presented a memorial from Aaron Ogden and Daniel Dod, in opposition to that of John R. Livingston for the repeal of the Steam-boat law ;

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Simpson offered the following Resolution :

Whereas the prayer of the memorial of John R. Livingston and Robert J. Livingston, now before this House appears to be predicated principally on the originality of certain inventions necessary for navigation by the agency of steam, purporting to have been made by Robert R. Livingston and Robert Fulton—and whereas it further appears from the contra-memorial of Aaron Ogden and Daniel Dod that two several patents have been obtained by Robert Fulton under the laws and constitution of the United States for improvement in such navigation, and that if it shall be deemed material they will on reasonable notice be prepared to shew before this House that the said Robert Fulton is not the inventor of any thing necessary for successful navigation by steam, and that the Steam-boat Sea-Horse in the said memorial mentioned does not interfere with any rights duly patented to the said Robert

R. Livingston and Robert Fulton or either of them, and as this House do deem such investigation material, and are willing to hear and decide thereon, therefore,

Ordered, That the said memorialists have leave to be heard respectively on the several matters before mentioned, by themselves and their counsel, and to have process of subpoena from this House to compel the attendance of witnesses in the usual form ;

Which Resolution was read, and, after some discussion, disagreed to by the House.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill respecting Steam-boats be made the order for ten o'clock on Wednesday morning next ; and that the clerk be directed to inform Council thereof, and invite their attendance in the Assembly-room on that occasion.

Mr Sharp presented a petition from Peter Bale, of Sussex county, for a law to fulfil a certain contract ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Sharp, Rape and French, together with the accompanying documents.

Mr Sharp presented a petition from Robert Arnold, praying an act of incorporation for himself and his associates to aid them in establishing a daily communication by water between New-Brunswick and New-York, also a memorial of several hundred inhabitants in favor of his petition.

Which documents were read and committed to Messrs Dayton, Thompson and Simpson.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Sharp, from the committee on the bill entitled An act relative to executors, reported the same with amendments ;

Which bill as amended was read, postponed and ordered to be printed.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act to incorporate the Newark fire department; also, that Council concur in the rules and regulations from this House for the preservation of the State Library; also, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to repeal part of the act therein mentioned, and the bill from this House entitled An act to repeal so much of a supplement to an act passed the 31st of October 1796, and so much of an act passed the 12th day of November 1790, as prescribes the time of choosing Senators of the United States, severally without amendment.

The Committee to whom were referred the memorial of Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, praying to be authorized to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware below this city, and the remonstrance of Gideon H. Wells, for himself and Robert Waln against such a law; also, a second memorial from the said Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, in reply to the remonstrance of the said Gideon H. Wells and Robert Waln, and petitions from several hundred inhabitants of Trenton and its vicinity praying that a law for the erection of said wing-dam may pass; being discharged from the consideration of the subject, the said documents were returned to the House;

When agreeably to the order of the day, the House took up the said documents;

Whereupon, *Ordered*, That the Clerk inform Council that the House will now proceed to hear Counsel at the bar of the House for and against the application for leave to erect a wing-dam in the river

Delaware below this city, and invite their attendance in the House of Assembly to hear said argument.

Council having come into the Assembly-Room ; and the parties with their Counsel having appeared at the bar of the House, the several documents before the House were read ; when Mr Wall, on the part of the applicants, and Mr Ewing, on the part of the opponents, proceeded to examine their witnesses, and occupied the attention of the House, until

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, Jan. 19, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Munn appeared in the House, and took his seat.

Mr R. M. Holmes, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improvement of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Report of the committee relative to public worship in the State-Prison, was called up and agreed to ; whereupon ;

Mr Bayard, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act for the establishment and support of public worship in the state-prison ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr Dayton presented a petition from David Parrish, a native of the city of Hamburg, praying to be authorized to hold real estate ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Dayton, Bayard and Dickinson.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday—Council attending in the Assembly-Room, and the parties with their Counsel, appearing at the bar of the House ;

When Mr Vansyckel presented a remonstrance from L. Huron and others, owners of a certain mill-seat or water right on the Assanpink creek near its mouth, against the erection of a wing-dam in the river Delaware, below this city ; which remonstrance was read, and the remainder of the forenoon occupied in the examination of witnesses and in the hearing of Mr Ewing on the part of the opponents to the bill ; and before Mr Ewing had concluded,

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Mead presented a petition from William M. Miller and Nancy Miller, praying the repeal of a law respecting the estate of Richard Dey, late of the county of Bergen, deceased ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Vanduyn, Condit, and Zabriskie.

Mr Vansyckel presented a petition from Samuel Holcombe, of New-Brunswick, praying an act of incorporation for himself and his associates to enable them to open and work a slate quarry and coal mine in the county of Sussex ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Barber, Pine and Cox.

Mr Munn presented a memorial from a committee of the Medical Society of New-Jersey praying a renewal of their charter ;

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs Munn, Bayard and Ellis.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of this morning—Council attending in the Assembly-room, and the parties with their Counsel appearing at the bar of the House—Mr Ewing concluded his argument against the application, and Mr Wall advocated the application in a lengthy argument; when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, Jan. 20, 1815,

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Bayard presented a petition of Frances Roberts, relict of Michael Roberts, late of Philadelphia, praying legislative aid in regard to property left her by her father Thomas Lowrey;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Bayard, Lee, and Cadmus.

Mr Thompson presented sundry petitions from inhabitants of Essex and Morris, praying to be authorized to make a turnpike road from the Scotch-Plains to Morristown;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Thompson, Wilson and R. M. Holmes.

Mr Dayton presented a petition from Richard Ward and his associates for a law to incorporate them by the name of the Passaic Manufacturing company;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Dayton, Simpson and Mead.

Mr Rutherford, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated Banks, reported the same with amendments;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the House a Report from the Treasurer of the State, agreeably to a Resolution of the House, on the subject of the amount of monies paid to the Militia the last campaign, which report was in the following words :

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New-Jersey, now in session.

Gentlemen,

Your Treasurer has received the Resolution of the House of Assembly, directing him to report to the House, the amount of monies paid to the Militia the past campaign for the state allowance of \$3 per month, and also from what counties they were detached from :

Report, That the number of men called out and in actual service was from the returns about four thousand of non-commissioned officers and privates that drew the state pay, and had been in service generally three months, some detachments not quite so long and others longer, and have all received two months state pay, some few companies, their whole pay, so that the Treasurer supposes about \$ 26,000 has been paid, and expects demands remaining unpaid will amount to \$ 10,000.

It is impossible for the Treasurer to ascertain the counties that those are from, having no accurate documents to ascertain the fact, but believe detachments from every county was called out.

Your Treasurer, whilst obeying the Resolution of the House, begs leave to mention another circumstance respecting the exempts. The Legislature (as well as your Treasurer) had great expectations from the last

supplement to the Militia System, when the exempt fines was raised to \$6, that a large sum would be brought into the Treasury; but your Treasurer is sorry to say, those expectations will be blasted, and but little assistance will be received from that source. The captains or assessors have not known their duty, or designedly neglected it, and instead of receiving 12 or \$15,000 from the exempts, am doubtful if 3000 will be paid into the Treasury, for instance, Burlington county from every information I have been able to obtain, should have returned between 1500 and 2000 exempts, have returned only 280, and in four townships, viz. Burlington, Northampton, Evesham, and Willingborough, not a single exempt returned—and even from the small number returned, the County Collector informs me but a small portion will be obtained—and from several counties no returns have been received. In short, there appears a disposition and determination to evade the law—and every art and excuse made use of to retain the fines, and have the disbursement themselves for the special use and benefit of their own county.

The Treasurer forwards all the returns respecting the number of Sheep and Manufactories, which have been received; from which it will be seen that several counties are deficient, or rather the assessors have neglected their duty.

Your humble servant,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

January 19th, 1815.

Which report was read, and referred to the Military Committee; and the accompanying documents ordered to lie on the table for the consideration of the Members.

Mr Pearson offered the following Resolution ;

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to make a particular report as to the amount of exempt money received into the Treasury, designating the amount from each county and township ;

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Thompson, from the committee on the application for a turnpike from near Rockaway to intersect the Union turnpike near Buckshire valley,

Reported, That the applicants have permission to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their petition ;

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to alter the law directing the Descent of Real Estates, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
R. M. Holmes,
Lee,

Messrs Mead,
Newell,
Pearson,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Vanduyne,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
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Messrs Barber,
Condit,

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NAYS.

Messrs Cox,
Dayton,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Mandeville,
Munn,

Messrs Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Rape,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the clearing out of Stoney-Brook in the county of Middlesex, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled, An act to incorporate 'The President, Directors and company of the Farmers' Bank of New-Jersey, was read a second time, and some progress made in the consideration thereof by section, when,

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr J. S. Holmes presented a petition from a number of inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, against the removal of the draw in the Bridge over Crosswicks creek ;

Which petition was ordered to be read with the second reading of the bill.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Newark, in favor of the bill before this House relative to the estates of drunkards and gamblers ;

Which petition was read, and ordered a second reading with the said bill, which was made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr Bayard, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to prevent the issuing of bills of credit by individuals, or persons not by law incorporated, below the value of one dollar ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being a bill entitled An act relative to the Draw-bridge over Crosswicks creek, which was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

On motion of Mr Vansyckel,

Resolved, That Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition ;

Which Resolution being read and agreed to,

Mr Vansyckel presented a bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the River Delaware to connect Yard's island with the mainland at Bloomsbury ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker presented to the House the following Report from the Treasurer :

To the Honorable the House of Assembly,
Gentlemen,

Your treasurer has just received your Resolution of this day, viz.

“ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to make a particular report as to the amount of exempt money received in the Treasury, designating the amount from each county and township”—

Report,

That he has received from Trenton township, Hunterdon county, in part,	\$150,00
From Monmouth county in full, 67 exempts,	402,00
From Cape-May county in part,	36,00
From C. Shreves, Col. of Burlington, for exempts for 1813,	17,64
	—————
Total received,	605,64

The above is all that has been received. Several counties have neglected making returns, viz. Cumberland, Middlesex, Essex, Gloucester and Morris counties. The last supplement of the Militia System directs and orders the board of Assessors to make return to the Treasurer at their annual meeting in September of all the exempts in the county, and said Treasurer to charge the several counties with the amount—but neglect or inattention seems to pervade the whole.

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

January 20, 1815.

N. B. Since penning the above report, I have thought proper to send all the returns received, that the Members may examine them.

Which letter was read, and together with the documents, ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate 'The President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of New-Jersey, and having progressed as far as the 8th section,

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

Mr Dayton, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Passaic Manufacturing Company ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Mead, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Saddle River, in the county of Bergen ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Wilson asked and obtained leave of absence till Tuesday next.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improvement of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May, was read a second time, and progressed in, until

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 21, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House a communication from the Governor on the subject of the Rifles authorized to be purchased by a Resolution of last sitting ;

Which communication was read, and referred to the Military Committee.

Mr Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to divorce Margaret Kent, of the county of Essex, from her husband Moses Kent ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and the printing dispensed with.

Mr Munn presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Essex county praying that Uniform Companies may have the privilege of enrolling volunteers from adjoining brigades ;

Which petition was read, and referred to the Military Committee.

Mr Thompson from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, An act to incorporate the New-Providence turnpike company ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Sharp presented a memorial from inhabitants of Knolton and Oxford townships, praying an alteration in the bounds of said townships.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs Sharp, Dunn and Vansyckel.

Mr Irick, from the committee on the bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act the more effectually to prevent the waste of timber in this state, and to repeal the former act for that purpose, passed 13th June, 1783,

Reported, that a majority of the committee were of opinion that the law on that subject is all-sufficient.

Which report was read and disagreed to by the House.

Whereupon, *Ordered*, That said bill be re-committed to another committee.

Messrs Irick, Sharp and Richman were accordingly appointed.

Mr Munn, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the medical Society of the State of New-Jersey;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Richman, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the county of Cumberland in the General Assembly of this state :

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being a bill entitled An act to incorporate The President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of New-Jersey ;

A new section having been proposed by Mr Irick as an 8th section, offering a bonus of three thousand five hundred dollars as a consideration for the charter, a motion was made by Mr Rutherford to strike out the said sum and insert *seven thousand* dollars in lieu thereof; and the ayes and noes being called for, the said motion was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cox,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,
Munn,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,

Messrs Cadmus,
Cortright,

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NAYS.

Messrs Dayton,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Mead,
Newell,

Messrs Pearson.
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Zabriskie.

A motion was then made by Mr Sharp to strike out three thousand five hundred and insert *five thousand*, and the yeas and nays being called for, the question was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cox,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Munn,
Pennington,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Vanduyne,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Dayton,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Mead,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Zabriskie.

After some further time employed on said bill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act relative to fees and proceedings in the Court of Appeals and in the prerogative Court; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House;

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs Bayard, Dayton and Newell.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 23, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Rape, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain John Scull, jun. and others;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Cox presented a remonstrance from sundry owners of meadows on Manasquan river, against the application of Michael Ortley;

Which remonstrance was read, and ordered a second reading with the bill.

Mr Sharp, from the committee to whom the petition of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Knowlton and Oxford, in the county of Sussex, for altering the lines of said towns, and adding a part of the township of Oxford, to Knowlton, was referred,

Reported, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for the above purposes at the next sitting of the Legislature, having first advertised the same at least one month in four of the most public places of each township.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Newark, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a poor-house, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain John Scull, junior, and others, was read a second time, and recommitted to the committee who reported it.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackensack, was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Dayton gave notice, that he should to-morrow call up for a second reading the bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of the stock belonging to this state in the capital stock of the Society for establishing useful manufactures, and for other purposes.

Mr Rutherford, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the appointment of Presidents of the courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council had passed a bill entitled An act to dissolve the Marriage contract between George C. Miller and Elizabeth R. Miller, late Elizabeth R. Butler, his wife; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Bayard offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be requested to lay before this House a statement of the amount of monies now due, or that will shortly become due, to this state, from the United States, for advances already made, or which must shortly be made, in consequence of measures adopted to meet the exigencies of the war in which the United States are at present engaged;

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to prevent the issuing of bills of credit by individuals, or persons not by law incorporated, below the value of one dollar, was read a second time, and after some time employed thereon,

Ordered, That said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, and that two Members be added to the committee.

Messrs Dayton and Sharp were accordingly appointed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of New-Jersey; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackensack ; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 24, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the Memorial and sundry documents accompanying the claim of Jane Smith (formerly Jane Leroux)

Reported, That after a careful inspection of the papers, they are of opinion that the state has no interest in the property in dispute between the said Jane Smith and Jonathan Peas, the person now said to be in possession of the premises, and that the state do relinquish any claim to the same ;

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Simpson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting forfeited estates, passed the 22d day of November 1808, reported the same without amendment ;

The House went into the consideration of the first section of said bill ; and after some time employed thereon,

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

Mr Pearson presented a memorial from sundry inhabitants of the county of Burlington, praying that a

remedy may be applied to the evils arising out of the practice of certain vessels collecting paving stones in the Delaware, anchoring in the channel of the river ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Pearson, Dunn, and Dickinson.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Newark, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a poor-house, was read a third time, and compared :

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Mead,
Annin,	Munn,
Barber,	Newell,
Bayard,	Pearson,
Cadmus,	Pennington, Sp.
Condit,	Pine,
Cortright,	Rape,
Davison,	Read,
Dayton,	Richman,
Dickinson,	Rutherford,
Dubois,	Sharp,
Dunn,	Simpson,
Edgar,	Vanduyne,
R. M. Holmes,	Yard,
Irick,	Zabriskie.
Mandeville,	

NAYS.

Mr Cox,

Mr Thompson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of New-Jersey, was read a third time, and compared :

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dunn,
Edgar,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Mead,

Messrs Newell,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyn,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cox,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Mandeville,
Munn,
Pennington, Sp.
Rutherford,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled, An act to authorize the clearing out of Stoney-Brook, in the county of Middlesex, without amendment.

The bill from Council entitled An act authorizing the sale of the stock belonging to this state, in the capital stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures and for other purposes, was read a second time, and after some time employed on the first section of the bill,

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Bayard presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Burlington in favor of the bill for the prevention of drunkenness and gambling ;

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Barber, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia Company of New Jersey ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Anderson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to carry into effect the intent and meaning of the last will and testament of Henry Harper, late of the township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, deceased ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Simpson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act respecting Apprentices and Servants, passed the 14th of March, 1793 ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker laid before the House the following letter and report, viz.

To the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Gentlemen,

Your Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the Resolution of the House of Assembly, viz.

“ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the State be requested to lay before this House a statement of the amount of monies now due, or that will shortly be come due to this state, from the United States, for advances already made, or which must shortly be made, in consequence of measures adopted to meet the exigencies of the war in which the United States are at present engaged.”

Report, That the Treasurer knows not of any advances of monies made to the United States, by this state, nor any charges against the United States, except some monies paid to Maj. Andruss, M. Schenck and Col. Emley, in January 1814, for disbursements by them made, for transporting baggage, &c. to Fort Richmond by requisition of the United States—amount paid them agreeably to the act of January 27th, 1814, \$413,20.

The Treasurer has understood that the United States have promised reimbursements, for the repairs of some damaged arms done by order of Col. Ogden (when Governor) but has no accurate knowledge of the fact, nor of the amount of said expense.

Your obedient servant,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

Treasury office, January 24th, 1815.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of the stock belonging to this state in the capital stock of the Society for establishing useful manufactures, and for other purposes ; Mr Vanarsdale, the Commissioner appointed by a former Legislature to investigate this subject, appeared at the bar of the House, and gave information and explanations on various points connected with this bill ;

After which, the first section of the bill was, after considerable discussion, disagreed to ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been disagreed to by this House.

The bill entitled An act for the establishment and support of public worship in the State-Prison, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition from sundry judges and citizens of the county of Essex, in favor of a law constituting the Judges of the Supreme Court ex officio Presidents of the Courts of Common Pleas, &c.

Which petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Sharp, from the committee to whom was referred the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the relief of Creditors against absent and abscond-

ing debtors, passed the 8th day of March 1798, reported the same with amendments ;

Which bill as amended, was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr Munn presented a petition from Stephen Dod praying compensation for the repairs of sundry arms ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Munn, Irick and Newell.

Mr Mead, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and lowlands on the river Passaic, and its several branches between the Little falls and the milldam 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, passed June 9, 1790 ; and also to repeal a part of the act entitled an act to enable the owners and possessors of flowed lands and swamps on the river Passaic and its branches, between the Little falls on said river and the mill-dam at Chatham to break up the reefs in said river near said falls, and to remove all obstructions to the free course of the waters out of said river, passed January 31, 1812 ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Yard presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying a law to authorize a turnpike road, from Georgetown, or Coryell's Ferry, to New-Brunswick ; and,

Mr Annin presented two petitions of similar tenor ;

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs Yard, Annin and Lee.

Mr Annin, with leave, presented a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of Jane Smith ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and the printing to be dispensed with.

Mr Sharp, from the committee on the bill entitled
An act for the relief of Captain John Scull, junior, and
others,

Reported the same with an amendment ;

Which bill as amended was ordered to be postponed.

Mr Sharp offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the propriety of making some further provision by law for selling, or suspending of the sale of the stock belonging to this state in the capital stock of the Society for establishing useful manufactures and for securing the rights and interests of the state therein ;

Which Resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Dayton, from the military committee, made the following report in part :

The joint-committee of both Houses have found it expedient in the course of their deliberations upon the subject of the revision and amendment of the Militia System to submit to their respective Houses certain leading principles connected therewith, upon which they beg leave to request particular instructions for their guidance and government.

1st. Whether in all future drafts of a certain portion of the militia for regular tours of duty pursuant to a requisition from the proper authorities, either of the state or of the United States, a certain general principle of classification be adopted and established.

2d. Whether such principle of classification be extended to all free white male persons above the age of 18 years ; or

3d. Whether it be confined and limited to those only who are between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

4th. Whether in either the one or the other case, such classification should be made with regard to persons or polls only, or with regard to property as well as persons.

5th. Whether, as differing from all the above, the two Houses would prefer to adopt the still more extensive and broader principle adopted and practised upon for obtaining our militia drafts in the year 1794.

Respectfully submitted by order of the
Joint-Committee of the two Houses.

JONATHAN DAYTON, Chairman.

January 25, 1814.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the table, and meantime to be printed.

The order of the day being called for, viz. the bill entitled An act repealing An act concerning Steam-boats ;

Mr Munn offered the following Resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the order in which Counsel shall be heard at the bar of this House, on the bill concerning Steam-boats, be as follows :

1. The memorialists shall first open their case, and adduce their proofs.
2. After which the Contra-Memorialists shall open their case, and adduce their evidence.

When the evidence is closed on both sides, the Counsel on behalf of the memorialists shall proceed to sum up the case and apply the evidence—after which the Counsel for the Contra-Memorialists shall sum up their case, and the counsel for the memorialists shall conclude the argument.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Whereupon, Council, agreeably to invitation, having attended in the Assembly Room, and the parties, with their Counsel, having appeared at the bar of the House, Mr Emmet, on the part of the applicants, commenced his opening, and continued to occupy the attention of the House, until

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Newell, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An additional supplement to the acts relative to elections, to enable the militia or volunteers of this state when in the military service of the United States or of this state to exercise the rights of election ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House resumed the unfinished business of the forenoon, being the bill entitled An act repealing An act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly Room, and the parties with their Counsel appearing at the bar of the House—Mr Emmet occupied the remainder of the afternoon in his opening ; when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, Jan. 26, 1815.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr Rutherford presented a memorial from Ferdinando Fairfax, of Alexandria, praying to be heard in support of his claim to the invention of Steam-boat machinery ;

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Richman, presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the township of Downes, in the county of Cumberland, praying a law to authorize the stopping of the main branch of Dividing-Creek ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Richman, Rope and Dubois.

Mr Wilson presented a petition from Simeon Crane, praying compensation for certain services rendered in the repair of arms, &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Wilson, Bayard and Dickinson.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being a bill entitled An act repealing the act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly-Room, and the parties with their Counsel, appearing at the bar—Col. Ogden commenced his opening against the bill, and continued to occupy the attention of the House, until

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the Military Committee be authorized, if they think proper, to report their bill to this House in a printed form.

The House resumed the unfinished business of the forenoon, being the bill entitled An act to repeal the act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly-Room, and the parties with their Counsel appearing at the bar of the House—when Col. Ogden continued to occupy the attention of the House, until

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, Jan. 27, 1815,

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr John S. Holmes presented a petition from sundry tavern-keepers of Monmouth county praying to be relieved from the tax levied on them by the state ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs John S. Holmes, Simpson and Newell.

Mr Wilson, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Simeon Crane, praying payment of certain accounts for the repairing of the arms of a portion of the militia of this state while on a tour of duty last autumn,

Reported, That having examined the vouchers presented by the memorialist, they consider his claims equitable, and that it ought to be allowed and paid ;

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Passaic Manufacturing Company, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Dayton gave notice that he should tomorrow morning call up the report of the military committee for the consideration of the House.

Mr Bayard presented a petition from Sarah Mort, widow of Joseph Mort, praying legislative interposition in regard to property left her by her father Thomas Lowry, deceased ;

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on a similar subject.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill entitled An act to repeal An act concerning Steam boats— Council attending in the Assembly-Room, and the

parties with their counsel appearing at the bar of the House—Col. Ogden concluded his opening about one o'clock, when

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the establishment and support of public worship in the State-Prison, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Barber,

Bayard,

Condit,

Davison,

Dubois,

Dunn,

Ellis,

R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Lee,

Mead,

Mum,

Newell,

Rape,

Richman,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Wilson,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cortright,

Cox,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

French,

J. S. Holmes,

Irick,

Mandeville,

Messrs Opdycke,

Pearson,

Pennington, Sp.

Read,

Sharp,

Vansyckel,

Yard.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of this forenoon, viz. the bill entitled

An act to repeal an act entitled An act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly-Room, and the parties with their counsel appearing at the bar of the House—Col. Ogden having adduced some evidence omitted in the morning, Mr Emmet commenced his argument, and on his concluding,

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 28, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr French presented a petition from the widow of John Wallace, dec. and from George Browning, praying that a law may pass to confirm an agreement made between the said Wallace in his life-time and the said Browning ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs French, Rape and R. M. Holmes.

Mr Zabriskie reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of persons confined for debt ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Sharp presented a petition from Capt. Donlevy, of the Belvidere Rangers, praying payment from the state of some of his men who were refused payment from the United States on the ground of their having left the camp before regularly discharged, but after the expiration of the term of two months for which they volunteered ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Sharp, Read and Condit.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Passaic Manufacturing Company was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Bayard,

Cadmus,

Condit,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

Dunn,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

J. S. Holmes,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Opdycke,

Pearson,

Pennington, Sp.

Rape,

Read,

Richman,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Wilson,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,

Pine,

Mr Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered. That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being a bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act concerning Steamboats—Council attending in the Assembly Room, and the parties with their Counsel appearing at the bar of the House—the remainder of the forenoon was occupied in adducing additional testimony by the parties ; when the evidence being rested on both sides,

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Bayard, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act relative to the estate of Thomas Lowrey, deceased ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and the printing dispensed with.

The House resumed the unfinished business of the forenoon, being a bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly Room, and the parties with their counsel appearing at the bar of the House—when Mr Southard, on behalf of the opponents to the bill, commenced the application of the evidence ; and when he concluded,

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, Jan. 30, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An act to carry into effect the intent and meaning of the last will and testament of Henry Harper, late of the township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, deceased, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to preserve the free navigation of the River Delaware, near the head of the tide waters thereof ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday, being a bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly-room, and the parties with their counsel appearing at the bar of the House—Mr Hopkinson, on the part of the opponents to the bill, occupied the remainder of the forenoon, and before he had concluded,

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of prisoners confined for debt, was read a second time, and postponed.

Mr Bayard, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act for the establishment and support of social worship in the State-Prison ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the forenoon, being a bill entitled An act repealing An act concerning Steam-boats—Council attending in the Assembly-Room, and the parties with their counsel appearing at the bar of the House—Mr Hopkinson re-commenced his argument, and concluded about five o'clock ; when Mr Emmet commenced his reply, and on his concluding,

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 31, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr J. S. Holmes, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act for the appropriation of a certain sum of

money for the protection of the maritime frontier of this state ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackinsack, was read a third time and compared ; when on motion,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to carry into effect the intent and meaning of the last will and testament of Henry Harper, late of the township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, deceased, was read a third time and compared,

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act to authorize the inhabitants of the township of Newark, in the county of Essex, to build or purchase a poor-house—the bill entitled An act to incorporate the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of New-Jersey—the bill entitled An act authorizing the Banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the county of Cape-May—and the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Passaic Manufacturing Company—severally, without amendment.

Mr Sharp, from the committee on the petition of Capt. Donlevy and others,

Reported, That on examining the petition and papers they are of opinion, that as the petitioners have received their State pay due from this state, the proper place of application in the opinion of this committee is to the War Department of the United States, and that they have leave to withdraw their papers.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Irick, from the committee on that subject reported the bill entitled a Supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber, with amendments ;

Which bill as amended was read, and ordered a second reading, and to be printed.

The House went into committee of the whole, Mr Bayard in the chair, on the report of the Military Committee ; and after having had the same under consideration, the committee rose, and reported the following Resolution to the House :

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to adopt a general and equal principle of classification of the Militia of this state, so that tours of duty may be regulated by numbers and not by companies.

2. *Resolved*, That in classifying the Militia for tours of actual service the rule prescribed by the law of June 20 1794, including in the classes all free white male inhabitants and others holding property, is the most equitable, and ought to be now adopted.

Which Resolutions being read,

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The Bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Cox, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, and the

survivors or survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's Island with the mainland at Bloomsbury, was read a second time, and after some progress in the consideration thereof,

On motion, *Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

Mr Wilson presented a memorial from John D. De Lacy, complaining of an arrest at the suit of Robert Fulton while attending upon this House, and claiming the protection of the House ;

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act for the benefit of Jane Smith, was read a second time, and remained under consideration, until

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Saddle-River in the county of Bergen, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain John Scull, junior, and others, was taken up, gone through, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia Company of New-Jersey, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be recommitted to the committee who reported it.

Mr Wilson presented a petition from a number of inhabitants of the town of Paterson, praying to be authorized to establish a Bank at Paterson; also, a memorial from sundry citizens of New-York, concerned in the Manufactories at Paterson, in favor of said application;

Which petition and memorial were read, and committed to Messrs Wilson, Simpson and Mandeville.

The bill entitled An act to preserve the free navigation of the river Delaware, near the head of the tide waters thereof, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, junior, and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island, with the mainland at Bloomsbury, reported the same with amendments;

Which bill as amended, was considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act relative to executors, was read a second time, considered, and postponed.

The bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low-lands on the river Passaic and its several branches between the Little Falls and the Mill dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs near said falls, and to dig canals for the more effectual draining said lands, and to raise money for that purpose, passed June 9, 1790; and also to repeal a part of the act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of flowed lands and swamps on the river Passaic and its branches, between the little falls on said river and the mill-dam at Chatham to break up the reefs in said river near said falls, and to remove all ob-

structions to the free course of the waters out of said river, passed January 31, 1812, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act relative to the estate of Thomas Lowrey, deceased, was read a second time, disagreed to, and leave given to the applicants to withdraw their papers.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Perth-Amboy turnpike company, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to authorize Peter Kean to fulfil the last will and testament of Peter Van Burgh Livingston, deceased, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Mead, from the committee on the engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackinsack, reported the same with an amendment;

Which amendment was read and agreed to, and the bill as amended ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for the establishment and support of social worship in the State Prison, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act relative to executors, which was read a second time, progressed in, and postponed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between George C. Miller and Elizabeth R. Miller, his wife, late Elizabeth R. Butler, was read a second time, considered, and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

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THURSDAY, Feb. 2, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to the acts relative to elections to enable the militia or volunteers of this state when in the military service of the United States, or of this state, to exercise the rights of election, was read a second time, and, after some progress therein,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, with the addition of Messrs Bayard and Rutherford.

Mr Sharp, from the committee on the Resolution relative to the suit against the Jersey Banking Company, reported the following Communication from the Treasurer, viz.

To the Honorable the Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, January 17, 1815.

Gentlemen,

The Treasurer has received the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the above date, viz.

“ *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to en-
“ quire and report to this House, in what state the suit
“ between this state and the Jersey Banking Company
“ is, and that the committee be instructed to report
“ what sum has been expended in the prosecution of
“ said suit.”

Report.

The Treasurer begs leave to refer the committee to the enclosed note from Mr Woodruff, the Attorney-General, to shew the state in which the suit stands. And as to the expenditures for prosecuting said suit, the whole amount is \$ 1072 21½.

The Treasurer begs leave to say, that he has endeavored to press the suit to a final result, as much as possible, but feels sorry, (from sundry causes) his endeavors have been unexpectedly in some measure disappointed; but at present feels sanguine that a final determination before the Court of Appeals will take place in May next, and am in hopes the suit will not be carried farther.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

January 31, 1815.

Which Communication was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Providence Turnpike Company, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their secretary, informed the House, that council have passed the bill from this House intituled An act to carry into effect the intent and meaning of the last will and testament of Henry Harper, late of the townshipp of Upper Freehold,

in the county of Monmouth, deceased, without amendment ;

Also, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a rail-road from the river Delaware near Trenton, to the river Raritan, at or near New-Brunswick, to which bill they request the concurrence of this House ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a member be added to the committee on the subject of small causes.

Mr Simpson was accordingly appointed.

Mr Bayard offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to devise and report a plan for rendering the Hall in which this Assembly hold their sessions more comfortable ;

Which resolution was read, and agreed to, and Messrs Bayard, Pearson and Sharp appointed accordingly.

On motion of Mr Irick,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this House the amount of money, as nearly as may be, due and owing by the state, also the amount of money now on hand, and likely to be soon received.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the meadows, swamps and low lands, on the river Passaic and its several branches, between the Little Falls and the Milldam 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, passed June 9th, 1790 ; and also to repeal a part of the act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of flowed lands and swamps on the River Passaic and its branches, between the Little Falls, on

said river, and the mill-dam at Chatham, to break up the reefs in said river, near said falls, and to remove all obstructions to the free course of the waters out of said river, passed January 31, 1812,

Was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Messrs Anderson, | Messrs Munn, |
| Annin, | Newell, |
| Bayard, | Pearson, |
| Cadmus, | Pennington, Sp. |
| Cortright, | Pine, |
| Davison, | Rape, |
| Edgar, | Read, |
| Ellis, | Richman, |
| French, | Rutherford, |
| J. S. Holmes, | Sharp, |
| R. M. Holmes, | Simpson, |
| Irick, | Thompson. |
| Lee, | Yard, |
| Mead, | Zabriskie. |

NAYS.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Messrs Barber, | Messrs Opdycke, |
| Dubois, | Vansyckel, |
| Dunn, | Wilson. |
| Mandeville, | |

Ordered, That the *Speaker* sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the establishment and support of social worship in the State-Prison, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cox,
Davison,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Lee,

Messrs Mead,

Munn,
Newell,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cortright,

French,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Mandeville,

Messrs Opdycke,

Pearson,
Pine,
Rutherford,
Sharp.

Ordered, That the *Speaker* sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled, A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Perth-Amboy turnpike company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

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YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson.
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Opdycke,

Messrs Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize Peter Kean to fulfil the last will and testament of Peter Van Burgh Livingston, esquire, deceased, was read a third time, and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Barber, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia Company of New-Jersey, reported the same with amendments ;

Which amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, junior, and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury, was taken up, and re-committed to the committee who reported it.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackensack, was compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dunn,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Pearson,

Pine,

Rape,

Read,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Zabriskie.

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NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Opdycke,

Messrs Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to preserve the free navigation of the river Delaware, near the head of the tide waters thereof, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain John Scull, junior, and others, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Saddle-River, in the county of Bergen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the State of New-Jersey, was read a second time, and after some progress therein,

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

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright junior, and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury, reported the same with an amendment;

Which amendment was read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr Bayard, from the committee appointed to devise and report a plan for rendering the Hall in which this House sits for the discharge of public business more comfortable,

Reported, That in the opinion of the committee from a common six plate stove placed under the floor of said hall, and enclosed with brick work, a column of heated air may be so introduced into this hall as to render it more comfortable, at a small expense, and thereby effecting a material saving of fuel, and that this improvement may be so made as to be perfectly consistent with the safety of the whole edifice.

Further, that by the addition of two baton doors at the entrance of this Hall, much cold air would be excluded, and the Hall thus rendered more comfortable.

Whereupon, they submit to the House the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this state be authorized as soon as may be practicable to procure a good six plate stove of cast iron, and have the same so

inclosed with brick work as to introduce into this Hall a column of heated air ; or make such other improvements for this purpose as he shall deem expedient ; and that he further cause a double baton door to be placed at the entrance of this hall—that the said Treasurer employ suitable persons to make the said improvements, and when finished to lay the bills for the same before the House.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ proper workmen to examine whether any or all of the Pillars in the Hall of the Assembly-Room can be removed without material injury to the State House, and make a report to the next Legislature of the result, together with an estimate of the probable expense.

Which Resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Wilson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Paterson ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act authorizing improvements to be made in the navigation of the Meleticunk river, in the county of Monmouth, was called up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, junior, and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing dam in the river Delaware to connect Yard's island with the mainland at Bloomsbury, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,

YEAS.

Messrs Cox,
Davison,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Cortright,
French,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Irick,
Pine,
Simpson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a Rail Road from the river Delaware near Trenton to the river Raritan, at or near New-Brunswick, was read a second time.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, Feb. 3, 1815,

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between George C. Miller and Elizabeth R.

Miller, late Elizabeth R. Butler, his wife, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Barber,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Condit,

Cox,

Davison,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

Dunn,

Ellis,

J. S. Holmes,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Opdycke,

Pennington, Sp.

Rape,

Read,

Richman,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Vansyckel,

Wilson,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

NAY.

Mr Pine.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

Mr Read presented a petition from Joseph Phillips, late clerk of the county of Monmouth, praying compensation for certain services relative to Congressional elections, &c.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr Bayard, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to prevent the issuing of bills of credit by indi-

viduals or persons not by law incorporated below the value of one dollar, reported the same with sundry amendments ;

Which bill as amended, was read and postponed.

Mr Sharp from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to fulfil a contract for the sale of lands between Henry Bale and Peter Bale ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the State of New-Jersey ; and after some time employed thereon,

Ordered, That said bill be recommitted to the committee who reported it, and that two Members be added to the committee.

Messrs Wilson and Rutherford were accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Paterson, was read a second time, and after some progress therein, postponed.

