

## NEW-JERSEY GAZETTE.

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House of Assembly, Nov. 15, 1785.

**A**PETITION from John Schuyler, of New-Barbados Neck, in the county of Bergen, was read, setting forth, that through losses and misfortunes he is unable to pay his debts, and praying that, upon his assigning over and giving up his estate to certain persons for the use of his creditors, that his person may not be confined, and that he may have leave to present a bill for that purpose;

On the said petition being read a second time, November 23, 1785,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill at the next sitting, agreeably to the prayer of his petition, on advertising the purport of the bill he means to present, and a copy of this order, in the news-papers printed in this state, and at least two of the news-papers printed in New-York.

Extract from the minutes,

MASKELL EWING, jun. Clerk.

Notice is hereby given,

That a bill will be presented to the honourable the legislature at their next sitting, agreeably to the leave given in the above order.

JOHN SCHUYLER.

Dec. 30, 1785.

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House of Assembly, Nov. 11, 1785.

**A**PETITION from Martha Vancuyver, widow and relict of William Vancuyver, late of the county of Burlington, deceased, setting forth, that the said deceased made his testament and last will in the presence of 3 witnesses; but that, through ignorance of the law, two only signed the same, and the heir at law refuses to comply with the intention of the testator, and praying leave to present a bill to establish and confirm the said will as effectually as if there had been three subscribing witnesses to the same;

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of her petition, on the second Wednesday of the next sitting, on advertising the purport of the petition, and a copy of this order, in at least three of the most publick places in the township of Willingborough, and county of Burlington, as also in the New-Jersey and Pennsylvania Gazettes, at least six weeks previous thereto.

Notice is hereby given,

That a bill will be presented to the honourable the legislature at their next sitting, agreeably to the leave given in the above order.

MARTHA VANSUYVER.

For and on the behalf of William, Sarah, Jacob and John, children of the said William Vancuyver, deceased, who are under age.

JOSIAH MATLACK,

MARY MATLACK,

MARTHA VANSUYVER.

Dec. 30, 1785.

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T O B E L E T,

**A**COMMODIOUS dwellinghouse and potworks, late the estate of James Rhodes, deceased, in Nottingham township, Burlington county, near Trenton; to be entered upon immediately. For terms apply to Mr. John Yard, in Trenton, or the subscriber on the premises.

CATHARINE RHODES.

Dec. 30, 1785.

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Shad and Herring Seine TWINES,  
**SNOWDEN and NORTH**  
Have for sale at their store on  
Spruce-Street wharf.

**A**QUANTITY of shad and herring seine twines, equal to any ever imported, both for fineness and the quality of the hemp, and made to a pattern suitable to the fisheries up the Delaware; which they will sell by the hoghead or smaller quantity. They also have cork, lead and landlines, of their own manufacture, which they will insure good.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1785.

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PRIMITIVE WHIG. No. I.

—Qui Decorum

Muneribus sapienter uti,

Duramque callet pauperiem pati,

Pejusque letho flagitium timet:

Non ille pro caris amicis

Aut patriâ timidus perire.

HOR.

**A**FTER Providence had so highly favoured us, as to enable America to triumph over the power of Great-Britain in the late war, which she cruelly waged against us, and in which our final success appeared, in the eye of human reason, against all probability; it was to be hoped that we should have conducted ourselves, in our publick character, as citizens of these now independent states, with the dignity and gratitude becoming so signal a blessing. Great was the glory we acquired during the contest; and Fame, with her trumpet, has resounded it through the universe. But what reports Fame of our subsequent behaviour? What in particular of our national Publick Faith and Justice, either respecting our foreign or domestic debts? Stop, stop, and break this trump of Fame; but then the stones will cry out, alas, alas, *how is our gold become dross; and our fine gold changed?* How is the glory of an American Congress, of an American Washington, of the American governors, of the American legislatures, of all the bright constellation of American whigs (conjointly indefatigable in the cause of liberty in our late conflict against apparently unformidable obstacles) how is it marred, obscured, contaminated, and trampled in the dust, by our conduct since the illustrious era of our emancipation from British bondage. Reluct at paying our proportion of the taxes to defray the expences necessarily incurred by our contending for, and finally accomplishing so glorious a revolution! *Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon.*

Americans, and Whig-Americans, and Americans who promised to stand by Congress and General Washington with their lives and fortunes in opposing the meditated tyranny of Britain, now grumbling about paying the taxes, which that opposition, all brilliant in its progress, and victorious in its conclusion, indispensably occasioned! Ingrates! To see a lazy, lounging, lubberly fellow sitting nights and days in a tipplinghouse, working perhaps but two days in the week, and receiving for that work double the wages he earns, and spending the rest of his time in squandering those his non-earnings in riot and debauch, and then complaining, when the collector calls for his tax, of the hardness of the times, and the want of a circulating medium—Ingrate! To hear a London-trader, who in two years accumulated more wealth by his infernal commerce with the enemy, and furnishing them with materials to continue their unnatural war against his bleeding country, than he could in ten by his honest industry—to hear a London-trader, I say, who, for filthy lucre, sold his conscience, his allegiance, his patriotism and his soul, now complain of the difficulty to pay his taxes! Ingrate! But who is that yonder honest looking farmer, who shakes his head at the name of taxes, and protests that he cannot pay them! Why, he is a man whose three daughters are under the discipline of a French dancing-master, when they ought every one of them to be at the spinning-wheel; and who, while they should be dressed in decent homespun, as were their frugal grand-mothers, now carry half of their father's crop upon their backs; and surpass, in the soppery and expence of their popinjay habiliments, all the belles of Jerusalem in the days of Heiah, in all “the bravery of their tinkling ornaments, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, their chains, and their bracelets, and their mufflers, their bonnets, and their ornaments of the legs, and their headbands, their tablets, and their ear-rings, their rings and nose-jewels, their changeable suits of apparel, and their mantles and their wimples and their crisping-pins, their glasses and their fine linen, their hoods and their veils.”—Ingrate!

