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OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

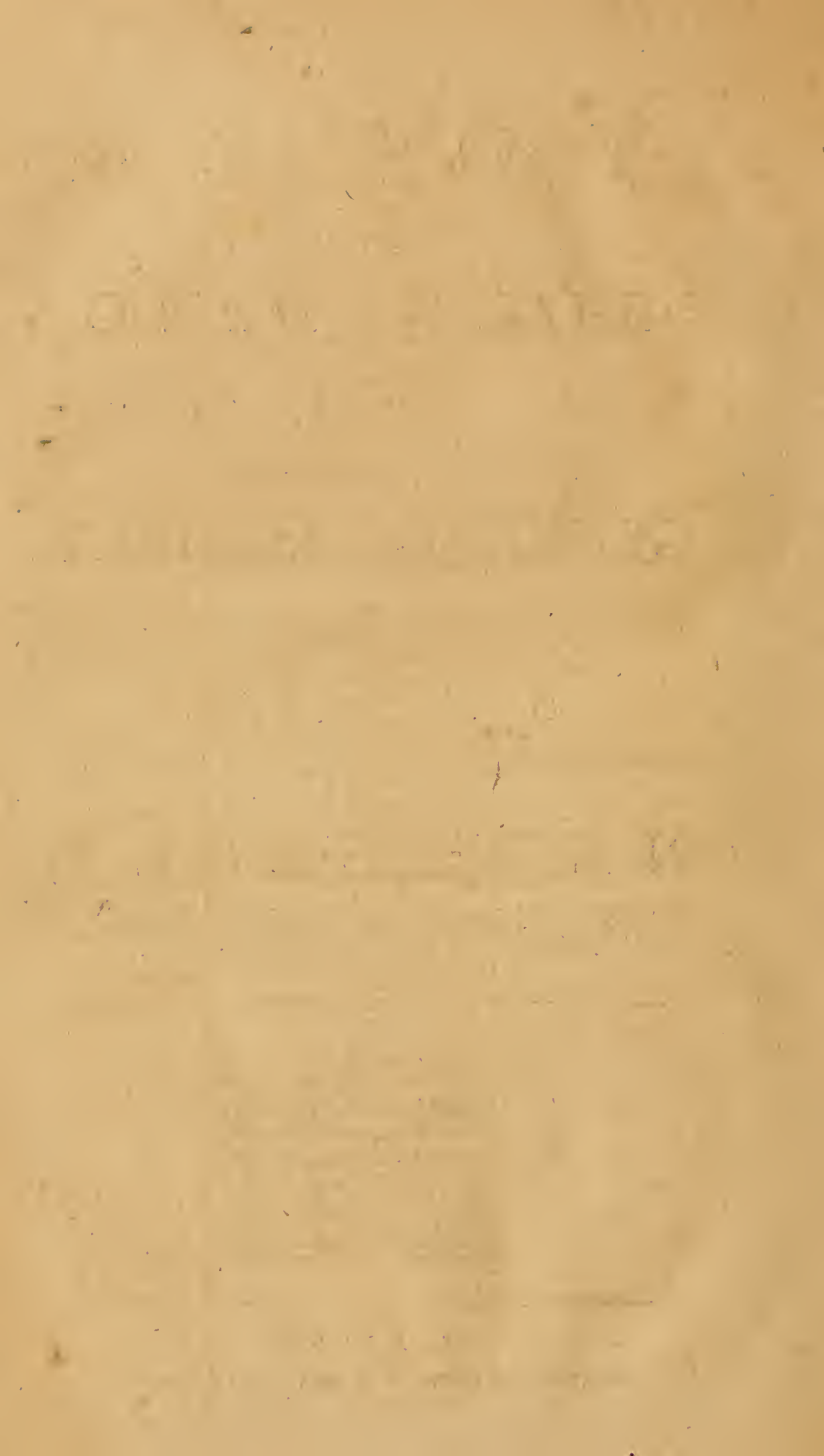
OF THE
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AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, ON THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF
OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE,
AND CONTINUED UNTIL THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY
OF NOVEMBER FOLLOWING.



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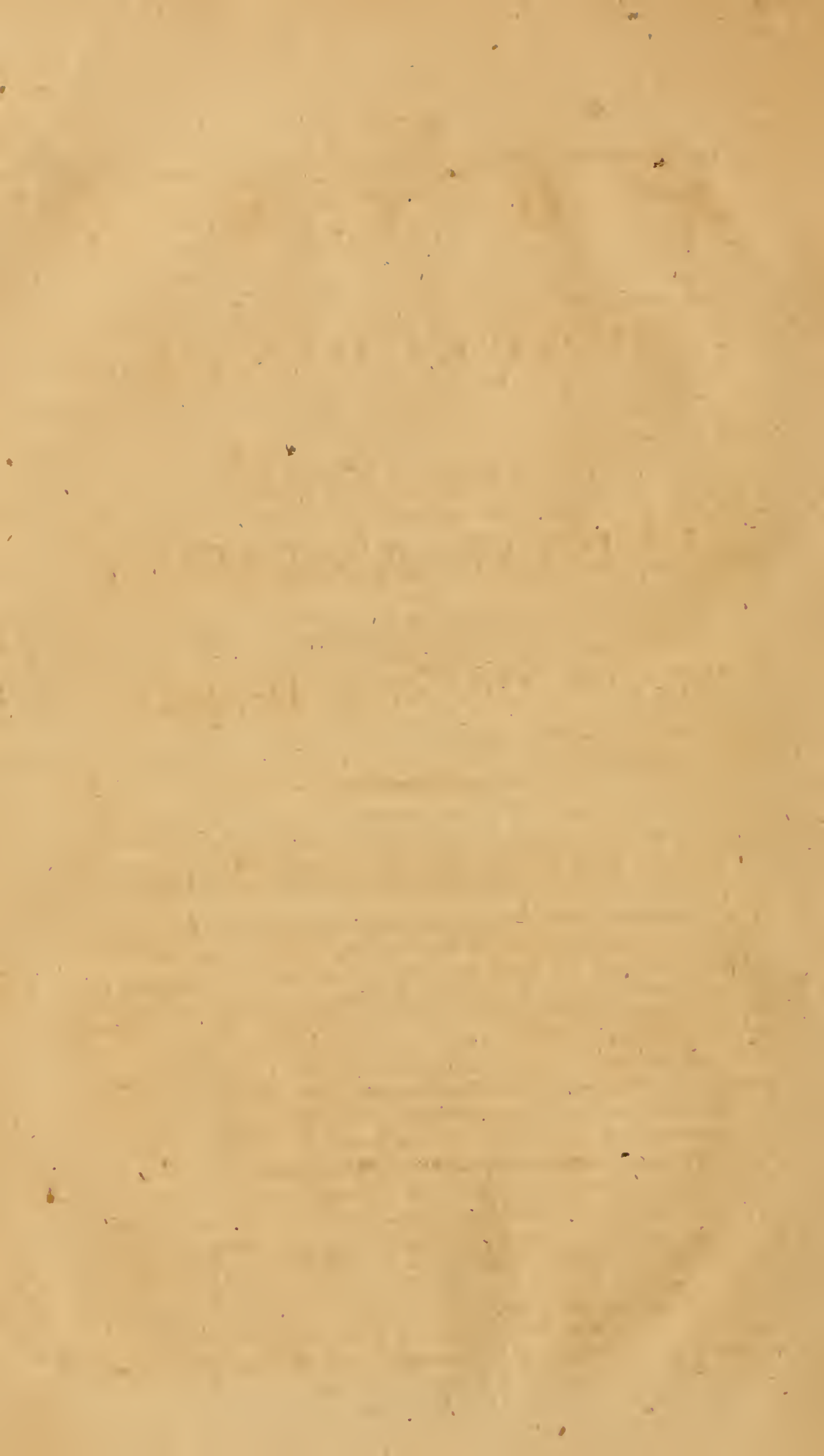