On motion, *Ordered*, that a member from each county not now represented in the committee on the fees of Clerks of counties be added to said committee.

Messrs Dickinson, Opdycke, Mead, Edgar, Annin, Cox, R. M. Holmes, Thompson, Richman and Pine, were accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled An act repealing An act entitled An act concerning Steam boats, was read a second time, and postponed to afternoon.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Munn, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Stephen Dod, esq. praying compensation for repairs done to a number of arms committed to his charge,

Reported. That they have examined the accounts and vouchers accompanying said memorial, and beg leave to state that from the information they have been enabled to obtain on this subject it appears, that the account as stated is for repairs done to arms put into the hands of Mr Dod by the late Gov. Ogden; a part of his contract not being completed when the accounts of Gov. Ogden were brought forward for inspection and settlement before the Legislature of the last year, and which the present Governor has declined allowing, as he has not directly authorized such repairs; but which your committee are nevertheless of opinion ought to be paid, if the accounts were so stated that the Government of the United States would pass them to the credit of this state.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that the accounts of Mr Dod should be differently stated for this purpose, and settled by Gov. Ogden, whose accounts thereafter can be adjusted by this state.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Pearson offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to open an account against the Government of the United States, in which shall be charged all monies paid for the repair of arms belonging to the United States, and all other sums which had been or may be paid by this state for extra services of the militia, or for any other services rendered by this state for the United States incident to the present war, and that the Treasurer

collect and file all the vouchers that have been, or may be produced in support of the charges.

Which Resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act repealing an act entitled An act concerning Steam-boats, when the first section of said bill having been read, Mr Rutherford called for the previous question, and, his call being supported by four other Members, after some discussion, the Speaker put the question

Shall the main question be now put ?

Which being decided in the affirmative, the first section was agreed to, and the bill gone through and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council had passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate a Cotton and Woollen Manufacturing Company at Newark, and a bill entitled An act authorizing the Union Turnpike Company to raise money by lottery for the purposes therein mentioned ; to which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were respectively read, and ordered second readings.

The Resolutions agreed to on Tuesday last in committee of the whole, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to adopt a general and equal principle of classification of the Militia of this state, so that tours of duty may be regulated by numbers, and not by companies.

2. *Resolved*, That in classifying the Militia for tours of actual service the rule prescribed by the law of June 20, 1794, including in the classes all free

white male inhabitants above eighteen years of age, and others holding property, is the most equitable and ought to be adopted.

The first resolution was agreed to without a division.

The second resolution was taken up, and on the question of agreeing thereto, it was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Barber,
Condit,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,
Newell,

Messrs Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,

Messrs J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Mead,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Zabriskie.

Mr Munn then offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the principle of classification be extended to all free white male inhabitants above the age of eighteen years.

Which Resolution was read, and, after considerable discussion, carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cox,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,

Messrs J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Mead,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Zabriskie.

The further consideration of the subject was then postponed till tomorrow.

The engrossed bill entitled An act repealing an act entitled An act concerning Steam-boats, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,

Messrs Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Munn,

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YEAS.

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,

Messrs Sharp,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Mandeville,
Mead,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Zabriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 4, 1815,

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Anderson presented a certificate in favor of James Hankinson, which had been mislaid, and is now cut off by the statute of limitation, praying that the same may be allowed.

Which certificate being read, was committed to Messrs Anderson, Munn and Ellis.

Mr Wilson, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for raising by way of tax a sufficient sum to pay to the militia men who may hereafter be called on to perform tours of duty, the bounty which may be thought an adequate compensation in such cases ;

Which Resolution being read, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr John S. Holmes, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of Monmouth praying that innkeepers may be exempt from paying a county tax for licenses to retail wines and spiritous liquors “ during the continuance of the national tax,” reported, that it is inexpedient to grant such exemption at the present time ;

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Providence turnpike company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Cortright,

Cox,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Lee,

Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Pearson,

Pennington, Sp.

Pine,

Rape,

Read,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Wilson.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Dubois,
Dunn,
J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Opdycke,
Richman,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act for the benefit of Jane Smith, and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That said bill be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to authorize the Union turnpike company to raise money by lottery for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a second time, considered, and ordered a third reading.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate a cotton and woollen Manufacturing Company at Newark, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill from Council entitled An act to authorize the Union turnpike Company to raise money by lottery for the purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,

Messrs Cortright,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Edgar,
Ellis,

YEAS.

Messrs French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,

Messrs Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cox,
Dubois,
Dunn,

Messrs Pearson,
Pine,
Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

Mr Wilson, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and if any what provision is necessary to be made by law to secure to the citizens of this state their just rights and privileges in relation to navigating in the waters of this state and the state of New-York in vessels propelled by the force of fire or steam, or otherwise ;

Which resolution was read and agreed to, and Messrs Wilson, Munn, and Pearson appointed accordingly.

Mr Irick asked and obtained leave of absence until Wednesday next.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have disagreed

to the bill from this House entitled An act for the establishment and support of social worship in the state-prison ;

Also, that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment, viz.

A bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Perth-Amboy turnpike Company ;

A bill entitled An act to authorize Peter Kean to fulfil the last will and testament of Peter Van Burgh Livingston, esquire, deceased ;

A bill entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware to connect Yard's island with the mainland at Bloomsbury ;

And a bill entitled An act repealing an act concerning Steam-boats.

Mr Bayard offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in case this state shall be actually invaded, or be in imminent danger of invasion, the Executive authority of the same be authorized to call into actual service and embody in military corps, all able-bodied unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 25, and keep the same embodied and in service, so long as the enemy shall remain within this state.

Which Resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this House adjourn, it will adjourn to Monday morning.

The House adjourned to half past nine o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, Feb. 6, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Lee, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act relative to executions ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill entitled An act for the appropriation of a certain sum of money for the protection of the maritime frontier of this state, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker presented to the House a Report from the Treasurer of the state in the following words ;

To the Honorable the House of Assembly.

Gentlemen,

Your Treasurer has the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the following Resolution, viz.

“ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to report to this House, the amount of money as nearly as may be, due and owing to the state, and also the amount of money on hand and likely to be soon received.”

Report.

That the amount of money due the state is but very small. Except from exempt fines, which the Treasurer supposes will not amount to more than three or four thousand dollars, and most probably will be received in three or four months. There is also due a small amount of tax, and also of the sheriffs for court fines say \$2000, which presume will also be shortly received.

Your Treasurer is sorry to say, that the amount of money in hand is small, and after paying the expense of the present session, and the demands due from the

state to officers of Government, militia, pensioners, &c &c. the Treasury will be exhausted; in short the Treasurer expects that some money must be obtained, by borrowing or some other method, before all the militia demands unpaid, say \$ 6000, can be paid off.

The Legislature can form some judgment, if they consider the amount borrowed of the Banks to pay the direct tax the last year, viz. \$32,000, the interest on ditto, the expense of the militia the past campaign at least \$36,000, the present session with the appropriations say \$5000, besides many other demands, making in the whole near \$80,000, and to meet those demands—the tax \$60,000, ditto from banks \$ 8000, and in the Treasury on the 1st of January not more than \$ 5000, and interest received on stock and bank dividends, \$ 3000, making in the whole \$ 76 000, and from this statement it evidently appears that in one month the Treasury chest will be empty, unless new supplies. All which is submitted.

I am your obedient humble servant,

PETER GORDON, Treasurer.

Treasury office, Feb. 4, 1815.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their secretary, informed the House, that council have passed the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Paterson to the village of Hackinsack, with sundry amendments; to which amendments they request the concurrence of this House;

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of war to the Governor of this

state, enclosing an act of Congress entitled An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of State troops and volunteers ;

Which communication and act were read, and referred to the Military committee.

Mr Newell presented to the House a petition from Major James Miller, of the 1st battalion, 1st Regiment, Gloucester Brigade, praying remuneration of a sum of money advanced by him towards furnishing the quota of militia from that brigade ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Newell, Rape and Yard.

The Resolution offered by Mr Pearson on Friday last was called up and amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to open an account against the Government of the United States, in which shall be charged all monies paid for the repairs of arms belonging to the United States, and all other sums which have been or may be paid by this state for extra services of the militia or for any other services rendered by this state for the U. S. incident to the present war—and that the Treasurer collect and file all the vouchers that have been, or may be, produced in support of the charges, and that the said Treasurer be also required to give the United States credit for all monies which he may receive from the U. S. on account of such expenditures.

Which Resolution as amended was agreed to by the House.

Mr Thompson, agreeably to leave given, presented a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mount-Hope and Longwood turnpike company ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the county of Cumberland in the General Assembly of this state, was called up, and committed to Messrs Richman, Munn and Pine.

The Report of Mr Munn on the application of Stephen Dod, esq. for payment for the repairs of certain arms, was called up, read a second time, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the issuing of bills of credit by the several Banking Institutions of this state for sums below the value of one dollar, was read a second time, considered, and committed to Messrs Simpson, Pearson and Thompson.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled A further supplement to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Paterson and Hamburgh turnpike company; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The following Resolution, submitted on the 25th ultimo, was called up, read a second time, and agreed to, viz.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon, the propriety of making some further provision by law for the selling or suspending of the sale of the stock belonging to this state in the capital stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures and for securing the rights and interest of the state therein.

Messrs Simpson, Sharp and Dubois were accordingly appointed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act relative to executors; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That said bill be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a Rail Road from the river Delaware, near Trenton, to the river Raritan, at or near New-Brunswick. was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam boat company was read a second time, progressed in, and committed to Messrs J. S. Holmes, Bayard and Dayton.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate a cotton and woollen manufacturing Company at Newark, was read a third time ;

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered. That the clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the benefit of Jane Smith, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,

Messrs Cadmus,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,

YEAS.

Messrs Dubois,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,

Messrs Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Simpson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Zabiskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cortright,
Cox,
Dunn,
J. S. Holmes,
Pearson,

Messrs Pine,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a rail road from the river Delaware near Trenton, to the river Raritan at or near New-Brunswick, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the town of Pat-

erson to the village of Hackinsack, was read and compared :

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Cortright,

Davison,

Dayton,

Dunn,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

R. M. Holmes,

Lee,

Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Pearson,

Pine,

Rape,

Read,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Vanduyn,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,

Cox,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Pennington, Sp.

Richman,

Vansyckel,

Wilson,

Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House ; and that they have caused said bill to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the appropriation of a certain sum of money for the protection of the maritime frontier of this state, was read a third time and compared.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the files of the House, and report what business is necessary to be acted upon during the present sitting.

Messrs Vansyckel, Thompson and Ellis were accordingly appointed.

Mr Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act prescribing the compensation to be allowed to the clerks of counties in certain cases ;

Which bill was read a first and second time, progressed in, and postponed.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, Feb. 7, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Communication received by his Excellency the Governor of this state from the Governor of Connecticut, enclosing a number of amendments proposed by the Legislature of Connecticut to the Constitution of the United States ;

Which communication and proposed amendments were read, and committed to Messrs Dayton, Bayard and Rutherford.

Mr Richman, from the committee on the bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the county of Cumberland in the General Assembly of this state, reported the same with amendments ;

Which bill as amended, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Yard, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry citizens of Somerset and Hunterdon counties, praying a law to make a turnpike road from George-town or Coryell's ferry to New-Brunswick,

Reported, That the applicants for said road have leave to present a bill on the second Wednes-day of the next session of the Legislature, they previously advertising their intentions four weeks previous to the time of the Legislature's meeting in one newspaper in Brunswick, and one in Trenton, and putting up advertisements in five of the most public places in Hunterdon and three in Somerset, nearest to the contemplated route of said road.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Thompson presented a petition from Moses N. Combs on behalf of the Old Ferry Company, praying a law to authorize them to straighten the old road from Newark to Jersey ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Wilson, Thompson and Mead.

Mr Edgar presented a petition from Simon Hageman praying to be divorced from his wife ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Edgar, Annin and Barber.

Mr John S. Holmes, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam boat company, reported the same with amendments ;

Which bill as amended was read, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Munn, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the State of New-Jersey, reported the same with sundry amendments ;

Which bill as amended was read, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Wilson from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to lay out and establish a public road from Newark to the city of Jersey ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled An act relative to executors, was read a third time and compared ;

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
 Annin,
 Barber,
 Bayard,
 Cadmus,
 Condit,
 Cortright,
 Cox,
 Davison,
 Dayton,
 Dickinson,
 Dubois,
 Edgar,
 French,
 J S Holmes,
 R. M. Holmes,
 Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,
 Mead,
 Newell,
 Opdycke,
 Pearson,
 Pine,
 Rape,
 Read,
 Richman,
 Rutherford,
 Simpson,
 Thompson,
 Vanduyn,
 Wilson,
 Yard,
 Zabriskie,

NAYS.

Messrs Pennington, Sp. Vansyckel.
Sharp,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia Slate and Coal Company of New-Jersey, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,	Messrs Mead,
Barber,	Opdycke,
Bayard,	Pennington, Sp.
Cadmus,	Rape,
Condit,	Read,
Davison,	Richman,
Dayton,	Simpson,
Dubois,	Vanduyne,
Edgar,	Yard,
Lee,	Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Pearson,
Cortright,	Pine,
Dickinson,	Rutherford,
French,	Sharp,
J. S. Holmes,	Thompson,
R. M. Holmes,	Vansyckel,
Mandeville,	Wilson.
Munn,	

Mr Mead presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Bergen praying legislative aid to remove certain obstructions to their fisheries ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Mead, Vanduyn and Yerd.

Mr Dayton from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of David Parish, reported, that provision having been made by an act passed the 8th February, 1814, entitled An act to revive and continue in force an act entitled " An act to authorize aliens to purchase and hold real estate within this state" which will embrace the reasonable objects of the memorialist, it will be unnecessary to legislate further and particularly upon the subject.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mount-Hope and Longwood turnpike company, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Mead presented a petition from David Harrison and John A. Kiersted, praying a law to fulfil a certain contract for the sale of land ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Mead, Munn, and Cadmus.

Mr Edgar from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage-contract between Simon Hageman and Ida Hageman his wife, late Ida Suydam ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act prescribing the compensation to be allowed to the clerks of counties in certain cases; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That said bill be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to vest in Trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, and to prevent drunkenness and gambling, was read a second time.

A motion being made to postpone the said bill to the next sitting of the Legislature the Yeas and Nays were called for on the question, and were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Cox,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Dayton,
Dunn,
Edgar,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Mead,

Messrs Munn,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

The first section of the bill being under consideration, after some discussion, a motion being made to strike

out the said section, the Yeas and Nays were called for, when the motion was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Dayton,
Dunn,
Edgar,
French,
Mead,
Munn,

Messrs Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyh,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

Whereupon, *Ordered*, That said bill be postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House that Council have passed the bill from the House of Assembly, entitled An act authorizing the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Saddle River in the county of Bergen, without amendment ;

Also, that Council have passed the bill from this House for repealing a certain act, and part of another act for removing obstructions from the river Passaic,

with amendments; to which amendments they request the concurrence of this House; which amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed;

Also, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Steam-boat company; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract, betw en Simon Hageman and Ida Hageman his wife, late Ida Suydam was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-boat company was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Amin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dunn,
Eagar,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Lee,
Mead,

Messrs Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

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NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Dubois,
Mandeville,

Messrs Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, 1815,

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Cox presented a memorial from William Potts, of the county of Monmouth, complaining of certain improper conduct of Gilbert Hendrickson, esq. in his official capacity as justice of the peace, and praying for his impeachment;

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs Thompson, Edger and Newell.

Mr Mead, from the committee on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the town of Bergen in the county of Bergen, praying the interference of the Legislature relative to the regulation of their fisheries in the waters within the jurisdiction of this state,

Reported, That said petitioners have leave to present a bill at the next sitting of the Legislature, they first advertising the same in the Centinel of Freedom printed in Newark for three weeks, and by putting up advertisements to that effect in three of the most public places in said township for the space of one month previous to the meeting of the next Legislature.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Lee presented a remonstrance from a number of inhabitants of the township of Downes in the county of Cumberland, against the stopping off Dividing Creek ;

Which remonstrance was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The bill entitled An act to lay out and establish a public road from Newark to the city of Jersey, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill dismissed ; whereupon,

Ordered. That the applicant have leave to withdraw his papers.

Mr Simpson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to prevent the issuing of printed tickets by private individuals as a substitute for change in specie ;

Which bill was read a first and second time, the first section stricken out, and the bill committed to Messrs Pearson, Dayton and Dunn.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to preserve the free navigation of the river Delaware near the head of the tide waters thereof, with an amendment : to which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Simon Hageman and Ida H geman, his wife, late Ida Suydam, was read a third time and compared ;

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Barber,

Cadmus,

Davison,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

Dunn,

Edgar,

French,

J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Mandeville,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Pennington, Sp.

Rape,

Richman,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cox,

Dayton,

Lee,

Pearson,

Pine,

Messrs Read,

Rutherford,

Vanduyn,

Vansyckel,

Wilson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Dayton presented a petition from the Directors of the Steam-boat ferry company at Jersey, praying an act of incorporation;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Dayton, Bayard and Mead.

The engrossed bill entitled An act prescribing the compensation to be allowed to the Clerks of counties in certain cases, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Barber,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

Dunn,

Edgar,

French,

J. S. Holmes,

R. M. Holmes,

Lee,

Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Opdycke,

Pearson,

Pennington, Sp.

Pine,

Rape,

Read,

Richman,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Vansyckel,

Wilson,

Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,

Vanduyne,

Mr Zabriskie.

Ordered. That the Speaker sign said bill.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the State of New Jersey, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

- Amin,
- B yard,
- Cadmus,
- Cortright,
- Cox,
- D vison,
- Dayton,
- Dickinson,
- Dubois,
- Dunn,
- Edgar,
- French,
- J. S. Holmes,
- R. M. Holmes,
- Lee,
- Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,

- Munn,
- Newell,
- Pearson,
- Pennington, Sp.
- Pine,
- Rape,
- Read,
- Richman,
- Rutherford,
- Sharp,
- Simpson,
- Vanduy n,
- Wilson,
- Yard,
- Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,

Opdycke,

Mr Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to repeal an act and part of an act to enable owners and possessors of flowed lands on the river Passaic and its branches to clear the same, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by

Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Steam-boat company, was read a second time, and after some progress therein,

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

Mr Mead, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to enable David Harrison and John A. Kiersted, administrators of William Lindsay, dec. to fulfil a contract made by the said deceased in his life time ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act to fulfil a contract for the sale of lands between Henry Bale and Peter Bale, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and leave given the applicants to withdraw their papers.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mount-Hope and Longwood turnpike company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

Messrs Dubois,

Edgar,

French,

R. M. Holmes,

Lee,

Mandeville,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

YEAS.

Messrs Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Richman,

Messrs Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
J. S. Holmes,
Opdycke,

Messrs Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Newell, from the committee on the bill entitled An additional supplement to the acts relative to elections to enable the militia or volunteers of this state when in the actual military service of the United States or of this state, to exercise the right of election; reported the same with amendments;

Which bill as amended was read, and postponed; and

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Pearson, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to prevent the issuing of printed tickets by private individuals as a substitute for change in specie, reported the same without amendment; also, a new bill entitled An act relative to small notes;

The first-mentioned bill having been postponed, the House took up the bill entitled An act relative to small notes; which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act for the benefit of Jane Smith, without amendment; also, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia Slate Company of Sussex county; to which bill they request the concurrence of this House;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Dayton, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate "the York and Jersey Steam-boat Ferry Company;"

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their secretary, informed the House, that council have passed a bill entitled An act respecting joint-tenants and tenants in common, passed the fourth day of February, 1812;

And a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to authorize the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the county of Gloucester, to purchase a toll bridge over Newton Creek, passed February 18, 1813;

To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were respectively read, and ordered second readings.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to preserve the free navigation of the river Delaware, near the head of the tide waters thereof, was read and compared ;

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House ; and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr Bayard, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act for suppressing vice and immorality ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill from Council entitled A further supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike company, was read a second time, considered, and ordered a third reading.

The engrossed bill entitled An act relative to small notes was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,

Messrs Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,

YEAS.

Messrs Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Rape,

Messrs Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Vansyckel,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Munn,
Opdycke,

Mr Sharp.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated Banks, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs Rutherford, Bayard and Irick.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An additional supplement to the acts relative to elections to enable the militia or volunteers of this state when in actual service of the United States, or of this state, to exercise the rights of election, and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That said bill be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to authorize the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the county of Gloucester to purchase a toll bridge over Newton Creek, passed February 18, 1813 was read a second time, considered, and ordered a third reading.

The bill entitled An act to enable David Harrison and John A. Kiersted, administrators of William Lindsay, deceased, to fulfil a contract made by said deceased in his life-time, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act respecting apprentices and servants, passed the 14th of March, 1798, was read a second time, progressed in, and postponed.

The bill entitled An act relative to Executions, was taken up, progressed in, and postponed.

A message from Council informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Simon Hageman and Ida Hageman his wife, late Ida Suydam, and the bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain John Scull, junior and others, without amendment; also, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-boat company, and the bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Providence turnpike company, severally, with amendments; to which amendments they request the concurrence of this House;

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, Feb. 10, 1815,

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Paterson; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That said bill be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act relative to executions; and after some time spent thereon, the bill was committed to Messrs Thompson, Simpson and Dayton.

The bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Cumberland and Morris in the General Assembly of this state, was read a second time, and the first section being under consideration, a motion was made to strike out the said section, and the Yeas and Nays being called for on the motion; it was decided in the negative as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Dunn,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Messrs Mead,

Pearson,

Pine,

Ripe,

Read,

Simpson,

Vanduyne,

Z. briskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,

Barber,

Condit,

Cortright,

Cox,

Divison,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

J. S. Holmes,

Lec.

Mandeville,

Messrs Munn,

Newell,

Opdycke,

Pennington, Sp.

Richman,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Thompson,

Vansyckel,

Wilson,

Yard.

The second section of the bill being agreed to, the following was offered as a third section, viz.

3. *And be it enacted* that the county of Monmouth shall on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in October annually thereafter choose four persons to represent them in the next General Assembly of this state.

The yeas and nays being called for, on agreeing to the said section, were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,	Messrs Mead,
Bayard,	Pearson,
Cadmus,	Pine,
Dunn,	Rape,
Edgar,	Read,
Ellis,	Simpson,
French,	Vanduyne,
R. M. Holmes,	Zabriskie,
Irlick,	

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Munn,
Barber,	Newell,
Condit,	Opdycke,
Cortright,	Pennington, Sp.
Cox,	Richman,
Davison,	Rutherford,
Dayton,	Sharp,
Dickinson,	Thompson,
Dubois,	Vansyckel,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
Lee,	Yard.
Mandeville,	

So the said section was disagreed to.

Mr Pine then moved as a third section the following, viz.

And be it enacted, That the people of the county of Gloucester shall on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in October next, and on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in October annually thereafter, elect four persons to represent them in the General Assembly of this state.

The yeas and nays being called for on agreeing to the said section, were as follow, viz.

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Mead,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Simpson,
Vanduyn,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Coadit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

So the said section was disagreed to.

The title of the bill being under consideration, a motion was made and seconded to amend it by striking out the word "*equal*," and inserting the word *unequal*

so that it might read "an act for the more unequal representation," &c.

The yeas and nays being called for on this motion, were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs Bayard,	Messrs Irick,
Cadmus,	Rape,
French,	Simpson,
R. M. Holmes,	Vanduyne.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Mandeville,
Annin,	Munn,
Condit,	Newell,
Cortright,	Opdycke,
Cox,	Pennington, Sp.
Davison,	Richman,
Dayton,	Rutherford,
Dickinson,	Sharp,
Dubois,	Thompson,
Dunn,	Vansyckel,
Ellis,	Wilson,
J. S. Holmes,	Yard.
Lee,	

So the said amendment was disagreed to.

The title was then agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to regulate the Newark fire department ; and a bill entitled An additional supplement to the act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike, passed February 27th, 1806 ; to which bills they request the concurrence of this House ;

Which bills were respectively read, and ordered second readings.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the New Providence turnpike company, was read and compared with the amendments.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Condit,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

Ellis,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Messrs Lee,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Oplycke,

Pennington, Sp.

Rope,

Read,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Thompson,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Mr Richman,

Mr Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam boat company, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Corrigh,
Cox,
Davison,
Dunn,
Ellis,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
R pe,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Dubois,
Opdycke,

Messrs Vansyckel,
Yard.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize David Harrison and John A. Kiersted, administrators of William Lindsay, deceased, to fulfil a contract made by said deceased in his life-time was read and compared ;

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An additional supplement to the acts relative to elections to enable the militia or volunteers of this state when in the actual military service of the United States, or of this state to exercise the rights of election, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Duan,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Irick,
Mead,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rape,
Read,
Vanduyn,
Zabriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Cumberland

and Morris, in the General Assembly of this state was read a third time and compared ;

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Munn,
Barber,	Newell,
Condit,	Opdycke,
Cortright,	Pennington, Sp.
Cox,	Richman,
Davison,	Rutherford,
Dayton,	Sharp,
Dickinson,	Thompson,
Dubois,	Vansyckel,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
Lee,	Yard.
Mandeville,	

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,	Messrs Mead,
Bayard,	Pearson,
Cadmus,	Pine,
Dunn,	Rape,
Edgar,	Read,
Ellis,	Simpson,
French,	Vanduyn,
R. M. Holmes,	Zabriskie.
Irick,	

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to authorize the board of chosen freeholders of the county of Gloucester to purchase a

toll-bridge over Newton creek, passed Feb. 18, 1813, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The bill from Council entitled, An act to incorporate the Columbia State Company of Sussex county, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from Council entitled, An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New-Jersey Steam-boat company, and having gone through and amended the same,

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

The bill from Council entitled An act to regulate the Newark fire department, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act respecting joint-tenants and tenants in common, passed the fourth day of February 1812, was read a second time, and postponed.

The bill from Council entitled An additional supplement to the act to incorporate the New Jersey turnpike company, passed the 27th day of February, 1806, was read a second time, considered, amended and ordered a third reading with the amendments.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have disagreed to the bill from the House of Assembly entitled, A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber ;

Also, That Council have passed the bill from the House of Assembly entitled, An act relative to small notes; and the bill from the House of Assembly entitled An act relative to Executors; and the bill from the House of Assembly entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates; severally, with amendments, to which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments to the two first bills were respectively read, and agreed to, and the bills severally ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill relative to the descent of real estates, with the amendments, were read and postponed.

Mr Pine presented an application from Col. Thomas Doughty for the payment of an account of Joseph Risley for seventy six meals furnished militia-men at the time of an alarm at Somers Point;

Which account was read, and referred to the incidental committee.

Mr Rutherford, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated banks, reported the same with sundry amendments;

Which bill as amended was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Thompson, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to stay executions in certain cases, reported the same with amendments;

Which bill as amended was read and ordered a second reading.

The Report of the Treasurer, and the accompanying documents, relative to the Manufactories and Sheep in this state, was called up, and committed to Messrs Pearson, Sharp and Edgar.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Dayton, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Brunswick Steam-boat Ferry Company ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill from Council entitled A further supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike company, was read a third time.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Lick,

Messrs Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

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NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Opdycke,

Mr Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The bill from Council entitled An additional supplement to the act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company, passed the 27th day of February 1806, was read a third time with the amendments ;

On the question, Shall this bill as amended pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Rape,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyn,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Annin,
Barber,

Messrs Ellis,
Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the said bill as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House with amendments, to which amendments they request the concurrence of Council.

Mr Edgar presented a petition from a number of inhabitants of Woodbridge, praying aid from the state to pay for a piece of artillery purchased by said inhabitants ;

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Edgar, Wilson, and R. M. Holmes.

The bill entitled An act to stay executions in certain cases, was called up and ordered to be printed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Paterson, was read a third time and compared ; when, on motion,

Ordered, That said bill be postponed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New-Jersey Steam-boat company, was read a third time with the amendments ;

On the question, Shall this bill as amended pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Duan,

Messrs Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,

YEAS.

Messrs Pennington, Sp.	Messrs Sharp.
Pine,	Simpson,
Rape,	Vanduyne,
Read,	Wilson,
Richman,	Zabriskie.
Rutherford,	

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,	Messrs Mandeville,
Cox,	Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments, and request their concurrence in said amendments.

The bill from Council entitled An act to regulate the Newark fire department, was read a third time ;

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Munn,
Annin,	Newell,
Barber,	Opdycke,
Cadmus,	Pennington, Sp.
Cox,	Rape,
Davison,	Richman,
Dayton,	Rutherford,
Dickenson,	Sharp,
Dubois,	Simpson,
Dunn,	Thompson,
Ellis,	Vanduyne,
J. S. Holmes,	Wilson,
Mandeville,	Zabriskie.

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NAYS.

Messrs Irick,
Pine,

Mr Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have disagreed to the bill from the House of Assembly entitled, An act to incorporate the Medical Society of the State of New-Jersey; and have passed the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mount-Hope and Longwood turn-pike company, without amendment.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-boat ferry company, was read a second time, and some progress made in the consideration thereof, when

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated banks, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act relative to small notes, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act relative to executors, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pine,
Rape,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Vanduyn,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Mr Pennington, Sp. Mr Thompson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that the amendments made to them respectively by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr Dayton, from the committee to whom were referred the several propositions for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, adopted by the General Assembly of Connecticut, and at their request communicated to his Excellency the Governor, to be laid before the Legislature of this state, for their approbation and adoption.

Reported. That they have been induced by the untoward circumstances of the times, and the general aspect of our political affairs, to consider the same, with a view rather to their general bearing, character and tendency, than of their several intrinsic merits.

Under these impressions they are constrained to remark, that the leading purpose, the favorite master-principle, pervading all the propositions in question, is, to reduce within a narrower sphere, the power and influence of the General Government, and thereby to weaken its arm, at a time when, above all others, it requires to be strengthened.

Their obvious tendency also is, to throw amongst the states of the Union, the apple of discord—to increase those jealousies and suspicions which have been already too far excited, and to give new life, activity and nurture to those seeds of dissention and disunion which have been recently sown with an unsparring hand by insidious combinations and associations, all of them professing to promote the general good, but acting in direct opposition to their professions.

The committee feel themselves impelled therefore by the strongest obligations of patriotism and of duty, to recommend to the House, that each and all of the before-mentioned seven propositions of amendment be most promptly and unqualifiedly rejected.

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed together with the Resolutions to which it refers, for the use of the Members.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate The York and Jersey Steam-boat ferry company; and having been some time employed thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council have agreed to the amendments of the House of Assembly to the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Steam Boat company, and have caused the same to be re-engrossed ;

Also, That Council have passed the bill entitled An act for the more equal representation of the counties of Cumberland and Morris in the General Assembly of this state ; a bill entitled An act for the appropriation of a certain sum of money for the protection of the maritime frontier of this state ; and a bill entitled An act to enable David Harrison and John A. Kiersted, administrators of William Lindsay, deceased, to fulfil a contract made by said deceased in his life-time ; severally without amendment.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, February 13, 1815.

Half past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Pine asked and obtained for his colleague, Mr Rape, leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Mr Vanduyn, from the committee on the petition of William M. Miller and Nancy Miller, praying the repeal of part of an act entitled An act to authorize Anthony Dey to convey certain real estate, and for other purposes,

Reported, That said petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose at the next session of the Legislature, they first advertising the purport thereof, in the Newark Centinel of Freedom, for the space of three weeks.

Which report was read and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to divorce Margaret Kent, of the county of Essex, from her husband Moses Kent, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Irick offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That this House rise on Thursday next.

Which resolution was read, and disagreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, was taken up, and recommitted to the committee who reported it.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate The York and Jersey Steam boat ferry company ; and after some time employed thereon,

Ordered, That said bill be postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr Wilson, from the committee to whom was referred the bill entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Paterson, reported the same with an amendment ;

Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be postponed.

Mr Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported the following abstract of the number of Factories, Sheep, &c. returned by the collectors, from several counties in the state, in conformity with the provisions of the law passed February 11, 1814.

Counties.	Cotton Mills.	Number of Spindles.	Woolen Factories.	Number of Spindles.	C. maelines for country Lustrous. Vire f. erurie	Merino sheep.	Mixt blood.	Common.	Whole number of sheep.
Essex	13	244	8	1695	5	575	3786	14076	18437
Bergen,	1	324			14	228	1101	15661	16990
Morris,	3		6		14	386	1568	30357	32311
*Sussex,			11		29	38	1860	35528	37426
†Somerset,			4		12	269	1504	12118	13891
Middlesex,			2		7	221	219	15631	1858
Monmouth,					11	247	1590	17643	1980
Burlington.			8		18	247	6868	19239	26354
Salem,			9		5	147	2190	15509	17846
Cumber'ld.			3		9	13	597	11153	11763
Gloucester,	3		5		16	1436	2562	17807	21805
‡Hunterdon,									
‡Cape-May.									
	20	12268	56	1695	140	3807	25825	204729	231361

* Three towns not returned.

† One town not returned.

‡ No return.

Which Report was read and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to raise the sum of
 thousand dollars for the year of our Lord 1815;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act establishing a Militia System, was taken up, and progressed in, until

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Newell, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Major James Miller;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr Opdycke, from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the preservation of sheep, and the bill supplementary to the act for the preservation of sheep,

Reported, That in their opinion the law at present is sufficient, and that it is inexpedient to act on it this session, and that the said bills be dismissed ;

Which report was read, and agreed to.

Mr Richman, from the committee on the petition for a law to stop the main branch of Dividing Creek, in the county of Cumberland,

Reported, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners at this time ;

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act establishing a Militia System, and after having progressed in the same as far as the 7th section, a motion was made to strike out *two dollars* as the penalty on every non-commissioned officer and private for non attendance, and inserting *one*, and the yeas and nays being called for on the motion, were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,
Irick,
Opdycke,

Messrs Pearson,
Pine,
Richman,
Wilson.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Barber,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Condit,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Lee,

Mandeville,

Munn,

Newell,

Pennington, Sp.

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Vanduyne,

Vansyckel,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

The bill was then progressed in, until the House adjourned to half past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12, 1815.

Half past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Irick, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor of this state be authorized to borrow on the credit of this state a sum of money sufficient to pay the militia of this state yet unpaid, who have lately served a tour of duty under a requisition of the President of the United States. Provided, his Excellency the Governor first receives assurances from the Executive of the United States that the advances made in consequence of this Resolution shall within one year be refunded to this state with interest.

Which Resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a bank at Paterson, was called up, and ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Major James Miller, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated banks, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to divorce Margaret Kent, of the county of Essex, from her husband Moses Kent, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Byard,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Corright,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Ellis,
J S Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Sharp,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cox,
Edgar,
French,
Pearson,

Messrs Pine,
Simpson,
Vanduyn,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act respecting joint-tenants and tenants in common passed the fourth day of February eighteen hundred and twelve, was called up, read and postponed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled an act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read, and on the question Shall this bill be re-engrossed ?

The yeas and nays were called for, and were as follow:

YEAS.

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Lee,
Mead,
Pearson,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Vanduyn,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
S

Barber,
Condit,

NAYS.

Messrs Cox,
Dayson,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Mandeville,

Messrs Munn,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

It requiring twenty-one members to re engross a bill, the question was lost.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their secretary, informed the House, that council had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill entitled An additional supplement to the act to incorporate the New Jersey turnpike company, passed the 27th day of February, 1806; and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr Vansyckel presented a memorial from the inspectors of the State Prison on the subject of defects in the law relative to that institution;

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs Vansyckel, Simpson and Pearson.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act respecting apprentices and servants, passed the 14th of March, 1798, was gone through and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the relief of creditors against absent and absconding debtors, passed the 8th day of March, 1798 was read a second time, and after some progress therein, postponed to the next session of the Legislature.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Brunswick Steam-boat ferry company, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Wilson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, passed the 15th of March 1798;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and to be printed.

Mr French from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of George Browning.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee to whom were referred the memorial of the inspectors of the State-Prison, Report,

That the difficulties set forth in said memorial require legislative interference; but as the session is drawing to a close, and the House will probably adjourn before a bill with the necessary provisions could be passed into a law, they recommend that it be postponed to the next session of the Legislature;

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The memorial of John D. De Lacy—the memorial of Ferdinando Fairfax—a bill on the subject of printed tickets—a bill for a turnpike from Hope to the river Delaware—a bill for a turnpike from Howell's Ferry to New-Brunswick through Middletown—and a bill relative to arbitration—were severally called up, and dismissed.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on that subject, reported a list of the business necessary to be acted on during the present sitting;

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Columbia Slate company of Sussex county was taken up.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Barber,
Cadmus,
Condit,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Lee,

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Simpson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cortright,
Cox,
Dubois,
Dunn,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Mandeville,
Mead,
Munn,
Pearson,
Pine,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vanduyn,
Wilson.