But is there nothing besides this infamous and abominable reluctance against extricating our country

from the debt she has contracted, in order to secure to us and our remotest posterity, peace and happiness and safety and liberty and independence? Is there nothing else to tarnish the glory, and fully the lustre of the renown we acquired by baffling the machinations of Britain, to reduce us to perpetual vassalage? Would to Heaven there were not! But I lately saw, and I saw with ineffable regret, a design to perpetuate our national disgrace by prevailing upon our legislature to enable *him that is unjust to be unjust still; and him that is filthy to be filthy still*; and him that has been a great rogue during the lawful tender of depreciated continental currency, to be a still greater rogue than ever he was. To enable, I say, every one who comes within the description of the fugitive-band that joined David in the Cave Adullam, that is, *every one in distress, and every one who is in debt, and every one who is discontented*, to defraud his neighbour, according to law. And how was this? Hear me and I will tell you. While we ought to have complied with that inexpressibly important requisition of Congress, so happily calculated to lessen our national debt (and in some respects peculiarly advantageous to this state) we amused ourselves with petitions for and against flooding the country with a new inundation of paper currency, which every reasonable man must know (and I appeal to every reasonable man's conscience that he does know it) had no other view in the world than to enable those very petitioners (excepting perhaps a few of your signers *en passant*, who would as easily be induced to subscribe their names for abolishing the decalogue, and hanging all the legislators upon the continent) than to enable those very petitioners to play over the same game, which they so successfully played during the blissful days of depreciated *conti*. This indeed is a pretty way of paying one's debts; but what a pity that the devil will not be bribed with such money, to spare the man who tenders it? And will any of our legislatures facilitate the future perdition of human souls, by again tempting mankind to sport with conscience and damnation, agreeably to acts of assembly? I trust they will not.

I shall shew, in the course of these papers, that the money in question is only wanted (except as to a few individuals, who by the bye, from the greater publick detriment of which such a measure would infallibly be productive, are not, in this instance, the object of legislation but of private commiseration) by those very same idle spendthrifts, dissipating drones of the community who have felt the sweets, during the legal tender of depreciated paper, of living upon the sweat of their neighbours' brows; by those same drones, who, instead of repenting in sackcloth and ashes, for their late circumvention of their creditors, want to repeat the risque of being condemned for their meditated fraud by that tribunal which will never admit an act of assembly as a plea in bar to an indictment for manifest fraud and covin.—I shall shew, that such a measure, instead of restoring, will continue the loss both of publick and private credit; and keep, forever keep, locked up in trunks and coffers and strong boxes, the gold and silver now amongst us; and which those who have it would be blockheads, in the *superlative degree*, to send it forth into *this breathing cheating world*, as long as any legislature lends weapons to the borrower to defend himself against the honest repayment of the loan. Will not every man who has it keep it, and prudentially keep it, till the commencement of that happy period (the prayer of all honest men, and the dread of every knave) when laws will be made in favour of creditors instead of debtors; and when no cozening, trickish, fraudulent scoundrel shall be able to plead legal protection for his cozenage, tricks, frauds and rascality?

I shall moreover shew, that so fatal a step, tho' it may meet the wishes of the gentlemen in the Cave Adullam, must be extremely discouraging to the virtuous and industrious part of society. This valuable part of the community only want to enjoy in safety the product of their labour. Shall they not enjoy it, ye legislators! because ye are pelted with petitions from those who want to ravish it from them? I verily believe (provided the wolves are as convertible now, as they were in the time of Aesop) that I could pro-

sure a petition from them to our legislature, for delivering all the sheep in New-Jersey into their hands. Those of them who could not write, might make their marks; and to save even the trouble of that, the acting and petition-fabricating wolf, who carried it about, might subscribe the name of every other wolf he knew. These humble petitioners might, like many two-legged beings, in similar cases, enforce their request by assuring the legislature that such delivery of our sheep would relieve many a poor wolf from his present distress, and save him the trouble of ranging an immensity of forest for his daily subsistence, and I warrant you that such petition would be signed by a great majority of wolves. But then—what then? Why, they would only be wolves that signed it.

*Votes and proceedings of the tenth general assembly of the state of New-Jersey.*

*(Continued from our last.)*

THE representation from Cornelius Haring, read on the 14th instant, was read a second time, and committed to Mr. A. Clark and Mr. Combs, to bring in a bill to vest the estate therein referred to in major-general Baron Steuben during his life, or the time he may continue in the United States of America.