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<p>Bergen, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cape-May, Hunterdon, Morris, Cumberland, Suffex,</p>	<p>The Honorable</p>	<p>{ John Outwater, Daniel Marsh, Ephraim Martin, Asher Holmes, Peter D. Vroom, George Anderson, <i>V. P.</i> Thomas Clark, William Parret, John Townsend, John Lambert, Abraham Kitchel, Samuel Ogden, Charles Beardlee,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
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T R E N T O N, Tuesday, October 22, 1799.

THIS being the time and place appointed by law for the first meeting of the General Assembly, the following persons attended, to wit; Thomas Blanch and John Dey, as two of the representatives for the county of Bergen; William S. Pennington, Charles Clark and Abraham Speer, as representatives for the county of Essex; Gershom Dunn and Benjamin Manning, as two of the representatives for the county of Middlesex; Joseph Stillwell, William Lloyd and Edward Taylor, as representatives for the county of Monmouth; Henry Southard, James Van Duyn and William M^cEowen, as representatives for the county of Somerset; William Coxe, jun. William Stockton, Job Lippencott and William Pearson, as representatives for the county of Burlington; Joshua L. Howell and Thomas Wilkins, as two of the representatives for the county of Gloucester; Isaac Mofs and Artis Seagrave, as two of the representatives for the county of Salem; Stephen Burrowes, Joseph Hankinson, John Haas and John Lequear, as representatives for the county of Hunterdon; Cornelius Voorheese, William Campfield and William Corwin, as representatives for the county of Morris; Jonathan Bowen and George Burgin, as representatives for the county of Cumberland; and William M^cCullough,

Silas Dickerfon, Joseph Gaston and Levi Howell, as representatives for the county of Suffex, appeared and produced the respective certificates of their elections, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed.

Joseph Stillwell, Esq. was appointed, agreeably to the constitution, to qualify William Coxe, Esq. who being duly sworn, took his seat; and the remaining persons returned as representatives, being qualified by the said William Coxe, took their seats in the House.

The members proceeded to the appointment of a Speaker, when the honorable William Coxe was chosen, and took the chair.

The House proceeded to the election of a Clerk, when Maskell Ewing was unanimously chosen.

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

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council and acquaint them that a sufficient number of members of this House have this day met, elected the honorable William Coxe their speaker, and Maskell Ewing their clerk, and have proceeded to business.

Resolved, That David Wrighter be Door-Keeper to this House during the present session.

Ordered, That Messrs. Southard, Lippencott and Lloyd, be a committee to bring forward a draught of rules and regulations for the better government of this House.

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

Ordered, That Messrs. Seagrave, Campfield and Pearson, be a committee to examine and correct the minutes of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have this day met, and have chosen the honorable George Anderfon Vice-President, John Beatty their Secretary, and have proceeded to business.

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

Wednesday, October 23, 1799.

The House met.

John Combs, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Middlesex; Peter Ward, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Bergen; Joseph Shinn, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Salem; and Samuel W. Harrifon, returned as one of the representatives for the county of Gloucester,

severally appeared in the House and produced the certificates of their election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the speaker, they took their seats in the House, and having rendered excuses for their non-attendance before this time, the same were deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Southard from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented the draught of rules and regulations for the better government of the House, which were read, considered by paragraphs, and agreed to.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee appointed to inspect the minutes of the last session, and to report the unfinished business, reported the following articles from No. 1 to No. 8 inclusive.

No. 1. The resolution communicated by the Legislature of the state of New-Hampshire, recommending an amendment to the constitution of the United States, by designating the persons intended to be voted for, as President and Vice-President, by the electors in the several states; referred on the 13th of February last to the present session.

2. The letter from John Hill, proposing to make an accurate map of the state, and the report of Mr. Pennington thereon; were on the 12th of June, 1799, referred to this session.

3. A resolution of the House of Delegates of Virginia, dated the 11 January, 1799, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, with a letter from governor Wood, accompanying the same, were read the last session, and ordered a second reading, but nothing further done on the subject.

4. The bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Cyrenius Van Mater, referred 6th June last, to the present session.

5. The bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cook," referred the 10th June last, to the present session.

6. The report of Mr. Speer, on the petition of Thomas Crowell, ordered a second reading.

7. A petition from the township of Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset, praying that a certain tract of land may be annexed to the township of Hillborough, was referred to the present session.

8. A bill entitled, "An act for the relief of John Tichenor, Jotham Harrison and others," engrossed last session, was left unfinished.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The said report was read a second time, and the paper therein referred, marked No. 1, was read, and sixty copies thereof ordered to be struck off by the printer, and that the same be taken into consideration, and made the order of the day for Tuesday the 29th instant.

The papers marked No. 2, were read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Harrison, McCullough and Taylor, to report thereon.

The papers marked No. 3, were read a second time, and sixty co-

pies thereof ordered to be struck off by the printer, and that the same be taken into consideration, and made the order of the day for Tuesday the 29th instant.

The bill marked No. 4, with the papers accompanying the same, was on motion of Mr. Lloyd, by him, withdrawn.

The bill marked No. 5, was read and ordered a second reading.

The papers marked No. 6, were read and committed to Messrs. Stockton, Wilkins and Gaston.