So the said bill was lost.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of Major James Miller, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Barber,

Messrs Bayard,
Cadmus,

NAYS.

Messrs Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,

Messrs Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Dunn,
Mead,

Mr Vanduyn.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson was read and compared as amended; and-recommended to the committee who reported it.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of the Amendments proposed by the Legislature of Connecticut to the Constitution of the United States, was taken up, which report was in the following words:

The Committee to whom were referred the several propositions for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, adopted by the General Assembly of Connecticut, and at their request communicated to his Excellency the Governor, to be laid before the

Legislature of this state for their approbation and adoption, beg leave to report, that they have been induced by the untoward circumstances of the times, and the general aspect of our political affairs, to consider the same, with a view rather to their general bearing, character and tendency than to their several intrinsic merits—Under these impressions they are constrained to remark, that the leading purpose, the favorite master-principle pervading all the propositions in question, is, to reduce within a narrower sphere, the power and influence of the General Government, and thereby to weaken its arm, at a time when, above all others, it requires to be strengthened. Their obvious tendency also is, to throw among the States of the Union the apple of discord—to increase those jealousies and suspicions, which have been already too far excited, and to give new life, activity and nurture to those seeds of dissention and disunion which have been recently sown with an unsparing hand by insidious combinations and associations, all of them professing to promote the general good but acting in direct opposition to their professions—The Committee feel themselves impelled therefore by the strongest obligations of patriotism and of duty, to recommend to the House, that each and all of the before mentioned seven propositions of amendment be most promptly and unqualifiedly rejected.

By order of the Committee.

JONATHAN DAYTON, Chairman.

Which report being read, Mr Bayard moved to strike out all that part after the word "*report*" in the fourth line, for the purpose of introducing the following as a substitute :

“ That they have examined with attention the amendments to the constitution of the United States proposed by the Legislature of the state of Connecticut and laid before this assembly, and after duly considering the same, in relation to the vital interests of this state, and

perceiving their tendency to guard the rights of the lesser against encroachments on the part of the greater states of the Union, they are of opinion that the said proposed amendments are wise, salutary, and deserving of the most respectful consideration—Inasmuch as the said proposed amendments are calculated to correct and alter that impolitic provision in the constitution of the United States which allows slaves who cannot be admitted to the privilege of voting, to be represented in the Councils of the United States—Because said amendments are calculated to prevent the indefinite admission into the present Union of new States beyond the original bounds of these United States—Because they are calculated, if adopted, to prevent the recurrence of unlimited embargoes, and the exercise of those other restrictive energies, which within a few years past have deplorably sacrificed the best interests of the United States to a visionary policy—Because these amendments if adopted will hereafter tend to prevent a hasty and wanton declaration of war—to prevent designing aliens and foreigners from holding important offices under the national government—and instead of sowing the seeds of jealousy and discord will have a happy influence in promoting harmony among the several Members of the Union, by preventing the too frequent election of a President of the United States from any one powerful and ambitious state, and thus securing to the citizens of the smaller states an equal chance of filling this important office.

For these and other reasons, too numerous to be presented in a brief report, your committee think that, discarding every consideration but that of the public good, they are in duty bound, and do hereby report in favor of the aforesaid amendments, and that they be earnestly recommended for adoption, to the two branches of the Legislature of the United States.

The ayes and noes being called for on the motion to strike out with a view of inserting the above as a substitute, were as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
B. yard,
Cadmus,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
R. M. Holmes,

Messrs Irick,
Mead,
Pearson,
Pine,
Simpson,
Vanduyne,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

So the said motion was negatived.

After considerable discussion, The Report was agreed to by the House; whereupon, the following Resolution was offered, and agreed to by the House, viz.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey that the seven several propositions of amendment to the Constitution of the United States in the following words, viz.

“ *First* Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be in-

cluded within this Union, according to their respective numbers of free persons, including those bound to serve for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, and all other persons.

Second. No new State shall be admitted into the Union by Congress, in virtue of the power granted by the Constitution, without the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses.

Third. Congress shall not have power to lay any embargo on the ships or vessels of the citizens of the United States, in the ports or harbors thereof, for more than sixty days.

Fourth. Congress shall not have power, without the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses, to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and any foreign nation or the dependencies thereof.

Fifth. Congress shall not make or declare war, or authorize acts of hostility against any foreign nation, without the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses, except such acts of hostility be in defence of the territories of the United States, when actually invaded.

Sixth. No person who shall hereafter be naturalized, shall be eligible as a member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States nor capable of holding any civil office under the authority of the United States.

Seventh. The same person shall not be elected President of the United States a second time; nor shall the President be elected from the same State two terms in succession."

Be, and the same are hereby rejected; and that his excellency the Governor be requested to communicate information thereof to the executives of the several states and of the General Government.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Brunswick Steam boat ferry company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Condit,

Cortright,

Cox,

Davison,

Dayton,

Dickinson,

Dubois,

Dunn,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

J S. Holmes,

R. M. Holmes,

Irick,

Messrs Lee,

Mandeville,

Mead,

Munn,

Newell,

Pearson,

Pennington, Sp.

Pine,

Richman,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Vanduyn,

Wilson,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Mr Barber,

Mr Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to raise the sum of
thousand dollars for the year of our Lord
1815, was read a second time, the sum to be raised

agreed to, viz. 60,000 dollars, and the bill re-committed for the purpose of filling up the blanks.

Mr Wilson, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, reported the same with amendments ;

Which amendments were read, and agreed to, and the bill as amended ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15, 1815,

Half past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr R. M. Holmes, and Mr Pine, severally asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

• On motion, of Mr Dayton,

Resolved, That the rule of this House requiring an unanimous concurrence in favor of a motion for reconsideration be rescinded ; and that any motion for reconsideration be allowed, if made by any one of the Members who had voted in the majority and within twenty-four hours after the vote proposed to be reconsidered had been taken.

A motion was then made to reconsider the vote of yesterday for raising 60,000 dollars, and the motion for reconsideration having prevailed, the committee were instructed to fill the blanks with 50,000 dollars.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, was read and compared ;

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,
Newell,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Thompson,
Wilson,
Yard.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Cadmus,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
Mead,

Messrs Pearson,
Read,
Simpson,
Vanduyne,
Vansyckel,
Zabriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act respecting apprentices and servants, passed the 14th day of March, 1798, was read a third time and compared ;

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,

Messrs Dubois,
Dunn,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
J. S. Holmes,

YEAS.

Messrs Irick,
Mandeville,
Mead,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,
Richman,

Messrs Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Mr Anderson,

Mr Barber.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled an Act to stay executions in certain cases, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Vansyckel offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into Joint Meeting for the appointment of a Senator, and of civil and military officers, and request Council to appoint the time and place.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Vansyckel, from the committee on the bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dol-

lars for the year of Lord eighteen hundred and fifteen, reported the same with the blanks filled up ;

Which bill was read, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Bayard from the committee on the bill from Council entitled An act relative to fees and proceedings in the Court of Appeals and in the Prerogative Court, reported the same without amendment ;

Which bill was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

Mr Wilson, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-boat Company—and the petition from sundry inhabitants of Monmouth in favor of incorporating said company—and the memorial of Nicholas I. Roosevelt claiming the credit of inventing the machinery now in use for propelling Steam boats, and praying to be protected in his rights—beg leave to report, that a charter of incorporation, having been granted to said company, and the subject of protecting and encouraging Steam-boat navigation being referred to another committee of this House, therefore no Legislative proceedings are necessary on this special application.

On the memorial of Nicholas I. Roosevelt the committee beg leave to report, that it is stated in the affidavit of the memorialist that as early as the year 1782 he made the experiment of moving a small boat through the water by the force of springs acting on wheels over the side ; and though from the various other papers and documents submitted to them they have reason to believe the said Roosevelt to have been a meritorious and ingenious mechanic, and that as early as the year 1798 he had a knowledge of and intended to put in practice the propelling of Steam-boats by vertical wheels over the side—yet they are of the opinion that

it would be inexpedient at this time to make any special Legislative provision relative to the subject matter of the memorial of said N. I. Roosevelt.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN WILSON, Chairman.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled, An act to stay executions in certain cases, was read a third time and compared.

A motion being made to postpone the bill to the next sitting of the Legislature, the yeas and nays were called for, and were as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Dunn,
Edgar,

Messrs Ellis,
French,
Mead,
Read,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,
Mandeville,
Munn,
Newell,

Messrs Opdycke,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Vanduyne,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard.

So the said motion was negatived ; whereupon it was moved and carried to postpone the said bill indefinitely.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled " An act establishing a Militia System ;" and, after some time employed thereon, the bill was re-committed to the committee who reported it.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, That Council have passed the bills from the House of Assembly, entitled An act to prohibit unincorporated banks ; a bill entitled An act to incorporate the New-Brunswick Steam Boat Company ; a bill entitled An act to divorce Margaret Kent, of the county of Essex, from her husband Moses Kent ; and a bill entitled An act for the relief of Major James Miller, severally without amendment.

Mr Thomson, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the incidental committee be directed to allow the account of Captain Stephen Dod, for repairs done to arms under the direction of the late Gov. Ogden.

Which Resolution was read, and postponed.

Mr Bayard from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of persons confined for debt ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and to be printed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville Factory, to which bill they request the concurrence of this House ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, Feb. 16, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Anderson, from the committee to whom was referred the certificate issued in favor of James Hankinson, now the property of Esek White, reported, That upon due enquiry they are of opinion that the Treasurer of this state should be authorized to pay said certificate, together with interest on the same from January 1791 to April 1797, at the rate of six per cent per annum, amounting in the whole to twenty-five dollars and fifty-five cents ;

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of George Browning, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville factory, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered a third reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act establishing a Militia-System; and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to stay executions in certain cases, was resumed.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

U

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,
Lee,

Messrs Mandeville,
Munn,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyne,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Cadmus,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,

Messrs Mead,
Pearson,
Read.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord 1815, was read a third time and compared:

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council entitled An act relative to fees and proceedings in the Court of Appeals and in the Prerogative Court, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council, that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, That Council will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Friday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly-Room, for the purpose of appointing a Senator and of civil and military officers.

Also, That Council have passed the bill from the House of Assembly entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, without amendment; and have disagreed to the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act respecting apprentices and servants, passed the fourteenth of March, 1798.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of persons confined for debt, was read a second time, progressed in, and postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville Factory, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of George Browning, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Irick, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act for the recovery of military fines in certain cases ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act for the relief of persons confined for debt, and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr Thompson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Potts, praying that articles of impeachment might be preferred against Gilbert Hendrickson, a justice of the peace for the county of Monmouth, for improper conduct in his official capacity, having heard testimony in support of the charges exhibited against him,

Reported, That in the opinion of your committee the said Gilbert Hendrickson in his official conduct has not acted with that fairness, impartiality and legal correctness which ought to characterize a justice of the peace.

But as all which appears against him might proceed from want of knowledge and forgetfulness ; and as there is not sufficient proof to convict of criminal intention, your committee are of opinion that articles of impeachment could not be sustained against the said Gilbert Hendrickson.

The shortness of time allowed the committee, on account of the near close of the session, prevents a more minute detail of facts, and of inferences to be drawn from them.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr Wilson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act relative to Steam-boat navigation ;

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr Thompson, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act making compensation to Captain Stephen Dod, for repairs of arms ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from the House of Assembly entitled An additional supplement to the acts relative to elections, to enable the militia or volunteers of this state when in the actual military service of the United States, or of this state, to exercise the rights of election, without amendment.

The bill entitled An act for the appointment of Presidents of the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act making compensation to Captain Stephen Dod for repairs of arms, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Edgar, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to purchase a field-piece ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act for suppressing vice and immorality, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes, passed the 15th day of March, 1798,

was read a second time, and after some progress therein, postponed.

The bill entitled An act for the recovery of Military fines in certain cases, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Adjutant-General Gordon, enclosing an abstract of the Returns made by the Brigade Judge-Advocates for the year 1814;

Which letter was read, and with the enclosure, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from Council entitled a supplement to an act entitled An act respecting Joint-tenants and tenants in common, passed the fourth day of February 1812, was read a second time, considered, and ordered a third reading.

The bill entitled An act to purchase a field piece, was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Resolution offered by Mr Irick authorizing the Governor to borrow money for the payment of the militia of this state who have not been paid, was called up and agreed to, and referred to Messrs Irick, Newell and Simpson, with instructions to report a bill accordingly.

Mr Rutherford offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be collected all arms belonging to this state that may be portioned in different parts of the State, and have them stored in some secure place ready for service when necessary; excepting such of them as have been loaned to Uniform Companies under the security required by law.

That he be further authorized in the event of peace to cause to be disposed of such of the cartridges, ammunition and other munitions of war as are considered to be of perishable quality.

Which Resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, Feb. 17, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of persons confined for debt, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Barber,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Lee,
Mandeville,

Messrs Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Opdycke,
Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vansyckel,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabrickie.

NAYS.

Messrs Condit,
Cox,
J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Pennington, Sp.
Vanduyn.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the appointment of Presidents of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the peace, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

A motion was made to postpone the bill to the next sitting of the Legislature, and after some debate,

Ordered, That said bill be so postponed.

The engrossed bill entitled an act to purchase a field-piece, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Irick, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, An act to authorize the Governor of this state to borrow money for certain purposes ;

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act making compensation to Captain Stephen Dod for repairs of arms, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Edgar,
Ellis,
French,
Irick,
Mandeville,
Mead,

Messrs Munn,
Pearson,
Read,
Rutherford,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Vanduyn,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Anderson,
Barber,
Condit,
Cortright,
Cox,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dickinson,
Dubois,

Messrs J. S. Holmes,
Lee,
Newell,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
Sharp,
Vansyckel,
Yard.

So the bill was lost.

The Resolution for rejecting the amendments proposed by the Legislature of Connecticut to the Constitution of the United States, was brought in engrossed, read a third time and compared :

On the question, Will the House agree to this Resolution ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Mandeville,
Barber,	Munn,
Condit,	Newell,
Cortright,	Pennington, Sp.
Cox,	Richman,
Davison,	Rutherford,
Dayton,	Sharp,
Dickinson,	Vansyckel,
Dubois,	Wilson,
J. S. Holmes,	Yard.
Lee,	

NAYS.

Messrs Bayard,	Messrs Irick,
Cadmus,	Read,
Ellis,	Vanduyn,
French,	Zabriskie.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said Resolution to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the Governor of this state to borrow money for certain purposes, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,	Messrs Dickinson,
B. yard,	Dubois,
Cadmus,	Edgar,
Cortright,	French,
Davison,	Irick,

YEAS.

Messrs Lee,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,

Messrs Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wilson,
Yard,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Condit,
Cox,
Dayton,
Ellis,
J. S. Holmes,

Messrs Mandeville,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Vanduyn,
Vansyckel.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

Mr Sharp, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act providing for the payment of Captain Stephen Dod for repairs of the United States arms in the possession of this state ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the recovery of military fines in certain cases, was read a third time and compared.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act providing for the payment of Captain Stephen Dod for repairs of the United States arms in the possession of this state, was read a second time, considered and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Thompson, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of County Clerks for their services at elections for Representatives in Congress and Electors of President and Vice-President ;

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Council came into the Assembly-Room, and the two Houses went into Joint Meeting ; after which the Speaker resumed the Chair, and

The House adjourned to half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 18, 1815.

Half-past nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr Wilson, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House and the committee appointed to sign certificates of pay for the members, be instructed not to sign such certificates till the Legislature rise ; unless the member making application therefor first obtain leave of absence from the House.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled An act establishing a Militia-System, was read a third time and compared ;

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr Lee asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the sitting.

The bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges was read a second time, considered, and ordered to be engrossed.

The said bill being brought in engrossed, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act providing for the payment of Captain Stephen Dod, for repairs of the United States arms in the possession of this state, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,

Annin,

Barber,

Bayard,

Cadmus,

Cortright,

Davison,

Dickinson,

Edgar,

Ellis,

French,

J. S. Holmes,

Irick,

Messrs Mandeville,

Munn,

Newell,

Pearson,

Read,

Rutherford,

Sharp,

Simpson,

Thompson,

Vanduyne,

Wilson,

Yard,

Zabriskie.

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NAYS.

Messrs Condit,
Dayton,
Pennington, Sp.

Messrs Richman,
Vansyckel.

Ordered. That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, That Council have passed the bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord 1815, and the bill entitled An act to stay executions in certain cases, without amendment ;

Also, that Council have passed a bill entitled, An act to incorporate the patent cloth manufacturing company ;

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered and ordered a third reading.

Mr Irick, with leave, presented a bill entitled a Supplement to the timber act ;

Which bill was read and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Patent Cloth Manufacturing Company was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House without amendment.

The Resolution offered by Mr Bayard some time since, relative to warming the Assembly-Room, was called up and agreed to.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act constituting Courts for the trial of Small Causes, passed the 15th day of March, 1798, and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr Annin, Mr Van Duyn, Mr Cox and Mr Simpson had leave of absence for the remainder of the sitting.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock afternoon, the House met.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act constituting Courts for the trial of small causes passed the 15th day of March 1798, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs Anderson,
Annin,
Bayard,
Cadmus,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,

Messrs Dickinson,
Ellis,
French,
Mead,
Munn,
Newell,
Pearson,

YEAS.

Messrs Read,
Richman,
Rutherford,

Messrs Vanduyn,
Wilson,
Zabriskie.

NAYS.

Messrs Barber,
Condit,
Dubois,
J. S. Holmes,
Irick,

Messrs Mandeville,
Opdycke,
Pennington, Sp.
Sharp,
Vansyckel.

So the said bill was lost.

Mr Bayard offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, by the Legislative Council and General Assembly of the state of New-Jersey, that the Governor of the same, be, and he is hereby requested to appoint and recommend to the people of this state the observance of some suitable day on which they will assemble in their different places of religious worship, and render their devout and solemn thanks to the Author of all good, for the restoration of Peace with all its attendant blessings to these United States: *Provided*, That if any day shall be designated by the President of the U. S. for the purpose above-mentioned other than the one assigned in pursuance of this resolution—the Governor of this state is in such case requested to appoint and recommend the same day.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House, and sent to Council for concurrence.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary informed the House, that Council have passed the bill entitled An act to purchase a field-piece, and a bill entitled an act for the relief of George Browning, severally without amendment.

Also, that Council have passed the bill entitled An act for the recovery of military fines in certain cases, with an amendment ;

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House ;

Which amendment was read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr Wilson, with leave, presented a bill entitled An additional supplement to the act entitled An act constituting Courts for the trial of Small Causes, passed the 15th day of March 1798 ; which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and postponed to the next sitting.

Mr Wilson having resigned his office as Clerk of the House, the House proceeded to the appointment of a successor, when Daniel Coleman was unanimously chosen, and the Clerk directed to inform Council thereof.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act for the recovery of military fines in certain cases, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendment made thereto by Council has been agreed to by this House ; and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

A message from Council by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed the bill to establish a militia system, the bill for the relief of persons confined for debt, the bill to authorize the Governor of this state to borrow money for certain

purposes, and an act to defray sundry incidental charges, severally without amendment ;

Also, that Council have agreed to the Resolution of the House of Assembly rejecting the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States ; and also, to the Resolution recommending a day of thanksgiving ;

Also, that Council had disagreed to the bill entitled An act providing for the payment of Captain Stephen Dod for repairs of the United States arms in the possession of this state.

Mr Anderson presented a petition from John D. De Lacy, in behalf of the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam-boat Company, complaining of the conduct of the Legislature in repealing the Steam-boat law, and praying some relief in the premises ;

Which petition was read, and dismissed.

Mr Wilson offered a Resolution recommending the subject of Steam-boat Navigation to the early attention of the next Legislature ;

Which resolution was read, and disagreed to by the House.

The House rose.

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VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTIETH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,
AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-
FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, AND CONTINUED BY
ADJOURNMENTS.
BEING THE FIRST SITTING.



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COMMISSIONERS OF THE

**LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

*Bergen,
Essex,
Middlesex,
Monmouth,
Somerset,
Burlington,
Gloucester,
Salem,
Cape-May,
Hunterdon,
Morris,
Cumberland,
Sussex,*

THE HONORABLE

{ Adrian Post,
Amos Harrison,
Ercories Beatty,
Silas Crane,
John Frelinghuysen,
William Irick,
Samuel W. Harrison, } ESQ'RS.
Jerediah Dubois,
Joshua Swaine,
Aaron Vansyckle,
Jesse Upson,
Ebenezer Seely,
William Kennedy, *vp* }

**LIST OF MEMBERS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

BERGEN.

John Outwater, Charles Board, Garret A. Lydacker, esquires.

ESSEX.

Samuel Pennington, *Speaker*, Jonathan Dayton, John Dow, Israel Day, esquires.

MIDDLESEX.

James Parker, John N. Simpson, William Edgar, esquires.

MONMOUTH.

George Holcombe, Matthias Van Brakle, Reuben Shreve, esquires.

SOMERSET.

Samuel Bayard, Joseph Annin, Andrew Howell,
esquires.

BURLINGTON.

William Pearson, Charles Ellis, Samuel J. Read,
William Reeve, esquires.

GLOUCESTER.

Isaac Pine, Edward Sharp, Richard S. Risley,
esquires.

SALEM.

James Newell, Joseph Kille, Morris Hancock,
esquires.

CAPE-MAY.

Nicholas Willits, esquire.

HUNTERDON.

John Farlee, William Nixon, Abraham Stout,
(one vacancy) esquires.

MORRIS.

David Thompson, jun. Nicholas Mandeville, Ben-
jamin Condit, Ezekiel Kitchell, esquires.

CUMBERLAND.

Daniel Richmond, Nathan Leake, John S. Wood,
esquires.

SUSSEX.

Joseph Sharp, Simon Cortright, James Davidson,
Robert W. Rutherford, esquires.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

F O R T I E T H

G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y .

TRENTON, OCTOBER 24, 1815.

THIS being the time and place appointed by law for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons, to wit: William Colfax and Martin Van Houten, as representatives for the county of Bergen; Samuel Pennington, Jonathan Dayton, Israel Day and John Dow, as representatives for the county of Essex; William Edgar, as a representative for the county of Middlesex; George Holcomb, Matthias Van Brakle and Reuben Shreve, as representatives for the county of Monmouth; Samuel Bayard, Joseph Annin, and Andrew Howell, as representatives for the county of Somerset; William Pearson, Charles Ellis, Samuel J. Read and William Reeve, as representatives for the county of Burlington; Isaac Pine, Edward Sharp and Richard S. Risley, as representatives for the county of Gloucester; James Newell, Joseph Kille and Morris Hancock, as representatives for the county of Salem; William Nixon, John Farlee, Samuel L. Southard and Abraham Stout, as representatives for the county of Hunterdon; David Thompson, jun. Nicholas Mandeville, Ezekiel Kitchell and Benjamin Condit, as representatives for the county of Morris; Nathan Leake and John S. Wood, as representatives for the county of Cumberland; Simon Cortright and James Davison, as representatives for the county of Sussex; appeared in the House, and produced the respective certi-

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ificates of their election; which being read and approved, David Thompson, jun. esq. was appointed agreeably to the Constitution to qualify Samuel Pennington, esq. who being duly sworn took his seat, and the remaining members present being qualified by the said Samuel Pennington, esq. took their seats in the House.

The members proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, when Samuel Pennington, esq. was chosen without opposition, and accordingly took the chair.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk, when Daniel Coleman was appointed, qualified and took his seat at the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that a quorum of the House have this day met and elected the honorable Samuel Pennington, esq. their Speaker and Daniel Coleman their Clerk, and have proceeded to business.

William Gould was appointed door-keeper.

Mr Dayton presented a memorial from Charles Board and Garret A. Lydacker, of the county of Bergen, stating, that at the late election in said county they had a plurality of votes over William Colfax and Martin Van Houten, the sitting members, and consequently claiming seats in this House to the exclusion of said Colfax and Van Houten.

Which memorial was read and committed to Messrs Dayton, Pearson and Southard, with authority to send for witnesses and documents relative to the subject matter of said memorial.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have this day met. elected the honorable William Kennedy, their Vice President, and James Linn Secretary and proceeded to business.

Mr. Dayton offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the rules and regulations estab-

lished for the government of this House during the last session, be considered as binding and in force, until others be reported and adopted.

Which resolution was read and agreed to by the House. Messrs Bayard, Condit and Cortright were appointed a committee to examine and report the unfinished business.

On motion,

It was carried that their shall be an adjourned sitting.

Messrs Thompson, Edgar and Newell, were appointed a committee to bring in a bill for the support of the Government of this State.

Messrs Ellis, Hoicombe, Kitchell, Howell and Day, were appointed a committee, to settle the accounts of the Treasurer. And Messrs Pine, Read, Leake, Nixon and Davison, a committee to settle the accounts of the State Prison.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the appointment, by this House of the aforesaid committee, and request Council on their part, to appoint committees correspondent thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that this House is ready to go into a Joint Meeting for the purpose of appointing a Governor and other civil officers deemed requisite, and request Council to appoint the time and place of said meeting.

Mr. Cortright presented a statement of the proceedings of William Armstrong and Richard Edsall, commissioners appointed on the part of this State, for Sussex County, relative to forfeited estates, &c.

Which statement was read and committed to Messrs Dow, Wood and Reeve, who were appointed a committee to bring in an incidental bill.

Mr. Read presented a petition from several insol-

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 vent debtors confined in Burlington jail, praying Legislative relief.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs Read, Farlee and Van Brakle.

Mr. Shreve presented a petition of a similar nature from John Worthley, confined in Monmouth jail.

Which petition was read and referred to the same committee.

The house adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



WEDNESDAY, October 25.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

James Parker, as a representative from the county of Middlesex, Robert W. Rutherford, as a representative for the county of Sussex, and John Outwater, as a representative for the county of Bergen, appeared, produced the respective certificates of their election, which being approved, they were qualified and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was committed the memorial of Charles Board and Garet A. Lydacker, relative to the late election in the county of Bergen, made the following Report :

That the memorialists claim a right to seats in this House as representatives of the county of Bergen, in the place and stead and to the exclusion of William Colfax and Martin Van Houten, the sitting members.

That, in support of their claim, they allege that the returns of the seven townships, composing the county, give to these memorialists a decided plurality of votes, and the allegation is satisfactorily and incontestibly proved by the deposition of the Clerk

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of said county, and copies of the township and county returns accompanying the same. It appears nevertheless that certificates were granted to the sitting members, founded manifestly upon the result of the votes of six towns only, the seventh township called Franklin having been excluded ; and that such certificates were made out and delivered at or about the hour of three in the afternoon of Saturday the 14th inst. being about two hours prior to the receipt of the return of the votes of the said township of Franklin. There appears to have been no illegality attending the election in said township, nor any objection to the receiving and counting of their votes, except that which arises from the irregularity of their delivery to the county Clerk, occasioned by the gross neglect of the judge of the election and the detention of his messenger, owing to the uncertainty of water communication, an irregularity too slight, as it appears to your committee, to justify our refusing under the exercise of that sound discretion vested in us by the Constitution, to overlook mere matters of form, and to give to the known voice of the majority of the people of the county its fair and full effect. The committee, under these impressions, are induced to submit to the House the two following resolutions .—

Resolved, That the seats of William Colfax and Martin Van Houten, the sitting members, ought to be vacated.

Resolved, That the memorialists, Charles Board and Garret A. Lydacker, are entitled to take their seats in this House as members from the county of Bergen.

Which Report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee for that purpose, reported the following list of unfinished business.

No. 1. A bill supplementary to the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes.

No. 2. A bill supplementary to the timber act.

No. 3. A bill relative to turnpike roads.

No. 4. A bill for the appointment of presidents of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the peace.

No. 5. A bill supplementary to an act respecting joint-tenants and tenants in common.

No. 6. A bill relative to Steam Boat navigation.

No. 7. A bill to extend the Princeton and Kingston Branch turnpike.

No. 8. A bill supplementary to an act respecting forfeited estates.

No. 9. A bill to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Coughstown to Somerville.

No. 10. A bill to tax Bank stock.

No. 11. A bill to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam-Boat Ferry Company.

No. 12. A bill concerning sureties to keep the peace.

No. 13. A bill supplementary to an act for the relief of creditors against absent and absconding debtors.

No. 14. A bill authorizing improvements to be made in the navigation of Metitecunk river in the county of Monmouth.

No. 15. A bill to invest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, and to prevent drunkenness and gambling.

No. 16. A petition for a turnpike from Coryells ferry to New-Brunswick.

No. 17. Petition of William and Mary Miller.

No. 18. Petition of sundry persons for setting off a part of Oxford township, in the county of Sussex.

No. 19. A memorial from the Board of Inspectors of the State Prison

No. 20. A petition from sundry persons in the county of Bergen, respecting a certain fishery in said county.

No. 21. A bill fixing the compensation of county clerks for their services at elections.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from Mary King, of the county of Essex, praying for a law to divorce her from her husband Stephen King.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Dow, Mandeville and Stout.

Mr. Leake presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, praying for the establishment of a Bank in said town.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Leake, Parker and Kille.

Mr. Thompson from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading

Mr. Read from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts contracted prior to the first day of November 1810.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council will be ready to go into a Joint Meeting on Thursday next, at three o'clock in the Assembly room, for the purpose of appointing a Governor of the State, and such other civil officers as shall be deemed expedient.

And also that Council have appointed Messrs Swaine and Seely, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the Treasurer.

And Messrs Vansyckel and Frelinghuysen, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the State Prison.

The Speaker presented to the House sundry documents from his Excellency Governor Pennington, containing his correspondence with the Secretary at war, relative to a loan to the United States, pursuant to an act of this State authorizing the same—and his correspondence with the Governor of Pennsylvania, relative to an act of this State, authorizing a Wing dam in the river Delaware near Trenton falls, with other public papers.

Which documents were read, and those relative to the Loan were committed to Messrs Parker, Shreve and Hancock—and those relative to the wing dam committed to Messrs Rutherford, Outwater and Risley.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to join a committee of Council for the purpose of examining and settling the accounts of his Excellency the Governor, for money expended in virtue of the act entitled “ An act for the appropriation of a certain sum of money for the protection of the maritime frontier of this State,” passed the 11th of February 1815.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs Howell, Ellis and Southard accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council of the appointment of said committee, and request Council to appoint one correspondent thereto.

Mr Dayton presented two memorials from the

Board of Inspectors of the State Prison, praying Legislative interference in two specified cases.

Which memorials were read, and committed to Messrs Pearson, Dayton and E. Sharp.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs Parker, Newell and Day be a committee to report rules and regulations for the government of this House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Joseph Sharp, as a representative for the county of Sussex, Daniel Richman, as a representative for the county of Cumberland, Nicholas Willits, as a representative for the county of Cape May, and John N. Simpson, as a representative for the county of Middlesex, appeared, produced the respective certificates of their election, which were approved, were qualified and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Parker, from the committee for that purpose, reported rules and orders to be observed in the House.

Which were read and agreed to by the House.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have appointed Messrs. Beatty and Upson, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council for the purpose of examining and settling the accounts of the Governor for money expended in the protection of the maritime frontier of this State.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the petitioners for a turnpike road from Coryells ferry to the city of New-Brunswick, have leave to present a bill for the incorporation of a company for the above purpose, on

the second Wednesday of next adjourned sitting, having first given at least three weeks public notice of their intention to apply for an act for the object aforesaid.

Mr. Pine presented a paper containing the representation and account of Robert Smith, captain of the Gloucester artillery, requesting compensation for himself and company, for military service performed in 1814, pursuant to orders from Governor Pennington.

Which paper was read, and committed to Messrs Pine, J. Sharp and Richman.

The bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this State, was read a second time, and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this State, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and the bill postponed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, October 26.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. J. Sharp presented two petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying for a law authorizing the erection of a Bridge over the river Delaware at or near the Water Gap.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. J. Sharp, Simpson and Stout.

Mr. J. Sharp also presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the aforesaid county,

praying for a law authorizing the extension of the Hope and Hacketstown turnpike, from the town of Hope to the river Delaware, at or near the Columbia Glass Works.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Cortright, Wood and E. Sharp.

Mr. J. Sharp also presented a petition from Dinah Pain, of the county of Sussex, praying for a law to divorce her from her husband Jason Pain.

Which petition was read, and on motion to commit the same, was negatived, and the applicant had leave to withdraw the paper.

Mr. Hancock presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem praying for a law to prohibit persons from disturbing the fishery in Alloway's creek in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Hancock, Wood and Farlee.

The joint committee to whom was committed the accounts of his Excellency Governor Pennington, having carefully examined his vouchers and the statement accompanying the same, made the following report :

That the Governor in pursuance of the appropriation by law provided for his use and to be expended for military purposes, has paid out the sum of fourteen hundred twenty-four dollars, 58 cts. agreeably to his statement—and his accounts for repairs to the government house and postage on public letters amounts to sixty-five dollars, 48 cts. which more correctly should have been included in the incidental bill, yet to accommodate the Governor and facilitate the closing his accounts with the Treasurer, the committee have added those items to this general

account, making the whole sum expended fourteen hundred and ninety dollars six cents.

E. BEATTY,
Committee from Council.

A. HOWELL,
Chairman of Committee from Assembly.

October 26, 1815.

Which report was read, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council for their concurrence.

The House took up the report on the memorial of Charles Board and Garret A. Lydacker, and after considerable debate, unanimously agreed to the same—when William Colfax and Martin Van Houten vacated their seats.

The House adjourned to three o'clock afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Charles Board and Garret A. Lydacker, as representatives for the county of Bergen, appeared, were qualified, and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the papers and documents relating to the execution by the Governor, of the act entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of this State to borrow money for certain purposes," passed 18th February, 1815, made the following report:

That the Governor had by letters dated 21st February and 22d May, last, notified the Secretary at War of the passage of said act authorizing a loan to the United States for the purpose of paying the militia of this State lately on a tour of duty in the service of the United States.

That Alexander James Dallas, esq. the secretary at war, in a letter addressed to Governor Pennington, dated 31st May, 1815, states, that "it will be

an accommodation to that department that the militia of New-Jersey called into the service of the United States should be paid out of the fund which the Legislature had authorized to be procured," and "that the amount thus advanced by the State will be considered as a loan to the United States, bearing 6 per cent. per annum interest, reimbursable in one year."

That the secretary at war by a subsequent letter addressed to the Governor, dated the 20th June, 1815, had directed him "to place the money loaned by the state of New Jersey for the purpose of paying her militia called into the service of the United States, at the disposal of Robert Brent, esq. the paymaster of the army, who would take immediate measures for the appropriation of the loan to its object."

That the sum of fifty thousand dollars was in consequence borrowed by the Governor (on the faith of the State) from the Farmer's Bank of New Jersey on the 8th of July last, payable in one year with interest at 6 per cent. in conformity to the act, and that sum was paid the same day to John Clement, Paymaster of Brigadier General Elmer's brigade of New-Jersey militia, in virtue of an order from Robert Brent, Paymaster of the army of the United States, "as a loan made by the State of New-Jersey to the United States, for the purposes of providing pay, subsistence and forage for such of the militia and volunteers of the State of New-Jersey as remain uncompensated for services rendered during the late war."

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Council came into the Assembly room and the

two Houses went into a joint-meeting ; after which the House came to order, when

Mr. Day presented a petition from John Thomas Tenison, James Tenison, William Tenison and Thomas Harrison Tenison, aliens, praying for a law to confirm, to the three latter, their title to certain specified real estate, in the town of Newark, in this State.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Day, Annin and Nixon.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled " an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen King and Mary his wife.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard asked and obtained leave of absence till Saturday evening next.

The bill entitled " an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts contracted prior to the first day of November, 1810, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Cortright, from the committee to whom was committed the petitions from Sussex county, for an extension of the Hope and Hacketstown turnpike, from the town of Hope to the river Delaware at or near the Columbia Glass-works, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose, on the second Monday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, October 27;

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Holcombe presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Burlington, Middlesex and Monmouth, praying for a law authorizing a turnpike from Bordentown in the county of Burlington, to South Amboy in the county of Middlesex.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs Holcombe, Kille and Edgar.

The engrossed bill entitled " an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts contracted prior to the first day of November, 1810, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Dayton,
Dow,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs Condit,
Davison,
Day,
Hancock,

Newell,
Outwater,
Pennington, S.
J. Sharp,

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NAYS.

Howell,
Lydacker,

Simpson,
Stout,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled "an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen King and Mary his wife, was read a second time, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Kitchell, the house reconsidered their dismissal of the petition of Dinah Pain, presented yesterday, by Mr. J. Sharp, and committed the same to Messrs Rutherford, Thompson and Wood.