Mr. Schuurman, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act to call in all contractors and surplus certificates, to issue state notes to the holders, and procure a more accurate estimate of the state debt,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Arnold reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Essex, read on the 10th instant, praying a confirmation, with certain alterations to the charter of incorporation of the borough of Elizabeth, was read a second time;

Ordered, That they have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their petition, on advertising the purport of their petition, and a copy of this order, in six of the most publick places in the county of Essex, at least six weeks previous thereto.

The petition of Samuel Meeker, read on the 14th instant, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Marsh, Cook and Beardlee, to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

The bill, intitled, 'an act to promote the commerce of New-Jersey by imposing duties on all foreign goods imported into this state through the neighbouring states,' was read and referred to the next sitting.

The petition of John Hoff, read on the 15th inst. and the petition of Thomas Rodman and Daniel Ellis, read on the 16th November instant, were severally read, and referred to the next sitting.

The petition from Alexander Thompson, read on the 15th instant, was read a second time and dismissed.

Mr. A. Clark, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act for altering the time of holding the annual town-meetings in the counties of Essex and Middlesex,' which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The petition from the proprietors and legal representatives of proprietors of the western division of New-Jersey, was read a second time, praying the aid of the legislature towards running and ascertaining the line of partition between the eastern and western divisions of the said state, and that they may have leave to present a bill to appoint commissioners for that purpose; on the question, whether the petitioners have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their petition on the first Thursday of the next sitting? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Nicoll, A. Clark, Marsh, Bonney, Kelly, R. S. Smith, Biddle, J. Smith, Cooper, T. Clark, Sinnickson, Hall, Baker, Swain, Lambert, Houghton, Burgin, Bowen, Sheppard, Hankinson, Beardlee.

Nays. Messrs. Blauvelt, Garriffe, Combs, Schuurman, Bunn, Blaire, Sharp, Cook, Starke, Arnold, Longstreet.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the West-Jersey proprietors, or some person for them, do serve the president of the board of East-Jersey proprietors with a copy of this order, and the bill by them proposed to be presented, at least two months previous to the said day; and that they be heard before the house on the second Thursday of the next sitting for and against the propriety of passing the same.

The memorial of Cornelius Haring, agent of forfeited estates for the county of Bergen, praying that he may be authorized to draw from the treasurer a sum of money sufficient to employ counsel to support and defend certain actions, in which he as agent, in behalf of the state, is concerned, was read a second time;

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the treasurer be directed to pay

to Cornelius Haring, or order, any sum not exceeding fifty pounds for the purpose aforesaid; and the receipt of the said Cornelius Haring shall be a sufficient voucher to the said treasurer for so much of the publick money.

Ordered, That Mr. Burgin do carry the said resolution to council for concurrence.

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

The house met.

The petition of Rachel Wells, read on the 15th instant, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Biddle and Kelly, to bring in a bill for her relief and others in like circumstances.

The petition of Adam Green and John Hull, praying that they may be relieved from certain debts contracted as sureties, &c. was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Houghton, according to leave heretofore given, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act to empower John Ely and George Ely, jun. to take charge of the estate of George Ely, sen. in trust for the said George Ely, sen. and for other purposes therein mentioned,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer, informing that there has been a number of applications for notes of depreciation lately presented by hospital officers, in which are included hospital commissaries, paymasters and others, and praying the direction of the legislature;

Ordered, That the said letter be committed to Messrs. A. Clark and Combs to report thereon.

Two messages from the council by Mr. Randolph.

Council-chamber, Nov. 18, 1785.

Ordered, THAT Mr. Randolph do carry to the house of assembly the bill, intitled, 'a supplement to the act, intitled, an act for erecting the north ward of Perth-Amboy, and a part of the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, into a city, and for incorporating the same by the name and title of the city of Perth-Amboy,' and request their concurrence therein.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

THE council having taken into consideration the resolution from the house of assembly of the 11th instant, relative to directing the treasurer to receive from John Sparks, esquire, a contractor's certificate, &c.

Resolved, That the house do concur therein.

Mr. A. Clark, with leave, presented the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act for obliging the proprietors of the several stage-waggons, coaches, ferries and taverns, between Hudson's river and Delaware river, to contribute towards the expences of government,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

Saturday, November 19, 1785.

The house met.

A petition was presented from the council of proprietors of the eastern division of New-Jersey, which was referred to the next sitting.

Mr. Burgin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A message from the council by Mr. Martin.

Council-chamber, Nov. 19, 1785.

THE council having taken into consideration the resolution of the house of assembly, relative to directing the treasurer to pay to Cornelius Haring any sum not exceeding £. 50 for the purpose therein mentioned;

Resolved, That the house do concur therein.

The engrossed bill, intitled, 'an act to provide for the payment of the several officers of the government of New-Jersey for one year, to commence the twelfth day of October seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and to end the twelfth day of October seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and to raise the sum of ten thousand pounds for the above purposes, and for defraying other contingent expences of government,' was read and compared; on the question, whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Blauvelt, Nicoll, Garriffe, A. Clark, Combs, Schuurman, Bonney, Bunn, Blaire, Kelly, R. S. Smith, J. Smith, Cooper, T. Clark, Sharp, Baker, Swain, Lambert, Houghton, Cook, Starke, Arnold, Burgin, Bowen, Sheppard, Hankinson, Beardlee, Longstreet.