The petition marked No. 7, was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the House a letter from the president of the board of inspectors of the State Prison, informing that the womens apartment in said prison is finished, agreeably to law, and desiring that a committee may be appointed to view the same, and also to settle the accounts of the expenditures for that purpose, which was read :

Ordered, That the said letter be committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Manning, Burgin, J. Howell and Burrowes; that they join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the said inspectors; and that they also settle the accounts of Moore Furman, Esquire, appointed to enclose the State House yard; and that the clerk do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a committee, to join the committee of this House, for that purpose.

The speaker laid before the House a return of the probates, letters of administration and guardianship, issued from the register's office, since the 30th of October, 1798, the date of the last return, which was read, and ordered to be filed.

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

The House met.

Sundry petitions from prisoners confined for debt in the different goals of the state, with petitions from sundry citizens of the state, in favor of certain persons confined; praying that a law may pass to liberate them from confinement, on delivering up their property for the use of their creditors, were read and committed to Messrs. Bowen, Clark and Mofs.

A petition from Rebecca Cadwallader, praying that a law may pass to declare what estate shall pass to her, by the testament and last will of Elizabeth Cadwallader, deceased, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Blanch and Haas.

Ordered, That Messrs. Ward, Lequear, M'Eowen, Voorheese and Pearson, or any three of them, be a committee, to join a committee of the Council, to settle the accounts of the treasurer; and that the clerk do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a committee, to join the committee of this House, for that purpose.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait upon the Council, and inform them

that this House are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting, to appoint a governor and other officers of the state, and to request that Council will appoint the time and place of meeting.

Ordered, That Messrs. Van Duyn, Dey, Speer, Combs, Lloyd, Stockton, Wilkins, Shinn, Hankinson, Corwin, Burgin and Dickerson, be appointed a committee to report a bill for raising a tax for the support of government.

A petition from Isaac Richman, William Mulford and Isaac Howey, praying, for reasons therein contained, that they may have leave to present a bill, to be passed into a law, to render void an entail on lands, was read and committed to Messrs. Harrison, Bowen and Seagrave.

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

Thursday, October 24, 1799.

The House met.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the township of Dover in the county of Monmouth, praying, for reasons therein contained, that a law may pass, more effectually to preserve Cranberries, was read and committed to Messrs. Lloyd, Lippencott and Combs.

A petition from the county of Morris, praying that a law may pass to incorporate the several library companies throughout the state, was read and committed to Messrs. J. Howell, Campfield and L. Howell.

Ordered, That Messrs. Dunn, Pennington and Mofs, be a committee to bring in a bill, to provide for the distribution of the revised laws.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Richman, William Mulford and Isaac Howey, do report,

THAT, in their opinion, the petitioners ought to have leave to present a bill, agreeably to the prayer of their petition.

By order of the committee,

SAMUEL W. HARRISON.

Which report was read: On the question, whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the negative.

Ordered, That the papers, on which the said report was founded, be dismissed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

They have appointed Mr. Kitchell and Mr. D. Vroom, or either of them, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the inspectors of the State Prison.

That Council will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting, on Tuesday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of choosing a governor and other officers, in the Assembly Room.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met,

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

Friday, October 25, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Stockton, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Coe and others, reported as follows :

THAT the confiscated estate of Nathaniel Richards, late of the county of Essex, amounts to 899 dollars, 88 cents ; and there appears sundry demands to the amount of 458 dollars, 75 cents ; which leaves a balance in the treasury, of 441 dollars, 13 cents. And further, your committee report as their opinion, that the petitioners ought to be entitled to draw from the treasury, the sum of 338 dollars, 98 cents, the sum paid by the petitioners, for property sold as the forfeited estate of Nathaniel Richards, and afterwards recovered from them by virtue of a former mortgage on said estate.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM STOCKTON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A certificate in favour of the legal representatives of Hannah Preston, deceased, who was the widow of colonel Isaac Preston, with a petition praying an allowance of half-pay, were read and dismissed.

A petition from Esther Doud, praying for reasons therein contained, that an act may pass to divorce her from her husband, Chandler Doud, was read and committed to Messrs. Gaston, Clark and Lequear.

Ordered, That Messrs. Manning, Corwin and Taylor, be a committee to prepare and present a bill, to provide for the election of members, to represent this state, in the Congress of the United States.

Ordered, That Messrs. Speer, M'Eowen and Shinn, be a committee to prepare and present a bill, for the support of government.

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

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, " An act relative to law reports," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the House a letter from the secretary of state, giving information of the state of the business done by him in the auditors office, and suggesting the propriety of a law being passed,

to require delinquents to account, which was read and committed to Messrs. Ward, Burrowes and M'Cullough.

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

The House met.

The paper, marked No. 7, in the report of unfinished business, containing a petition from Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset, was read a second time and dismissed.

A petition from Sherman, Merfion and Thomas, printers, praying that they may be appointed to print the laws and votes of the Legislature, was read, with their proposals, and committed to Messrs. Blanch, Dunn and Hankinson.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Cadwallader, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined the contents of said petition, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the papers, on which the said report was drawn, be dismissed.

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

Saturday, October 26, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Bowen, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of debtors confined in the several goals, in the counties of this state, reported as follows :

THAT they have carefully examined and considered the subject matter contained in the said papers, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

JONATHAN BOWEN.

Which report was read: On the question, whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the negative: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitions from insolvent debtors, be re-committed to Messrs. Lippencott, Stillwell and L. Howell.

A petition from John Doughty and his associates, praying, for reasons therein contained, that a law may pass to incorporate the proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct, with such powers as the Legislature

may think fit to grant, was read and committed to Messrs. Campfield, Combs and M'Eowen.

The report of Mr. Stockton, on the petition of Benjamin Coe and others, was read a second time and agreed to; whereupon,

Mr. Stockton, with leave, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of John Tichenor, Jotham Harrison and others," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Elnathan Davis, administrator &c. of Jeremiah Youngs, stating a demand against a forfeited estate, and desiring payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Burrowes, Speer and Burgin.

Ordered, That Messrs. Southard, Shinn and Lequear, be a committee to examine the laws and report what alterations, if any, are necessary, with regard to the office of treasurer.

The House adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.

Monday, October 28, 1799.

The House met.

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

Mr. Lippencott, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from insolvent debtors, reported a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Gerstom Craft, Esq. praying an appointment, to print a part of the public work for the Legislature, was read and ordered to be committed to Messrs. Blanch, Dunn and Hankinson.