Mr. Davison presented a petition from Peter Kline and others, inhabitants of the county of Sussex and elsewhere, praying for a law authorizing the erection of a dam, at a specified place, in the river Delaware, for the purpose of taking fish, &c.

Mr. Davison also presented a counter petition from George Snyder and others, of the same place, praying for the same privilege to the exclusion of the former.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs Davison, Shreve and Kitchell.

Mr. J. Sharp, from the committee to whom was committed the petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, for a bridge over the river Delaware, near the Water Gap,

Reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petitions, on the first Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

Mr. Outwater asked and obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the sitting.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, "an act for the relief of James Tenison, William Tenison and Thomas Harrison Tenison.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Rutherford, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Dinah Pain, praying for a divorce from Jason Pain her husband,

Reported,

That having examined the documents accompanying the same, they are of opinion that the laws of this State are adequate to her relief, and that Legislative aid on this occasion is not necessary.

Which report was agreed to by the House, and the applicant had leave to withdraw the papers.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House that Council had passed a bill entitled "an act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of David Potter, esq. late of Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, deceased." To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading; afterwards read a second time and postponed.

The bill entitled "an act for the relief of James

Tenison, William Tenison, and Thomas Harrison Tenison, was read a second time and postponed.

On motion, it was carried, that the adjourned sitting of this House, shall commence on the second Wednesday of January, A. D. 1816

The House adjourned to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.



SATURDAY, October 28.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Burlington, Middlesex and Monmouth, praying for a law authorizing a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose on the first Monday of the next sitting of the Legislature, provided that public notice of their intention be previously given.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Dow, with leave, reported a bill entitled "an act altering the mode of calling special courts of Oyer and Terminer and general jail delivery.

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Bayard and Parker

Mr. Bayard, with leave, presented a bill entitled "a supplement to an act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Leake, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of

Bridgetown in the county of Cumberland, praying for a law authorizing a Bank in said town, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose on the first Friday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition from Jotham Hulbard, of the county of Morris, praying for a law to divorce him from his wife, Jane Hulbard.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Thompson, Lydacker and Risley.

Mr. Day presented a petition from Pamela Johnson, executrix, and Isaac Baldwin and Timothy Crane, executors of Ogden Johnson, late of the township of Newark in the county of Essex, deceased, praying for a law authorizing the sale of the real estate of said deceased, and investing the proceeds in trustees to distribute pursuant to the last will and testament of said deceased.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Day, Board and Hancock.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of this State, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the Legislature would pass an act supplementary to the act entitled "an act to regulate the practice of the courts of law."

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Simpson, Kitchell and Richman.

The House took up the report of the committee of unfinished business, when

No. 1, was read and committed to Messrs. Sharp, Parker and Van Brakle.

No. 2, read and dismissed.

No. 3, read and postponed.

No. 4, read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

No. 5, read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Southard and Pine.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, October 30.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Howell, in the absence of Mr. Ellis, Chairman of the committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, made the following report:

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*Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer, in account with the State
Being for receipts and disbursements, commencing Octo-
1814. Dolls. Cts.*

Oct. 17.	To cash received of Peter I. Stryker, late sheriff of Somerset co. for fines,	199 73
26.	To do. received of John Leaming, sheriff of Cape May co. for do.	25 18
Nov. 7.	To do. received of Richard Craven, sheriff of Salem co. for do.	60 99
	To do. received of Trenton Bank, for dividnd on stock for present year,	2880
1815. Jan. 2.	To do. received of the several Banks for tax due from them, whole amount of capital	
	\$1,921,932 50	9609 67
7.	To do. received of James Ewing, esq. dividnd on funded stock,	1792 11
	To do. received for dividnd on turnpike,	312 50
20.	To amount of tax,	60,000
26.	To cash received of Silas Condit, sheriff of Essex county, for fines collected,	344 68
Feb. 15.	To do. received of William Nixon, sheriff of Hunterdon county for do. do.	144 50
	To do. received of Mount Holly Bank for bonus for charter,	3500 00
	To do. received of do. do. for tax on their capital,	95 25
28.	To do. received of A. Vanarsdalen, sheriff of Middlesex county, for fines,	120 00
	To an error discovered in posting, when \$7 instead of \$70 were charged,	63 00
April 5.	To cash received of Col. Ogden, being, as he stated, balance in his hands,	5 62½
	To do. received of James Ewing, esq. dividnd on funded stock,	811 51

Carried forward, \$79,964 74½

<i>of New-Jersey,</i>		CONTRA.	Cr.
<i>ber 16th, 1814, to October 16th, 1815.</i>			
1814,			Dolls. Cts.
Oct. 20.	1	By cash paid John Russel for 6 months pension,	18 00
	2	By do. paid Rebecca Dennis for 6 months do.	120 00
21.	3	By do. paid Lydia Whitlock for 1 years do.	240 00
31.	4	By do. paid Thos. Skillman for 3 months do.	10 00
Nov. 2.	5	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Hunterdon county,	10 12
	6	By do. paid Keziah Albertson for 1 years pension,	40 00
	7	By do. paid Lydia Wood for 1 years do.	40 00
	8 to 61	By do. paid members of the Legislature,	1951 94
4.	62	By do. paid John Bellerjeau, door-keeper,	16 25
	63	By do. paid Wm. Gould, door-keeper,	16 25
	64	By do. paid J. J. Wilson, for engrossing,	9 74
7.	65	By do. paid Wm. Gould, for services per incidental bill,	20 06
8.	66	By do. paid J. J. Wilson, Clerk of Assembly,	29 37
	66	By do. do. per incidental bill,	77 65
	68	By do. paid Joseph Broadhurst for wood per incidental bill,	113 00
	69	By do. paid Judge Dickerson for 6 months salary,	450 00
	70	By do. paid James Linn, esq. Sec'y. of Council,	35 71
Carried forward,			<hr/> \$3,198 09

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

1815.

Dolls. Cts.

	To amount brought forward,	\$79,964 74 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	To do. received for dividend on turnpike road,	312 50
May 11.	To do. received of John Sibley, sheriff of Cumberland county, for fines,	6 65
31.	To do. received of John Linn, she- riff of Sussex county for fines re- covered,	163 27
June 21.	To do. received of Paterson Bank, for bonus for charter,	6000 00
30.	To do. received of William Wool- man, sheriff of Burlington for fines,	1 90
July 18.	To do. received of James Ewing, dividend on funded debt,	811 51
Aug. 2.	To do. received for dividend on turnpike road,	312 50
Oct'r. 2.	To do. received of Trenton Bank for dividend on stock for present year,	2880 00
4.	To do. received of E. Green, late sheriff of Sussex county for fines recovered,	800 00
14.	To do. received of N. Price, for- merly sheriff of Hunterdon for fines,	7 50
	To do. received for private bills of last session,	28 15

Carried forward,

\$91,283 72 $\frac{1}{2}$

1814.		CONTRA.	Cr.
			Dolls. Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	3,198 09
		71 By cash paid Judge Kirkpatrick, for 6 mo. sal.	500 00
		72 By do. paid Judge Rossel for 6 mo. salary,	450 00
		73 By do. paid Peter Gordon, Treasurer, for do. do.	500 00
11.		74 By do. paid Ab. Thompson for pension due her,	42 77
Dec'r.	1.	75 By do. paid for conveying 3 prisoners from Essex county,	94 00
		76 By do. paid John Bellerjeau for services,	10 00
	7	77 By do. paid Gov. Pennington for balance due him for disbursements for maritime coast, per settlement of committee of the Legislature,	7 671-2
		78 By do. paid do. for salary,	900 00
		79 By do. paid do. per incidental bill,	60 69
	23.	80 By do. paid Mrs. Barber, for 3 months pension,	112 50
		81 By do. paid James Linn, esq. Secretary for issuing commissions,	362 40
		82 By do. paid do. for 1 years salary as auditor,	50 00
1815.	January 4.	83 By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Monmouth,	101 92
	12.	84 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Morris county,	28 97
	13.	85 By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Sussex county,	22 14
	16.	86 By do. paid for 5 do. in Salem county,	69 95
Carried forward,			\$6,511 10

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

To amount brought forward,

\$91 283 72½

Carried forward,

\$91 283 72½

1815.

CONTRA.

Cr.

		Dolls.	Cts.
By amount brought forward,		6,511	10½
16.	87 By cash paid for 9 inquisitions in Burlington co.	113	91
	88 By do. paid Eliz. Rue, for pension,	20	00
	89 By do. paid Danl. Coleman, engrossing Clerk,	87	2½
	90 By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Gloucester co.	11	41
	91 By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Salem county,	33	15
20.	92 By do. paid for 2 inquisitions in Sussex county,	35	43
23.	93 By do. paid Trenton Bank for money borrowed to pay the direct tax,	22,000	
	94 By do. paid do. do. for discount on said sum,	636	68
	95 By do. paid State Bank for money borrowed to pay direct tax due U. States,	10,000	
	96 By do. paid do. do. for interest,	448	67
	97 By do. paid State Bank at Newark, for interest on money borrowed to pay 2 months pay due militia,	98	00
26.	98 By do. paid for 8 inquisitions in Bergen county,	99	2½
	99 By do. paid for 6 do. in Essex county,	82	07
	100 By do. paid for 6 do. in Gloucester county,	72	1½
	101 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Essex county,	19	70
	102 By do. paid for conveying 1 do. from Monmouth,	11	45

Carried forward,

\$40,270 19½

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	\$ 91 283	72½

Carried forward,	\$ 91 283	72½
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1815.		CONTRA.	Cr.
			Dolls. Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	40,270 19 1-2
Feb. 1.	103	By cash paid Th. Skillman for 3 mo. pension,	10 00
9.	104	By do. paid Elizabeth Dugan for 2 years do.	80 00
15.	105	By do paid 2 inquisitions in Hunterdon county,	33 25
	106	By do. paid 1 inquisition in Gloucester county,	10 56
	107	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Hunterdon county,	12 50
	108	By do. paid 1 inquisition in do.	11 15
17.	109	By do. paid Mary M'Myer for 3 months pension,	60 00
	110 to 162	By do. paid Members of the Legislature,	5390 94
18.	163	By do. paid John Bellerjeau doorkeeper,	53 75
	164	By do. Wm. Gould do.	53 75
	165	By do. Barz. Wright for wood per incidental bill,	36 27
	166	By do. paid J. J. Wilson for engrossing,	91 03
	167	By do. paid Saml. Swan clk. of Somerset, per incidental bill,	11 50
	168	By do. paid J. J. Wilson for printing,	142 93
	169	By do. paid as Clerk,	104 13
	170	By do. paid Eliz. White for amount of a certificate given in 1786, per resolution 16th inst.	25 55
			518 94
20.	171	By do. paid James Johnson per incidental bill,	4 00
	172	By do. paid Wm. Gould per do	4 38
	173	By do. paid John Bellerjeau per do.	1 20
	174	By do. paid James Linn, esq. Secretary of Council,	114 81
	175	By do. paid do. do. per incidental bill,	29 24
Carried forward,			46,561 13 1-2

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

	Dolls.	Cts.
To amount brought forward,	\$91 283	72½

Carried forward,	\$91 283	72½
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1815.	CONTRA.	67. Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	46,561 13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Feb. 20.	176 By cash paid John Linn, sheriff of Sussex, for costs on convictions, per act of Feb. 1813,	48 50
28.	177 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Sussex,	24 70
March 2.	178 By do. paid Alex'r. Cham- bers, for freight per inci- dental bill,	3 00
	179 By do. paid J. Phillips, Cl'k of Monmouth, per do.	57 50
9.	180 By do. paid Capt. I. Scull, for services, per Act of Feb. 9th last,	34 80
13.	181 By do. paid Mrs. Barber for 3 months pension,	112 50
	182 By do. paid Thomas Cain for candles per incidental bill,	14 56
	183 By do. paid Ellett Howell, per do.	4 85
16.	184 By do. paid Daniel Fenton for stationary per do.	9 74
26.	185 By do. paid Eunice Platt for 6 months pension,	20 00
	186 By do. paid Elizabeth Rue for 3 months do.	10 00
	187 By do. paid for 2 stamps,	5 00
	188 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Middlesex county,	13 40
	189 By do. paid Samuel Paxon for sundries per inciden- tal bill,	9 14
April 5.	190 By do. paid M'Carter, clk. of Morris, per do.	13 00
6.	191 By do. paid to the Clerk of Salem, per do.	46 00
	192 By do. paid John Russell for 6 months pension,	18 00
11.	193 By do. paid John Bellerjeau door-keeper,	12 80
Carried forward,		\$47,018 621.2

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

To amount brought forward,

\$91 283 72 1-2

Carried forward,

\$91 283 72 1-2

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1815.	CONTRA.	Cr. Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	47 018 62½
19.	194 By do. paid Daniel Coleman for copying minutes,	45 60
	195 By do. paid Rebecca Dennis for 6 months pension,	120 00
24.	196 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Essex co.	20 80
	197 By do. paid S. Whitehead, Clerk of Essex county, per incidental bill,	11 50
26.	198 By do. paid Mary M'Myer, for 3 months pension,	60 00
	199 By do paid Thomas Skillman for 3 months pension,	10 00
May 9.	200 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Salem co.	30 90
10.	201 By do. paid for 3 inquisitions in Morris county,	45 60
	202 By do. paid Caleb Lloyd, Clerk of Monmouth co. per incidental bill,	11 50
	203 By do. paid for 3 inquisitions in Cumberland co.	3½ 63
12.	204 By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Hunterdon county,	3 30
	205 By do. paid A. Westervelt, Clerk of Bergen county, per incidental bill,	10 00
	206 By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Bergen county,	8 43
19	207 By do. paid Elias Van Arsdale commissioner for Paterson stock,	100 00
	208 By do. paid Governor Pennington for 6 mo. salary	900 00
	209 By do. paid Judge Kirkpatrick for do. do.	500 00
	210 By do. paid do. for Circuit Courts,	180 00
	211 By do. paid Treasurer for 6 months salary,	500 00
212 to 220	By do. paid members of Council composing Court of Errors,	213 79
	Carried forward,	\$49 823 87½

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

To amount brought forward,

Dolls. Cts.
\$91 283 72½

Carried forward,

\$91 283 72½

1815.		CONTRA.	Cr. Bolls. Cts.
		By amount brought forward,	49,823 87½
19.	221	By cash paid John Bellerjeau door keeper,	7 50
	222	By do. paid James Linn, esq. Secretary,	18 35
24.	223	By do. paid for 2 inquisitions in Middlesex co.	32 73
27.	224	By do. paid Lydia Whitlock for 1 year's pension,	160 00
31.	225	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Sussex county,	35 75
June 7.	226	By do. paid Sh'p'd Kollock for printing Journals,	312 50
	227	By do. paid John Bellerjeau doorkeeper,	10 00
	228	By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from C. May,	50 19
	229	By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Hunterdon county,	13 39
		By do. expences to Patererson for the bonus for charter,	8 25
27.	230	By do. paid Mrs. Barber for 3 months pension,	112 50
	231	By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Somerset county,	22 30
July 5.	232	By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Hunterdon county,	13 35
	233	By do. paid Ralph Hart for distributing laws, &c.	75 00
12.	234	By do. paid Mary M'Myer for three months pension,	60 00
	235	By do. paid Daniel Coleman for copying Minutes,	77 52
15.	236	By do. paid John Bellerjeau,	6 00
18.	237	By do. paid do. for attending Court of Chancery,	10 00

Carried forward,

\$50,844 20½

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

To amount brought forward,

\$91 283 72 1-2

Carried forward,

\$91 283 72 1-2

1815.	CONTRA.	Et.
		Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	50,844 20 $\frac{1}{2}$
20.	238 By cash paid for 1 inquisition in Hunterdon county,	20 09
	239 By do. paid for conveying prisoners from Morris county,	64 50
	240 By do. paid Sarah Wood for 10 months pension,	33 33
	241 By do. paid Eliz. Rue for 4 months do.	13 33
26.	242 By do. paid for 1 inquisition in Bergen county,	18 05
28.	243 By do. paid James Linn, esq. for issuing commissions,	234 25
	244 By do. paid do. for 6 months salary as auditor,	25 00
Aug. 16.	245 By do. paid for conveying a prisoner from Gloucester county,	12 47
17.	246 By do. paid Thos. Skillman for 3 mo. pension,	10 00
	247 By do. paid A. D. Woodruff At. Gen. for 6 mo. sal'y,	40 00
	248 By do. paid for 13 stamps for notes given to banks on acct. of monies borrowed, at 5 dolls.	65 00
Sept. 11.	249 By do. paid Judge Dickerson for 6 months salary,	450 00
	250 By do. paid do. do. for attending courts,	360 00
	251 By do. paid Judge Rossell, for 6 months salary,	450 00
	252 By do. paid do. do. for attending courts,	450 00
	253 By do. paid J. J. Wilson for printing laws, votes &c.	831 25
21.	254 By do. paid for conveying 1 prisoner from Middlesex county,	16 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
	255 By do. paid John Bellerjeau, doorkeeper,	10 00
	Carried forward,	53,947 85

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer.

Account continued.

The amount brought forward,

Dolls. Cts.

91,283 72 1-2

\$91 283 72 1-2

October 27, 1815.

We the committees of Council and Assembly, ap-
ined the above Accounts and the Vouchers relative there-
same correctly stated.

**JOSHUA SWAINE,
CHARLES ELLIS,
ISRAEL DAY,**

1815.

CONTRA.

~~Cr.~~
Dolls. Cts.

		By amount brought forward,	53,947 85
27.	256	By cash paid for conveying prisoners from Salem co.	61 40
	257	By do paid for do. do. from Essex county,	42 80
Sept. 30.	258	By cash paid for 1 inquisition in Hunterdon county,	16 53
	259	By do. paid to A. D. Woodruff, Attorney General, for salary,	40 00
Oct. 2.	260	By do. paid Eunice Platt for 6 months pension,	20 00
14.	261	By do. paid Mary M'Myer for 3 months pension,	60 00

\$54,188 58

Balance carried to the Dr. of the Treasurer's account current,

37,095 14

\$91,283 72

Errors excepted,
PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

pointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined, viz. from No. 1, to No 261, inclusive, and find the

A. HOWELL,
GEORGE HOLCOMBE,
E. KITCHELL.

Dr. Militia Account,

Being for receipts and disbursements, commencing

1814.

Dolls. Cts.

Oct. 17.	1	To cash paid J. J. Wilson, for printing blank pay- rolls,	4 00
24.	2	To do. paid Maj. Clement, Inspector, for 1 years sal- ary,	30 00
Nov. 8.	3	To do. paid Maj. James, In- spector, for do.	30 00
	4	To do. paid J. J. Wilson, for printing sundries,	62 00
Dec'r. 7.	5	To do. paid capt. Vandyke's Company, for 1 months State pay,	102 00
	6	To do. paid Capt. Neilson's Company for do. do.	201 00
	7	To do. paid Militia under command of Gen. Elmer, for do.	361 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10
	8	To do. paid do. under com- mand of Gen. Colfax, for do.	7296 03
24.	9	To do. paid Capt. Cook's detachment of Cavalry, for 3 months do.	186 00
	10	To do. paid Maj. Kean, In- spector, for 1 years sal'y.	30 00
1815.			
Jan. 4.	11	To 6 clearances of exempts allowed Monmouth co.	36 00
7.	12	To do paid Perine's compa- ny for a half months pay,	103 50
12.	13	To do. paid capt. Hall-day's company for 1 months pay,	132 00
13.	14	To 2 exempt clearances al- lowed Cape-May county,	12 00
Feb. 8.	16	To 18 exempt clearances al- lowed Somerset county,	108 00
Mar. 16.	17	To cash paid capt. Scull's company for their servi- ces per Act of Feb. 9th,	201 15
18.	18	To do. paid J. J. Wilson for printing Militia Law,	173 50

Carried forward;

12,351 28

CONTRA.

Dr.

Oct. 16, 1814, and ending Oct. 15, 1815.

By returns of Exempts from the
several counties as follows, viz.
for 1814.

Bergen,	16
Essex,	41
Middlesex,	70
Monmouth,	73
Somerset,	43
Burlington,	330
Gloucester, no official returns.	
Cumberland,	54
Salem,	179
Cape May,	14
Hunterdon,	112
Morris,	24
Sussex,	75

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Oct. 15.

Due from the following counties
on account of Exempts, viz :

Middlesex,	\$ 51	
Cumberland,	324	
Burlington,	1480	
Cape May,	32	
Hunterdon,	582	
Morris,	144	
Sussex,	450	\$3063
		\$3123

By cash received of Col. Shreve,
Collector of Burlington coun-
ty, for exempt fines for 1813,

17 64

Carried forward,

\$3140 64

36 01
13 01
13 01
13 01

Dr. Militia account.

		Dolls. Cts.
	To amount brought forward,	12,351 28
April 6.	19 To 32 exempt clearances &c allowed Salem county,	216 80
	20 To cash paid Maj. Warne, Inspector, for salary,	30 00
20.	21 To do. paid Maj. Brewster, Inspector, for do.	30 00
	A To 16 exempt clearances and fees allowed Essex co.	101 20
26.	22 To cash paid for distributing Militia laws,	51 00
May 15.	B To 6 exempt clearances allowed Bergen county,	36 00
	C To 6 do. do. do. Middlesex county,	36 00
July 22.	23 To cash paid maj. Holcombe, Inspector, for salary,	30 00
	24 To do. paid Maj. Budd, Inspector, for do.	30 00
Aug. 2.	25 To do. paid Maj. Brewster, Inspector, for do.	30 00
	26 To do. paid for postage for Adj. General's department,	9 15
	27 To do. paid for do. for Qr. Master General's department,	1 47
	28 To do. paid militia under Gen. Colfax, in full,	3186 8½
	29 To do. paid do. under command of Gen. Elmer, for 2 months pay,	3519 00
Sept. 11.	30 To do. paid col. Brown for purchase of a piece of field artillery,	60 00
	31 To do. paid J. J. Wilson for printing,	20 00
	32 To do. paid Maj. Clement, Paymaster of Gen. Elmer's brigade, for the last pay due the militia,	3300 00
		\$28 058 7½

1815.

CONTRA,

Gr.
Dolls. Cts.
3140 64

By amount brought forward,

Balance carried to the militia account current, and also to the Cr. of the Treasurer's account current,

21,898 10

\$ 28,038 74

Errors excepted,
PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

Oct. 26, 1815.

We the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the above militia account and vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 32 inclusive, and believe it justly stated.

JOSHUA SWAIN.

CHARLES ELLIS,
ISRAEL DAY,
A. HOWELL,
GEO. HOLCOMBE,
E. KITCHELL.

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Dr. State Prison Account,

Being for Receipts and Disbursements for said Insti-
1814. Dolls. Cts.

Nov. 8.	1	To cash paid Thomas Grant, late Inspector, for servi- ces,	8	00
	2	To do. paid Evan Evans, Inspector, for do.	50	00
	3	To do. paid Philip F. Howell, do. for do.	45	00
	4	To do. paid Benj. C. White, do. for do.	4	00
	5	To do. paid Barzillai Wright do. for do.	8	00
1815.				
Jan. 2.	6	To do. paid Francis S. La- bau, keeper, for three months salary,	225	00
	7	To do. paid John T. French, clerk, for do. do.	143	75
	8	To do. paid William Cest- ner, assistant keeper, for do. do.	112	50
	9	To do paid Joseph Dye, do. for do.	106	25
	10	To do. paid Thomas Neal, do. for do.	106	25
	11	To do. paid Samuel R. Lan- ing, do. for do.	87	50
	12	To do. paid Doctor Clark, for do.	25	00
	13	To do. paid Gershom Mott, Inspector, for services,	16	00
	14	To do. paid David Wright, do. for do.	15	00
Feb. 15.	15	To do. paid Joshua Nerton, do. for do.	9	00
April 3	16	To do. paid Francis S. La- bau keeper, for 3 months salary,	225	00
	17	To do. paid William Cestner, assistant do. for do. do.	112	50
	18	To do. paid Thomas Neal, do. do. for do.	106	25

Carried forward,

\$1,405 00

CONTRA.

Gr.

ation, from Oct. 15, 1814, to Oct. 16, 1815.

G

Dr. The State Prison.

1815.			Dolls.	Cts,
		To amount brought forward,	1,405	00
	19	To cash paid Joseph Dye, do. do, for do.	106	25
	20	To do. paid Samuel R. Laning, do. do. for do.	87	50
	21	To do. paid John T. French, clerk, for do.	143	75
	22	To do. paid Doctor Clark, for do.	25	00
July 5.	23	To do. paid Francis S. Labau, keeper, for do.	225	00
	24	To do. paid John T. French, clerk, for do.	143	75
	25	To do. paid William Cost- ner, assistant keeper, for do.	112	50
	26	To do. paid Thomas Neal, do. do. for do.	106	25
	27	To do. paid Joseph Dye, do. do. for do.	106	25
	28	To do. paid Samuel R. Laning, do. do. for do.	87	50
	29	To do. paid Doctor Clark, for do.	25	00
Aug. 8.	30	To do. paid Keeper, for purchasing iron,	600	00
Oct. 2.	31	To do. paid Francis S. La- bau, keeper, for three months salary,	225	00
	32	To do. paid John T. French, clerk, for 3 months do.	143	75
	33	To do. paid William Cost- ner, assistant keeper, for do.	112	50
	34	To do. paid Joseph Dye, do. do. for do.	106	25
Carried forward,			53,761	25

CONTRA.

Cr.

Dr. The State-Prison.

1815.

		Dolls. Cts.
	By amount brought forward,	3,761 25
35	To cash paid Thos. Neal, assistant keeper, for 3 months salary,	106 25
36	To do. paid Samuel L. Laning, do. do. for do.	87 50
37	To do. paid Doctor Clark, for do.	25 00
		\$ 3,980 00
		\$ 3,980 00

October 26, 1815.

We the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the foregoing Accounts and the Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 37 inclusive, and find the same correctly stated.

JOSHUA SWAIN,

**CHARLES ELLIS,
ISRAEL DAY,
A. HOWELL,
GEO. HOLCOMBE,
E. KITCHELL.**

1815.

CONTRA.

Cr.

By Amount carried to the State Prison Account current, and also to the Cr. of the Treasurer's Account current,

\$ 3,980 00

Errors excepted,
PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

Dr. State-Prison account current.

		Dolls.	Cts.
	To amount of disbursements from Treasury on account of this Institution for 11 years past, viz. from Nov. 1, 1803 to Oct. 15, 1814, per account then rendered,	9531	01
1815.	October 15. To disbursements for the past year per statement,	3980	00
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	Total drawn from the Treasury for 12 years past,	13314	01
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Errors excepted,
PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

[Oct. 26, 1815.

We the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts have examined the above state-prison account, and find the same justly stated.

JOSHUA SWAIN, CHARLES ELLIS,
ISRAEL DAY,
A. HOWELL,
GEORGE HOLCOMBE,
E. KITCHELL.

1815.

CONTRA.

Gr.

Dr. Militia account current.

		Dolls.	Cts.
	To balance due from this account per statement rendered Oct. 15, 1814,	20,445	86
1815. October 15.	To balance due per account of receipts and disbursements for the past year, viz. from Oct. 15, 1814, to this day,	24,898	10
		45,343	96
		45,343	96

Errors excepted,
PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

Oct 26, 1815.

We the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the above account and find it justly stated.

JOSHUA SWAIN,

**CHARLES ELLIS,
ISRAEL DAY,
A. HOWELL,
GEO. HOLCOMBE,
E. KITCHELL.**

CONTRA.

Cr.

H

Dr. Peter Gordon, Treasurer, in Account Current with
1814. Dolls Cts.

October 15. To balance remaining in Treasury, per statement rendered this day, 17,136 89½

October 15. To balance of receipts and disbursements for the past year per account this day rendered, 37,095 14½

\$ 54,232 04

1815.
October 15. To balance per above remaining in the Treasurer's hands, \$ 25,353 94

Errors excepted,

PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

October 26, 1815.

We the committees of Council and Assembly, ap-
ped the same, with the vouchers thereto, and do find a ba-
five thousand three hundred and fifty three dollars and

JOSHUA SWAIN,
CHARLES ELLIS,
ISRAEL DAY,

<i>the State of New-Jersey.</i>	CONTRA.	Cr.
1815.		Dolls. Cts.
October 15. By balance of receipts and disbursements for militia, per statement this day rendered,		\$24,898 10
By disbursements for the State Prison Institution for the past year, per account now rendered.		3,980 00
Balance,		25,353 94
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		\$ 54,232 04
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pointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts, have examination remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, of twenty ninety four cents, agreeably to the above statements.

A. HOWELL,
GEO. HOLCOMBE,
E. KITCHELL.

Which report was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from Charles Kinsey and others, of the county of Essex, cotton and woolen manufacturers, praying to be exempted from a specified tax.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Rutherford and Read.

The bill from Council entitled An act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of David Potter, esq. late of Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, deceased, was again taken up, gone through by section, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Jotham Hulbard and Jane Hulbard his wife.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, from Council, entitled An act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of David Potter, esq. late of Bridgetown, in the county of Cumberland, deceased, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,

Messrs. Howell,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Stout,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Read, Thompson.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bill has been passed by this House, without amendment.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, entitled An act altering the mode of calling special courts of Oyer and Terminer and General jail delivery, reported the same without amendment.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

No. 3, of the unfinished business—a bill entitled An act relative to turnpike roads, was taken up and ordered to be printed

The bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this State, was called up, and recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that this House are ready to go into a joint-meeting, for the appointment of such civil and military officers as shall be deemed expedient.

Mr. Pine, from the joint committee appointed to settle the accounts of the state-prison, made the following report :

That “the several amounts of the accounts transacted in the same, having investigated them as far as they were enabled from the books kept, and the shortness of the present sitting : observing that at

any future settlement of said accounts it would be proper, that the several officers of the Institution should regularly receive and exhibit the bills, receipts and vouchers attending the transaction of every concern, and that time be taken to state the accounts agreeably thereto.

And that the officers of said Institution, in their opinion, ought to be directed either by law or a resolution of both Houses, to transact all their concerns, without making any drafts upon the Treasury; leaving any deficiency that may arise from losses and bad debts, to be allowed by the Legislature at every annual settlement, and by them directed to be paid out of the Treasury.

Believing that the institution ought hereafter, with a stock of twenty-one thousand dollars on hand consisting of good debts due, cash and active materials, to be enabled to conduct the concern without treasury aid.

The Institution is charged on October 1st, 1814, with stock to begin with to the amount of

	Dolls. 25,349 02
Therefore, <i>Institution Dr.</i>	25,349 02
Also amount drawn from Treasury,	4,087 46
Debts due from sundry persons and prisoners,	22,062 37
Am't. of fines returned,	583 00
	Dolls. 52,081 85

Institution, Cr.

Property on hand as per inventory,	Dolls. 13,951 13
Debts to be paid,	10,251 83
Fines not received,	475 00
Balance transpor-	

tation account,	1,116 70	
Cash on hand,	1,269 99	
Salaries of officers,	3,380 00	
Loss in manufac- tories,	616 00	31,060 65
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Stock to begin with Octo- ber 1, 1815,	Dolls. 21,021 20	
Real loss ascertained from the foregoing,		4,327 82
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		Dolls. 25,349 02

Certified by

J. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Committee from*
A. VANSYCKEL, } *Council.*

ISAAC PINE, }
SAM'L. J. READ, } *Committee*
N. LEAKE, } *from*
WILLIAM NIXON, } *Assembly.*
JAMES DAVISON. }

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council will be ready to go into a joint meeting for the purpose of appointing such civil and military officers as shall be deemed expedient, on Tuesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly room.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was committed the Petition of Pamela Johnson, executrix, and Isaac Baldwin and Timothy Crane, executors

of Ogden Johnson, late of the township of Newark, deceased, reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, on the first Tuesday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Davison, from the committee to whom was committed a petition and counter petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, and elsewhere, praying for certain privilege relative to taking fish in the river Delaware—Reported,

That it appears at this time inexpedient to grant the prayer of said petitioners—and that they have leave to withdraw their papers.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by sections, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts contracted prior to the 1st day of November, 1810—without amendment.

The bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Jotham Hulbard and Jane Hulbard his wife, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, October 31.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, praying for a law authorising a branch turnpike road from the Woodbridge turnpike to the Sound, at or near the New Blazing Star Ferry.

Which petitions were read, and leave given to present a bill to answer the prayer of the petitioners, on the first Thursday of the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Pine, from the committee to whom was committed the statement and account of Captain Robert Smith, of the Gloucester artillery, requesting compensation for himself and company, for military services, &c. reported a bill, entitled An act for the relief of Captain Robert Smith and others.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State, was read a third time, compared and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Charles Kinsey and others, cotton and woollen manufacturers, in the State of New-Jersey,

Reported,

That the pressure of the late war and the necessities of the State which imperiously required that every description of property should bear a just proportion of the public burthens, having happily ceased, it appears reasonable and right that the relief asked for by the petitioners should be granted to those infant establishments in every part of the State.

The crisis which called for their contributions, found them willing contributors ; and the more especially as the prohibition of the introduction of foreign manufactures afforded them, so long as it lasted up to the period of peace, ample protection and encouragement, and placed the means within their power. That the state of things is materially changed. The assessments to which they have heretofore submitted without a murmur, must be discontinued, or by far the greater part of these young establishments must droop, languish, expire and disappear under the too powerful competition of their rival European institutions. The triumph of the latter would throw our country back, in a degree, to that state of dependence from which it was our boast and our glory to have escaped. We shall be independent in name only, if through the discouragements or neglect of our own Governments, our citizens are made thus tributary to strangers, and compelled to rely on foreign countries for so important a portion of our conveniences, our comforts and our consumption. Under these impressions the committee feel it a duty to recommend to the House the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the act to be passed, to raise the sum necessary for the support of the Government for the ensuing year, the tax heretofore laid on cotton and woollen manufactories, or on the spindles employed therein, be discontinued, and the same excluded from the list of certainties, or articles specifically taxed.

Which report was read, and the same, with the resolution, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Bayard offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed on the part of this House, to join a committee to be appointed by Council for the purpose of making a more complete investigation and statement of the ac-

counts of the Inspectors of the State prison, of examining into the general management of the establishment, the state of materials and stock on hand, and whatever in their judgment may tend to the improvement of said establishment and to the lessening of the expences of the same.—That the said committee be authorized to sit for the purposes expressed in this resolution during the recess of the Legislature—to employ a skillful accountant to assist them in making the investigation and statement aforesaid, and report the result of their enquiries to the Legislature at their next sitting, together with such further regulations for the better organization and management of the State-prison, as to them shall appear expedient or necessary.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be sent to the Council for their concurrence.

Which resolutions were read, agreed to, and Messrs. Parker and Holcombe accordingly appointed—and the Clerk ordered to carry the same to Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Dow, from the committee directed to bring in an incidental bill, made the following statement :

That among the papers referred to the committee, there is a certain document, which in their opinion, does not come within the province of the incidental provision. The document alluded to is the report of William Armstrong and Richard Edsall, “state commissioners,” relative to the sale of certain forfeited lands, and to the appropriation of monies arising therefrom. The commissioners, as it appears from the statement they have exhibited, have retained their fees and expences, and paid over the balance into the Treasury :

And reported a bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was re-committed the engrossed bill entitled An act to provide for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the papers and documents laid before this House by his Excellency the Governor, shewing the execution of the act entitled " An act to authorize the Governor of this State to borrow money for certain purposes," be deposited with the Treasurer, as evidence of the loan made to the United States under the said act.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled An act for the payment of the several officers of the Government of this State, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Howell,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Mandeville,

Messrs, Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Newell,
Nixon,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Jotham Hulbard and Jane Hulbard his wife, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dow,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson.
Van Brakle,]
Willits,
Wood.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Day,
Dayton,
Ellis,
Hancock,

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Reeve,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council; inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act altering the mode of calling special courts of Oyer and Terminer and General jail delivery, was called up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges was taken up, and after employing some time thereon,

The House adjourned to half past two o'clock in the afternoon.

Half past two o'clock—The House met.

Mr. Stout presented a petition from sundry citizens of Trenton, praying for the repeal of the law which prohibits public or private roads being opened through lands belonging to the State.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Stout, Simpson and Rutherford.

The bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges, was again taken up, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pine presented a memorial from Thomas Welden, of the township of Galloway, in the county of Gloucester, complaining of the official con-

duct of Samuel Sooy, esq. a justice of the peace of said township and county.

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs. Pine, Newell and Nixon.

No. 21 of the unfinished business—a bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of county clerks for their services at elections for Representatives in Congress, and electors of President and Vice-President, was read and ordered a second reading.