Nays. Messrs. Biddle, Sinnickson.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said bill to council for concurrence.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the committee to whom was committed the bill, intitled, 'an act to provide for officers, soldiers or seamen, who have been disabled in the service of the United States,' reported the same with sundry amendments, which was further amended in the house, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act to authorize the United States in Congress

assembled to regulate foreign trade;' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act for the relief of certain persons holding loan-office certificates;' which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, 'a supplement to the act, intitled, an act for erecting the north ward of Perth-Amboy, and a part of the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, into a city, and for incorporating the same by the name and title of the city of Perth-Amboy,' was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intitled, 'an act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the first Presbyterian congregation in Hanover, Morris county,' was read, and ordered a second reading.

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

The house met.

The bill, intitled, 'an act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the first Presbyterian congregation at Hanover, Morris county,' was read a second time, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned till Monday morning ten of the clock.

Monday, November 21, 1785.

The house met.

The petition from John Cafe, of the county of Sussex, read on the 17th instant, was read a second time, and the several affidavits and papers accompanying the same;

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill to confirm to him the lands by him purchased of John Arents, and which the said John Arents purchased of Joseph Barton, whose estate has been confiscated to and vested in this state, and for which the said John Arents never received a title deed from the said Joseph Barton, though he paid the full consideration money to the said Barton therefor, and that he serve the agent of the county of Sussex with a copy of this order three weeks previous thereto.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying that paper money may not be emitted, was read, and ordered to be read a second time when the committee appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose shall report the same.

The memorial and petition of Enos Seeley and William Kelsay, read on the 15th instant, was read a second time and dismissed.

A petition from the inhabitants of the county of Hunterdon, praying an amendment to the election law, was read, and ordered a second reading with the supplement to the election law.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Gloucester, praying the said county may be divided, was read, and referred to the next sitting.

Mr. A. Clark, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, intitled, 'a supplement to the act, intitled, an act to empower the agent for forfeited estates, in the county of Bergen, to sell, by publick auction, on the premises, on the first day of April next ensuing, which will be in the year 1785, that part of the real estate formerly belonging to John Zabriskie, and which has been forfeited to and vested in this state, situate, lying and being in the county of Bergen, township of New-Barbados, and at the New-Bridge, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' which was ordered a second reading.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, praying that the supplement to the act for incorporating the city of Perth-Amboy, now before the house, may not be enacted into a law, was read, and ordered to be read a second time when the said bill shall be again read.

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

The house met.

Mr. A. Clark, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draught of a bill, intitled, 'an act to vacate certain notes given for depreciation of pay to persons employed in the general hospital,' which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Rensselaer Williams, esquire, of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon, setting forth that Henry Longfield, late of New-Brunswick, deceased, made his testament and last will, and appointed Samuel Kemble and James Neilson his executors; that the said Samuel Kemble joined the enemy, and is not at present within the United States; that the said James Neilson is since dead, and that there is no person duly authorized to take upon them the execution of the said testament and last will, and praying that a law may pass to vest him with power to take upon him the execution of the said testament and last will of the said Henry Longfield, and to fulfil the intention of the said testator;

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of his petition, on advertising the purport thereof, and a copy of this order, at least six weeks previous thereto in the different news-papers printed in this state.

The bill, intituled, 'an act for the relief of certain persons holding loan-office certificates,' was read a second time, and referred to the next sitting.

The bill, intituled, 'a supplement to the act, intituled, an act to empower the agent for forfeited estates, of the county of Bergen, to sell by publick auction, on the premises, on the first day of April next ensuing, which will be in the year 1785, that part of the real estate formerly belonging to John Zabrickie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in, this state, situate, lying and being in the county of Bergen, township of New-Barbados, and at the New-Bridge, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Bowen reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The petition from Benjamin Shotwell, read on the 15th instant, was read a second time, and dismissed.

The bill, intituled, 'a supplement to the act, intituled, an act for erecting the north ward of Perth-Amboy, and a part of the township of Woodbridge, in the county of Middlesex, into a city, and for incorporating the same by the name and title of the city of Perth-Amboy,' was read a third time; on the question, whether the same do pass? It was carried as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. A. Clark, Combs, Schuurman, R. S. Smith, Biddle, J. Smith, Cooper, T. Clark, Sinnickson, Hall, Sharp, Lambert, Burgin, Bowen, Sheppard, Beardlee, Longstreet.

Nays. Messrs. Blauvelt, Nicoll, Garriffe, Marsh, Bonney, Bunn, Blaire, Kelly, Baker, Swain, Houghton, Cook, Starke, Arnold, Hankinson.

And so the bill was lost.

Ordered, That Mr. Hankinson do wait on the council, and acquaint them that the same is not concurred in by this house.

The engrossed bill, intituled, 'an act for incorporating sundry persons as trustees of the first Presbyterian congregation in Hanover, Morris county,' was read and compared; on the question, whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Garriffe, A. Clark, Marsh, Combs, Bonney, Blaire, Kelly, R. S. Smith, J. Smith, T. Clark, Baker, Swain, Lambert, Houghton, Cook, Burgin, Bowen, Sheppard, Hankinson, Beardlee, Longstreet.

Nays. Messrs. Biddle, Starke, Arnold.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Hankinson do carry the said bill to council for concurrence.

A representation and petition of Thomas Thorn, setting forth, that on account of his having removed out of the state for a short time, he is deprived of an opportunity of receiving the interest on loan-office certificates in his possession;

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the next sitting, to be read a second time with the act for the relief of persons holding loan-office certificates.