A petition from Josiah Hunt, of Elizabeth-Town, stating that he had lost a note given to him, for the three-fourth parts of the depreciation of pay due to him as a soldier in the Jersey line, and praying that the money may be paid to him notwithstanding, was read and committed to Messrs. Corwin Smith and Clark.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of John Tichenor, Jotham Harrison and others," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

The House met.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of procuring and providing for the expense of a map of this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Frederick Limeback; praying that the treasurer may be directed to pay him a sum of money, equal to the sum he was robbed of by Chandler Doud, who was sentenced to ten years confinement therefor at hard labour, was read and dismissed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of John Tichenor, Jotham Harrison and others," was read and compared ;

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Messrs. M'Cullough,	Messrs. Combs,
Bowen,	Pearson,	Dickerson,
Burgin,	Pennington,	Dunn,
Campfield,	Smith,	Haas,
Clark,	Southard,	L. Howell,
Corwin,	Speer,	Lequear,
Dey,	Stockton,	Lippencott,
Gaston,	Taylor,	M'Eowen,
Hankinson,	Voorheese,	Mofs.
J. Howell,	Ward,	
Lloyd,	Wilkins.	
Manning,		

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

Mr. Blanch, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of George Sherman, John Merfhon and Isaiah Thomas, and also the petition of Gerfhom Craft, printers of the city of Trenton, reported,

THAT having examined (from the best information they could obtain) the conduct of the said printers, so far as respects their engagements with the Legislature of this state, find that their contracts have been punctually fulfilled; except, in the instance of the laws of the second sitting of the 23d Legislature, a default was made by Mr. Craft, who has rendered such excuse to your committee as was deemed satisfactory.

Your committee further report, that they have examined the proposals of the said printers, for printing the laws and proceedings of the present Legislature, and find them equally advantageous : Therefore it is the opinion of your committee, that the printing of the state, for the present year, be equally divided between the said Sherman and company, and the said Craft, without any preference being given to either.

THOMAS BLANCH.

Which report was read and agreed to.

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

Tuesday, October 29, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed to examine the laws, relative to the treasury office, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined said laws, and are of opinion that no further regulations are necessary, for the security of said office.

By order of the committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The speaker laid before the House, a representation from the inspectors of the State Prison, with respect to that institution, which was read and committed to Messrs. Pennington, Stockton and Taylor.

Mr. Manning, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill, entitled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives, in the House of Representatives, of the Congress of the United States," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into a committee of the whole on the resolutions, communicated by the Legislature of the state of New-Hampshire, recommending an amendment to the constitution of the United States, by designating the persons intended to be voted for as President and Vice-President, by the electors in the several states :

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and Mr. Stillwell took the chair of the committee: And after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Stillwell chairman of the committee reported, that the committee had made some progress, in the business referred to them, and desired leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee have leave to sit again.

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

The House met.

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

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

Wednesday, October 30, 1799.

The House met.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

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

The House met.

Mr. Pennington, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the division of the townships of Bernard and Bridgewater in the county of Somerset, and for forming a new township, from the east end of the said townships of Bernard and Bridgewater," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith be added to the committee appointed on the the 23d instant, to report a bill for raising a tax, for the support of government.

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

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

Thursday, October 31, 1799.

The House met.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of the county of Somerset, praying, for reasons therein mentioned, that Robert Blair, Esq. late Sheriff of Somerset county, may be exonerated by law, from the payment of certain fines laid on John Armstrong and John Rounsevall, who have escaped from prison while in his custody, was read and committed to Messrs. Voorheese, Stockton and Manning.

A petition from John Warne, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a forfeited recognizance to the state, was read and committed to Messrs. M'Cullough, Smith and Dey.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee to whom was referred the petition, praying a law may pass for the preservation of Cranberries, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the preservation of Cranberries," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Samuel Beckett, Stephen Beckett and Mary Beckett, stating a claim against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Pearson and Dickerson.

A certificate of half-pay, in favour of Mary Stewart, late Doty,

who was the widow of Isaac Doty, late in the service of the United States, and who was killed in the said service, was read and committed to Messrs. Ward, Bowen and L. Howell.

The speaker laid before the House, a bond given by James Salter, as treasurer of the state, with James Mott, Abraham Hunt, Joseph Milnor, Peter Howell, Moore Furman and Jonathan Rhea, sureties, for the faithful performance of the office of treasurer, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, which was read and approved.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said bond to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is approved of by this House.

Sundry petitions were presented, praying that a law may pass to direct the manner in which the people of New-Jersey shall appoint electors, to choose a President and Vice-President, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from James Mott, Esq. late treasurer of the state, stating difficulties which have occurred in the treasury office, was read and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, Blanch and J. Howell.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met,

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of John Tichenor, Jotham Harrison and others," without amendment.

Sundry petitions from the county of Cumberland, praying that commissioners may be appointed, to take a view of Cohansey Creek and the lands adjacent thereto, and to ascertain and fix the place most fit and proper at Bridgetown, to build a bridge over the same, were read, with sundry petitions in opposition thereto: Whereupon, Mr. Burgin was heard in behalf of the application, and col. David Potter and Jonathan Elmer, Esq. were heard in opposition thereto: Upon which,

A motion was made, that the said first petitions be dismissed:

On the question, whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the affirmative.

The speaker laid before the House, a resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Delaware, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States; that no person shall be eligible as President or Vice-President of the United States, nor shall any person be a Senator or representative in the Congress of the United States, except a natural born citizen, or unless he shall have been a resident in the United States, at the time of the declaration of independence, and shall have continued, either to reside within the same or to be employed in its service, from that period to the time of his election, &c. which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Beckett and others, reported a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Stephen Beckett, Samuel Beckett and Mary Beckett administratrix &c. of Peter Beckett, deceased," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Friday, November 1, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petition and adjudication of Mary Stewart, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined the papers and documents to them referred, and the law on which said claims are founded, and are of opinion, that she is entitled to the monthly half-pay of her deceased husband, from the twenty-ninth day of August, 1776, to the twentieth day of June, 1779.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

Which report was read, the report agreed to, and a warrant ordered: Whereupon a warrant was presented, read and approved.

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

Mr. Voorheese, from the committee to whom was referred the petition in behalf of Robert Blair, Esq. late sheriff of the county of Somerset, reported,

THAT your committee are of opinion, that leave ought to be granted the petitioners to bring in a bill, to exonerate the said Robert Blair from certain fines set forth in said petition.

By order of the committee,

CORNELIUS VOORHEESE.

Which report was read and agreed to.

On motion,

Resolved, That the treasurer be directed to deliver to Jonathan Doan, Moore Furman and Peter Hunt, the bond given by them to the treasurer for the sum of two thousand pounds, dated the 10th day of November, 1798, for the true performance of certain duties of the said Jonathan Doan, in completing certain parts of the State Prison as directed by law.

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

The bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of procuring and providing for the expense of a map of this state," was read a second time and dismissed.