Council came into the Assembly room, and the two Houses went into a Joint-Meeting; after which the House came to order, and adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.



WEDNESDAY, November 1.

Nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled A supplement to an act respecting joint tenants and tenants in common, passed the fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and twelve, returned the same, and the committee was discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Southard, in consequence of his appointment as third Judge of the Supreme Court, resigned his seat as a member of this House.

The report of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts was taken up, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council for their concurrence.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn their secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "an act for the payment of the several officers of the government of this State" without amendment.—Also, that Council have appointed Mr. Frelinghuysen a committee on the part of Council, to join the commit-

tee appointed by this House for the purpose of making a more complete investigation and statement of the accounts of the Inspectors of the State-prison— Also, the following resolution for the concurrence of this House.

Council Chamber, Oct. 31, 1815.

Resolved,

That the Quarter Master General of the State of New-Jersey be, and he is hereby authorized, immediately to employ some proper person or persons to clean, repair, and put in complete order, the arms and military equipments belonging to this state, and to return the several pieces of artillery lately used by the Government, to their several brigades, and to report the number of every articles of military apparatus that may be in his possession, together with his expenses attending the performance of the duty aforesaid to the next sitting of the Legislature.

By order of Council,

WM. KENNEDY, *Vice President.*

House of Assembly, Nov. 1, 1815.

Concurred in by the House,

SAML. PENNINGTON, *Speaker.*

The engrossed bill entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The Treasurer's bond was read, approved, and sent to Council for their concurrence.

Mr. Pine, from the committee to whom was com-

mitted the memorial of Thomas Welden, complaining of the official conduct of Samuel Sooy, esq. one of the justices of the peace for the county of Gloucester, made the following report.

That in their opinion the charges contained in the said memorial are of such a nature as to require an investigation of the same before this House; and, further, that the hearing be had on the second Wednesday of the next sitting of the Legislature and that the parties have process of subpoena for their witnesses to be issued by the Clerk of this House.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Piscataway and Woodbridge in the county of Middlesex, owners and possessors of certain salt meadows in said county, praying for an amendment to a law relative to the same, passed in 1799.

Which petition was read, and the consideration thereof deferred to the next sitting of the Legislature.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to defray sundry incidental charges.

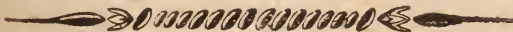
And the bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Jotham Hulbard and Jane Hulbard his wife, respectively, without amendment.

The Speaker adjourned the House to the second Wednesday in January, A. D. 1816.

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Congressional Chamber

VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTIETH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,
AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-
FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUN-
DRED AND FIFTEEN, AND CONTINUED BY AD-
JOURNMENTS.
BEING THE SECOND SITTING.



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

TRENTON, Wednesday, January 10, 1816.

Ten o'clock, forenoon.

THIS being the time and place to which this House stood adjourned, the Speaker took the chair; and there not being a sufficient number of Members present to form a quorum, adjourned the House to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The following Members appeared, viz.

Messrs. Annin, Bayard, Board, Condit, Cortright, Day, Dow, Ellis, Farlee, Hancock, Holcombe, Kille, Leake, Lydacker, Mandeville, Newell, Nixon, Parker, Pearson, Pennington, *Sp.* Read, Reeve, Richman, Edward Sharp, Shreve, Stout, Van Brakel, and Wood.

Thomas Prall, esq. as a representative for the county of Hunterdon, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Samuel L. Southard, esq. appeared, produced a certificate of his election, was qualified, and took his seat in the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that a sufficient number of the Members of this House to form a quorum have this day met, and proceeded to business.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their secretary, informed the House that a quorum of Council have this day met, and proceeded to business.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, praying for a law to authorize a turnpike road from the bridge over the Passaic at Belleville, to intersect the Newark and Pompton turnpike at or near the Little Falls, on the Passaic river.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Pearson and Condit.

Mr. Day presented a remonstrance from a number of citizens against the prayer of the above petition.

Which remonstrance was read, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Mandeville presented a petition from the Consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church at Stonehouse Plains, in the county of Essex, praying for a law to authorize a lottery for the purpose of raising a certain sum of money to defray the expences of erecting a church in said place.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Mandeville, Parker and Lydacker.

Ordered, That Messrs. Day, Read and Richman be a committee to bring forward the unfinished business of last sitting.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



THURSDAY, January 11.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Messrs. Davison, Edgar, Kitchell, Outwater Pine, Rutherford, and Thompson appeared.

Mr. Pow presented a petition from Israel Crane and others, of West Bloomfield, in the county of Essex, proprietors of a cotton manufactory, praying for an act of incorporation.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Bayard, Prall and Newell.

The Speaker presented to the House the following communication from Elias Van Arsdale, esq. commissioner, &c.

To the Honorable Legislature of New-Jersey.

Since my report of the 31st October, 1814, relating to the affairs of the Society for establishing useful manufactures, their accounts have been received to the first day of October last, whereby it appears that the sum of \$11,029 34 is to be added to the sum mentioned in my said report as due to the Society—This arises from interest money grown due from debts received; not before estimated, and from payments for some small sales of land. It further appears, that ten shares of capital stock have been claimed and admitted, which are to be added to the number of shares of capital stock heretofore reported by me.—Some proposals have been made for finally settling the claims of the State upon the said Society, which are considered worthy the attention of the Legislature.

Your Commissioner apprehends that the duties expected of him are so far performed, that his further services may be dispensed with; and that his account, as well for money placed at his disposal as for his expenses and services, may now be settled. All which is respectfully submitted.

ELIAS VAN ARSDALE, *Commissioner.*

January 10, 1816.

Which communication was read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Rutherford and Read.

Mr. Annin presented a petition from a number

of the inhabitants of the county of Somerset, praying for the repeal of a law passed 17th February, 1815, entitled "An act to stay executions in certain cases."

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Annin, Pine and Thompson.

Mr. Hancock presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, owners and possessors of certain salt marsh in said county, praying for an act to authorize them to erect and keep up a bank and other water works to drain the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Hancock, Nixon and Van Brakle.

Mr. Kille presented a counter petition from a number of the owners of said marsh.

Which counter petition was read, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Nixon presented a petition from Sarah Read, and others, heirs of Asa Read, late of the county of Hunterdon, dec. praying for a law to authorize the sale of the real estate of said deceased.

Which petition was read and committed to Mess. Nixon, Kitchell and Kille.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported the following list of unfinished business, viz.

No. 1. A bill relative to Steam Boat navigation.

No. 2. A bill to extend the Princeton and Kingston turnpike.

No. 3. A bill altering the mode of calling special courts.

No. 4. A bill for the appointment of Presidents of courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace.

No. 5. A bill respecting joint tenants and tenants in common.

No. 6. A bill to prevent the waste of timber.

No. 7. A bill relative to descent of real estates:

No. 8. A bill relative to turnpike roads.

No. 9. A bill for the relief of Captain Robert Smith and others.

No. 10. A bill for the relief of James Tuneson and others.

No. 11. A bill to divorce Mary King & Stephen King.

No. 12. A bill relative to surety to keep the peace.

No. 13. A bill relative to absconding debtors.

No. 14. A bill relative to the navigation of the Metitecunk river in Monmouth county.

No. 15. A bill to invest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers.

No. 16. A petition for a turnpike road from Coryell's ferry to New-Brunswick.

No. 17. A petition from William and Nancy Miller.

No. 18. A petition for setting off a part of Oxford township in the county of Sussex.

No. 19. A memorial from the board of inspectors of the State Prison.

No. 20. A petition relative to fisheries in the county of Bergen.

No. 21. A bill fixing the compensation of county clerks in certain cases.

No. 22. A bill respecting forfeited estates.

No. 23. A bill to make a turupike road from Cough's town to Somerville.

No. 24. A bill to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam Boat ferry company.

No. 25. A bill to tax Bank stock.

No. 26. A petition relative to fisheries in Alloway's creek in Salem County.

No. 27. A petition from Pamela Johnson and others.

No. 28. A petition for a bridge over the Delaware at Columbia.

No. 29. A petition for a turnpike road from Hope to the Delaware river.

No. 30. A petition for a branch turnpike road from Woodbridge to the Sound.

No. 31. A petition from Piscataway and Woodbridge relative to certain salt meadow.

No. 32. A memorial relative to paying a duty on articles manufactured at the State Prison.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table

The bill entitled an act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen King and Mary his wife, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Nos. 19 and 34, of the unfinished business, being memorials from the inspectors of the State Prison, were read and referred to the committee appointed last sitting on that subject.

Mr. Newell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for some Legislative regulations relative to the fisheries in Salem creek.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Newell, Board and Leake.

Mr. Read presented a petition from Rachel Williams of the county of Monmouth, praying for certain reasons therein set forth; the restoration to her

of certain forfeited estate, formerly belonging to her father, in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Reeve, Shreve and Davison.

The bill entitled an act altering the mode of calling special courts of Oyer and Terminer and general jail delivery, was taken up, amended and postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Condit presented two petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the State, praying for an act to authorize a turnpike road from Somerville, in the county of Somerset to Stanhope, in the county of Sussex, by a special route.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Condit, Ellis and Stout.

Mr. Annin presented a petition from the heirs of Peter Van Nest, late of the county of Somerset, dec. praying for a law to authorize the sale of the real estate of said deceased.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Annin, Wood and Farlee.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Belleville turnpike company.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on Thursday next.

The engrossed bill entitled an Act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen King and Mary his wife, was read a third time and compared.

On the question shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS

Messrs Annin,	Messrs Lydacker,
Board,	Mandeville,
Condit,	Newell,
Cortright,	Nixen,
Davison,	Outwater,
Day,	Pennington, Sp
Dow,	Richman,
Edgar,	E Sharp,
Hancock,	Shreve,
Holcombe,	Stout,
Kille,	Thompson,
Kitchell,	Van Brakle,
Leake,	Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs Bayard,	Messrs Pine,
Ellis,	Prall,
Farlee,	Read,
Parker,	Reeve,
Pearson,	Rutherford.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parker, pursuant to leave given last sitting, presented a bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the Woodbridge turnpike road to the New Blazing Star.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Newell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for the repeal of a certain law passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and———
(Here was a blank in the petition.)

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Newell, Edgar and Cortright.

Mr. Edgar presented a petition from Charity Thorp, of the county of Middlesex, praying for an act to confirm the last will and testament of her late husband, David Thorp, dec.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Edgar, Holcombe and E. Sharp.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, owners and occupiers of fisheries on the river Passaic, praying for an act to regulate the right and mode of taking fish in Newark bay, and in the rivers Hackensack and Passaic.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Outwater, Dow and Richman.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Franklin manufacturing company of West Bloomfield.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 12.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Simpson appeared.

Mr. Outwater presented a petition from Catharine Van Giesen, of the county of Bergen, praying to be divorced from her husband John I. Van Giesen.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Outwater, Day and Wood.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from Jacob Lamerson, of the county of Hunterdon, praying for a

law to confirm a contract for land made with his late brother Conrad Lamerson, dec. in March 1813.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Simpson, Prall and Pine.

Mr. Hancock, from the committee to whom was committed the petition, &c. of sundry inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying a law to authorize the banking, &c. of certain marsh in said county, reported—

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose, on the 24th instant; and that the counter petitioners have leave to be heard on said day.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Outwater presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Saddle River, in the county of Bergen, praying for a law to authorize the enclosure of certain woodlands in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Lydacker, Farlee and Kille.

Mr. Day presented a memorial from sundry inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying that the Legislature would not revive the law entitled "An act to stay executions in certain cases," passed 17th February, 1815.

Which memorial was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Pursuant to leave given, last sitting, Mr. Dow presented a bill entitled An act to repeal part of the act authorizing Anthony Dey to sell and convey certain real estate, and to enable the heirs to said estate to call on Anthony Dey for their respective shares in the life time of Hannah Dey.

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Thompson, Outwater and Ellis.

Mr. Simpson, pursuant to leave given last sitting, presented a bill entitled An act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at Columbia Glass manufactory.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act altering the mode of calling special courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, was taken up, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dow presented a petition from Ezekiel Miller and others, of the county of Essex, praying Legislative interference relative to the time and manner of granting tavern licences.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Dow, Bayard and Richman.

Mr. E. Sharp presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Gloucester and Salem, praying for a law to prevent tavern keepers selling spiritous, vinous or fermented liquors on the sabbath day.

Which petitions were read, and referred to the aforesaid committee.

Mr. Pine presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, of a similar nature.

Which petition was read, and referred to the same committee.

No. 21, of unfinished business—a bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of county clerks for their services at elections for Representatives in Congress and Electors of President and Vice-President, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pearson presented the following abstract from the minutes of the accounts of Rancocus Toll Bridge company, in the county of Burlington, from January 1, 1806, to the 2d of January 1815, inclusive—viz.

1806. 1st Month, 6th. The Dividend which was declared by said Company at their annual meeting this day, on 85 shares, at six dollars each share, was	\$510 00
1807. 1st Month, 5th. Dividend declared this day on 85 shares, at 10 dollars each,	850 00
1808. 1st Month, 4th. Do. declared this day, on 85 shares, at \$7 50 each,	637 50
1809 and 1810. The bridge was rebuilt, and more than the whole rents were expended ; consequently, there was no dividend,	00 00
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Five years,	\$1,997 50
Average rent for the above five years, \$399 50 each year—which on the capital stock of \$8,000 is not quite 5 per centum.	
Each year,	\$399 50
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1811. 1st Month, 4th. Dividend declared this day, on 85 shares, at \$5 50 each,	\$467 50
1812. 1st Month, 6th. Do. declared this day, on 85 shares, at \$10 25 each,	871 25
1813. 1st Month, 4th. Do. declared this day, on do. at \$8 25 each,	701 25
1814. 1st Month. 3d. Do. declared this day on do. at \$12 each,	\$1020 00
1815. 1st Month, 2d do. declared this day on do. at \$8 50	722 50
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	\$3,782 50

Average rent for the last 5 years above stated, is \$756 50 per year, which on 8000 (the capital stock) is \$9 45-100 per centum,

Each year, \$756 50

A true abstract taken from the accounts of the Rancocas Toll Bridge Company.

By WM. ALLINSON, *Treasurer.*

Burlington, 12 Mo. 28, 1815.

Which abstract was read, and committed to Messrs. Pearson, Stout and Davison.

Mr. Linn, the Secretary of Council, brought to the House the following MESSAGE from his Excellency Governor Dickerson.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The present prosperous and happy situation of our common country, under the blessings of Divine Providence, cannot fail to excite the most grateful sensations in the breast of every patriotic citizen.

After an arduous struggle with an enemy abounding in wealth and all the means of making war—possessing armies truly formidable from their numbers and discipline, and a navy which till lately was deemed invincible, we enjoy an honorable peace, obtained by the determined resolution and persevering exertions of our General Government, by the bravery of our army and militia, by the unparalleled gallantry, skill and enterprize of our little navy, and by the dignified firmness and address of our ministers at Ghent.

The prompt and efficient manner, in which the Barbary powers have been chastised, sheds a new lustre over our flag; rescues our character from an ignominious badge, and adds to the security and value of our commerce.

Our situation is the more enviable, when contrasted with that of other nations of the earth.

A view of the wretched and exhausted state of the fairest portions of Europe, overrun, wasted and destroyed, by the contending armies of powerful and ambitious monarchs, should convince us of the inestimable value of our republican institutions, and induce us to regard with horror and detestation, every attempt to dissolve the bonds of our political union.

The humbled and degraded state of France, while it claims the tear of sympathy for suffering humanity, may teach us to avoid the evils which the people of that once happy country have brought upon themselves, and to thank Heaven that we are not in a situation to be delivered by emperors or protected by kings.

The late war with Great Britain, altho' of short duration, will be attended by consequences of the utmost importance to the United States. It has caused, if not a formal relinquishment, at least a cessation of those pretensions and practices which led to hostilities, and is followed by a treaty of commerce, which (it is hoped) may become the basis of a permanent peace.

It has inspired our citizens with a martial spirit, and given them a high military character, without which no commercial nation can be safe from insult, so long as large armies and navies are deemed necessary for the peace establishments of the maritime kingdoms of Europe.

It has secured to us the friendship of foreign nations, by shewing them that we can protect ourselves without their aid.

It has discovered to us the extent of our power and resources, which before had never been duly appreciated, by ourselves, our friends, or our enemies.

By forcing the capital formerly employed in commerce into new channels, it has led to the discovery

of various means of wealth and prosperity which would otherwise have remained unattempted, and has thus caused an important revolution in the occupations, views and pursuits of the people in every part of the United States.

It has proved the practicability and the expediency of supplying ourselves at home, with many articles hitherto imported from Europe and Asia.

It has produced an unanimous sentiment in favor of increasing our naval establishment as fast as our means will permit.

It has added to the confidence we justly repose in a well disciplined militia, as our safe reliance for national defence— and

It has taught us the necessity of being at all times prepared for war.

Although New-Jersey has not in the late contest experienced the ravages of an invading foe, our militia have shewn the utmost alacrity, in performing all such duties as have been required of them; and many of our citizens, by the brilliancy of their achievements, have conferred the highest honor on the State. We may dwell with peculiar complacency upon the names of Pike, Lawrence and Bainbridge. The two former have left a bright example for the imitation of future heroes; the latter still lives to wear his laurels and to defend his country's rights, whenever they shall be invaded. The return of peace will probably render it expedient to revise some part of our militia law; in doing this, it will be proper to consider, how far the officers and privates, who have served in the United States army, should be exempted from the performance of the ordinary militia duties.

It will be unnecessary to urge reasons in favor of an energetic militia system; upon this subject there is but little diversity of sentiment. Permit me how-

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 ever to recommend some further encouragement to
 uniformed corps.

The rapid improvements in artificial roads, particularly in the mountainous parts of the State, exceed the most sanguine expectations. Those improvements have greatly facilitated the means of conveying the produce of the country to market, and have added much to the value of landed estates wherever they are established. By enhancing the value of taxable property, they have increased the means of filling the state treasury, while they have taken nothing from it. No further legislative aid has been necessary, than to give a proper direction to the enterprize of our wealthy citizens.

I must beg leave to call your attention to a projected improvement of great national importance—I mean the construction of a canal, to connect the waters of the Delaware river, with those of the Raritan.

We have the most satisfactory evidence, that the expense of constructing such a canal, on the most practicable route, would bear but a small proportion to the immense advantages to be derived from it. It would form an important link in that vast chain of internal navigation, which our country admits of, and which will, at some future period, afford us security in war, and an abundant source of wealth in peace, while it will form a permanent bond of union among the Atlantic States.

All local considerations should yield, when put in competition with an object so highly interesting, not only to this State, but to the Union at large.

Our infant manufactures will undoubtedly claim your earnest attention. On this subject, New-Jersey is deeply interested. Much of our capital is already invested in manufacturing establishments; and many of those establishments must fail if left

without protection, to struggle in a market inundated with goods of British manufacture.

The ware houses of the manufacturing towns of England, where goods have been accumulating for years past, are suddenly emptied upon us, with a profusion, that must eventually ruin many of the manufacturers in that country, as well as importers in this.

It may be said that our manufacturers might have foreseen, and ought to have been prepared to meet the circumstances which cause their present distress. They did anticipate a severe check to their business, upon the return of peace ; but as the establishments made by them during the war, were such as our situation absolutely required at that time, and as they may eventually become of immense advantage to the country, if protected, the adventurers were justifiable in calculating upon a liberal support, as well from the general government, as from the Legislatures of the several states.

England owes much of its present wealth to the legislative protection afforded to its manufacturers. As early as the reign of Edward the fourth, the English parliament prohibited the importation of a great variety of articles of foreign manufacture into England and Wales ; and this policy, under different modifications, they have wisely pursued ever since. A similar policy, to a certain extent, would undoubtedly be proper for the United States.

Although our manufacturers must depend chiefly upon the wisdom of Congress for relief, yet I am confident they will receive from you such aid as the limited means of a state legislature can afford.

It is a pleasing reflection, that as peace and prosperity return, party spirit subsides ; political animosity yields to a general emulation to promote the public good ; and if we preserve the harmony in our councils, which now happily prevails, we may rea-

sonably hope to perform the duties imposed upon us, in a manner, honorable to ourselves, and satisfactory to those for whom we act.

MAHLON DICKERSON.

Trenton, January 12, 1816.

Which Message was read, and ordered to be printed.

The engrossed bill, entitled an Act altering the mode of calling special courts of Oyer and Terminer, and general Jail Delivery was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,	Messrs. Mandeville,
Bayard,	Newell,
Board,	Nixon,
Cortright,	Parker,
Davison,	Pearson,
Day,	Pennington, Sp.
Dow,	Prall,
Edgar,	Read,
Ellis,	Richman,
Hancock,	Rutherford,
Holcombe,	Shreve,
Kille,	Simpson,
Kitchel,	Stout,
Leake,	Thompson,
Lydacker,	Van Brakle,
	Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,	Messrs. Outwater,
Farlee,	Pine,
	Reeve.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Coun-

cil, inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Thompson, with leave, presented a bill, entitled An act to repeal a part of an act entitled "An act relative to statutes," passed June 13th 1779.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Immediately said bill was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bayard, with leave, presented a bill, entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves.

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Bayard, Pearson and Outwater.

No. 5 of the unfinished business, a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act respecting joint tenants and tenants in common," passed the 4th day of February eighteen hundred and twelve, was taken up and committed to Messrs. Parker, Thompson and Pine.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 13.

Ten o'clock the House met.

Mr. Howell appeared.

Mr. Mandeville, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the Consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church, at Stone House Plains, praying for a lottery to aid them in paying a debt incurred by building a Church—

Reported, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, agreed to by the House,

and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Catharine Van Gieson, praying to be divorced from her husband—

Reported, Unfavorably to the petitioner.

Which report was agreed to, and the petitioner had leave to withdraw her papers.

Mr. Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to appoint Trustees to sell and convey the real estate of Peter Van Nest, late of the county of Somerset, deceased.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act respecting joint tenants and tenants in common—

Reported, In lieu thereof, a bill entitled An act concerning estates in joint tenancy and tenancy in common.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Annin, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act explanatory to the act passed the 17th day of February, 1815, entitled “An act to stay executions in certain cases.”

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing John Hoffman, administrator of Conrad Lamerson, dec. to fulfil a contract for the sale of land, made by said Conrad Lamerson with Jacob Lamerson.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled An act to repeal a

part of an act, entitled "An act relative to statutes," passed June 13th, 1799, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, that the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Nixon, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the heirs of Asa Read, deceased, praying for a law to authorize the sale of real estate of said deceased—

Reported, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill for that purpose, on Thursday the 18th instant.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report a bill for the sale of real estate held by two or more persons, in cases where the said estate cannot be divided by the existing laws.

Which resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Parker, Wood and Howell, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Wood, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Chosen Freeholders in the respective counties in this State.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 15.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Willits appeared.

Mr. Leake presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Cumberland and Cape May, owners and possessors of certain salt marsh in said counties, praying for an act to authorize the stopping of West creek and Riggin's ditch.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Leake, Stout and Board.

Mr. Leake also presented a counter petition from sundry owners of the aforesaid marsh, deprecating the passage of such an act.

Which counter petition was read, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That each member of this House be furnished, at the expense of the State, with any two papers printed in this State, which he may direct.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Day presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, praying for an alteration in the law entitled "An act to prevent tippling houses," passed the 12th of February, 1814.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Day, Newell and Nixon.

Mr. Newell, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to repeal an act passed the 8th day of June, 1753.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Newell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for

the repeal in part of the act to prevent the trespassing of swine, passed the 15th day of March, 1798.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Newell, Lydacker and Willits.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the Governor of this State, to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the Columbia glass manufactory, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Pearson. pursuant to leave given last sitting, presented a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bordentown and South Amboy turnpike company.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the mode of fishing in Hackensack river in the county of Bergen," passed the 2d of November, 1786.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Newell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, owners and possessors of certain marsh meadow situate in the forks of Salem creek, praying for the repeal of a law passed the 11th of February, 1796, relative to the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Kille, Stout and Condit.

Mr. Day offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and, if any, what alterations are necessary to be made in the law for the trial of small causes.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Day, Read and Leake accordingly appointed.

Mr. Wood offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain some method best adapted for warming the Assembly room, for the convenience of the members of this House.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs Wood, Pearson and Kitchell, accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Chosen Freeholders in the respective counties of this State, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Dayton and Mr. Risley appeared.

The bill entitled An act to repeal "An act passed the 8th day of June, seventeen hundred and fifty three," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act to regulate the mode of fishing in Hackensack river, in the county of Bergen, was taken up and postponed.

The bill entitled An act explanatory to the act passed the 17th day of February, 1815, entitled "An act to stay executions in certain cases," was read a second time, and the first section disagreed to.

Whereupon Mr. Rutherford, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to stay executions in certain cases."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was

committed the bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting slaves," reported the same without amendment.

Which bill was read, and on motion to strike out the first section, the yeas and nays being required, were as follows.

YEAS

Messrs Annin,
Condit,
Ellis,
Farlee,

Messrs Hancock,
Kitchell,
Pearson,
Pine,
Richman.

NAYS.

Messrs Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,

Messrs Nixen,
Outwater,
Pennington, Sp
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

So it was determined in the negative; the bill ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to stay executions in certain cases," was taken up—Whereupon Mr. Thompson offered an amendment, which, with the bill, was postponed to Wednesday next.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 16.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Outwater presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Bergen, praying for the repeal of part of an act passed the 29th of November, 1783, entitled An act to enable the owners of the tide swamps and meadows or marshes to improve the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Outwater, Dayton and Kille.

Mr. Wood, from the committee to whom was committed the resolution relative to warming the Assembly room,

Reported, That they have made enquiry and ascertained the expense of erecting two stoves with pipes extending from each to the opposite side of the room; and that, in their opinion, the erection of two stoves in the above manner would be the best practicable method at present, for obtaining the object of the resolution; and that, ultimately, the most expedient mode will be by a stove strongly enclosed by brick in the cellar of the Assembly room, with ventilators from the enclosure to convey the air from thence into the room, in such manner as shall be found most conducive to the object in question.

Which report was read,—whereupon the Speaker presented to the House the following communication from the Treasurer, viz.

To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly.

Gentlemen,

Your Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following resolutions of the 2d of February, 1815—viz:

“ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this State, be authorized as soon as may be practicable, to procure a good six plate stove of cast iron, and have the same so enclosed with brick work as to introduce into this Hall a column of heated air ; or make such other improvement for this purpose as he shall deem expedient ; and that he cause a double baton door to be placed at the entrance of this Hall—That the said Treasurer employ suitable workmen to make the said improvements, and when finished to lay the bills for the same before this House.”

“ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to employ proper workmen to examine whether any or all of the pillars in the Hall of the Assembly room can be removed without material injury to the State House, and make report to the next Legislature of the result, together with an estimate of the probable expense.”

On which he respectfully *Reports*,

That after making enquiry respecting the stove to be placed in the cellar, it was found the expense would amount to three or four hundred dollars, and upon further enquiry was informed they had been tried in Philadelphia and found not to answer the purpose expected. Mr Girard had made the experiment for his Bank, but soon found his disappointment, and had it removed. The Treasurer in consequence thought proper to postpone any expense to accomplish the wishes of the Legislature until further orders.

There is a new patent obtained for heating rooms which is less expensive and answers every purpose ; besides a great saving of fuel, it is simple in its construction, and the whole cost of the plates, tubes and erecting, \$ 35 for each fire place, except about 50 brick and half a bushel of lime. The proprietor of the patent furnishes the plates and tubes and sends a person to erect them complete for said \$ 35. The

plan is to leave a space between the plates and back, say four inches, and also at the sides inclosed at the top of the plates, a flue from the cellar goes to this vaccuum or space, and from this vaccuum on each side a tin flue of three inches diameter with a lid on the top, and by making a fire against the back plate, it heats the air contained in the vaccuum or space, and by drawing out the cap of the tubes on each side, the heated air presses out and rarifies the cold air in the room, the flue from the cellar continually pressing it forward. These tin tubes no doubt can be extended to any part of the room and answer every purpose. Mr. Garret D. Wall and Charles Gordon have had them erected in their parlors this last fall, and they fully answer their expectations. It would give the members more satisfaction to examine them and converse with those two gentlemen on the subject.

With respect to the 2d Resolution, the Treasurer has gotten one of the first mechanics in this place to examine whether or not the two east pillars could be removed without damaging the building. Said mechanic is sanguine in saying it can be accomplished without injury, and but a small expense, not exceeding \$ 150. Above those east pillars, he says, there is a large girder, which extends across the building, and a similar one above the second story, and directly above each of those pillars, in the garret, is a large king post well braced, and by an ax bar of iron well secured round the first girder beam thro' the second story and bolted to the second girder beam and to the king post, will make it as secure as it is at present ; but said mechanic could make the experiment without damaging the pillars, and but small expense. Those bars of iron would run thro' the Council room, but close to the wall, so as not to hurt the looks or be the least injury.

The expense of the baton door you have, enclos-

ed : the mechanic who did the work, purchased all the materials, and being needy, has, as you will observe, his receipt paid him ; but if any error shall appear, he will refund.

I am Gentlemen,
Your humble servant,
PETER GORDON, *Treasurer.*

January 16, 1816.

Which letter was read, and, with the said report of the committee, was ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill entitled " An act to repeal an act passed the eighth day of June, 1753," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled " An act to incorporate the Chosen Freeholders in the respective counties of this State," was read a third time, and committed to Messrs. Pearson, Simpson and Wood.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled " An act to regulate the mode of fishing in Hackensack river, in the county of Bergen," was taken up, amended, gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy, was taken up, progressed in, and postponed to the afternoon.

No. 9 of the unfinished business--a bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain Robert Smith and others, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Stout, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to repeal the act entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened, on the lands belonging to this State.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Leake, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the counties of Cumberland and Cape May.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy; and after employing some time thereon, postponed the same.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to enable the owners of tide swamps and marshes to improve the same, and the owners of meadows already banked in and held by different persons, to keep the same in good repair; passed the 29th November, 1788.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 17.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Outwater presented two petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Bergen and Essex, praying for an act of incorporation authorizing a public road from Paterson Landing to Hoboken or Jersey City, with a toll bridge over Hackensack river.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Outwater, Day and Risley.

Mr. Holcombe presented a memorial from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Upper Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, praying a more efficient law against the violation of the sabbath.

Which memorial was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Richman presented a petition from Mary Shields, of the county of Hunterdon, praying, for reasons therein set forth, for a law to invest her in fee simple with a certain lot, late the property of her deceased husband.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs. Richman, Reeve and Prall.

Mr. Day presented a petition from Jabez Pierson, of the township of Orange, in the county of Essex, praying that the Legislature would remunerate him for monies expended in quest of certain thieves.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Day, Shreve and Davison.

Mr. Pearson presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the township of Nottingham, in the county of Burlington, owners and possessors of certain meadows in said township, praying for a law to authorize a good and permanent road to the same, and to make it obligatory on the owners to pay their proportion of the expense, accruing thereon.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs Pearson, Hancock and E. Sharp.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Robert Smith and others," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Pursuant to leave given, last sitting, Mr. Day presented a bill entitled An act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of Ogden Johnson, deceased.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading—Whereupon Mr. Day presented a petition from Abigail Johnson and Uzal Johnson, deprecating the passage of said bill.

Which petition was read, and ordered a second reading, with the said bill.

This being the day, pursuant to an order of last sitting, for the investigation of charges exhibited by Thomas Welden against Samuel Sooy, esq.

On motion—The memorial of said Welden was recommitted to the committee who had reported on the same, with the addition of Messrs. Bayard and Dow to said committee.

Mr. Bayard offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message to the two Houses of the Legislature, on the 12th of January, inst. as relates to the revision of our militia laws, be referred to a joint committee of this House, and of the Legislative Council.

Resolved, That so much of said message as relates to the construction of a canal to connect the

waters of the Delaware river with those of the Raritan, be referred to a select committee of this House.

Resolved, That so much of said message as relates to the expediency of extending Legislative encouragement to the manufacturing interest within this State, be referred to a select committee of this House.

Which resolutions were read, and agreed to by the House—and Messrs. Read, Day and Edgar appointed on the joint committee—Messrs. Simpson, Holcombe and Bayard, on the subject of a canal—and Messrs. Pearson, Kitchell and Rutherford on the subject of manufactures.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy; and and having gone through the same by section, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock the House met.

Pursuant to leave given, last sitting, Mr. Leake presented a bill entitled an act to establish the Bridgeton Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading

Mr. Rutherford presented a memorial from Daniel W. Coxe, relative to contemplated improvements in the navigation of the river Delaware by removing obstructions at the falls, and suggesting the propriety of a Lottery for this purpose, &c. &c.

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs. Rutherford, Risley and Lydacker.

Mr. Newell, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying for the repeal of the first section of the act passed 15th of March, 1793, for the preservation of swine, from trespassing on the lands of other persons,

Reported,

That, aware of the disadvantages and losses that have been sustained by persons owning swine, by malignant persons, as stated in the petition, nevertheless, they are of opinion that greater difficulties and injuries would arise and grow out of the repeal of said section, and that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Condit, from the committee to whom was committed the petition for a turnpike road from Somerville in the county of Somerset, to Stanhope in the county of Sussex—

Reported,

That the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition, on the second Tuesday of the next sitting of the Legislature; previous notice thereof being given in one of the papers printed in New-Brunswick and in the Palladium of Liberty at Moris-Town.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to stay executions in certain cases, passed 17th of February, 1815, was again taken up—and on motion to strike out the first section, the yeas and nays being required, were as follows :

YEAS:

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Howell,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Outwater,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
E. Sharp,
Thompson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Prall,
Richman,
Rutherford,
Shreve,
Stout.

So it was carried in the affirmative and the bill dismissed.

Mr. Edgar, pursuant to leave given at the last sitting of the Legislature, presented a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Georgetown and New-Brunswick turnpike company.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.



THURSDAY, January 18.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pine, from the committee to whom was committed the memorial of Thomas Welden against Samuel Sooy for official misconduct in the execution

of his office as a justice of the peace, made the following

Report,

That they have carefully examined and weighed the written evidence as well the oral testimony produced by the parties to this complaint—and although it is plain that the defendant Samuel Sooy, has not acted entirely according to law, yet as there is nothing to induce a belief that he intended to make use of his official authority as an instrument of malice or oppression toward the petitioner, your committee can perceive no just ground for the interference of this House; but are of opinion, that the complainant can have full redress for any injury he may have sustained, by the ordinary process of law:

They recommend, therefore, that the complaint be dismissed; and that the parties severally have leave to withdraw their papers.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled “An act to regulate the mode of fishing in Hackensack river, in the county of Bergen,” passed the second of November, 1780, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a company for erecting a Bridge over the river Delaware at Columbia Glass manufactory, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Coun-

cil, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville turnpike company, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have appointed Messrs. Frelinghuysen and Irick a committee on their part, to join the committee appointed by the House of Assembly, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the revision of our militia laws.

Mr. Hancock, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act relative to Shad Fisheries.

Which bill was read, and referred to the committee appointed on a petition relative to fisheries on Salem Creek.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to enable the owners of tide swamps and marshes to improve the same, and the owners of meadows already banked in and held by different persons to keep the same in good repair," passed the 29th November, 1788, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Thompson offered the following resolution :

Whereas the situation of the United States was such during the late war as necessarily to subject this State to sundry expenses in repelling an invading enemy and for other defensive purposes of a national character, which expenditures if properly vouched and authenticated would be refunded by the United States—Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to collect and deposit with the Treasurer of this State, all vouchers which may be necessary to substantiate the claims of New-Jersey for monies so expended; and

to do all other acts which the interest of the State in the premises may require.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs Thompson, Dayton and Read, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Kitchell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report to this House the number and condition of the arms and munitions of war belonging to this State ; and also the place or places where they are deposited—and what future regulations may be necessary respecting the same.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Kitchell, Pearson and Cortright, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Joseph Sharp appeared.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from William Middleton and James Hamilton Bell, insolvent debtors, confined in Middlesex jail, praying Legislative interference in their behalf.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Read and Thompson.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the counties of Cumberland and Cape May, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from a number of the land holders residing along the old post road between Kingston and New Brunswick, deprecating the passage of a bill authorizing a turnpike from Coyle's ferry to New Brunswick—Whereupon Mr.

Edgar presented two petitions from a number of the land holders on or near the line where the contemplated turnpike is expected to run, praying for the passage of the same.