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

Tuesday, November 22, 1785.

The house met.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer, accompanied with a petition from Jonathan Stiles, esquire, praying that certain certificates in his hands, received in payment of taxes, may be received by the treasurer;

Ordered, That the said letter and petition be referred to the committee, to whom was committed the petitions of Tallman Smith and Jacob Warren on the 9th instant.

A remonstrance from Azariah Dunham, esquire, late superintendent of purchases, setting forth the difficulties attending the settlement of his accounts, and desiring that this house would stay the action ordered to be commenced against him, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, intituled, 'a supplement to the act, intituled, an act to empower the agent for forfeited estates, of the county of Bergen, to sell by publick auction, on the premises, on the first day of April next ensuing, which will be in the year 1785, that part of the real estate formerly belonging to John Zabrickie, and which has been forfeited to, and vested in, this state, situate, lying and being in the county of Bergen, township of New-Barbados, and at the New-Bridge, and for other purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the question, whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Blauvelt, Nicoll, Garriffe, A. Clark, Marsh, Combs, Schuurman, Bonney, Bunn, Blaire, Kelly, R. S. Smith, Biddle, J. Smith, Cooper, Sinnickson, Baker, Swain, Houghton, Cook, Arnold, Burgin, Bowen, Sheppard, Hankinson, Beardlee, Longstreet.

Nays. Messrs. Hall, Sharp, Lambert, Starke.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do carry to council the said bill for concurrence.

The engrossed bill, intituled, 'an act to provide for officers, soldiers or seamen, who have been disabled in the service of the United States,' was read and compared; on the question, whether the same do pass? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Nays. Messrs. Blauvelt, Nicoll, Garriffe, Combs, Schuurman, Bonney, Bunn, Blaire, Hall, Sharp, Baker, Swain, Lambert, Houghton, Cook, Starke, Arnold, Hankinson, Beardlee, Longstreet.

Yeas. Messrs. A. Clark, Marsh, R. S. Smith, Biddle, J. Smith, Cooper, T. Clark, Sinnickson, Burgin, Bowen, Sheppard.

Mr. Hankinson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

A Message from the council by Mr. Newbold.

Council-chamber, Nov. 22, 1785.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Newbold do carry to the house of assembly the bill, intituled, 'an act to confirm to the members of the church of the United Brethren, in this state, certain privileges heretofore granted them by an act of the parliament of Great-Britain,' and request their concurrence therein.

Which bill was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beardlee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, 'an act to call in all contractors and surplus certificates, to issue state-notes to the holders, and procure a more accurate estimate of the state-debt,' was read a second time; and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The house met.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, 'an act to call in all the contractors and surplus certificates, to issue state-notes to the holders, and to procure a more accurate estimate of the state-debt,' and, after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

(To be continued.)

## American Intelligence.

BOSTON, December 22.

Accounts from Demarara, by way of Martinico, say, that almost every house and store on that island have lately been consumed by fire.

By the ship America, captain Atkins, who arrived here on Thursday last, in 59 days from Cadiz, we are advised, that the uneasiness respecting the capturing of American vessels by the Algerines had in some measure subsided; few of their corsairs having for some time past ventured without the Streights, owing to the approach of winter, and the vigilance of the Portuguese cruizers. No accounts of any late captures by the Algerines had been received at Cadiz.

There seems no necessity, says a correspondent, for pocketing the insults, and tamely bearing Britain's encroachments and her perfidious conduct in not delivering up the frontier posts agreeable to a solemn treaty. Notwithstanding all our incumbrances, we can, if necessity requires it, find men and money enough to compel them to a measure which justice ought to have prompted them to a compliance with long since. Experience teaches us that Britain is not to be trusted; that she is our mortal enemy, and inimical to the welfare of this country; that after such flagrant proofs of British perfidy, what have we to do, if they still persist in retaining our frontier posts, but repel force with force. Procrastination, on our part, can answer no salutary end; let the demand for a fulfillment of the treaty be peremptory, and not wait until she recovers from the bruises sustained from American prowess.

NEWBURY-PORT, Dec. 14.

In the course of last week, a family in this neighbourhood removed, with their effects, into a newly finished house, and having considerable company, were necessitated to conclude to take up their lodgings in chambers lately plastered, and not sufficiently dried—in some of these chambers the company spent part of the evening, till at length, a sister to the owner of the house complaining of being unwell, and a pain in her stomach, it was thought prudent for her to retire to bed, but during her preparation therefor, her sister (wife to the owner of the house) fainted, and on recovering herself a little, made the same complaints—their difficulties increasing, a doctor was sent for, who, when he came, found 8 or 9 of the company in much the same situation, among whom was the master of the house, who fainted, and complained as the rest. The doctor ordered them out of the damp rooms, and they soon found relief.—This is inserted for a caution to others.

NEW-YORK, December 23.

The copper coinage, current in this city, is a reflection on the police, and must, in the end, be a general loss to the citizens, as the intrinsic value of most of the coppers in circulation, is not half what they pass for. Scarce a British vessel arrives but what brings very considerable quantities of rap halfpence; and yet, shameful as it is, this inundation of base metal is passed with impunity and indifference.