Mr. M'Cullough, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Warne, reported,

THAT they have duly considered the purport of said petition, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,
WILLIAM M'CULLOUGH.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Voorheese, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to discharge Robert Blair, Esq. late sheriff of the county of Somerset, from certain fines therein mentioned," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Stephen Beckett, Samuel Beckett and Mary Beckett administratrix &c. of Peter Beckett, deceased," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the resolution, directing the treasurer to deliver Jonathan Doan, Moore Furman and Peter Hunt, the bond given by them, for the true performance of certain duties of the said Jonathan Doan.

A petition, praying that a law may be passed, to prohibit hawking and peddling goods, the growth and manufacture of foreign countries, in this state, was read and committed to Messrs. M'Eowen, Gaston and Harrison.

A petition from George Roreback, gaoler of Suffex, praying the Legislature to reimburse him a sum of money, paid by him, as a reward for taking Chandler Doud, who had escaped from his custody, on the way from Suffex to the State Prison, was read and committed to Messrs. Seagrave, Hankinson and Lloyd.

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

The House met.

Mr. Seagrave, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Roreback, reported,

THAT the committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,
ARTIS SEAGRAVE.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Corwin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Hunt, reported,

THAT it is the opinion of said committee, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, provided he give good and sufficient security to the state, respecting the loss of a certain note for the depreciation of his pay, as a soldier in the army of the United States, set forth in said petition.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM CORWIN.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. M'Eowen, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Somerset, praying a law may be passed to prohibit the hawking and peddling of goods, the growth and manufacture of foreign countries, in this state, reported,

THAT the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

WILLIAM M'EOWEN

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from John Wilkins, director of the board of chosen freeholders, of the county of Gloucester, praying that a law may pass to authorize the said board to erect a bridge over the south branch of Timber Creek, at a place where a bridge, called Limber Bridge, formerly stood, was read :

Ordered, That leave be given to present a bill, to answer the prayer of the said petition.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act, making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. J. Howell, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from the library companies, presented a bill, entitled, "A supplementary act, to the act, entitled, "An act to incorporate societies for the promotion of learning," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.

Monday, November 4, 1799.

The House met.

The speaker laid before the House, a letter from James Mott, Esq. late treasurer, stating that there is in the treasury, two thousand eight hundred and sixty one dollars, and eighty cents, in Jersey paper money, of 1783 and 1786, and two thousand and forty-nine dollars, and thirty-eight cents, old state money of the emission of June 9, 1780, and January 9, 1781, which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Bowen, Smith and Shinn, be a committee to

join a committee of Council, for the purpose of examining and burning the said money; and that the clerk do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a committee, to join the committee of this House, for that purpose.

The speaker laid before the House a resolution of the House of Delegates of Maryland, respecting runaway negroes, together with a letter from the governor of Maryland, which were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wilkins, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions, praying that aliens may by law be allowed to purchase and hold lands, reported a bill, entitled, "An act to revive and continue in force a certain act therein mentioned," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The speaker laid before the House, a letter from William Paterfon, Esq. stating that the compilation of the laws, by him, cannot be ready for delivery until some time in the course of the winter, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act providing further relief for persons imprisoned for debt," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Speer, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill, entitled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed for the purpose of settling the accounts of the inspectors of the State Prison, as far as regards the appropriation of monies issued to complete the womens' apartment, reported,

THAT they have viewed the womens' apartment, in the State Prison, and that the same appears to be finished; that they have examined the accounts of the inspectors, as presented by Moore Furman, with the vouchers accompanying the same, from No. 1 to 78 inclusive, and that there appears to be a balance due the state, of two hundred and three dollars, and sixty-one cents.

The committee further report, that they have examined the accounts of Moore Furman, appointed by an act passed the 19th of February last, to complete the State House yard, and the vouchers accompanying the same, from No. 1 to 31 inclusive, and there appears to be a balance due the said Moore Furman, of twenty-eight pounds, two shillings, and one penny, equal to seventy-four dollars and ninety-five cents.

By order of the committee,

ABRAHAM KITCHELL,
JOSEPH STILLWELL,

Which report, and the accounts accompanying the same, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have concurred in the warrant, entitling Mary Stewart, late Doty, to draw from the treasury of this state, the amount of her late husband's half-pay.

They have appointed Mr. Beardflee and Mr. Holmes, or either of them, a committee on the part of Council, to join the committee of the House of Assembly, for the purpose of examining and burning the paper money in the treasury.

A petition from Eleazer Hand, Esq. complaining of the misconduct of Elijah Godfrey, Esq. a justice of the peace, in the county of Cape-May, in the execution of his office, was read and committed to Messrs. Southard, Pennington and Lloyd.

The bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect, the act for the punishment of crimes," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

Tuesday, November 5, 1799.

The House met.

A petition from Benjamin Stevenson, of the county of Monmouth, stating a demand against the forfeited estate of Shore Stevenson, and praying payment out of money in the treasury, was read and committed to Messrs. Combs, Mofs and Dey.

Mr. Harrison, with leave, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to build a bridge across the fourth branch of Great Timber Creek, in the county of Gloucester," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect, the act for the punishment of crimes," and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said bill be re-committed to Messrs. Pearson, Lloyd and Van Duyn.

A petition from the proprietors of the stages, running from Tren-

ton to Powles Hook, praying that the tax on stages may be taken off, was read and committed to Messrs. Campfield, Burrowes, Lippen-cott, Manning, Harrifon, Stillwell and Van Duyn.

Mr. Bowen, from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council, to examine, count and burn the paper money in the treasury, brought in the following accounts and reports :

An account of Loan-Office money, of the emission of 1786, in the Treasury, and counted by the committees of the Council and Assembly, Nov. 4, 1799.

Denominations.	120s.	60s.	30s.	15s.	12s.	6s.	3s.	1s.	Amount in			Amount in	
									£.	s.	d.	D.	C.
Bundle No. 1.	49	43	89	163	327	164	100	88	943	11	0	2516	13

WE the committees of both Houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, delivered to us the sum of two thousand five hundred and sixteen dollars, and thirteen cents, Loan-Office Money, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,
 ASHER HOLMES,
 JONATHAN BOWEN.

An account of Revenue Money, of the emission of 1783, in the Treasury, counted by the committees of the Council and Assembly, November 4th, 1799.

Denominations.	120s.	60s.	30s.	15s.	12s.	7s 6d	5s.	3s 9d	2s 6d	Amount in			Amount in	
										£.	s.	d.	D.	C.
Bundle No. 1.	4	17	15	22	20	4	3	4	5	129	12	6	345	67

WE the committees of both Houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, delivered to us the sum of three hundred and forty-five dollars, and sixty-seven cents, Revenue Money, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,
 ASHER HOLMES.
 JONATHAN BOWEN.