Which petitions and counter petition were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Newell, from the committee to whom was committed a petition relative to fishing in Salem creek, and the bill entitled An act relative to shad fisheries, reported a bill entitled an Act relative to fishing in the several creeks in the county of Salem.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act to incorporate the chosen freeholders in the respective counties of this state, reported, in lieu thereof, a bill entitled An act respecting collectors of townships.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stout presented sundry petitions from a large number of the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, deprecating the passage of a bill authorizing a turnpike from Coryell's ferry to New-Brunswick.

Which petitions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to repeal an act passed 11th day of February, 1796, respecting a tract of marsh and meadow situate in the forks of Salem creek, near the town of Salem.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lydacker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled An act to authorize the

enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, in the township of Saddle River, in the county of Bergen.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, was taken up and postponed to Saturday next.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 19.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill, entitled "An act to repeal a part of the act entitled An act to prevent tippling houses," passed February 12, 1814.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the report of Elias Van Arsdale, esq. on the subject of the affairs of the society for establishing useful manufactures, made the following report.

That they have examined the several statements exhibited by the agent of the Society to Mr. Van Arsdale, and find the personal and leased estate of the Society as existing on the 2d October, 1815, to be as follows, viz.

Due the Society in bonds,	867,658 50
In notes,	195 12
Book accounts,	36,506 16
Stock in the Essex Manufacturing Company,	800
Do. in the Beaver Company,	2,500
Merchandize on hand,	275

\$ 107,934 78

Brought forward,	-	-	§ 107,934 78
6 lots on lease, annual rent \$535, valued at			7,642 85
8 houses producing rent \$595, val- ued at			3,760 82
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			§119,338 45
Deduct a debt due A. Van Houten			21 11
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			119,317 34

That the committee are not enabled from any information contained in the statement exhibited, to ascertain the value of the land unsold—

For the purpose of settling the interest of the State in the said Society, the committee recommend—

That Commissioners be appointed on the part of this State to accept a conveyance to the State from said Society, for so much of the lands or real estate of the Society as the said Commissioners may judge to be equal to the value of eleven thousand dollars, (the sum which this committee estimate the shares of the State to be worth in land) and that upon such conveyance, the said Commissioners be authorized to transfer to the Society or to such person or persons as they may direct, all the shares and interest of the State in the capital stock of the Society.

The committee report, as to the expenditures and compensation of Mr. Van Arsdale, under the act of 12th February, 1814, that it appears from vouchers exhibited that he has paid for counsel fees and necessary expenses, the sum of \$120, and that \$180 should be allowed him for his services, making altogether the sum of \$300 in part of the sum appropriated by said act.

Which report was read, and the part relative to the payment of Mr. Van Arsdale, for services ren-

dered, agreed to ; and the other ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the counties of Cumberland and Cape May, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to enable the owners of tide swamps and marshes to improve the same, and the owners of meadows already banked in and held by different persons, to keep the same in good repair, passed the 29th November, 1788, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled " An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

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| Messrs Annin, | Messrs Hancock, |
| Bayard, | Holcombe, |
| Board, | Howell, |
| Condit, | Kille, |
| Cortright, | Kitchell, |
| Davison, | Leake, |
| Day, | Lydacker, |
| Dayton, | Mandeville, |
| Dow, | Newell, |
| Edgar, | Outwater, |
| Ellis, | Parker, |

YEAS.

Messrs Pearson,
Pennington, Sp
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,

Messrs. J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs Farlee,
Nixon,

Mr. Stout.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville turnpike company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Nixon,
Prall,

Messrs. Shreve,
Stout.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry prisoners confined for debt, be instructed to bring in a revised bill embracing all the insolvent laws now in force, with such amendments as they may think proper.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act to establish the Bridgeton Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was taken up, and after employing some time thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Outwater presented a petition from John Swartwout, Robert Swartwout and Samuel Swartwout, owners in part of a certain tract of salt marsh or meadow situate in the township of New-Barbadoes, in the county of Bergen, praying for a law authorizing their banking or dyking the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Outwater, Dayton and J. sharp.

Mr. Dow presented a counter petition.

Which counter petition, was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Stout presented a petition from a number of

the inhabitants of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon, praying for a law to alter the name of said township.

Which petition was read—Whereupon Mr. Stout, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to change the corporate name of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. Day presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying for a more efficient law to prevent sabbath breaking.

Which petitions were referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jabez Pierson, praying remuneration of expenses incurred in apprehending and securing certain fugitives from justice, and bringing them from the State of Pennsylvania to the jail in the county of Essex,

Reported,

That the petitioner ought to be compensated for the services mentioned in his petition.

Which report was read, agreed to, and committed to the committee who made the report.

The bill entitled An act to establish the Bridgeton Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was taken up and postponed till to-morrow.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the Woodbridge turnpike road to the New Blazing Star, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 20.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Prall presented a petition [from Caleb Shreve, and others, a committee of the inhabitants of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon, remonstrating against any law authorizing the alteration of the name of said township.

Which petition was read, and ordered a second reading with the bill on that subject.

Mr. Lydacker presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the townships of Harrington and Hackensack in the county of Bergen, owners of certain woodlands in said townships, praying for a further law relative to enclosing the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Lydacker, Risley and Farlee.

Mr. Parker, with leave, presented a bill entitled **An act authorizing the appointment of commissioners for taking the acknowledgments or proof of conveyances.**

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was committed the report on the petition of Jabez Pierson, reported a bill entitled **An act for the relief of Jabez Pierson.**

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Pursuant to leave given, last sitting, Mr. Dayton reported a bill entitled **An act to appoint trustees to sell and convey the real estate of Asa Read, late of the county of Hunterdon, deceased.**

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Sharp presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying for the passage of the bill entitled **An act for the appoint-**

ment of Presidents of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

Which petition was read, and, with the bill, ordered a second reading on Wednesday next.

The remainder of the report of the committee on the report of Elias Van Arsdale, esq. commissioner, &c. was taken up, agreed to, and committed to the original committee, with instructions, to bring in a bill consonant thereto.

The bill entitled An act to authorize John Hoffman, administrator of Conrad Lamerson, deceased, to fulfil a contract for the sale of land, made by the said Conrad Lamerson with Jacob Lamerson, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act respecting slaves," was taken up, and after employing considerable time thereon,

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 22.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Kitchell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Morris and Essex, proprietors of lands on the river Passaic, praying for a law prohibiting persons from drawing nets or seines, &c. in a specified place in said river.

Which petition was read and committed to Messrs! Kitchell, Board and Dow.

Mr. Read presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Burlington, praying for a law to prevent the selling of wines, spirituous or fermented liquors on the first day of the week.

• Which petition was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Pursuant to leave given, last sitting, Mr. Cortright presented a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Hope and Hacketstown turnpike company," so as to extend the same from Hope to Columbia Glass Manufactory, or near the same, to the river Delaware, in the county of Sussex.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike road to the Hudson river.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Franklin manufacturing company at West Bloomfield, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act relative to fishing in the several creeks in the county of Salem, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to repeal An act passed eleventh day of February, 1796, respecting a tract of marsh and meadows, situate in the forks of Salem creek, near the town of Salem, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill under discussion, on adjournment, entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves, and after employing some time thereon, the first section was disagreed to and the bill postponed.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the enclosure of a certain tract of wood land, situate in the township of Saddle River, in the county of Bergen, was

read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act concerning tide swamps and marshes between Hackensack and Passaic rivers.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize John Hoffman, administrator of Conrad Lamerson, deceased, to fulfil a contract for the sale of land, made by the said Conrad Lamerson, with Jacob Lamerson, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Dayton presented two memorials from a number of the inhabitants of Elizabeth-Town and vicinity, in the county of Essex, praying for reasons therein set forth, for the enactment of certain Legislative provisions, authorizing the improving the navigation of the creek running thro' said town, and for extending the great six rod road to its mouth near the ancient landing place—also for erecting a draw-bridge over the said creek at or near the place where one formerly stood—and for establishing another Bank in said town with a specified capital, containing certain conditions, &c. &c.

Which memorials were read, and committed to

Messrs. Dayton, Outwater and Leake—Whereupon,

Mr. Dow presented a counter memorial from Wilson and Johnson, owners of certain improvements on said creek, &c. strongly deprecating a law to authorize the erection of a bridge over the same—and a memorial from Thomas Morrill, Isaac Morse, and Elias Wade, in favor of a bridge under certain provisions.

Mr. Thompson also presented sundry memorials from a number of the inhabitants of Elizabeth-Town—and from the owners of meadows lying on the margin of said creek—and from boat owners navigating the same, all deprecating the granting any law on the subject prayed for.

Which memorials, &c. were severally read, and referred to the same committee.

The Speaker presented to the House the following letter addressed to him by his Excellency Governor Dickerson, inclosing a communication from the Governor of North Carolina.

SIR—The enclosed communication contains a joint resolution of the Senate and House of Commons of the State of North Carolina, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been transmitted to me by his Excellency the Governor of that State, with a request that the same should be laid before the Legislature of this State for their consideration and adoption.

I have to be with great respect, your most obedient and very humble servant,

MAHLON DICKERSON.

The Hon. SAMUEL PENNINGTON, *Speaker of the House of Assembly.*

Trenton, 22d Jan. 1816.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, N. C.

Raleigh, 28th Dec. 1815.

SIR—By request of the last General Assembly of North Carolina, I have the honor to transmit you the enclosed resolutions.

With high consideration, I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

WILL. MILLER.

NORTH CAROLINA.

In Senate, December 19th, 1815.

Resolved unanimously, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to endeavor to obtain the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States :

That for the purpose of choosing Representatives in the Congress of the United States, each State shall, by its Legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of Representatives to which such State may be entitled.

Those districts shall be formed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the Constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one Representative and no more.

That for the purpose of appointing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, each State shall, by its Legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of Electors to which such State may be entitled—Those districts shall be composed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the Constitution to representation. In each district the persons qualified to vote for Representatives shall appoint one elector and no more. The electors, when convened, shall have power, in case any of those appointed as above

prescribed shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for President and Vice President of the United States, to appoint another or others to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend.

Neither the districts for choosing Representatives, nor those for appointing Electors, shall be altered in any State, until a census and apportionment of Representatives, under it made, subsequent to the division of the State into districts, shall change the number of Representatives and of Electors to which such State may be entitled.

The division of States into districts, hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the Constitution of the United States; and successively afterwards, whenever by a census and apportionment of Representatives under it, the number of Representatives and of Electors to which any State may be entitled shall be changed. The division of such State into districts for the purposes of choosing Representatives and of appointing Electors shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment and on no other occasion.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State be requested to forward a copy of the preceding amendment to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and also to the Executives of the several States, accompanied with a request that the same may be laid before their respective Legislatures for their consideration and adoption.

By Order, JOHN BRANCH, SPEAKER.
M. STOKES, CLERK.

In the House of Commons December 19, 1815.

Read and resolved that this House do unanimously concur therewith.

By Order, JOHN CRAIG, SPEAKER.
P. HENDERSON, CLERK.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original, filed in my office.

M. STOKES, Clerk of the Senate.

Which letter and communication were read, and the communication committed to Messrs. Thompson, Howell and Wood.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to repeal An act passed 11th day of February, 1796, respecting a tract of marsh and meadow situate in the forks of Salem creek; near the town of Salem, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act relative to fishing in the several creeks in the county of Salem, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,

Messrs. Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Newell,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,

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NAYS.

Messrs Mandeville
Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,

Messrs Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Thompson,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to establish the Bridgeton Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was taken up, gone through by section, and postponed.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of reviving an act entitled An act to incorporate a Company to erect a turnpike road from the city of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon, to the town of Hope, in the county of Sussex.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Pearson, Hancock and Nixon, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 23.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe presented a petition from Daniel Smith, of the county of Monmouth, praying for reasons therein set forth, Legislative interference in his behalf relative to certain forfeited estate in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Holcombe, Reeve and Board.

Mr. Richman, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of Mary Shields.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the report of Elias Van Arsdale, esq. commissioner, &c. reported a bill entitled An act authorizing a transfer of the shares of this State in the stock of the Society for establishing useful manufactures.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Edgar, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Bridgetown, Milton and Rahway, in the county of Middlesex, praying for the establishment of a Bank in Bridgetown, in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Edgar, Davison and Read.

The bill entitled An act to establish the Bridgeton Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was again taken up and amended—and on a motion to postpone the further consideration thereof to the next sitting of the Legislature—

The yeas and nays being required, were as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs Board,	Messrs Outwater,
Farlee,	Parker,
Hancock,	Pine,
Kille,	Risley,
Kitchell,	F. Sharp,
Lydacker,	Van Brakle,
Mandeville,	Wood.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Leake,
Newell,

Messrs Nixon,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout.
Thompson,
Willits.

So it was determined in the negative, the bill gone thro' by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to change the corporate name of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Parker, presented a petition from a committee of the Trenton and New-Brunswick turnpike company, deprecating the passage of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the George-Town and New-Brunswick turnpike company.

Which petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act to repeal a part of the act entitled "An act to prevent tipping houses," passed February 12th, 1814, was taken up, the first section struck out, and the bill dismissed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to change the

corporate name of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Franklin Manufacturing company, at West Bloomfield, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from the Woodbridge turnpike road, to the new Blazing Star, was read a third time and compared

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Willets,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Mandeville,
Nixon,
Prall,

Messrs. Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion—*Ordered*, That Messrs. Davison and Dow, be added to the committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of reviving a certain act passed in 1806, authorizing the erection of a turnpike from Trenton to Hope.

The bill entitled An act respecting collectors of townships, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Georgetown and New-Brunswick turnpike company, was read a second time, the first section struck out, and the bill dismissed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 24.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pine, asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Risley, for one week.

Mr. Wood, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland, owners of certain marsh and swamp in said township, praying for a law authorizing the banking or daming Cedar Creek, at or near Goose Landing.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Wood, Mandeville and E. Sharp.

Mr. Holcombe, presented a petition from Robert D'Bow and others, of Allentown, in the county of Monmouth, heirs of Col. Samuel Quay, late of the said town and county, dec. praying for a law to au-

thorize the sale and conveyance of the real estate of said deceased.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Holcombe, Edgar and Kille.

Mr. Read, presented a petition from the Board of chosen freeholders of the county of Burlington, praying for the repeal of so much of the act authorizing a draw-bridge over Crosswick's creek, as requires the draw to be kept in repair, &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Read, J. Sharp and Van Brakle.

Mr. Simpson, presented a petition from the President and Directors of the New-Brunswick bridge company, praying, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative interference in their behalf.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Simpson, Bayard and Day.

Mr. Board, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Bergen, in the county of Bergen, owners of certain wood lands in said township, praying for a supplement to an act passed A. D. 1808, authorizing the enclosure of the same.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Board, Shreve and Farlee.

Mr. Board, also presented a counter petition.

Which petition was read, and referred to the same committee.

The engrossed bill entitled An act concerning collectors of townships, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to establish the Bridgeton Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was taken up, and on motion to postpone the further consideration of the same to this day fortnight.

The yeas and nays being required, were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Edgar,
Hancock,
Howell,

Messrs. Kille,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Outwater,
Simpson,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Willits.

So it was determined in the negative, the bill read a third time and compared—and

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was determined in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Pearson,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Howell,
Kille,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pine,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

Mr Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed an abstract of the accounts of the Ranocus Toll-bridge company, made the following report :

That they have examined an abstract of the accounts of the Treasurer of said company, by which it appears that the average rents for the five years last past is 756-dollars 50 cents per year ; which on the capital stock of 8,000 dollars, is 9 dollars 45 1-2 cents per centum.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled An act concerning tide swamps and marshes, between Hackensack and Passaic rivers. was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wood offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to provide for the education of poor children in the several counties in this State.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bayard offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be authorized to employ some person duly qualified for the purpose, to form a digest of the public acts of the Legislature of this State, from the 23d of February, A. D. 1811, to the end of the present session—That he report the said Digest whenever

completed, together with a statement of such just and reasonable compensation as in his opinion ought to be allowed, to the person making the same.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence.

Which resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Howell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee to whom is referred the petition of the President and Directors of the New-Brunswick bridge company, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting any person from driving faster than a walk over all toll and chain bridges in this State.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

Pursuant to leave given, Mr. Hancock presented a bill entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's point, being the fast land of the heir of Joseph Hancock, deceased, and Street's Point, being the fast land of Daniel Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other water works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act concerning estates in joint tenancy and tenancy in common, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Read, from the committee to whom was com-

mitted the petition of the Board of chosen freeholders of the county of Burlington, requesting the repeal of so much of the act which requires that a Draw shall be made and kept in the Bridge over Crosswick's creek, in the county aforesaid, on the road leading from Bordentown to the White horse tavern, made the following report :

That in the opinion of the committee the prayer of the said Board is reasonable and ought to be granted—and that they have leave to present a bill for the purpose aforesaid at the next session of the Legislature, they giving three weeks previous notice in three of the most public places in the county, and in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Trenton.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to revive and extend an act entitled “ An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike road from the city of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon, to the town of Hope, in the county of Sussex.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading on Monday the 5th of February next.

Mr. Dayton, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to erect and establish a banking and navigation company in Elizabeth Town, in New-Jersey.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, was read a second time—

Whereupon, Mr. Howell presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Somerset, praying for the passage of the same.

Which petition was read, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act altering the mode of calling special courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery ; and

That Council have passed the bill from this House entitled "An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain meadows and swamps in the counties of Cumberland and Cape May"—And the bill entitled "An act to change the corporate name of the township of Maidenhead, in the county of Hunterdon," severally without amendment—

And also that Council have passed a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber—And the bill entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of Thomas Opdyke, late of the county of Hunterdon, deceased"—To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were respectively read, and ordered second readings.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 25.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Stout presented a petition from the widow and children of John Finley, late of Amwell, in the county of Hunterdon, dec. praying for a law authorizing the sale of the real estate of said dec.

Which petition was read, and referred to the general committee appointed on that subject.

Mr. Kitchell, presented a petition from Stephen

Sneden, of the county of Morris, praying for a law authorizing his divorce from Charlotte Sneden, his wife.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Kitchell, Cortright and Ellis.

Mr. Wood, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain marsh meadow and swamp, in the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Kitchell from the committee to whom was referred the resolution ordering an enquiry into the situation and quantity of the arms and munitions of war belonging to the State,

Reported,

That there is now deposited in the depot at Trenton,

- 2154 Muskets,
- 2154 Bayonets,
- 2346 Bayonet Belts,
- 2344 Cartridge Boxes and Belts,
- 1007 Knapsacks,
- 481 Canteens,
- 143 Tents,
- 121 Camp Kettles,
- 21 Mess Pans,
- 5 Horsemans Valeises,
- 238 Tent Poles,
- 23 Axe Handles,
- 23 Boxes Balls.

In the hands of militia uniform companies, for which bonds are given to the Quarter Master General, 286 muskets and bayonets, 246 cartridge boxes and belts, and bayonet belts, to wit :

In the hands of Capt. James J. Wilson's compa.

ny, for which bonds are given by him—50 muskets and bayonets, cartridge boxes and belts.

Capt. Garret D. Wall, 72,	do.	do.	do.
do. William Law, 64,	do.	do.	do.
do. Abm. Vanarsdalen, 60	do.	do.	do.
do. Wm. Teneycke, 40	muskets and bayonets.		

In the hands of militia uniform companies, as appears by returns from Col. Abraham Reynolds, Deputy Quarter Master General, and for which bonds are held by him against the respective captains, 265 muskets, bayonets, cartridge boxes and belts, to wit :

In the hands of Capt. Samuel Halliday, for which he has given bond—50 muskets, bayonets, cartridge boxes and belts.

Capt. William Brittin, 40,	do.	do.	do.
do. Daniel Kilburn, 35,	do.	do.	do.
do. Josiah Mitchell, 40,	do.	do.	do.
do. Saml. M. Smith, 50,	do.	do.	do.
do. John Hulick, 50,	do.	do.	do.

Total amount of arms and equipments belonging to the State.

- 2705 Muskets,
- 2705 Bayonets,
- 2837 Bayonet Belts,
- 2853 Cartridge Boxes and Belts,
- 1007 Knapsacks,
- 481 Canteens,
- 143 Tents,
- 121 Camp Kettles,
- 21 Mess Pans,
- 5 Horsemans Valeises,
- 238 Tent Poles,
- 23 Axe Handles,
- 23 Boxes Balls.

The committee find on examination, that immediate attention to the security and preservation of the

arms and equipments now in the depot at Trenton is necessary. And as considerable expense will unavoidably be incurred in cleaning and repairs of the muskets and bayonets, immediate appropriations to meet the expense will be necessary. They also find from enquiry on this subject, that the lowest average sum for which the necessary cleaning and repairs can be obtained is 75 cents, amounting on the 2154 muskets and bayonets deposited at Trenton, to the aggregate sum of 1615 dollars and 25 cents, the remainder in the hands of the several militia companies, it is expected, will be kept in repair by them respectively, as a compensation for their use.

That they are convinced some more proper mode of deposit would be beneficial, as the arms are equally subject to moisture from the air, and to rust in chests, as in an open room, while they do not present the same opportunity of removing it therefrom, to have them placed in such a situation as that the necessary attention in order to keep the rust from them, may be applied with more facility and the better effect, would, undoubtedly be advantageous, and further recommend that the sum of be placed at the disposal of the Treasurer for that purpose, to be applied in such manner as may be best calculated to accomplish the object in question, under such regulations as the Legislature may think proper to prescribe.

While on the subject, they avail themselves of the opportunity to recommend with due deference to the consideration of the Legislature, the expediency of establishing an Armory in this State, with a view ultimately of applying it to arming the militia of the State, whenever correspondent regulations in the other States, and our own local circumstances shall warrant the measure.

The arming and equipment of the militia of the U. States, is an object of such acknowledged importance, that any comment on that subject is unnecessary—

and the necessity at least of having at all times in readiness, a sufficient supply of arms in good order for the use of such of the militia as may be called into actual service, we ought to consider as indispensable, and that the means of the State are equal to the object on a limited scale, there can be no question.

That wishing to lay before the House every view of the subject to which enquiry has led, they submit for their consideration, the propriety of loaning to the militia the remainder of the arms now belonging to the State, under such regulations as may be necessary for their safe keeping and return when called for.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill entitled An act concerning tide swamps and marshes between the Hackensack and Passaic rivers, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act concerning estates in joint tenancy and tenancy in common, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

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YEAS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Cortright,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Nixon,
Outwater,

Messrs. Parkér,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willets.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Condit,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Saddle River in the county of Bergen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Coun-

oil, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee to whom was committed so much of the Governor's message as relates to a canal to connect the waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan, made the following report :

That in the year 1804 a Company was incorporated for the purpose of opening an inland navigation between the tide waters of these rivers. Under the direction of this company a level was taken commencing at Lambertton and embracing the Asanpink creek, Stoney brook and Millstone river, to its confluence with the Raritan. The gentlemen by whom it was taken, made a very favorable report, in the conclusion of which they say, " It is with pleasure your committee have to observe, that from the view they have been enabled to take of all the circumstances connected with the great object of their appointment, the facility of the undertaking exceeds the most sanguine expectations which have been formed of it."

Subscriptions were afterward opened for the capital stock in different places in this State, as well as in Philadelphia and New-York. But partly from the extensive improvements then in progress, particularly in the erection of turnpike roads ; partly from a conviction that the plan in contemplation, of using the beds of the several intervening streams, would upon experiment, prove unavailing ; and partly from a belief that the country was not yet prepared for the commencement of such great national objects, and that the tolls would pay but a very inadequate interest on the capital required ; few shares were subscribed and the work never commenced.

Whatever, however, may have been the public sentiment at that period, subsequent events have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the most incred-

ulous, the immense utility and importance of such navigation ; not only as a medium of commercial intercourse, but as an object of national security. During the late war, it is ascertained from data deemed tolerably correct, that a sum little short of two millions of dollars was paid for cartage of various kinds of produce, merchandize and military stores across this State. Had there been a good lock navigation, more than half this sum would have been saved—a saving amply sufficient to have defrayed the whole expenses of the work. Nor is it in the time of war alone, when our shores are infested with hostile fleets, that such communications would be of importance ; it is believed, by the committee, it would yield a competent interest on the requisite capital even in the time of peace. Great quantities, especially of the lighter and more valuable kinds of merchandize, are now continually passing inland between Philadelphia and New-York ; and although loaded with the expense of cartage across the state, the transportation of many articles, costs less by this route, than the bare insurance, if shipped coastwise. If facilitated by a canal and locks, and the price thereby reduced, it would soon become the channel thro' which most of the merchandize would pass from city to city.

This subject now becomes the more interesting, as it is understood, from the most correct source, that although the General Government have no authority to make canals in the several States, yet they are disposed to patronize such improvements by appropriations of money, as soon as their finances will permit. It is therefore of the highest importance to this State, to adopt the necessary measures for an early application to Congress, before their attention may be divided by similar solicitations from other quarters.

The plan heretofore contemplated of using the beds of the intervening streams, being now con-

demned, as well by the united voice of experience, as by the opinion of all practical scientific men ; and believing that there are, at least two, more direct routes than that heretofore examined, each susceptible of an entire canal across the State, and affording a sufficiency of crown water to fill the same ; the one from Lamerton crossing the Assanpink creek and Millstone river, to the head waters of Lawrence's brook, and thence to New-Brunswick ; the other from the tide waters of Crosswick's creek to the tide waters of South river.

The committee therefore submit to the consideration of the House the following resolution :

Resolved, That
be appointed commissioners, with power to employ some scientific gentleman of known abilities and experience to aid them in exploring and taking a level of the easiest and most direct route for a canal to connect the tide waters of the Delaware with those of the Raritan, to make an estimate of the probable cost of digging, locks, water rights and every other charge incident to the undertaking, as far as the same can be anticipated, and make report to the next Legislature ; and that not exceeding dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of the same.

Which report was read, ordered to lie on the table, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Annin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee to whom was committed the revision of the small cause law, be instructed to enquire and report on the expediency of establishing township courts.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Bayard, were taken up, agreed to, and ordered to be sent to Council for concurrence.

The bill entitled An act for the appointment of Presidents of the courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the peace, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bayard asked and obtained leave of absence till Monday next.

Mr. Simpson, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act respecting apprentices and servants," passed the 14th of March, 1798.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike road to the Hudson river, was taken up, and after making some progress therein, postponed; when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 26.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe presented a petition from the President and Trustees of the Trenton and Philadelphia Steam boat company, praying for an act of incorporation.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Holcombe, Parker and Rutherford.

Mr. Kitchell, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen Sneden and Charlotte Sneden his wife, late Charlotte Buhannon.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act to regulate the Courts of law.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Edgar from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of David Thorp, deceased.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain marsh meadow and swamp in the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House without amendment, viz. the bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the mode of fishing in Hackensack river, in the county of Bergen"—and the bill entitled "An act to authorize John Hoffman, administrator of Conrad Lamerson, deceased, to fulfil a contract for the sale of land made by the said Conrad Lamerson with Jacob Lamerson"—and the bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Franklin manufacturing company at West Bloomfield." And that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled "An act respecting collectors of townships," with an amendment—to which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the appointment of Presidents of the Courts of Common Pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Howell,
Kille,
Leake,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,

Messrs. Outwater,
Parker,
Prall,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh, lying between Moore's bank, and Tyler's point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, dec. and Street's point being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other works, to prevent the tide from over flowing the same, was taken up and read a second time.

Whereupon, Mr. Hancock presented sundry affidavits and papers from sundry owners, &c. of said marsh, &c. in favor of its passage.

Which papers were read—when

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Board, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the township of Bergen, praying for a further law relative to enclosing certain wood lands in said township,

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and that they have leave to withdraw their papers.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act respecting collectors of townships, was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Board,
Condit,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Messrs. Newell,
Outwater,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Holcombe,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Nixon,
Parker,

Messrs. Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused it to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act for the more easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint tenants and tenants in common," and to the act entitled "An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his surrogates to regulate the jurisdiction of the prerogative court, and to establish an Orphan court in the several counties of this State.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

No. 14 of unfinished business—a bill entitled An act authorizing improvements to be made in the navigation of Metticutk river in the county of Monmouth was taken up—Whereupon Mr. Shreve presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Howell, in the county of Monmouth, praying in favor of the passage of said bill

Which petition was read, and the bill committed, to Messrs. Parker, Shreve and Pine.

Mr. Parker presented a petition from Joseph Warren Scott, of the city of New-Brunswick, surviving administrator of Alpheus Freeman, esq. late of the same city, deceased, and of James Parker of the city of Perth Amboy, praying for reasons therein set forth, Legislative interference in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Edgar, Lydacker and Dow.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to prevent injury to toll and chain bridges by driving or riding over the same, on a faster gait than a walk.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's Bank and Tyler's Point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph

Hancock, deceased, and Street's Point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same.

Which bill was gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Richman, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to establish the Cumberland Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Mary Shields, was taken up, and after progressing therein, committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Willits offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether any, and, if any, what alteration is necessary in the act entitled An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Willits, Day and Simpson, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 27.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Pine presented a memorial from Samuel Hasey, of the county of Gloucester, complaining of the official conduct of Joseph Risley, Esq. a justice of the peace of said county, and praying for Legislative interference in the premises.

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Outwater presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bergen, praying Legislative interference in their behalf, relative to fishing in the river Hudson.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Outwater, Pearson and Parker.

Mr. Condit presented a petition from Stephen Dod, of the county of Essex, praying remuneration for services done the State in repairing public arms, 1814.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Condit, Dow and Rutherford.

Mr. Lydacker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of woodland therein named, to prevent horses, cattle and sheep from running at large therein, passed February 25, 1801.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Dayton presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Elizabeth town, praying for a more efficient law to prevent sabbath breaking.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee appointed on that subject.

Mr. Edgar, from the committee for that purpose, reported a bill entitled An act to establish the Middlesex Bank at Bridgetown, in the county of Middlesex.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

On motion—*Ordered*, That Messrs. Parker, Thompson and J. Sharp, be a committee to bring in a tax bill.

The bill entitled An act to repeal the act entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid

out or opened on or through lands belonging to this State, was taken up, read a second time, and postponed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at Columbia Glass Manufactory," with amendments,—To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Sharp offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether the sum of \$5000 directed to be paid into the Treasury by the managers of the Lottery granted for the benefit of Queen's College, immediately after the completing of the drawing thereof, has been so paid ; and if not so paid, what measures ought to be taken to obtain the same, pursuant to the provisions of an act passed the 15th of January, 1812, entitled An act to authorize and empower the Trustees of Queen's College, in New Brunswick, to erect a lottery for the purposes therein mentioned.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. J Sharp, Simpson and Richman, accordingly appointed.

The bill entitled An act authorizing a transfer of the shares of this State in the stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

No 13, of unfinished business—a bill entitled "An act supplementary to An act for the relief of creditors against absent and absconding debtors," passed the 8th day of March, A. D. 1798, was taken

up, and committed to Messrs. J. Sharp, Parker and Day.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, dec. and Street point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair a bank, dam, sluice and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. J. Sharp, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act supplementary to An act for the relief of creditors against absent and absconding debtors, passed the 8th day of March, A. D. 1801, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were agreed to, the bill gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 29.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Condit, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of Capt. Stephen Dod.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage

contract between Stephen Sneden and Charlotte Sneden his wife, late Charlotte Buhannan, was read a second time and postponed.

Mr. Day presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Paterson, in the county of Essex, praying for a general law on the incorporating of Manufactories.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Day, Pearson and Kitchell.

Mr. Day, also presented a petition from the President and Directors of the Paterson Bank, praying for the revival of a certain act, and for a supplement to their act of incorporation.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Dow, E. Sharp and Board.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Hope and Hacketstown turnpike company, to extend the same from Hope to Columbia Glass Manufactory, at or near the same, to the river Delaware, in the county of Sussex, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to repeal the act entitled An act to prevent public or private roads being laid out or opened on or through lands belonging to this State, was read a second time, the first section struck out and the bill dismissed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act to repeal a part of an act, entitled "An act relative to statutes," passed June 13th, 1799—and the bill en-

titled, a supplement to the act entitled An act to enable owners of tide swamps and marshes to improve the same ; and the owners of meadows already banked in and held by different persons to keep the same in good repair, passed the twenty-ninth November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight—and that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled “ An act to authorize the enclosure of a certain tract of woodland, situate in the township of Saddleriver in the county of Bergen”—and the bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen King and Mary his wife, without amendment.—And that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of Clayton Brown, deceased.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Richman, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act for the relief of Mary Shields, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Kitchell, from the committee to whom was committed the petition from sundry citizens of Morris and Essex, praying a law for the preservation of fish in the Passaic river, &c.

Reported, That the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Read presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Burlington, praying for a law to prevent tavern keepers from selling spirituous liquors on the sabbath.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Messrs. Cortright and Nixon, severally, presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Sussex and Hunterdon, praying for a further law relative to the fisheries in the river Delaware, with certain specified provisions therein.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Cortright, Nixon and Pine.

Mr. Edgar presented a petition from the administrators of Doctor Isaac Ludlow, late of the township of Westfield, in the county of Essex, deceased, and others, praying for a law to authorize the sale of the real estate of said deceased.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Edgar, Day and Kille.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain marsh meadow and swamp, in the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the relief of creditors against absent and absconding debtors, passed the 8th day of March, A. D 1801, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing a transfer of the shares of this State in the stock of the Society for establishing useful manufactures, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Newell,
Outwater,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Leake,
Pine,

Mr. Prall.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request the concurrence of Council therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at Columbia Glass manufactory, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition from Samuel Wills, jun. surviving executor, and the heirs of

Samuel Wills, esq. late of the township of Mendham, in the county of Morris, deceased, praying for a law to authorize the sale of certain real estate of said deceased, in conformity to his last will and testament.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Thompson, Reeve and Hancock.

Mr. Rutherford, from the committee to whom was committed at the last sitting, the correspondence between the Governor of Pennsylvania and the late Governor of this State, concerning the erection of a wing-dam in the river Delaware, made the following report :

That in the opinion of the committee the law passed February 4, 1815, entitled " An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. and Peter T. Smith, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing dam in the river Delaware," is not an infringement of any convention, or law subsisting between the two States of New-Jersey and Pennsylvania.

1st. Because by the convention between the commissioners on the part of New-Jersey and commissioners on the part of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of settling the jurisdiction of the river Delaware, &c. April 26, 1783, it is provided, " That the river Delaware from the northwest corner to the place where the circular boundary of the State of Delaware touches it, shall be a common highway, equally free and open for the use of the contracting parties." Now the common highway, on the river Delaware, will not, from the best information the committee can procure, be impeded by the wing dam contemplated.

2d. Because by a law passed by the Legislature of this State, 26th November, 1808, entitled " An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes," it is there enacted in the sixth section, that the erecting wing-dams are un-

lawful "except such mill dams as have been, or hereafter may be put up in pursuance of any special act of the Legislature," thereby retaining, most explicitly, to this State, the right of permitting the erection of wing-dams for the benefit of her citizens. This law of New-Jersey was by an act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, passed 23d February, 1809, adopted to all intents and purposes, section by section, thus yielding to New-Jersey the right of erecting wing-dams, and claiming to herself the same power.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of wood land therein named, to prevent horses, cattle and sheep from running at large therein, passed Feb. 25, 1801, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

No. 10, of the unfinished business—

The bill entitled An act for the relief of James Tenison, William Tenison and Thomas Harrison Tenison, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution offered by Mr. Wood on Wednesday last, and ordered to lie on the table, was taken up, agreed to, and Messrs. Wood, Bayard and Dow, accordingly appointed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 30.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House, with amendments :—

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The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville turnpike company—and the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy—to which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, and with the bills postponed.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of William M. Miller and Nancy Miller, praying for the repeal of an act which authorizes Anthony Dey to sell and convey certain real estate therein mentioned—

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to enable the surviving executor of Samuel Wills, Esq. late of the county of Morris, deceased, to carry into effect the last will and testament of the said dec.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Rutherford, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to An act entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, Jun. Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Rutherford, also presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of Trenton, praying for the passage of said bill.

Which petitions were read, and ordered again to be read with the second reading of the bill.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act relative to incorporations for manufacturing purposes.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading and mean time to be printed.

The Speaker presented to the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, suggesting Legislative interference in the premises.

Which letter was read, and referred to the incidental committee.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act to incorporate the Hope and Hackets Town turnpike company," to extend the same from Hope to Columbia Glass Manufactory, or near the same to the river Delaware, in the county of Sussex, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,

Messrs. Outwater,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Nixon,

Mr. Prall.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of

James Tenison, William Tenison and Thomas Harrison Tenison, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of wood land therein named, to prevent horses, cattle and sheep from running at large therein, passed February 25, 1801, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank at Paterson, praying a revival of the law authorizing the Banks of this State to issue small tickets ; and also, praying a supplement to the act incorporating the Bank at Paterson, for the purpose of identifying more particularly the said incorporation, and for granting to the same, certain privileges and immunities common to such incorporations, made the following report :

That, in their opinion no necessity at present exists sufficient to justify a revival of the law authorizing the issuing of tickets, and therefore this part of the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

On the subject of the second object prayed for, the committee reported a bill entitled " An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1815, entitled " An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson."