A letter from Cork, dated Sept. 15, says, "The Elizabeth, Jones, from Barbadoes, with rum and sugar, arrived this day at Cove; the captain reports, that on his passage he met with no less than nine vessels almost wrecks; and that the weather was so tempestuous as to prevent his going so near as to afford assistance, or enquire particulars."

BALTIMORE, December 23.

A letter from an officer of Distinction, dated banks of the Ohio, above the Big Kanhawa, October 12, 1785, contains the following observations: "I am greatly surpris'd at the progress which government has made in the western world; they will

certainly, in a short time, rival the old, or Atlantic part of the states in some of the principal articles of export. Tobacco of the first quality is produced in the most extravagant abundance; hemp, wax, lumber, beef, pork, butter, wheat, corn, flax-feed, &c. will be in the greatest plenty.

"The division line of the state of Pennsylvania and the United States, the work of the great Rittenhouse, is a monument not only of his abilities as a mathematician, but his perseverance and industry, as a great and good publick servant. Its exactness is beyond my idea of these things."

Mr. Andrew Ellicott, of this State, was jointly connected with Mr. Rittenhouse, in this important work, and continued the line upwards of thirty miles after the latter returned home.

Yesterday morning, about 5 o'clock, the house of Mr. Thomas Donnellan, in Bank-street, was discovered to be in flames, which burnt with such fury that, in a short time, it was entirely consumed, with all the furniture and goods therein; by which unfortunate event a very worthy citizen and his family have suffered greatly in their property, having just escaped with their lives, without saving scarcely a single article.

The fire also communicated itself to the two adjoining houses and stores, which were considerably damaged; and had it not been for the calmness of the morning, and the great exertions that were made, particularly by the fire-companies and some spirited mechanics, the whole street would have probably become a prey to that devouring element.

## TRENTON, Jan. 9.

Arrived at Burlington, on the 30th ult. the brigantine New-Jersey, capt. Charles Clunn, master, in 17 days from Aux-Cayes, with a cargo of molasses. On the 11th capt. Clunn spoke the brigantine Ranger, from the same port, bound to Salem in New-England, which, on the 4th, sprung her mainmast, and on the 7th buried her captain — Clark at sea.

On the same day, Whatlon's-Island bearing S. B. W. distant 14 or 15 leagues, capt. Clunn spoke the brigantine Azer, capt. Johnson, from Jamiaca for Cork, out 14 days, all well.

## American Blistered Steel,

Warranted equal in quality to the best steel imported from Europe, and to be sold by

John Nancarrow and White Matlack,

Under the FIRM of

NANCARROW and MATLACK,

AT the stores of John Helling's on Stamper's wharf, and in Second-street, between Race and Vine-streets; at Greenfield and Humphreys' store on Chestnut-street wharf, at Baker, Potts and Co's. store in Third-street, at Michael Gunkle's store, the north east corner of Race-street, at Casper Singer and Sons in Market-street, and at Benjamin Davis's store in Arch-street, between Front and Second-streets; and also by most of the merchants in Trenton.

The great encouragement given the said John Nancarrow, by the rapid sale of the steel he has made, previous to and during the late war, has induced the said Nancarrow and Matlack to assure the publick, that as they intend to carry on the steel manufactory in an extensive and spirited manner, they are determined to spare no pains to render their steel worthy the character given it.

Trenton, Jan. 3, 1786. t. f.

## FOR SALE,

PLANTATION containing about one hundred and forty acres of land, on which is a tolerable dwellinghouse, a good large barn and orchard, a well of water near the door. Payments will be made favourable. An indisputable title will be given. Situate near Readington meetinghouse, Hunterdon county. For terms apply to JACOB JENNINGS.

N. B. Another plantation belonging to the father of the subscriber, in Bernard's-Town, Somerset county, containing about 160 acres, with good buildings.

## Six Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 25th of November ult. in Mansfield township, Sussex county, New-Jersey, a negro wench, named Dyne, of a yellow complexion, between 30 and 40 years of age; some of her upper fore teeth are broken; she is very talkative: Had on and took with her a linsley short gown and petticoat, a calico short gown and skirt, a brown worsted cloak, a black silk bonnet, and two pair of shoes: Whoever takes up and secures said negro, so that her master may get her again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

JOHN CLINE.

N. B. All persons are forbid to harbour her at their peril.

Dec. 20, 1784. 4W\*

WAS left at the house of the subscriber, inn-keeper, in Nottingham township, in the county of Burlington, and state of New-Jersey, in October last, a brown roan mare, with her hind feet white, and a star in her forehead, about 14 hands high, paces and trots, was very poor, her age unknown, was left by one Manly; he hath a wooden leg. The owner of said mare is requested to come, prove his property, pay charges and take her away, otherwise she will be sold as law directs. ENOCH ANDERSON.

Jan. 7, 1786. 2W\*

Millstones and Boulting Cloths,  
FOR SALE BY  
Robert Lewis and Sons,

Who have removed to the stores of Woodrop and Joseph Sims, on the fourth wharf below the bridge, and next to Levi Hollingsworth's.

**FRENCH BURS** of several sizes and dimensions, with directions (if required) for laying out the quarters, and dressing them to the best advantage.

**COLOGNE STONES**, a few odd ones of different sizes.

**COUNTRY** made ditto, of all sizes commonly used, or that may be ordered, of the best GRIT for merchants, or country-work, or to grind with a French bur, ever yet experienced in this state.