An account of State Money, of the emission of June 9th, 1780, counted in the Treasury, by the committees of the Council and Assembly, Nov. 4, 1799.

Denominations.	dls	dls	dls	dls	dls	dls	dls	dl	Interest.		Amount in			Amount in		
	20	8	7	5	4	3	2	1	D.	C.	£.	s.	d.	D.	C.	
Bundle No. 1.	58	18	8	19	16	20	14	34	82	5	646.	2	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	1723	5
No. 2.	8	5	4	2	2	3	2	5			99	0	0	264		
Total.	66	23	12	21	18	23	16	39	82	5	745	2	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	1987	5

WE the committees of both Houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, delivered to us the sum of one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars, and five cents, State Money, of the emission of June 9, 1780, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

ASHER HOLMES,
JONATHAN BOWEN.

An account of State Money, of the emission of January 9th, 1781, counted in the Treasury, by the committees of the Council and Assembly, Nov. 4, 1799.

Denominations.	7s 6d	5s.	4s.	3s 9d	3s 6d	2s 6d	1s 6d	1s.	9d	6d.	Amount in			Amount in	
											£.	s.	d.	D.	C.
	15	13	14	10	17	19	23	18	24	38	23	7	6	62	33

WE the committees of both Houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, delivered to us the sum of sixty-two dollars and thirty-three cents, State Money, of the emission of January 9th, 1781, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committees,

ASHER HOLMES.
JONATHAN BOWEN.

A petition from the board of freeholders of the county of Middlesex, praying that the state would reimburse them a sum of money, by them paid in erecting a bridge across Millstone River, on the York Road: Also a petition from the board of freeholders of the county of Somersfet, praying that the state would reimburse them the monies by them expended in building the stone bridges across Stony Brook and Millstone River, on the York Road, or such part thereof, as to the Legislature may think right, were presented and read:

Ordered, That the said petitions be committed to Messrs. Dickerson, Wilkins and Taylor.

The bill, entitled, "An act providing further relief for persons imprisoned for debt," was read a second time, and after some time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

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

The House met.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act providing further relief for persons imprisoned for debt," and amended the title thereof, to read, "An act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," and having considered the said bill by paragraphs,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives, in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," was read a second time.:

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, to sit on Thursday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," and having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Dickerson, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of the boards of freeholders of the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, in which they pray a sum of money, to defray the expenses of certain bridges, built by and between the two counties, report,

THAT they are of opinion, after duly examining the petitions, that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

SILAS DICKERSON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Wednesday, November 6, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the letter from the secretary, of the 25th ultimo, reported a bill, entitled, "An act relative to the secretary's office," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Gaston, from the committee to whom was referred the petition

of Esther Doud, praying a divorce from her husband Chandler Doud, reported,

THAT they have examined the laws relative to divorce and alimony, and are of opinion, the existing laws are adequate to grant the relief prayed for, and therefore legislative interference would be improper.

JOSEPH GASTON.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The report of Mr. M'Eowen, of the first instant, was read a second time and agreed to.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Stephen Beckett, Samuel Beckett and Mary Beckett administratrix, of Peter Beckett, deceased," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.		YEAS.		NAYS.	
Messrs.	Bowen,	Messrs.	Stillwell,	Messrs.	Blanch,
	Burgin,		Stockton,		Dey,
	Burrowes,		Taylor,		Gaston,
	Campfield,		Ward,		Haas,
	Clark,		Wilkins.		Hankinson,
	Combs,				L. Howell,
	Corwin,				Lequear,
	Harrison,				M'Eowen,
	J. Howell,				Mofs,
	Lippencott,				Seagrave,
	Lloyd,				Shinn,
	Manning,				Smith,
	Pearson,				Southard
	Pennington,				Van Duyn,
	Speer,				Voorheefe.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to discharge Robert Blair, Esq. late Sheriff of the county of Somerset from certain fines therein mentioned," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.		YEAS.	
Messrs.	Blanch,	Messrs.	Haas,
	Bowen,		Hankinson,
	Burgin,		Harrison,
	Burrowes,		L. Howell,
	Campfield,		J. Howell,
	Clark,		Lequear,
	Combs,		Lippencott,
	Dey,		Lloyd,
	Gaston,		Manning,

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. M'Eowen, Pearson, Pennington, Shinn, Smith, Southard, Speer,	Messrs. Stillwell, Stockton, Taylor, Van Duyn, Voorheefe, Ward, Wilkins.	Messrs. Mofs. Seagrave.

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

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read and compared :

On the question, whether the same do pass? It was negatived, as follows :

NAYS.	NAYS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Bowen, Campfield, Clark, Corwin, Dickerson, Gaston, Haas, Hankinson, L. Howell, Lequear,	M'Eowen, Mofs, M'Cullough, Pennington, Seagrave, Smith, Southard, Speer, Van Duyn, Voorheefe.	Messrs. Blanch, Burgin, Burrowes, Combs, Dey, Harrison, J. Howell, Lippencott, Lloyd, Manning,	Pearson, Shinn, Stillwell, Stockton, Taylor, Ward, Wilkins.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," was read and compared :

On the question, whether the same do pass? It was negatived, as follows :

NAYS.	NAYS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Blanch, Burrowes, Dey, Haas, Harrison, J. Howell, Lippencott, Mofs, M'Cullough, Pearson,	Seagrave, Shinn, Smith, Southard, Stockton, Taylor, Ward, Wilkins, <i>Speaker</i> .	Messrs. Bowen, Burgin, Campfield, Clark, Combs, Corwin, Dickerson, Gaston, Hankinson, L. Howell,	Lequear, Lloyd, Manning, M'Eowen, Pennington, Speer, Stillwell, Van Duyn, Voorheefe.

There being nineteen members in favour of the bill, the speaker cast the vote in the negative.

The report of Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed for the purpose of settling the accounts of the inspectors of the State Prison,

and of Moore Furman appointed to complete the State House yard, made on the 4th instant, was taken up and agreed to.

The several petitions, praying that a law may pass to direct the manner in which the people of New-Jersey shall appoint electors, to choose a President and Vice-President, were taken up: Whereupon, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and took the said petitions into consideration, Mr. Stillwell in the chair of the committee: And after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stillwell chairman of the committee, reported, that the committee had taken the said petitions into consideration, and had directed him to report, that the prayer of the said petitions ought not to be granted.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

On motion,

Resolved, That the House agree to the report of the committee of the whole, made this morning, and that the petitions be dismissed.