Which bill was read, and ordered a second read-

ing; and the first part of the report relative to issuing tickets, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves, was taken up, amended, gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The memorial of Samuel Hussey, complaining of the official conduct of Joseph Risley, Esq. a justice of the peace, was taken up and dismissed.

Mr. Newell, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of Salem, in the county of Salem, praying for an act of incorporation

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Newell, Wood and Willits.

The bill entitled An act to enable the surviving executors of Samuel Wills, Esq. late of the county of Morris, dec. to carry into effect the last will and testament of the said deceased, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber, was taken up and committed to Messrs. Pearson, Sharp and Thompson.

The bill entitled An act to establish the Cumberland Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to prevent injury to toll or chain bridges by driving over the same on a faster gait than a walk, was taken up and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, re-

ported a bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, passed March 15, 1798.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and mean time to be printed.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of Clayton Brown, dec. was read a second time, considered by section and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Richman, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill entitled An act for the relief of Mary Shields, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain Stephen Dod, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen Sneden and Charlotte Sneden his wife, late Charlotte Buhannan, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed No. 14, of the unfinished business, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize Michael Ortley to cut and erect a canal or inlet through Manasquan beach.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to prevent the waste of timber, reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, and while employed thereon,

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, January 31.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of Mary Shields, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves, was taken up and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was committed the preceding engrossed bill, reported the same with an amendment—Which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Willits, from the committee for that purpose, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings, passed the 21st day of February, A. D. 1798.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1815, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, was read a second time, and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Read presented a petition from sundry persons, owners of fisheries on the river Delaware, praying some amendments in the law relative to fisheries.

Which petition was read, and committed to the committee on that subject.

On motion—*Ordered*, That Messrs. Reeve and Day, be added to said committee.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act to prevent injury to toll or chain bridges by driving or riding over the same on a faster gait than a walk, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill re-committed to the same committee.

The engrossed bill entitled An act for the relief of Captain Stephen Dod, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen Sneden and Charlotte Sneden, his wife, late Charlotte Buchanan, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Edgar,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,

Messrs. Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Simpson,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An respecting slaves," was taken up, and recommitted to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Outwater, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Franklin turnpike company.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was re-committed the re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill again ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1815, reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of Clayton Brown, deceased, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dow,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Messrs. Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Outwater,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Day,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,

Messrs. Read,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willets.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that the House have passed said bill without amendment.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act for the more easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint-tenants and tenants in common, and to the act entitled An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates to regulate the jurisdiction of the Prerogative court, and to establish an Orphan's court in the several counties in this State, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright,

Jun. Peter T. Smith, and the survivor and survivors of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury," was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act to prevent injury to toll or chain bridges by driving over the same on a faster gate than a walk—

Reported, In lieu thereof, a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act for the preservation of timber, was again taken up, the amendment made thereto by the committee agreed to, and the bill ordered a third reading.

Mr. Stout, presented a petition from Reuben D. Tucker, praying compensation for military services rendered the State during the late war.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Stout, Read and Risley.

Mr. Edgar, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Outwater, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to authorize the owners of a certain tract of meadow, therein named, to erect a sluice and dam across a tide creek, therein named, to prevent the tide waters from overflowing the same.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, February 1.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, Jun. Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Davison,
Edgar,
Elis,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Leake,
Newell,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Day,
Dow,

Messrs. Farlee,
Hancock,
Kitchell,

NAYS.

Messrs. Mandeville,
Nixon,
Outwater,
Risley,
Shreve,

Messrs. Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act for the more easy partition of lands held by co-parceners, joint tenants and tenants in common, and to the act entitled An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, to regulate the jurisdiction of the Prerogative court and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several counties in this State, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows ;

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Newell,

Messrs. Nixon,
Outwater;
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Mandeville,
Shreve,

Messrs. Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to enable the surviving executor of Samuel Wills, Esq. late of the county of Morris, dec. to carry into effect the last will and testament of the said deceased, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act concerning slaves," was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,

Messrs. Leake,
Lydacker,
Newell,
Read,
Reeve,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Cortright,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Mandeville,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Thompson,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1815, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, was read a third time, compared, and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Cortright, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to regulate fisheries in the river Delaware and for other purposes," passed November 20th, 1808

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading and mean time to be printed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed the engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1815, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

A Message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have disagreed to the following bills from this House—the bill entitled An act concerning estates in joint tenancy and tenancy in common—and the bill entitled An act for the appointment of presidents of the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace—and passed the following bills from this House without amendment, viz. The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to authorize the owners and possessors of a certain tract of wood land therein named, to prevent horses, cattle and sheep from running at large thereon," passed February 25, 1801—the bill entitled "An act for the relief of James Tenison, William Tenison and Thomas Harrison Tenison"—the bill entitled An act to repeal an act passed eleventh February, 1796, res-

pecting a tract of marsh and meadow, situate in the forks of Salem creek, near the town of Salem"—the bill entitled "An act authorizing a transfer of the shares of this State in the stock of the society for establishing useful manufactures"—the bill entitled An act supplementary to "An act for the relief of creditors against absent and absconding debtors," passed the eighth day of March, 1798—and the bill entitled "An act authorizing the banking and improving of certain marshes, meadows and swamps in the township of Fairfield, in the county of Cumberland."—

And passed the following bills from this House with amendments, viz. The bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estates"—the bill entitled "An act concerning tide swamps and marshes, between the Hackensack and Passaic rivers,"—the bill entitled An act relative to fishing in the several creeks in the county of Salem—and the bill entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marshes lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's Point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, deceased, and Street's Point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices, and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same.—To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were severally read, and agreed to by the House, and the bills respectively ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also informed the House that Council have agreed to the resolution from this House relative to a digest of the laws, with an amendment. To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, and with the reso-

lution committed to Messrs. Bayard, Parker and Thompson.

Mr. J. Sharp presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Sussex, praying, for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing a lottery, &c. for the completion of a certain public road.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. J. Sharp, Parker and Van Brakle.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House cause to be engrossed the several bills that pass, in a fair legible text hand, and that no bill shall receive the signature of the Speaker in which there is an interlineation or erasure—And that the Clerk communicate the above resolution to Council, and request them to pass a similar one.

Which resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Read from the joint committee to whom was committed that part of the Message of his excellency the Governor which relates to the revisal of our militia law, stated that they find it expedient, in the course of their deliberations on this subject, to submit to their respective Houses the following resolution :

Resolved, That the military committee be instructed to report a bill supplementary to the militia law of this State, providing for the reduction of the fines on non-commissioned officers and privates on days of parade, from two to one dollar per day.

Which resolution was read, and disagreed to by the House.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act for the preservation of timber, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Cortright,
Davison,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Howell,
Kille,
Leake,
Newell,
Outwater,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willets.

NAYS.

Messrs. Board,
Condit,
Day,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Nixon,
Parker,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, with an amendment, and request the concurrence of Council therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Franklin turnpike company, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what further measures are necessary to provide for the investment of monies arising from the payment of the principal and interest of the stock of the United States, and the stock in the Trenton Banking company belonging to this State, and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs Parker, Howell and Rutherford accordingly appointed.

The House took up the amendments made by Council to the bill from this House entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy—agreed to the same, except the last, to which amendment they disagreed.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that this House have agreed to all the amendments made by Council to said bill except the last, to which they have disagreed ; but that they have appointed Messrs Pearson, J. Sharp and Thompson, a committee of conference on the subject, and request Council to appoint a correspondent one on their part.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to alter the law directing the descent of real estate, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

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YEAS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Leake,
Newell,
Nixon,
Outwater,

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Condit,
Day,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

Ordered That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendment made thereto by Council has been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 2.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Wood presented petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the township of Greenwich and Hopewell, in the county of Cumberland, praying for a law authorizing an alteration in the division line between said townships.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Wood, Risley and Kille.

Mr. Day, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Essex, praying a law authorizing a lottery, &c. for the completion of a certain public road.—and

Mr. Mandeville presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Morris, praying to the same effect.

Which petitions were read, and referred to the committee appointed on that subject.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled “ An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore’s bank and Tyler’s point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, dec. and Street’s point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same,” was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same:

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the appointment of commissioners for taking the acknowledgment or proof of deeds or conveyances, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled “ An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts,” was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-

Brunswick Bridge, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have appointed Messrs. Beatty, Upson and Frelinghuysen, a committee of conference on their part, on the amendment made by Council to the bill entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy," disagreed to by this House.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Shreve presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, praying for a repeal of all the insolvent laws of this State.

Which petitions were read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Stout presented a memorial from the Secretary of State, praying Legislative interference in the premises.

Which memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Read presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Burlington, praying for a law authorizing certain improvements in the navigation of the North branch of Rancocus creek in said county.

Which petitions were read, and committed to Messrs. Read, Annin and Lydacker.

Mr. Leake offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be authorized to take such steps as he may think proper

to ascertain whether the Island in the Delaware, called the Pea Patch, be within the jurisdiction of this State—and if so, in what manner the United States became possessed of the same ; and to make report concerning the premises to the next Legislature.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The resolution offered by Mr. Pearson yesterday, was taken up and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Wood, from the committee to whom was committed the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the township of Greenwich and Hopewell, in the county of Cumberland, praying for a law to authorize an alteration of the line between the said townships—

Reported, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Howell, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act relative to toll and chain bridges.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to repeal an act passed the 8th day of June, 1753—and the bill entitled An act to enable the surviving executor of Samuel Wills, Esq. late of the county of Morris, dec. to carry into effect the last will and testament of the said dec.—and the bill entitled An act supplementary to an act passed the 26th day of January, 1815, entitled An act to incorporate a Bank at Paterson, severally without amendment—and Council have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act to dissolve the marriage contract between Stephen Sneden and Charlotte Sneden his wife, late Charlotte Buhannan—and that Council have passed the bill

from this House entitled An act respecting slaves, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also informed the House, that Council have agreed to the amendment made by this House to the bill from Council entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act for the preservation of timber—and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to establish the Cumberland Bank at the town of Bridgeton in the county of Cumberland, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows ;

YEAS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pell,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Edgar,
Hancock,
Howell,
Kille,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,

Messrs. Outwater,
Parker,
Pine,
Risley,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

On motion—The vote of the House on the resolution of Mr. Pearson, was re-considered, and the resolution committed to Messrs. Pearson, Bayard and Rutherford.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act relative to fishing in the several creeks in the county of Salem, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?
It was carried in the affirmative.

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Newell,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Willits.

NAY.

Mr. Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Franklin turnpike company, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Day,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Outwater,

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Leake,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson.

Ordered, That the speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the owners of a certain tract of meadow therein named, to erect a sluice and dam across a tide creek, therein named, to prevent the tide waters from overflowing the same, was read a second time, the title altered to An act to authorize a sluice and dam across Munaghia creek, in the county of Bergen, gone thro' by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Edgar presented a petition from John Brewster, esq. Inspector of the Middlesex brigade, pray-

ing, for reasons therein set forth, Legislative aid to erect a building for the safe keeping of a piece of artillery, &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Edgar, Pearson and Condit.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 3.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Day presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Essex, Morris and Sussex, praying for a law authorizing a lottery for the completion of a certain public road.

Which petitions were read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Annin, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act repealing an act passed the 17th day of February, 1815, entitled An act staying executions in certain cases.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire what, if any alterations are necessary, in the present laws regulating travelling on public highways.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs. Bayard, Parker and Pearson, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was committed the resolution relative to engrossing the bills for this House, reported the following—Rule,

That every bill that has passed this House, or any amendments to the same, that may have been

agreed to, shall not finally pass and receive the signature of the Speaker, unless they are severally engrossed or re-engrossed, as the case may be, in a strong and legible hand writing, nor in any such bill or amendments thereto shall any material erasure or interlineation be allowed, unless the same be made with the express permission of the House, and so certified on the bill under the hand of the Speaker.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act respecting apprentices and servants," passed the 19th of March, 1798, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Simpson, Wood, J. Sharp, Bayard and Parker.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act concerning tide swamps and marshes between the Hackensack and Passaick rivers, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the appointment of Commissioners for taking the acknowledgment or proof of deeds or conveyances, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,

Messrs. Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Howell,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Newell,

YEAS.

Messrs. Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,

Messrs. Reeve,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Mandeville,
Prall,

Messrs. Richman,
Shreve,
Stout,
Willets,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled An act making lands liable to be sold for the payment of debts, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge," was read a third time, compared and postponed.

The bill entitled An act relative to incorporations for manufacturing purposes, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Read, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the north main branch of Rancocus creek, between the town of Mount Holly and the south main branch of said creek in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have receded from their amendment to the bill from this House entitled "An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy," and have agreed to the substitute proposed by the committee of conference, appointed by both Houses, for the 15th Section of said bill—which section is to be struck out, and the said substitute inserted.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled An act for the more easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint-tenants and tenants in common," and to the act entitled "An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his surrogates, to regulate the jurisdiction of the prerogative court, and to establish an Orphan's Court in the several counties in this State,"—with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, when

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, February 5.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Leake, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act concerning roads," passed February 22d, 1811.

Which bill was read, and committed to Messrs. Howell, Prall and Leake.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships,

designating their powers and regulating their meetings," passed the 21st day of February, A. D. 1798, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike road to the Hudson river, was taken up—whereupon Mr. Outwater offered an amendment.

Which amendment was read, and committed with the bill to Messrs. Day, Pearson and J. Sharp.

Mr. Bayard, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act relative to statutes.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn, their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading and meantime to be printed.

The house adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Board presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Morris and Bergen, praying for a more efficient law to prevent sabbath-breaking.

Which petitions were read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The bill entitled An act relative to toll and chain bridges, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings," passed the 21st day of February, A. D. 1798, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize a sluice and dam across Munaghia creek, in the county of Bergen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act relative to incorporations for manufacturing purposes, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Day,
Dow,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Newell,
Outwater,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Thompson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Davison,
Farice,
Leake,
Mandeville,
Nixon,

Messrs. Parker,
Pine,
Rutherford,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled 'An act respecting slaves,' was read and compared.

On the question, shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Newell,
Outwater,
Read,
Risley,
Rutherford,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Stout,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Nixon,

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Thompson.

Mr. Howell, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act concerning roads," passed February 22, 1811, reported the same without amendment.

Which bill was read and postponed.

Pursuant to the order of the day the House took up the bill entitled An act to revive and extend an act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike road from the city of Trenton in the county of Hun-

terdon, to the town of Hope, in the county of Sussex.

Whereupon, Mr. Nixon presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, deprecating the passage of said bill—and

Mr. Pearson presented sundry petitions from a number of the inhabitants of the same county in favor of its passage.

Which petitions and bill were postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The amendments made by Council to the bill from this House entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act for the more easy partition of lands, held by coparceners, joint tenants and tenants in common, and to the act entitled An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, to regulate the jurisdiction of the prerogative court, and to establish an Orphan's court in the several counties in this State—were taken up, the first disagreed to, and the others agreed to by the House, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The memorial from the Secretary of State, was taken up and committed to Messrs. Stout, Pearson and Wood.

The bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," passed March 15, 1798, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bayard, with leave, presented a bill entitled An additional supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves.

Which bill was read, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Whereupon, Mr. Wood, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting slaves, passed the 14th day of March, in

the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Which bill was read, and postponed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, February 6.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Stout, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying some modifications of an act passed 11th March, 1774, entitled "An act for the settlement and relief of the poor.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Stout, Edgar and Richman.

Mr. Day presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Newark and Elizabeth, in the county of Essex, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing the erection of a dam across Bound creek, in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Day, Kitchell and Rutherford.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Trenton and Philadelphia Steam Boat Company.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled A further supplement to the act, entitled "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, passed March 15th, 1798, was read a third time, compared, and committed to Messrs Wood, Condit and Simpson.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was committed the amendment offered to the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburgh turnpike road to the Hudson river,

with said bill, reported the same with an amendment to the amendment.

Which amendment was read, and ordered to be printed, and the bill postponed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed and referred sundry petitions and memorials from a large number of the citizens of this State, complaining of the gross violation of the sabbath, and praying some efficient measures to prevent the same, made the following report :

That consulting the numerous memorials on this subject from persons of the first respectability, in various sections of the State, the committee are deeply impressed with a belief that the evil complained of exists to an alarming degree, and loudly calls for redress.

To effect which, they beg leave with due deference to recommend,

1st. That the sale of ardent spirits and other strong and intoxicating liquors, by store keepers, grocers and licensed tavern keepers, hucksters and others, on the Sabbath day should be punished by indictment.

2d. That the penalties for travelling on the Sabbath, should be increased and made recoverable by any person who will sue for the same, for the use of the township, in which the offence may be committed, before any magistrate having jurisdiction of the same in any part of the State.

Which report was read ; on the question of agreeing to the first part thereof, the yeas and nays being required, were as follow.

YEAS.

Messrs. Amin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Davison,
Dow,

Messrs. Edgar,
Howell,
Newell,
Parker,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,

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YEAS.

Messrs. Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,

Messrs. E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Stout.

NAYS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Nixon,

Messrs. Outwater,
Prall,
Rutherford,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood,

So it was disagreed to—Whereupon,

Mr. Bayard offered the following in lieu of the part disagreed to.

That the sale of ardent spirits and other strong and intoxicating liquors, by store keepers, grocers and licensed tavern keepers, hucksters and others on the Sabbath day, should be punished by increased penalties.

Which, with the second part of the report was agreed to by the House, and the whole committed to the committee who reported the same, with instructions to bring in a bill consonant thereto.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of Jabez Pierson, was taken up, and after employing some time thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Shreve, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, &c. praying for Legislative aid and protection in cutting

a canal at a certain place, and clearing certain creeks, &c. &c.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Shreve, Cortright and Risley.

Mr. Sharp from the committee to whom were referred petitions of sundry citizens of this State, praying the aid of the Legislature in opening the communication between this State and the Western parts of the State of New-York through the State of Pennsylvania—

Reported, That the facilitating the intercourse between the Western part of the State of New-York and this State and the city of New-York, appears to them an object of great moment and highly deserving the attention of the Legislature — That the State of New-Jersey has heretofore given encouragement to citizens of this State to improve that intercourse by the aid of several laws to authorize the erection of turnpike roads from the shores of the eastern part of this State to the Delaware river ; among which may be particularly enumerated the following—

1. The road from Elizabethtown through Morristown and Newton to the river Delaware, opposite Milford, in Pennsylvania, usually called the Morris Turnpike—a distance of 61 miles.

2. The road from Morristown through Sparta to Milford—and

3. The road from Acquacknack Landing through Paterson and Hamburg, to Deckerton—afterwards extended to Milford.

The roads above mentioned may be called leading roads, all diverging from one point at Milford, and tending by various routes to the city of New-York, now the great emporium of the United States. That these leading roads are, by branches in different directions, the means of shortening and facilitating the intercourse from Milford with all the towns

and villages on the eastern border of this State, and affording a safe and easy conveyance through many counties in this State, where the mountainous situation of the country and the scattered situation of its inhabitants had before made travelling extremely difficult, and in some places, impracticable. That by the enterprize of individuals concerned, and the money of those individuals, a rapid and general improvement has been made in those parts of the State, not easily to be imagined except by those who were before acquainted with the difficulties to be surmounted, and can now witness the improvement. In this great improvement of the State, no one has suffered excepting those only by whose exertions and expence the change has been made, and these have in no instance received an emolument by the profits of the roads equal to a fifth part of the interest on the monies expended, and in many instances none at all.

The State of Pennsylvania by an act passed in the year 1807, has authorized the erection of a turnpike road from Milford in that State (the termination of the roads in this State) to the New-York line, near the 43d mile stone, a distance of 80 or 90 miles, which road by an act of the State of New-York, is authorized to be extended to Oswego, and by which a communication will be opened between all the Western part of New-York and the North-Eastern part of Pennsylvania through this State to its eastern border, and to the city of New-York—a district of country of the greatest importance as to its extent, population and fertility—and the whole communication between which and the city of New-York and the Eastern section of the Union, will probably pass through this State, if the proposed roads can be completed and opened.

That the probability of this will be manifest from a comparative estimate of the distances from Geneva, at the head of the Seneca Lake, to different towns

on the North River to which roads have been established or are proposed, and the Eastern borders of this State.

From Geneva to Kingston is	194 miles.
Catskill	200
Newburgh	229

The distance from Elizabeth or Newark to Geneva, is estimated as follows :

To Milford,	61
Milford to N. York line,	85
Thence, to Ithaca, on the south end of Cayuga Lake,	40
	125

Ithaca to Geneva, 40—226, from

which it would appear that the land distance from the Eastern part of this State exceeds, by a few miles only, the distance from the nearest parts of the North River—and when it is considered that during at least three months of the year the North River is closed by ice, while the intercourse by water is open from this State to New-York and to the sea, it is obvious, that the route to New-York through New-Jersey, would at least rival if not exceed the other—as produce transported through this State would, at the same expense, reach a market two or three months earlier than by the North River—and at a time when it would command a better price ; and might, if exported, be sent to a foreign country, and the proceeds returned before that which is carried to towns on the North River can reach New-York.

It is not necessary to state to the House how important it is to this State, to encourage this line of intercourse, as affording the means for the enterprize of our citizens, and the sure improvement of the country.

It remains to state the obstacles to be overcome, and the means which appear to the committee proper, to be used to open the communication.

The road from Milford to Owego, is a great part of it through a rough district of country, and part through the Beach Woods—thinly settled by indigent inhabitants, and almost the whole distance thro' a country newly settled. The inhabitants of this district either not owners of the soil or in debt for the lands they hold, cannot aid in such an undertaking. The State of Pennsylvania has, it is said, aided the road by authorizing the Governor to subscribe 10,000 dollars towards its completion; but this sum is insufficient with all the aid to be obtained from individuals, and no further assistance can be expected from that State, to a road which tends to carry produce from its capital to another State.

The failure of the undertaking at this time, will hereafter be an obstacle to any further exertion towards its completion.

The committee are of opinion, that the present object is of the greatest importance, and peculiar in its nature—and such as will justify the State in raising the means required by way of Lottery, as prayed by the petitioners.

They, therefore, ask leave to report a bill to authorize the raising money by Lottery for the completion of the road from Milford to Owego, and for the completion of two sections of roads in this State, which, from the situation of the country and the state of its population, it is believed cannot be otherwise effected.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Whereupon, Mr. Sharp presented a bill entitled An act to facilitate the intercourse between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania and this State.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Wood, from the committee for that purpose,

reported a bill entitled An act to provide for the education of poor children in the several counties in this State.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled " An act respecting apprentices and servants," passed the 14th of March, 1798, reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was agreed to, the bill progressed in and postponed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act relative to toll and chain bridges, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled A supplement to an act entitled " An act to enable Daniel W. Cox, Samuel Wright, Jun. Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land at Bloomsbury," with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Linn, also informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act making lands

liable to be sold for the payment of debts," without amendment.

Also, that Council do insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House to the bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act for the more easy partition of lands held by co-parceners, joint tenants and tenants in common—and to the act entitled An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, to regulate the jurisdiction of the prerogative court, and to establish an Orphan's court in the several counties of this State.

Whereupon, the House receded from their disagreement to the amendment made by Council, agreed to the same, and ordered the bill to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire if any and what amendment is required to the act entitled An act for the preservation of sheep, and the act supplementary thereto, and that such committee report by bill or otherwise.

Which resolution was read, agreed to and Messrs. Parker, Prall and Dow accordingly appointed.

Mr. Richman, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of New-Brunswick, praying for the enactment of a retaliatory law, to certain laws of the State of New-York, relative to Steam Boats.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Richman, Edgar and Davison.

Mr. Leake, in the absence of Mr. Dayton, the chairman of the committee to whom were referred sundry petitions and counter petitions from Elizabeth-Town, relative to improving the navigation of their creek, &c. &c. further reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the building a bridge over Elizabeth-Town Creek, in the county of Essex.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The Speaker presented to the House the following report from the Quarter Master General.

Trenton, Feb. 1816.

SIR,

In conformity to the concurrent resolution of the two branches of the Legislature passed at the late sitting, I have the honor to

REPORT,

That I proceeded with all reasonable diligence to engage a suitable person to clean, repair and put in complete order the arms and military equipment of this State, but the execution of the business has been necessarily delayed, in consequence of its being ascertained that the room over the Court room, (designated by the late commander in chief as the place of depot) would not, until fitted up, be a suitable place for their safe keeping. As soon as the Legislature shall have authorized the above mentioned room to be prepared for the reception of the arms, I shall hasten to have this part of their order executed.

The several pieces of artillery which were in my possession, have been returned to the several brigades.

It has been lately reported to me that two pieces of ordnance, belonging to the Monmouth brigade, are yet in New-York. I shall omit no proper means to have them returned to that brigade without delay.

The Committee of House of Assembly, received from me a few days ago, my statement of the number of every article of military apparatus in my possession, to which I beg leave to refer the Legislature.

Accompanying this you will receive a statement of the expences incurred in the performance of the duties enjoined on me by the Legislature, together

with some expences incurred by order of the late commander in chief. All which is respectfully submitted, by

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

ELLETT TUCKER,

Quarter Master General.

HON: SAMUEL PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The report made by Mr. Simpson some days since, relative to a canal from the Delaware to the Raritan, was taken up—

Whereupon Mr. Simpson offered the following additional resolution as an amendment to the report.

Resolved, That in case of the death, refusal or disability of either of said commissioners to act, the Governor for the time being, or person administering the government, shall appoint some fit person to supply such vacancy; and shall moreover, transmit copies of the foregoing report and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a request that they will use their endeavors to procure the appointment of a commissioner on the part of the United States, to unite with those appointed in behalf of this State, in exploring and ascertaining the most eligible route for said canal.

Which resolution, with the report, was read, agreed to by the House, and committed to the committee who reported the same, with instructions to bring in a bill consonant thereto.

The bill entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of David Thorp, deceased, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 7.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns; to erect a wing dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island, with the main land at Bloombury, was read, compared and postponed.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act for the more easy partition of lands held by coparceners, joint tenants and tenants in common—and to the act entitled An act to ascertain the power and authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, to regulate the jurisdiction of the Prerogative court, and to establish an Orphan's court in the several counties of this State, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the House have receded from their disagreement to the amendment of Council to said bill, agreed to the same, and have caused it to be re-engrossed.

The report of the committee on the resolution offered by Mr. Pearson relative to engrossing, ordered to lie on the table, was taken up and disagreed to by the House.

The bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Delaware, and for other purposes," passed November 26, 1808, was taken up and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was committed the amendment of Council to a resolution

from this House relative to a digest of certain laws, &c. reported the following as an amendment to the amendment of Council.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be authorized and requested to cause twelve copies of the acts of the Legislature, a like number of copies of the journals of Council, and a like number of copies of the minutes of the House of Assembly, that are now unbound, including also those of the present session of the Legislature, to be collected together and neatly bound and lettered ; which copies shall be deposited in the State library, for the use of the members of the Legislature, while in session—and that the Governor be requested to report to this House the expense attending the performance of the above service.

Which amendment to the amendment of Council was read, agreed to by the House, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof, and request their concurrence in the same.

Mr. Parker, from committees for that purpose, reported the following bills—a bill entitled An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this State—and a bill entitled An act further to amend the act entitled “ An act for the preservation of sheep.”

Which bills were severally read, and ordered second readings.

Mr. Newell, offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Clerk inform Council that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-meeting for the purpose of appointing civil and military officers at such time and place as Council may appoint.

Resolved, That this House rise on Tuesday the 13th inst.

Which resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of county Clerks for their services at elections, for Representatives in Congress, and Electors of President and Vice-President, was read and committed to Messrs. Parker, Read and Thompson.

Mr. Bayard offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report what business ought to be considered and disposed of, by the Legislature, prior to the close of the present session.

Which resolution was read, agreed to, and Messrs Bayard, Simpson and Mandeville, accordingly appointed.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Parker, presented a memorial from the Convention of the Episcopal Church in this State, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing Robert Sharp of the township of Amwell, in the county of Hunterdon, to sell and convey certain property belonging to St. Andrews Church in said township and county.

Which memorial was read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Nixon and Day.

Mr. Pearson, presented a paper from Gideon Hill Wells and Robert Waln, stating the impracticability of carrying into effect the provisions of a certain bill now before the House, relative to a wing-dam in the river Delaware.

Which paper was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Dow, from the committee for that purpose, reported in part, a bill entitled An act supplementary to an act for the suppression of vice and immorality, passed the 16th of March, 1798.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

Mr. Simpson, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to provide for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and probable expense of a canal, to connect the tide waters of the Delaware, with those of the Raritan.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House again took up the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike road to the Hudson river, and after employing some time thereon, postponed the same.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House without amendment :—

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled “An act incorporating the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings,” passed the 21st day of Feb. 1798—and the bill entitled An act to authorize a sluice and dam across Munaghia creek in the county of Bergen.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Hope and Hackets-Town turnpike company, to extend the same from Hope to Columbia Glass Manufactory, or near the same, to the river Delaware, in the county of Sussex, with an amendment.

To which amendment, they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Newell, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock dec. and Street's point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same, passed the 2d day of Feb. 1816.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this State, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to provide for the education of poor children in the several counties in this State, was read a second time and committed to the committee who reported the same.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, February 8.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee for that purpose, reported a bill entitled An act respecting the drivers of stages and other carriages kept for hire.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and mean time to be printed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act directing the

investment of certain monies belonging to this State, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled " An act to incorporate the Hope and Hackets-Town turnpike company," to extend the same from Kope to Columbia Glass Manufactory, or near the same to the river Delaware, in the county of Sussex, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Edgar,
Howell,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Lydacker,
Outwater,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits.

NAYS.

Messrs. Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Kille,
Leake,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Parker.

Messrs. Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

Mr. J. Sharp asked, and obtained, leave of absence for his colleague Mr. Rutherford, for the remainder of the sitting.

Mr. Parker from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of county Clerks for their services at elections for Representatives in Congress and Electors of President and Vice President, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the committee appointed to bring in a tax bill, be instructed to insert in said bill the sum of 30,000 dollars.

Mr. Wood, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act to provide for the education of poor children in the several counties in this State, reported the same with amendments.

Which bill, with the amendments, was read, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's Point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, deceased, and Street's Point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed the 2d day of February 1816, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have

passed the bill from this House entitled An act for the relief of Captain Robert Smith and others—And the bill entitled An act relative to toll and chain bridges, without amendment—and have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act for the relief of Capt. Stephen Dodd—and that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act relative to incorporations for manufacturing purposes, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also informed the House that Council have passed a bill entitled An act directing the descent of real estate to persons of the half blood.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House took up the first resolution offered by Mr. Newell, yesterday, and agreed to the same—and while considering the second resolution,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Shreve, presented a petition from the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam Boat company, praying Legislative interference in the premises.

Which petition was read, and referred to the committee on that subject.

The bill, entitled An act to authorize the building of a bridge over Elizabeth-Town creek, in the county of Essex, was taken up—whereupon,

Mr. Thompson, presented sundry depositions taken in 1804, of sundry inhabitants of said town, against the erection of a bridge over the aforesaid creek.

Which depositions were read—when, on motion, Mr. James Wilson, was admitted within the bar of the House, and opposed the passage thereof—after which, the first section was disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

Mr. Stout, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled “ An act for the settlement and relief of the poor,” passed the 11th of March, 1774.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill entitled An act to authorize Michael Ortle, to cut and erect a canal or inlet through Manasquan Beach, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly room, for the purpose of appointing civil and military officers.

And that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled An act authorizing the appointment of commissioners for taking acknowledgment, or proof of deeds or conveyances, without amendment,—and that Council have passed a bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the New Jersey turnpike company, passed February 27, 1806.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 9.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Shreve, from the committee on that subject, reported, in part, a bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to cut a canal from Claypit Creek to Bowne Creek, so as to make them navigable from North Shresbury river into the bay.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of land held by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church in Amwell.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize Michael Ortley, to cut and erect a canal or inlet through Manasquan Beach, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of county Clerks, for their services at elections for Representatives in Congress and Electors of President and Vice-President, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled " An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, dec. and Street's point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices and other works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same." passed the 2d day of Feb. 1816; was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of David Thorp, dec. was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,

Messrs, Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell.
Leake,

YEAS.

Messrs. Newell,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
J. Sharp,

Messrs. Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Board,
Dayton,
Ellis,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Outwater,
Parker,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Risley,
E. Sharp,
Willits,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act relative to incorporations for manufacturing purposes, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Messrs. Lydacker,
Newell,
Outwater,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Thompson,
Wood.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Mandeville,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pine,
Prall,

Messrs. Shreve,
Stout.
Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that the amendment made thereto by Council, has been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the north main branch of Rancocus creek, between the town of Mount Holly and the south main branch of said creek in the county of Burlington, and for other purposes—

Was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company, passed Feb. 27, 1806, was taken up, and after employing some time thereon,

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The Speaker presented to the House the report of the Adjutant General.

Which report was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stout, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to compensate Reuben D. Tucker, for the transportation of arms and ammunition.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Edgar, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to provide for the e-

rection of a building for the protection of a field piece, belonging to this State.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Shreve, from the committee for that purpose, further reported a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam Boat company.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Bayard, with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to revive an act therein mentioned.

Mr. Parker, presented a petition from John Vankirk and Andrew Vankirk, of the county of Middlesex, praying for reasons therein set forth, a law authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain real estate in said county.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs. Parker, Pine and Lydacker.

Mr. Sharp, with leave, presented a bill entitled A supplement to An act to stay executions in certain cases, passed the 17th day of Feb. 1815.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill from Council, entitled An act directing the descent of real estate to persons of the half blood, was taken up and committed to Messrs. Thompson, Bayard and Parker.

The bill from Council, entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company, passed Feb. 27, 1806, was again taken up and committed to Messrs. Howell, Cortright and Day.

The bill entitled An act to repeal an act therein mentioned, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

The report made by Mr. Rutherford, on the sub-

ject of a wing-dam, &c. was called up, read and agreed to by the House.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to enable Daniel W. Coxe, Samuel Wright, jun. Peter T. Smith, and the survivors and survivor of them, his or their heirs or assigns, to erect a wing-dam in the river Delaware, to connect Yard's island with the main land, at Bloomsbury, was taken up—whereupon,

Mr. Holcombe, presented a memorial from Daniel W. Coxe, in answer to a paper presented from Gideon H. Wells, &c.

Which memorial was read, and

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Davison,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Newell,

Messrs. Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Read,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Day,
Dayton,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Nixon,
Pine,
Reeve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Bra kle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto

by Council, have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act for the settlement and relief of the poor, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for ascertaining the most eligible route for, and the probable expense of a canal, to connect the tide waters of the Delaware, with those of the Raritan, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed

Mr. Howell, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company, passed Feb. 27, 1806, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and with the bill postponed.

Mr. Dayton. with leave, presented a bill entitled An act to authorize a bridge over Elizabeth creek, in Essex County.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled An act directing the descent of real estate to persons of the half blood, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to by the House, and the bill ordered a third reading.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey, was taken up and committed to Messrs. Holcombe, Kitchell and Bayard.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow morning.

SATURDAY, February 10.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to authorize the building a dam across Bound Creek.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of John Vankirk and Andrew Vankirk—

Reported, That provision is made for the case of the petitioners, by an existing law.

Which report was agreed to, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject, further reported, a bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act to prevent tipping houses.

Which bill was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House without amendment :—

The bill entitled An act directing the investment of certain monies belonging to this State—The bill entitled An act to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen—And the bill entitled An act to authorize Michael Ortley to cut and erect a canal or inlet through Manasquan Beach

The engrossed bill entitled An act to clear out and improve the navigation of the North main branch of Rancocus Creek, between the town of Mount Holly and the South main branch of said Creek, in

the county of Burlington, and for other purposes, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Howell,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Read,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Simpson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Condit,
Day,
Dow,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Newell,
Nixon,

Messrs. Outwater,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to ascertain the most eligible route for, and the probable expense of, a canal, to connect the tide waters of the Delaware, with those of the Raritan, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to facilitate the intercourse between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania and this State, was taken up—and after employing

some time thereon, was committed to the committee who reported the same.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council, entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled An act to facilitate the intercourse between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania, and this State, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Council came into the Assembly Room; when the two Houses went into Joint Meeting.— After which the Joint Meeting rose; and

The House adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, February 12.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An act to authorize a bridge over Elizabeth Creek, in Essex County, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Report of the Quarter Master General was

taken up, and committed to Messrs. Day, Edgar and Kille.