**Boulting Cloths.**

A very extensive and complete assortment, suitable to every branch of the boulting business, lately imported, and to be disposed of on reasonable terms, at the Stores above mentioned, or in Spruce-Street, three doors from Third Street.

**MILLERS**, and others may be furnished with **CLOTHS** of superior quality and texture to any we have known imported into America, some of which are **MUCH FINER THAN USUAL**:—Those who are unacquainted with this **VERY DIFFICULT** article, may have assistance in making choice of such **CLOTHS** as will certainly answer the several purposes for which they may be intended, according to the different qualities of wheat, and modes of manufacturing in the various parts of the United States:—also, directions for affixing them on reels in the most advantageous manner to perform the work proposed.

**Millers wanted on hire.**

An honest, industrious man, (without a family) who understands his business well, and is capable of acting as a foreman in a mill, which is fully employed on merchants work, not far distant from this city, where he will have three or four hands under him; he must take upon himself all the care of the business in the absence of his employer, and should therefore be capable of making entries in a common day-book, as well as receiving and paying sums of money.—He must produce unquestionable recommendations of his honesty, industry and sobriety, without which no application need be made.

Another honest, sober, industrious Young Man having no family, and willing to act as **FIRST**, or **SECOND-HAND** in a mill, (twenty miles from Philadelphia, in a healthy part of New-Jersey) Burlington county, which requires three men and a boy to attend on merchants and country work, where he will meet with good accommodations and generous wages, but must bring good recommendations. For further particulars apply as above to **ROBERT LEWIS and Sons**, or to **ROBERT LEWIS, jun.** at Pennypack Mill, near the ten mile stone on Bristol road. Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1785. 8w

**RICHARD-WAY FURMAN,**

**INTENDING** to establish a shoe manufactory in Trenton, proposes to sell, either by wholesale or retail, on the most reasonable terms, for cash, all sorts of boots, shoes and slippers; also womens' silk, stuff and leather shoes, &c. made in the neatest and best manner, and where all persons may be supplied on a short notice.

Constant employment, and ready pay, will be given to a number of good workmen in the different branches of the shoemaking business, by said Furman.

Trenton, Dec. 14, 1785. 4w

On Wednesday the 25th January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock at noon, at the coffee-house in Philadelphia, will be sold

By **PUBLICK VENDUE,**  
A VALUABLE  
**PLANTATION,**

Or tract of land;  
**C**ONTAINING 217½ acres, situated on the river Delaware, and the Bordentown road, about four miles above Bristol, in Falls township, and Bucks county, being lot No. 10, as marked in the general plan of Pennsborough manor, and is now in the tenure of William Alexander. On the said farm is a good log house, some cleared land and good meadow; and the timber growing on the farm is valuable from its situation on the river Delaware. Part of the purchase-money to be paid on making the deed, and the remainder to be at a reasonable credit, on giving security, of which terms notice will be given at the time and place of sale. gw  
The title to the said land is indisputably clear.

**T**HE publick are desired to take notice, that the subscriber intends to apply to the loan-officer of this state, to renew two loan-office certificates No. 250 and 251, for 500 dollars each, issued by Joseph Borden, Esquire, and dated April 15, 1778, payable to Gabriel Allen, which certificates the subscriber was so unfortunate as to lose with his pocket-book, containing a number of other valuable writings, notes of hand and accounts, on the road between Crosswicks and Allentown, on September 12, 1778. Any person having objection against the renewal of the said certificates, agreeably to an act of Congress of May 10, 1780, are desired to exhibit the same within six weeks from the date hereof.

GABRIEL ALLEN.

N. B. The above certificates and pocket-book were advertised in this paper on September 16, 1778. Bordentown, Dec. 28, 1785. 6w 7sb

House of Assembly, Nov. 10, 1785.

**A** PETITION from sundry persons in behalf of themselves and others, owners of the tract of bog-meadow, on the west side of a tract of land between Pequannack and Passaic rivers, was read, praying leave to present a bill to vest the said bog-meadow in Elias Boudinot, Richard Kemble and Samuel Bayard, for the purpose of draining and dividing the same into three equal parts, one for the heirs of Anthony Brockholst, another for the heirs of Arent Schuyler, and a third for the heirs of Nicholas Bayard, or those interested in right of them, and of setting apart such a portion of the same to be sold as they may find sufficient for defraying the expences of the drains and division;

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their petition, on advertising the purport thereof, and a copy of this order, in the Political Intelligencer of New-Jersey, and in two of the news-papers printed in New-York, at least six weeks previous thereto.

Notice is hereby given,

That a bill will be presented to the honorable the legislature at their next sitting, agreeably to the leave given in the above order.

On Wednesday the 8th of February, at the old coffee-house in Philadelphia, will be sold by

**PUBLICK VENDUE,**

A VALUABLE GRAZING

**F A R M,**

Plantation, or tract of land;

**C**ONTAINING about 500 acres by deed, with an addition of near as much out-lands by a late survey, being the farm formerly colonel Joseph Barton's, situate on Peppercotting-Creek, in the township of Newtown, and county of Sussex, in the state of New-Jersey. There are about 90 acres of excellent meadow cleared, and as much more may be made, the upland is good; this place is under new fence, a good frame house with a cellar, and a frame barn.