A petition from the county of Middlesex, praying the further aid of the Legislature to assist them in repairing the road over Rockyhill, and informing that there still remains a considerable sum in the hands of the commissioners, who were appointed to repair the road over Rockyhill; and a petition from the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, praying that the Legislature would grant them one hundred pounds, to aid them in building bridges over Nine and Ten Mile runs, were read and committed to Messrs. Hankinson, Ward and Taylor.

A petition from William Bell, confined in the gaol of the county of Essex for debt, praying to be relieved from confinement by an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, was read:

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

The bill, entitled, "An act to build a bridge across the South branch of Great Timber Creek, in the county of Gloucester," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, "A supplementary act, to the act, entitled, "An act to incorporate societies for the promotion of learning," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Thursday, November 7, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. J. Howell, from the committee to whom was referred the treat-

surer's letter, respecting the compensation of the township collectors for collecting exempt fines, are of opinion,

THAT the law in that case is explicit, and means that the assessors shall be paid two cents for each name which they may have in their exempt list only, and does not include the names of those actually enrolled : And further, your committee are of opinion, that no alteration ought to take place, or be made, respecting the pay of those employed to learn music.

THOMAS BLANCH,
JOSHUA L. HOWELL.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Sundry petitions, from persons confined in gaol for debt, were read, praying the benefit of an act of insolvency :

Ordered, That the said petitions be committed to Messrs. Pearson, Haas and J. Howell.

A petition from Elijah Allen, stating a demand against the forfeited estate of Joseph Barton, and praying payment from the estate of the said Joseph Barton, in the treasury, was read and committed to Messrs. Van Duyn, M'Cullough and Pennington.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Eleazer Hand, exhibiting sundry charges against Elijah Godfry, for malpractice in his office, as a justice of the peace of the county of Cape-May, reported,

THAT it appears to your committee the charges are of such a nature as require the interference of the House, and therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct and behaviour of Elijah Godfry, a justice of the peace for the county of Cape-May, has been such as justifies an impeachment by the House of Assembly.

By order of the committee,
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which report was read :

On the question, whether the House agree to the said report ? It was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Combs, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Stevenson, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, so far as respects the principal of the original debt.

JOHN COMBS.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act to discharge

Robert Blair, Esq. late sheriff of the county of Somerset, from certain fines therein mentioned," without amendment; and have disagreed to the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Stephen Beckett, Samuel Beckett and Mary Beckett administratrix of Peter Beckett, deceased."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill, entitled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives, in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," Mr. Stillwell in the chair of the committee: And after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stillwell, chairman of the committee, reported the bill to them referred, without amendment; which bill was read and debated by paragraphs:

On the question, whether the said bill be engrossed? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Moss,	Messrs. Bowen,	M'Cullough,
Burrowes,	Pearson,	Burgin,	Pennington,
Combs,	Shinn,	Campfield,	Seagrave,
Dey,	Southard,	Clark,	Smith,
Dunn,	Stillwell,	Corwin,	Speer,
Harrison,	Stockton,	Dickerson,	Voorheese.
J. Howell,	Taylor,	Gaston,	
Lippencott,	Van Duyn,	Haas,	
Lloyd,	Ward,	Hankinson,	
Manning,	Wilkins.	L. Howell,	
M'Eqwen,		Lequear,	

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

Mr. Campfield, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Doughty and his associates, reported,

THAT your committee are of opinion, that the petitioners have leave to present a bill, agreeably to the prayer of their petition.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM CAMPFIELD.

Which report was read and agreed to.

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

The House met.

A petition from captain John Guliek, stating that he had lost a horse on the expedition against the insurgents of Pennsylvania, in 1794, and praying that the state would compensate him for the loss, was read and committed to Messrs. Shinn, Dunn and Wilkins.

A petition from Salem, praying leave to present a bill, to authorize the digging a canal, from a place far up Salem Creek, across to the

Delaware, thereby to shorten the navigation to Philadelphia, was read and committed to Messrs. Burgin, Seagrave and Smith.

A motion was made that the House agree to the following resolutions :

Whereas public security and individual happiness are the great objects of all republican governments, and it is of the greatest importance to a free people, that the fundamental principles of their political associations should be, in their nature, most likely to produce the greatest possible degree of public order and happiness ; and whereas, after a fair experiment, time and observation, have unfolded many considerable defects and omissions in the constitution agreed to by the Provincial Congress of New-Jersey, on the second day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, in consequence whereof the various departments of government are so blended and confused, that disorder, innovation and expense, with all the train of evils flowing from a government destitute of distinct and separate departments, mutually aiding, yet controuling each other, have been suffered by the people of this state ; and whereas it is right and necessary, that the people should have an opportunity of seriously and deliberately investigating the principles on which our political association is established ; and as the period at which the present frame of government was formed, was prior to our assumption of the rank of an independent nation, antecedent to the discovery of many of the most invaluable axioms and principles of political science, was marked by impending danger and destruction from without, and by discord and desolation at home—a combination of circumstances highly unpropitious to the formation of a wise and correct system of government ; and whereas the numerous precedents since exhibited by the constitutions, both original and revised, of the several states of the Union, and more particularly by that singular effort of political virtue and sagacity, the constitution of the United States, have since unfolded to the approving world, maxims and provisions till then unknown ; and it being, in our opinion, highly important to the people of New-Jersey, that the benefits and advantages to be derived from these valuable sources might be extended to the inhabitants of this state, by giving them an opportunity of freely and deliberately investigating and revising the existing frame of government, and of amending such defects as experience has discovered in its construction and operation ; therefore,

We the persons chosen to represent the people in the several counties of this state, deeply and solemnly impressed by a consideration of the foregoing reasons, are of opinion that a Convention of Delegates of the people, freely chosen, ought to be holden for the purpose of revising and amending the present charter of government ; wherefore,

We do hereby resolve and recommend, That on the third Thursday in January next, all free male persons, who have resided six months previous thereto in any one county of this state, and who shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years, shall, by plurality of voices, choose a number of persons, equal to twice the number of re-

representatives of the respective counties in the House of Assembly of this state, as Delegates to represent them in a General Convention, to be holden at Trenton, on the first Tuesday of May next, for the purpose of revising, altering and amending the constitution of this state, except that part of the third section thereof, which establishes that the members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly shall be annual, and that part of the twenty-second section in said charter, respecting the trial by jury, and the whole of the eighteenth and nineteenth sections of the same.

Resolved further, That the said Convention of Delegates, so chosen, shall cause thousand copies of the frame of government agreed upon by them, to be printed for the consideration of the good people of this state, and distributed in the same proportion as the acts of the Legislature are by law directed to be distributed; and shall also direct a copy thereof to be printed in each of the newspapers published in this state, at least four times, and shall then adjourn to meet at Trenton, at a day to be fixed upon by them, not more than nine months nor less than six months from the time of their adjournment.