Mr. E. Sharp asked and obtained leave of absence during the remainder of the sitting.

The bill entitled An act to revive an act therein mentioned, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Newell, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Borough of Salem, in the county of Salem.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee for that purpose, reported the following unfinished business of last sitting, viz.

1. A bill to tax Bank stock.
2. A bill to incorporate the New-York and Jersey Steam boat company.
3. A bill relative to the surety of the peace.
4. A bill to extend the Branch turnpike from Kingston to New-Brunswick.
5. A bill for investing the estates of drunkards in trustees.
6. A bill relative to Steam-boat navigation.
7. A bill relative to turnpike roads.
8. A bill relative to forfeited estates.

Unfinished business of the present sitting.

1. A bill for the preservation of sheep.
2. A bill respecting roads.
3. A bill relative to apprentices.
4. A supplement to the act respecting statutes.

5. A bill to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey.

6. A bill to revive and continue the act relative to the stay of executions.

7. A bill for the relief of insolvents.

8. A bill supplementary to the militia act.

9. Report of the committee on the subject of the State prison.

10. Report of the committee respecting amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

11. Supplement to the act against vice and immorality.

12. A bill relative to the descent of real estates to the persons of the half blood.

13. A bill to facilitate the intercourse between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania and New-Jersey.

14. Supplement to the act constituting courts for the trial of small causes.

15. A bill to provide for the appointment of Presidents of courts of common pleas, &c.

16. Supplement to the act regulating the courts of law.

17. Supplement to the act against tippling houses.

18. A bill for appointing commissioners to ascertain the best route for a canal between the Delaware and Raritan.

19. A bill concerning Steam Boats.

20. A bill relative to the drivers of stages, &c.

21. A bill respecting slaves.

22. Report of the Treasurer respecting the Assembly room.

PRIVATE BILLS.

1. To sell the estate of Peter Vannest.

2. To appoint trustees to sell the estate of Ogden Johnson.

3. To sell the estate of Asa Read, dec.
4. To incorporate the Bridgetown Bank, in Middlesex county.
5. To establish a banking and navigation company at Elizabeth-Town.
6. For the relief of Daniel Smith.
7. To make a turnpike from Paterson to the river Hudson.
8. To incorporate the Georgetown and Franklin turnpike company.
9. To incorporate the Bellville turnpike company.
10. To erect a bridge over Elizabeth-Town creek.
11. To erect a turnpike from Coreyl's Town to Somerville.
12. To sell church lands in Amwell.
13. To build a dam over Bound creek.
14. To incorporate the town of Salem.
15. Supplement to the Act to incorporate the Shrewsbury Steam Boat, &c. company.
16. For the relief of Reuben D. Tucker.
17. For the protection of a field piece belonging to this State.
18. Bill to incorporate the Philadelphia and Trenton Steam Boat company.
19. For the relief of Jabez Pierson.
20. For the sale of real estate of Thomas Opdycke.
21. To erect a turnpike road between Bordentown and South Amboy.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to revive and extend an act therein mentioned, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to an act, entitled An act for the settlement and the relief of the poor, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Newell,
Nixon,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
E. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willets,
Wood.

NAY.

Mr. Hancock.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council entitled An act directing the descent of real estate of persons of the half blood, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The bill from Council entitled An act to incorporate the Medical Society of New-Jersey, was read a third time.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that said bills have been passed by this House with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of Council.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company, passed Feb. 27, 1806, with the amendments, was taken up and postponed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House without amendment.

The bill entitled An act fixing the compensation of county clerks for their services at elections for representatives in Congress and electors of President and Vice-President.

The bill entitled An act to confirm the last will and testament of David Thorp, deceased ; and the bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled " An act to enable the owners and possessors of the marsh lying between Moore's bank and Tyler's point, being the fast land of the heirs of Joseph Hancock, dec. and Street point, being the fast land of David Stretch, in the county of Salem, to build, repair, and keep in repair, a bank, dam, sluices, and other works to prevent the tide from overflowing the same," passed the second day of Feb. 1816.

And that Council have passed a bill entitled A supplement to the act establishing a militia system—

and a bill entitled An act for the relief of Stephen Snethen, making void his marriage contract with Charlotte Snethen his wife, late Charlotte Buhannan.

To which bills they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bills were respectively read, and ordered second readings.

The bill entitled An act to authorize the building a dam across Bound creek, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg turnpike road to the Hudson river, was taken up, amended, gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House took up the amendment of Council to the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike road from Bordentown to South Amboy, disagreed to the same—and ordered the Clerk to inform Council thereof.

The committee to whom were referred certain propositions from the State of North Carolina, for amending the Constitution of the United States, having given the subject that deliberate examination which a proper respect for the opinions of a sister State, and its own intrinsic importance require,

BEG LEAVE TO REPORT,

That the excellency of principles in our government consists in their natural tendency to preserve the liberty of the citizen, and also to ensure the stability and duration of the government. Your committee have endeavored to make a comparative estimate of the merits of the present provisions of the Constitution and of the contemplated alterations, with a reference solely to these important objects. The individual States now determine the mode of ap-

pointing their own Representatives. This power, exercised by the States, is believed to be liable to several weighty objections.

1. It occasions an irregularity in the manner of appointing representatives, unfavorable to an equal expression of the public sentiment, and having a strong tendency to destroy the relative political consequence of different members of the Union in the National Legislature.

Thus, if one State is entirely and fairly districted for the choice of Representatives, and in another they are chosen by a general election, it almost necessarily follows, that when they come to act in concert, the sentiments of a majority of the people in those different States will not be represented. Such a consequence ought, if possible, to be avoided, as being directly at variance with the first principles of free governments, "*that a majority must rule.*" This effect is premised on the supposition that different modes should prevail in different States. But it is reasonable to presume that the States, even if they are influenced by nothing more than a common and ordinary regard to their individual importance, on experiencing the partial operation of this unequal distribution of power, will adopt any mode permitted by the constitution, to preserve or increase their relative weight in the union. For this purpose they will resort to the practice of general elections, notwithstanding the many disadvantages connected with it. Such an effect would obviously increase the evil. For it would often happen that a small majority in one State would overbalance and counteract a very large majority in another. Thus on a supposition that two of the larger States should be entitled to an equal representation in Congress, and in one of them a majority of twenty thousand electors should be in favor of a particular course of political measures, and in the other a majority of one hundred should prefer a contrary course, it inevitably follows that this major-

ity of one hundred in one State, from their local situation, would have an equal weight, and could defeat the wishes of twenty thousand in another. This may possibly be considered an extreme case, and one which will rarely happen. But in examining principles of government calculated for an extensive Republic, nothing ought to be thought visionary which the different members, composing it, have permission to do so, and especially, if they are invited to it by the powerful inducements of ambition and interest.

2. Another disadvantage incident to the present uncertain mode of appointing Representatives, and which plainly appears from the preceding observations, is, that a very small political change in a large State might produce a great and sudden change in the National Legislature. It seems inconsistent with political wisdom that the General Government, which ought to be equally influenced by all, and which ought to operate alike on all should be subject to derangement by an inconsiderable number of the constituent members of one of its parts; yet, from the provisions of the Constitution, now under consideration, not only this effect may be produced, but even the whole course of its policy changed.

3. By permitting the States to prescribe the mode of appointing their own Representatives, a principle is ingrafted in the Constitution, which leads too strongly to local feelings in opposition to those which are national. The States are independent and national for purposes of internal regulations. But this idea of nationality ought not to be carried into the General Government. Its effect will be to destroy or enfeeble the power and influence of the smaller States. It will give rise to local jealousies and suspicions; ideal lines and geographical boundaries will be marked out, where it will be supposed an unity of interest ceases. The States may, from this cause, by artful excitements, be marshalled in opposition to each other, or to the General Govern-

ment, and the minds of the people, through insinuations that their prosperity is retarded by an influence beyond their controul, will be gradually prepared to sever those bonds of union which can alone constitute the safety or the prosperity of our Republic.

4. In a general election the people must of necessity, be in a great measure, unacquainted with their Representatives. This gives opportunity for the exercise of intrigue and improper influence, uncongenial with the purity of elections. The power of appointing their rulers, though nominally in the hands of the people, seems too liable by indirect means to be transferred to a few individuals, unknown to the letter or spirit of the Constitution. The natural consequence of this is, to weaken the direct responsibility of the Representative to his constituents. His reputation is made to depend more on his subserviency to a few wealthy or influential citizens, than on the fidelity with which he seeks to promote the public interest. It is true, that no mode of election can be contrived in which all the electors can have a personal acquaintance with their Representatives, or be entirely exempted from external influence. But we ought not, for these reasons, unnecessarily to cherish any operating principle in a government which affords the means and holds out inducements for the increase of such influence. Yet such will be the case in proportion as it becomes necessary to multiply the number of intermediate agents who direct the people in their choice of Representatives. Though no great inconvenience or danger may be apprehended from this cause in the infancy of a republic, yet as reason tells us, that is in some measure unfavorable to a free and unbiassed expression of the public sentiment, it is better to dispense with it, whenever it can be done with safety.

The foregoing observations are applicable in part

to the manner of appointing electors of President and Vice-President, as well as to the choice of Representatives. But there are strong additional objections to the present mode of appointing electors. The manner of their appointment depends on the will of the State Legislatures. And they are often chosen by the Legislatures themselves. A wide door is in this way opened for the introduction of practices, highly unfavorable to the independence of the first magistrate of the union. The members of the State Legislatures, who have the appointment of electors are known before, and many of them a considerable time before the appointment takes place—a temptation, not easy to be resisted, is thus held out for ambitious men to seek, by indirect means, the highest office in the gift of the government—an opportunity is afforded of studying the temper and peculiar disposition of those who choose electors, and time and opportunity are given to practice upon them.

Besides, it often happens from political or other divisions, which always exist in free governments, that the obtaining of a small portion of the votes, in a State Legislature, would secure all the electors of that State. Under such circumstances, it is almost impossible not to believe that a President of the U. States might be appointed very dissatisfactory to the wishes of a great majority of the people.

And if we consider the interest which foreign nations will always feel in the proceedings of our government, it is not extravagant to suppose that they will attack us in a part so evidently vulnerable, and thus acquire an influence inconsistent with the honor, and hurtful to the prosperity of the country.

Your committee consider the foregoing as weighty objections against the present provisions of the Constitution for the appointment of Representatives in Congress, and Electors of President and Vice-Pres-

ident. They are of opinion that the mode of appointing these important public agents, should be the same in every part of the confederation, and that it ought to be settled upon permanent constitutional grounds, so as not to subject the general government to changes or fluctuations, when there is no real change in the sentiments of the people. That this mode should be by a fair division of each State, into as many districts as there are Representatives and Electors to be chosen, appears truly to accord with the spirit and design of our political institutions. The representative is thus brought more immediately within the knowledge of his constituents, and is more directly responsible to them. The public sentiment will be regularly and fairly infused into the general government, without a liability to be stopped or turned aside at the caprice of intervening state authorities. The people will be enabled to exercise their elective franchise with knowledge and discrimination, while they are left as free from any improper influence, as the nature and condition of mankind will permit.

This is all that can be done for the permanent security of equal privileges, and being established on such a basis, they will continue while virtue and intelligence remain with the people.

But notwithstanding the reasons which seem strongly to recommend the proposed amendments, yet as the present Constitution was produced by the united wisdom and patriotism of the founders of our Republic, and therefore may possibly contain peculiar excellencies that have escaped observation. As some danger may also be connected with every change from its tendency to weaken the veneration of the people for our constitutional charter, and as the wisest men can never foresee the precise practical effect of any political theory. Therefore your committee, in order to afford time to give the subject a full and fair investigation, equal to its importance,

recommend that the final decision of this State on the aforesaid propositions made by the State of North Carolina, for amending the Constitution of the U. States, be postponed till the next session of the Legislature.

By order of the Committee,
D. THOMPSON, Jun. *Chairman.*

Which report was read, ordered a second reading, and meantime to be printed.

The House adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, February 13.

Ten o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize the building a dam across Bound Creek, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Parker, from the joint committee appointed at the last sitting, on the subject of the State Prison, made the following report :—

That the materials and stock of the Institution on the 1 October, 1814, amount to

25,349 02

And there was received from the Treasury during the year ending 1 October, 1815, the sum of

4,087 46

Making altogether,

29,436 48

That the stock and materials
 on hand the 1 Oct. 1815,
 as stated (per account
 marked A) to amount to 25,439 96

To which is added iron, not
 included in that account, as
 per certificate of the Inspec-
 tors, dated 31 January last, 1,068 56

Making the whole stock and mate-
 rials on 1 October 1815, 26,508 52

And by which a loss appears
 to have accrued of \$2,927 96

The loss thus incurred appears
 to have arisen on the follow-
 ing items of profit and loss,
 viz.

Articles of Loss.

Weaving account,	171	92	
Cordwainers,	38	30	
Prison repairs,	238	46	
Prisoners discharged, &c.	1,218	40	
Salaries of Keeper and as- sistants, Inspectors, &c.	3380	00	
Incidental expences,	483	68	
Screw Factory,	12	22	
			5,542 98

Articles of Gain.

Nailery,	1,380	81	
Cooperage,	120	19	
Clothing account,	108	53	
Provision account,	928	42	
Interest,	77	07	2,615 02
			2,615 02

Amount of loss as above stated \$2,927 96

That the loss on the operations of the prison for the year ending 1 October, 1814, was \$2,344 14 making an increased loss during the last year of \$583 82.

It will be remarked that a large item of loss is the amount due by prisoners discharged, amounting during the year past to \$1,218 40. A part of the amount due from prisoners consists of the costs of prosecution and conviction, which by law the inspectors are bound to pay on receipt of the offender, and which are charged to his account; and these costs are at times greatly extended by the circumstance of the prisoner's being convicted on several separate indictments. The inspectors consider themselves bound by law to discharge prisoners at the expiration of the term for which they are committed, upon a representation of their good behaviour from the keeper, notwithstanding their being in debt—and as many are committed for short terms, and cannot so soon earn these expences, over and above their subsistence; and others committed for longer terms are, from decrepitude and other causes unable to earn their living—an apparent loss arises to the institution, which in fact does not accrue upon its own operations, but by its paying the expence of convicting offenders committed to it.

It is to be remarked also, that this item of loss varies in different years, from the accidental cause of the sentences expiring in one year being more numerous than in others. And that the loss the last year from this item, exceeds that of the year preceding the sum of \$465 19: and also that the amount due from infirm prisoners is not carried to the debit of the profit and loss account until their discharge or death—by which means a loss which has accrued and been increasing for several years, appears as if it arose during the year in which the discharge or death takes place. In the year to end the

1 October, 1816, one instance of this kind will occur, wherein the debit of an old and decrepit convict is nearly \$600 for his subsistence during 10 years confinement; but the whole of which without examination, would appear to be the loss of one year.

The item of incidental expences has been greater the last year than usual, owing to the purchase of a horse and several other articles of extraordinary expence: and the manufacture of nails, a considerable source of profit, has been the last year less productive than in the year 1814, by the sum of nearly 700 dollars. This last is stated to the committee to have arisen from the circumstance that the iron and nail rods used had been greatly enhanced in price, while the manufactured article could not be sold at a correspondent advance. The committee submit for the information of the Legislature, all the statements handed them relating to the concerns of the State Prison, together with a comparative statement of the profit and loss during the two past years.

JN. FRELINGHUYSEN,

Chairman of Committee from Council.

JAMES PARKER,

GEO. HOLCOMBE.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stout, from the committee to whom was committed the memorial from the Secretary of State, reported, That in their opinion the fees now allowed the Secretary for copying and comparing the laws of this State, ought to be raised from six to eight cents per sheet.

Which report was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Simpson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be au-

thorized and required to cause the two easternmost pillars in the Assembly room to be removed, if the same can be done without injury to the building, and cause desks to be placed immediately in front of the space they now occupy.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The bill entitled A supplement to an act to stay executions in certain cases, passed the 17th day of February, eighteen hundred and fifteen, was taken up and committed to Messrs. Day, Thompson and Simpson.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate the borough of Salem, in the county of Salem, was taken up and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of the widow and heirs of John Finley, dec. for the sale of lands of said deceased,

Reported, That provision is made for the case of the petitioners by an existing law.

Which report was agreed to by the House, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw their papers.

Mr. Wood, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," passed March fifteenth, seventeen hundred and ninety eight, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, and with the bill postponed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to authorize a bridge over Elizabeth creek, in Essex county, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows

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YEAS.

Messrs. Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Leake,
Lydacker,
Newell,
Nixon,
Outwater,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Stout,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Edgar,
Howell,
Mandeville,
Parker,
Pearson,

Messrs. Pine,
Reeve,
Risley,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Willets.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Day, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled An act to compensate the Quarter Master General.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was committed the bill entitled A supplement to an act to stay executions in certain cases, passed the 17th day of February, eighteen hundred and fifteen, reported the same with amendments,

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Day offered the following resolution ;

Resolved, That this House rise on Friday next.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed a bill entitled “ An act authorizing and empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief of this State to purchase brass field artillery.”

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill from Council entitled An act for the relief of Stephen Snethen, making void his marriage contract with Charlotte Snethen his wife, late Charlotte Buhannan, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered a third reading.

The bill entitled An act to provide for the erection of a building for the protection of a field piece belonging to this State, was read a second time, the first section disagreed to, and the bill dismissed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to facilitate the intercourse between the states of New-York and Pennsylvania and this State, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Amin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cartright,
Davison,

Messrs. Dayton,
Edgar,
Howell,
Kitchell,
Leake,

243
YEAS.

Messrs. Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,

Messrs. Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Day,
Dow,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Newell,
Nixon,

Messrs. Pearson,
Pine,
Reeve,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

The House took up the amendments made by Council to the bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Bellville turnpike company," agreed to the first and disagreed to the last, and appointed Messrs. Howell, Cortright and Day, a committee of conference on the subject of said disagreement.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council thereof, and request them to appoint a correspondent committee.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act concerning roads," passed Feb. 22, 1811, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the proprietors of the New-Brunswick bridge," was taken up and dismissed.

The bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey

Stage and Steam Boat company," was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act to compensate Reuben D. Tucker, for the transportation of arms and ammunition, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have appointed Messrs. Frelinghuysen, Beatty and Upson, a committee of conference on the part of Council, on the subject of the disagreement of this House to the last amendment of Council, to the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bellville turnpike company.

And that Council have passed a bill entitled An act to repeal a supplement to the act entitled An act making provision for the carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes.

To which bill they request the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Linn, also informed the House, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act for the settlement and relief of the poor, passed March 11th, 1774, with an amendment.

To which amendment they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendment was read, disagreed to, and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The bill from Council, entitled A supplement to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company," passed the 27th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and six, with the amendments made thereto by the commit-

tee, was taken up and re-committed to Messrs. How-
ell, Cortright and Day—whereupon,

Mr. Howell, from said committee, reported the
same with an amendment to the amendment.

Which last amendment was read, agreed to by
the House, the bill gone through by section, and or-
dered a third reading.

The amendments made by the committee to the
bill entitled A further supplement to the act entitled
An act constituting courts for the trial of small cau-
ses, passed March 15, 1798, were taken up and the
bill postponed.

The House adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow
morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 14.

Nine o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a
company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg turn-
pike road to the Hudson river, was read a third time
and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the
act entitled " An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury
and Jersey Stage and Steam Boat company," was
read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Pearson,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Dow,
Nixon,
Parker,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Risley.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled "An act concerning roads," passed Feb. 22, 1811, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative as follows

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Davison,
Day,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Leake,
Newell,
Nixon,

Messrs. Prall,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Board,
Cortright,
Edgar,
Kille,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Lydacker,
Outwater,
Pine,
Reeve,
Risley.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to compensate Reuben D. Tucker, for the transportation of arms and ammunition, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Mandeville,
Newell,
Outwater,
Prall,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Nixon,

Mr. Pennington, Sp.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The engrossed bill entitled A supplement to "An act to stay executions in certain cases," passed the 17th day of Feb. 1815, was read a third time, compared and re-committed to the committee who reported the same.

The bill from Council, entitled An act for the re-

Chief of Stephen Snethen, making void his marriage contract with Charlotte Snethen, his wife, late Charlotte Buhannan, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Ellis,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,

Messrs. Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,

NAYS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Edgar,
Pearson,

Messrs. Reeve,
Risley,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council that the House have passed said bill, without amendment.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to an act entitled " An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company," passed the 27th day of Feb. 1806, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows ;

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Condit,
Cortright,

Messrs. Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,

YEAS.

Messrs. Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Parker,
Pearson,

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Farlee,
Nixon,

Messrs. Stout,
Van Brakle.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, and inform them that it has been passed by this House, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of Council.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was re-committed the engrossed bill entitled "A supplement to 'An act to stay executions in certain cases,'" passed the 17th day of Feb. 1815, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled "A supplement to the act entitled 'An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,'" passed March 15, 1798, with the amendments, were taken up—the amendments disagreed to—and

On the question, shall this bill pass ?

I was determined in the negative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Leake,
Lydacker,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Reeve,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Simpson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Board,
Condit,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Kille,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Outwater,

Messrs. Pine,
Prall,
Risley,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Willits,
Wood.

Mr. Day, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill entitled A supplement to An act to stay executions in certain cases, passed the 17th day of Feb. 1815, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of land, held by the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in Amwell, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, was taken up, and after progressing therein—

The house adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.

Three o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of land held by the Congregation of said Andrew's Church, in Amwell, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill entitled A supplement to "An act staying executions in certain cases," passed the 17th day of Feb. 1815, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,

Messrs. Newell,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Amin,
Bayard,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Howell,
Kitchell,

Messrs. Outwater,
Parker,
Pine,
Risley,
Willits.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that they have been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

ordered, That the Report relative to a contemplated Canal from the river Delaware to the Raritan, be sent to Council for their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Report of the joint committee, relative to the affairs of the State Prison, be also sent to Council.

Mr. Bayard offered the following resolutions :

The public interest requiring a revision of all the public laws of this State :

Resolved, 1. That Charles Kinsey and _____ of the city of Burlington, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose of revising, compiling and publishing all the public laws of this State now in force, including those of the present session of the Legislature—that they make an abridgement thereof in marginal notes with an index to the whole, of all the principal matters therein contained—that they insert such marginal references to or from the different acts which relate to each other, as may be necessary for explaining the acts aforesaid ; together with the public documents prefixed to Paterson's revised edition of the laws of this state, and an alphabetical index of the private laws that have been passed since the year one thousand eight hundred, with the dates at which they were severally passed ; which laws so compiled, revised and published, being first certified by the said commissioners to have been carefully compared with the public laws and documents aforesaid, as now published, to be correct copies of the same ; shall be admitted to be read in evidence in the several courts of this State as the printed acts of the Legislature are now admitted to be read.

Resolved, 2. That if either of the above named commissioners shall from sickness, removal, or any other cause, be unable to perform the duty herein before specified ; in such case, it shall be lawful for the Governor of this State, or the person administering

the government thereof, to supply the vacancy so happening, by a written instrument under his hand, and the person so appointed shall have the same authority. be entitled to the same privileges and his certificate shall have the same validity as are designated in the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, 3. That the Legislature of this State shall be considered as entitled at their discretion to demand and receive from the compilers of the proposed edition of the laws, when completed, or from their representatives, any number of copies of the same, not exceeding 1340, at the wholesale or bookseller's price.

Resolved, 4. That the foregoing resolutions be sent to Council for concurrence.

Which resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled An act further to amend the act entitled An act for the preservation of sheep, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled An act for suppressing vice and immorality, passed the 16th March, 1798, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act further to amend the act entitled An act for the preservation of sheep, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,

Messrs. Edgar,
Ellis,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Hewell,
Kille,

YEAS.

Messrs. Kitchell,
Leake,
Newell,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,

Messrs. Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Simpson,
Van Brakle.

NAYS.

Messrs. Board,
Farlee,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Nixon,

Messrs. Outwater,
Prall,
Shreve,
Willits,
Wood.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

The bill from Council, entitled An act to repeal a supplement to the act entitled An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes, was called up and committed to Messrs. Parker, Bayard and Wood.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, and after employing considerable time thereon,

The House adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.



THURSDAY, February 15.

Nine o'clock, the House met.

Mr. Dayton, presented a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, complaining of the conduct of certain persons, relative to unlocated lands and praying relief in the premises.

Which petition was read, and committed to Messrs Dayton, Cortright and Farlee.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee to whom was committed the resolution directing an enquiry, whether the Managers of Queen's College Lottery had complied with the law authorizing the same, by paying into the Treasury of this State, the sum of 5000 dollars—

Reported,

That said Managers had not—and furthermore, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be requested to call on the Managers of said Lottery and demand the payment thereof, and report thereon to the next Legislature.

Which resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled “ An act for suppressing vice and immorality,” passed the 16th March, 1798, was read a third time and committed to the committee who reported the same.

Mr. Parker, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from Council entitled An act to repeal A supplement to the act entitled An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes, reported the same with amendments.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, the bill gone through by section, and ordered a third reading.

The report of the committee on the memorial of the Secretary of State was taken up, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Dow, from the committee to whom was committed the engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled “ An act for suppressing vice

and immorality," passed the 16th March, 1798, reported the same with an amendment.

Which amendment was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill from Council entitled An act to repeal a supplement to the act entitled An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House with an amendment, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to cut a canal from Claypit creek to Bowne creek, so as to make them navigable from North Shrewsbury river into the Bay, was read a second time, considered by section and ordered to be engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act supplementary to an act entitled " An act for suppressing vice and immorality," passed the 16th March, 1798, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was decided in the negative as follows ;

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Howell,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Newell,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Siampson,
Thompson.

NAYS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Kille,
Mandeville,
Nixon,
Outwater,
Pine,

Messrs. Prall,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

The bill from Council entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act establishing a militia system, was taken up—whereupon,

Mr. Pearson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That no non-commissioned officer or private militia man, shall be fined in a greater sum than one dollar, for not doing duty any one day required by law.

Which resolution was read—whereupon,

The yeas and nays being required, were as follow :

YEAS.

Messrs. Hancock,
Kille,
Newell,
Nixon,
Pearson,
Pine,

Messrs. Prall,
Read,
Risley,
Simpson,
Willits,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Holcombe,
Howell,

Messrs. Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pennington, Sp.
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle.

So it was determined in the negative, the bill gone through by section, and ordered a third reading.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment :—

The bill entitled An act to authorize the building a dam across Bound creek—and the bill entitled An act to revive an act therein mentioned ; and that Council have receded from their amendments to the following bills from this House, viz.—The bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville turnpike company—And the bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy, disagreed to by the House ; and have passed the said bills with amendments agreed upon by the committee of conference appointed by by both Houses. To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills respectively ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Outwater, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Bergen, praying protection in their rights of fishing in the North River—

Reported, That they conceive provision is made for that purpose, by the act entitled “ An act to preserve and support the jurisdiction of this State ;” but as the subject is of importance, and may require further consideration, they recommend that the said petition be referred to the next sitting of the Legislature.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Read, with leave, presented a bill entitled An additional supplement to the act entitled “ An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,” passed March 15, 1798.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill entitled "An act to compensate the Quarter Master General," was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill entitled An act concerning Steam Boats, was called up and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Bayard, on Wednesday last, relative to a revision of all the public laws of this State, were called up and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill from Council, entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act establishing a militia system, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Farlee,
Hancock,

Messrs. Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Newell,
Nixon,
Outwater,
Parker,
Pearson,

YEAS.

Messrs. Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Read,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,

Messrs. Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Wood.

NAYS.

Messrs. Pine,
Reeve,

Mr. Willets.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform Council, that said bill has been passed by this House, without amendment.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled An act to incorporate the New-Jersey turnpike company—and to the bill entitled An act incorporating the Medical Society of the State of New-Jersey—and have caused the said bills to be re-engrossed. And that Council have passed the following bills from this House without amendment—

The bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to extend the Paterson and Hamburg Turnpike road to the Hudson river—the bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act to incorporate the Shrewsbury and Jersey Stage and Steam Boat company—the bill entitled An act authorizing the sale of land held by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church in Amwell—the bill entitled A supplement to "An act to stay executions in certain cases," passed the 17th day of February, 1815—the bill entitled An act to compensate the Quarter Master General—and the bill entitled An act to compensate Reuben D. Tuck-

er, for the transportation of arms and ammunition—Also, that Council have receded from their amendment to the bill entitled A supplement to an act entitled “An act for the settlement and relief of the poor,” passed the 11th day of March, 1774, and passed the same without amendment—and that they have passed the bill from this House entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Woodbridge turnpike road to the new Blazing Star, with amendments.

To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The following bills were respectively postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature, viz.—The bill entitled An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt—the bill entitled An act to erect and establish a banking and navigation company in Elizabeth-Town, in New-Jersey—the bill entitled An act to establish the Middlesex Bank, at the town of Bridgetown, in the county of Middlesex, New-Jersey—the bill entitled An act supplementary to the act entitled An act to prevent tipping Houses—the bill entitled An act respecting the drivers of stages and other carriages kept for hire—the bill entitled A supplement to the act to regulate the courts of law—the bill entitled An act to authorize the Treasurer of this State to pay to Daniel Smith, of the township of Middletown, in the county of Monmouth, a certain sum of money—the bill entitled An act to incorporate the Trenton and Philadelphia Steam Boat Company—the bill entitled An act to invest in trustees the estates of habitual drunkards and gamblers, and to prevent drunkenness and gambling—and the bill from Council entitled An act authorizing and empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief of this State to purchase brass field artillery.

The following bills, &c. were called up and severally dismissed.

A bill entitled An act to tax bank stock—a bill entitled An act to appoint trustees to sell and convey the real estate of Peter Van Nest, late of the county of Somerset, dec.—a bill entitled An act appointing trustees to sell and convey the real estate of Ogden Johnson, deceased—A bill entitled An act to appoint trustees to sell and convey the real estate of Asa Read, late of the county of Hunterdon, deceased—a bill from Council entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of Thomas Opdycke, late of the county of Hunterdon, deceased—a bill entitled An act to incorporate the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company—a bill entitled An act concerning surety to keep the peace—a bill entitled An act to extend the Princeton and Kingston branch turnpike—a bill relative to turnpike roads—a bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike road from Cough's town to Somerville—a bill entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act respecting forfeited estates—a bill entitled An act relative to Steam Boat navigation—a bill entitled A supplement to the act respecting slaves—and a petition for setting off a part of Oxford township, in the county of Sussex.

The House adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon.



Three o'clock, the House met.

The bill entitled An additional supplement to the act entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, passed March 15, 1798, was read a second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Dow, from the committee on that subject,

reported a bill entitled An act to defray incidental charges.

Which bill was read a first and second time, considered by section, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to cut a canal from Claypit creek to Bowne creek, so as to make them navigable from North Shrewsbury river into the Bay, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Edgar, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Campyon Cutter and David E. Paton, administrators of Doctor Isaac Ludlow, deceased, and others, requesting a law to enable them to sell real estate,

Reported, That the general law lately passed on this subject, renders any further provision unnecessary.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Holcombe, from the committee to whom was committed the petition of Robert De Bow, Ebenezer Smith and others, praying for a law to authorize them to sell and convey the real estate of Samuel Quay, deceased,

Reported, That the case embraced by the petition is provided for by the existing laws of this State.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the House.

The engrossed bill entitled An additional supplement to the act entitled An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes, passed March 15, 1798, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dayton,
Dow,
Edgar,
Ellis,
Farlee,
Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Kille,
Kitchell,
Leake,
Lydacker,

Messrs. Newell,
Nixon,
Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Prall,
Read,
Reeve,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle,
Willits,
Wood.

NAY.

Mr. Pine.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Woodbridge turnpike road to the New-Blazing Star, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Annin,
 Bayard,
 Board,
 Cortright,
 Davison,
 Day,
 Dayton,
 Dow,
 Edgar,
 Ellis,
 Hancock,
 Holcombe,
 Howell,
 Kille,
 Kitchell,
 Leake,
 Lydacker,
 Mandeville,

Messrs. Newell,
 Outwater,
 Parker,
 Pearson,
 Pennington, Sp.
 Pine,
 Read,
 Reeve,
 Richman,
 Risley,
 J. Sharp,
 Shreve,
 Simpson,
 Stout,
 Thompson,
 Van Brakle,
 Willits,
 Wood.

NAYS.

Mr. Farlee,

Mr. Nixon.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

The Report made by Mr. Thompson, on the North Carolina Resolutions, was taken up—and the final decision thereon, pursuant to the recommendation in the last paragraph of said report, postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled “ An act to incorporate a company to cut a canal from Clay-

pit creek to Bowne creek, so as to make them navigable from North Shrewsbury river into the Bay"—and the bill entitled "An act establishing the Cumberland Bank, at the town of Bridgeton, in the county of Cumberland, New-Jersey," without amendment.

And that Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill entitled "An act directing the descent of real estate to persons of the half blood," and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

And also, that Council have passed the bill from this House, entitled "An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Franklin turnpike company," with amendments—To which amendments they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read—

Whereupon a motion was made to postpone said bill to the next sitting of the Legislature; when, the yeas and nays being required, it was decided in the negative as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Cortright,
Davison,
Dayton,
Dow,
Farlee,
Leake,
Nixon,
Pennington, Sp.

Messrs. Prall,
Richman,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Stout,
Thompson,
Van Brakle.

NAYS.

Messrs. Annin,
Bayard,
Board,
Day,
Edgar,
Ellis,

Messrs. Hancock,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Lydacker,
Mandeville,
Outwater.

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NAYS.

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pine,
Reeve,
Read,

Messrs. Risley,
Simpson,
Willets,
Wood.

The amendments were then disagreed to by the House—and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

The House adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 16.

Eight o'clock, the House met.

The engrossed bill entitled An act to defray incidental charges, was read a third time and compared.

On the question, Shall this bill pass ?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk carry said bill to Council, inform them that it has been passed by this House, and request their concurrence therein.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate a company to erect a turnpike from Bordentown to South Amboy, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass ?

It was carried in the affirmative as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Amin,
Bayard,
Board,
Cortright,
Davison,
Day,
Dow,
Edgar,
Holcombe,
Howell,
Leake,
Lydacker,
Newell,
Outwater,

Messrs. Parker,
Pearson,
Pennington, Sp.
Pine,
Read,
Reeve,
Richman,
Risley,
J. Sharp,
Shreve,
Simpson,
Thompson,
Willits.

NAY.

Mr. Stout.

ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

The re-engrossed bill entitled An act to incorporate the Belleville turnpike company, was read and compared.

On the question, Shall this re-engrossed bill pass?

It was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the same.

ordered, That the Clerk carry said bills to Council, inform them that the amendments made thereto by Council have been agreed to by this House, and that they have caused them respectively to be re-engrossed.

The Speaker presented to the House a letter from the Adjutant General, stating services rendered the State when Quarter Master General—and suggesting that compensation is justly due to him for the same.

Which letter was read, and postponed to the next sitting of the Legislature.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House, that Council have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill entitled “ An act to repeal an act entitled A supplement to the act entitled An act making provision for the carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes and for other purposes,” and have caused the same to be re-engrossed.

And that Council have disagreed to the bill from this House entitled An act further to amend the act entitled An act for the preservation of Sheep.

And that Council have receded from their amendments to the bill from this House entitled “ An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Franklin turnpike company,” and have passed the same without amendment.

And that Council have passed the following bills from this House, without amendment—The bill entitled An additional supplement to the act entitled “ An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes,” passed March 15th, 1798—and the bill entitled An act to defray incidental charges.

And also, that Council have passed the bill from this House entitled “ An act to facilitate the intercourse between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania and this State,” with amendments.

To which amendments, they request the concurrence of this House.

Which amendments were read, and disagreed to by the House—and the Clerk ordered to inform Council thereof.

Mr. Bayard offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to Samuel Pennington, Esq. for the impartial execution of his duties, as Speaker of this House, during the past Session of the Legislature.

Which resolution was read, and unanimously agreed to by the House.

Whereupon, the Speaker made the following reply.

GENTLEMEN,

The unanimous expression of your approbation of my official conduct, during the present session, is duly appreciated. The reflection is consoling, that my endeavors to perform my duty, have been acceptable to this honorable body.

A message from Council, by Mr. Linn their Secretary, informed the House that Council have receded from their amendments to the bill entitled "An act to facilitate the intercourse between the States of New-York and Pennsylvania and this State," and have passed the same without amendment.

The House rose sine die.

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