Also, at same time and place will be sold by publick vendue, the three following tracts or parcels of land, to wit, a tract of 539 acres of land on the river Delaware, and near the Pahaquaiting Mountain, adjoining to colonel Van-Camp's plantation in the said county of Sussex.

Also, one tract of 477 acres near Scot's mountain, in the county of Sussex, adjoining lands of — Atkinson, Joseph Hollinhead and Isaac De Cow. And also, a tract of 507 acres of land, situate on and near Schooley's mountain, about a mile from Hackett's Town, in the county of Morris, and state of New-Jersey. On the last mentioned tract are some good improvements. A part of the purchase-money to be paid down, and a reasonable time allowed for the remainder, of which the conditions will be made known at the time and place of sale, by the subscribers, assignees of John Biddle and Clement Biddle.

WILLIAM POLLARD,  
CHARLES PETTIT,  
JAMES CRAWFORD,  
JOHN BARCLAY,  
JACOB SPICER.

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**JUST PUBLISHED,**

And to be sold wholesale and retail, at the Printing-Office in Trenton, the **NEW-JERSEY**

**ALMANACK,**

For the year of our LORD 1786,  
CONTAINING,

Beside the usual astronomical observations, a variety of useful and entertaining matter in verse and prose.

**FOR SALE,**

**T**WO hearty negro men, one about 40 years of age, the other about 27, the one is a good farmer—has been used to attend a saw and grist mill, and is remarkably handy with carpenters and turners' tools.

Also a hearty negro woman, about 27 or 28 years of age, and a negro girl, about 18. They have both been used to town and country, and would suit either. They have all had the small-pox and measles, and are sold for no fault, but that the proprietor is determined to keep none of their colour. A reasonable credit will be given for the purchase-money. Paper money, or notes given by Benjamin Thompson, Esq. will be taken in payment. For further particulars enquire of the printer.

Nov. 28, 1785. t. f.

**T**HE subscriber, having built a commodious store and wharf for the storing and lading all kinds of country produce, and having proper boats for transporting the same to New-York, which sail from this place twice a week, gives this publick notice, and engages to receive into his store, and carry to New-York, all kinds of cask goods, at six-pence per barrel for flour, and in that proportion for all larger casks. The farmer, country trader and miller, are reminded of the expence they have, for two winters last past, been at in removing their flour, flaxseed and other articles by land from New-Brunswick, after they had been there stored, in order that they might be exported from hence to New-York, the navigation of the river Raritan having been for a long time intirely obstructed by the ice.—The prospect they have to dispose of their produce here at the New-York market price, by which the whole commission on the sales will be saved, and the certainty of getting their produce to market immediately upon the intelligence of an advanced price at New-York, cannot but be matters worthy their consideration.

JAMES PARKER.

Perth-Amboy, Dec. 1, 1785. t. f.

**PURSUANT to the directi-**

ons contained in the act, intituled, 'An act to call in all contractors and surplus certificates, to issue state notes to the holders, and to procure a more accurate estimate of the state debt.'

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber will open an office for the liquidation and settlement of such of the above described certificates as shall be presented to him for that purpose at Henry Drake's, in Trenton, on Monday the 2d of January next;

at James Bidaile's, in Burlington, on the 9th;  
at Zachariah Rossel's, in Mount-Holly, the 16th;  
at John Cox's, in Moore's-Town, the 23d;  
at Hugh Creighton's, in Haddonfield, the 30th;  
at Joseph Matlack's, in Woodbury, the 6th Feb. at  
in Sweedsborough, the 13th;  
at  
in Woodstown, the 20th;  
at Mrs. Burroughs's, in Salem, the 27th;  
at Samuel Wood's, in Bridgton, the 6th of March;  
and at Daniel Hand's, on Cape-May, the 15th March;  
at each of which places he will continue the remainder of the week; from which last place he proposes to remove to Daniel Randolph's, at Allentown, in the county of Monmouth, where he will open his office on Monday the 27th March, and continue 1 week; at Hagerman's, at Monmouth courthouse, the 3d April, and continue 2 weeks; at William Smider's, in Middletown, the 17th April, and continue 1 week; and at William Lippincott's, in Shrewsbury, on the 24th, where he will continue 1 week. At which times and places he will settle and adjust all certificates given by the superintendent of purchases, contractors, collectors, agents, and commissioners, for the payment of which the state is accountable. All persons holding such certificates are therefore requested to take particular notice of the above times and places, as the time allotted for transacting the business will evidently prevent any longer attendance, those therefore who neglect this notice must blame themselves if they are forever precluded.

SILAS CONDUCT, Commissioner.

Dec. 1, 1785. t. f.

**T**HE trustees of Lamington grammar school, beg leave to inform the publick, that they have lately opened school at Lamington, in the upper part of Somerset county, a very healthful country, where convenient board may be had at full as reasonable a rate as any in the state, under the direction of the rev. William Boyd, and tuition of mr. Joseph J. Hendrie, a young gentlemen of a liberal education, of a good moral character, and very flattering abilities. He teaches the mathematics, as well as the Latin, Greek, French and Spanish languages. He acquired the two last languages in their native countries, which no doubt affords him an accurate pronunciation of them. The trustees flatter themselves that their strict attention to the morals of the young gentlemen, as well as their proficiency in science, will meet with general approbation.

By order of the board,  
JOHN MEHELM, Sec'ry.

Dec. 16, 1785. 4w