Resolved further, That the Convention of Delegates aforesaid, shall, at the time fixed at their first session, again meet at Trenton, and after deliberating on the constitution by them submitted to the people, proceed to alter and amend or establish the same, as the constitution of the state of New-Jersey, and shall then fix a time for the commencement of its operation.

Resolved further, That the nominations for persons to represent the several counties of this state in the Convention aforesaid, shall be made on the third Thursday in December next, at the court-house of the respective counties, and the elections for the said Delegates shall be held at the same hours, continue for the same time, and be conducted in the same manner and by the same officers as are by law provided for election of the members of the State Legislature, except that the returns of the said elections shall be made to the Convention aforesaid.

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

Mr. Campfield, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John N. Cumming, John Vandegrift, in behalf of the proprietors of the Deligence, Commercial and Pilot lines of stages, and of Joseph Broadhurst and James B. Cooper, in behalf of the proprietors of the Federal and Dispatch lines of stages, running through this state, between Trenton and Powles Hook, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, the law, entitled, "A supplement to an act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," should be repealed.

Your committee are of opinion that no tax should be required from the proprietors, under the said law, carrying the mail of the United States, and that they be exonerated from the same, and from all judgments had against them in consequence of the above law.

Your committee are also of opinion, that John N. Cumming & Co.

proprietors of the lines of stages, called by the names of Diligence and Endeavour, be reimbursed in the sum of two hundred pounds, they having paid up their taxes required by law; and that the treasurer be authorized to repay the same to the said John N. Cumming & Co. And that Joseph Broadhurst & Co. who are deficient in paying up said tax, on the lines of stages, called the Dispatch and Federal, be exonerated in the sum of two hundred pounds, on their paying the residue of said deficiencies: And that John Vandegrift & Co. who are deficient, in paying up said tax on the line of stages, called the Industry, be exonerated in the sum of one hundred pounds, on their paying the residue of said deficiencies: And that John N. Cumming & Co. who are deficient in paying up said tax, on the line of stages, called the Pilot, be exonerated in the sum of twenty-five pounds, on their paying the residue of said deficiencies; and that the petitioners have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition.

By the unanimous order of the committee.

WILLIAM CAMPFIELD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the inhabitants of the townships of Maurice River, Fairfield and Deerfield, praying that a law may pass to appoint commissioners (at least one in each township) to fix upon the most suitable and natural boundaries, in the said townships, for laying off, and forming a new township, with full and adequate power to run and mark the boundaries thereof, where necessary, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the president and managers of the Easton Delaware bridge company, praying that they may be authorized to sell lottery tickets within this state, and that they may have leave to present a bill for that purpose, was read:

Ordered, That they have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of their petition: Whereupon,

Mr. McCullough presented a bill, entitled, "An act to authorize the president and managers of the company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania, to sell lottery tickets within this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Campfield, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates, proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Sundry petitions were presented, praying that a law may pass, to direct the manner in which the people of New-Jersey shall appoint electors, to choose a President and Vice-President, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

Friday, November 8, 1792

The House met.

Mr. Shinn, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Gulick, having taken the same into consideration and examined with attention the merits of the case, are of opinion,

THAT the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH SHINN.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Burgin, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of the county of Salem, praying liberty to present a bill, to incorporate a company to cut a canal from the Penns. Neck, branch of Salem Creek, to the river Delaware, are of opinion,

THAT the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,

GEORGE BURGIN.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, on the second Thursday of the next sitting, the petitioners previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, for three weeks, in three of the most public places in the three adjacent townships.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee to whom was referred the several petitions from persons confined in the different gaols of this state, for debt, reported a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of persons confined for debt," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Campfield, of yesterday, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from the stage proprietors, was read a second time and agreed to.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives, in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for this state," was read and compared:

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Blanch,	J. Howell,	Pearson,	Van Duyn,
Burrowes,	Lippencott,	Shinn,	Ward,
Combs,	Lloyd,	Southard,	Wilkins.
Dey,	Manning,	Stillwell,	
Dunn,	M'Eowen,	Stockton,	
Harrison,	Mofs,	Taylor,	

NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Bowen,	Dickerfon,	Lequear,	Speer,
Burgin,	Gaston,	M'Cullough,	Voorheefe.
Campfield,	Haas,	Pennington,	
Clark,	Hankinon,	Seagrave,	
Corwin,	L. Howell,	Smith,	

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

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAY.
Messrs. Blanch,	Harrifon,	Seagrave,	Mr. Burgin.
Bowen,	L. Howell,	Shinn,	
Burrowes,	J. Howell,	Smith,	
Campfield,	Lequear,	Southard,	
Clark,	Lippencott,	Speer,	
Combs,	Lloyd,	Stillwell,	
Corwin,	Manning,	Stockton,	
Dey,	M'Eowen,	Taylor,	
Dickerfon,	Mofs,	Van Duyn,	
Dunn,	M'Cullough,	Voorheefe.	
Gaston,	Pearson,	Ward,	
Haas,	Pennington,	Wilkins.	
Hankinon,			

The engrossed bill, entitled, "A supplementary act, to the act, entitled, "An act to incorporate societies for the promotion of learning," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously; That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to build a bridge across the South branch of Great Timber Creek, in the county of Gloucester," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of protesting notes and inland bills of exchange," and a bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of townships, designating their powers and regulating their meetings, passed the twenty-first day of February, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight," which bills he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this House.

The same were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Pearson, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Ward, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of the inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Middlesex, reported,

THAT they have carefully examined the same, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the said petitions ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

PETER WARD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from New-Brunswick, praying that a law may pass, prohibiting the hawking and peddling of goods, the growth or manufacture of foreign countries, within this state, was read and committed to Messrs. Taylor, Van Duyn and Dickerson.

The bill, entitled, "An act to authorize the president and managers, of the company for erecting a bridge over the River Delaware, at the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania, to sell lottery tickets within this state," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ward, from the committee appointed to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of James Mott, Esq. late treasurer, reported a statement of the settlement as follows :

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of taxes levied in continental---

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

Bergen,

Hunterdon,

Lawful Money.

£. 164 14 11

402 5 9

£. 567 0 8

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

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

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

Burlington,

Suffex,

State Money.

£. 578 0 2 1-4

578 19 7 3-4

£. 1,156 19 10

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

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

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

Suffex,

State Money.

£. 742 10 3 1-2

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---Money and reduced to Specie.

By deficiencies not yet paid in

by the counties of

	Dols.	£.	s.	d.
Bergen,	369.32	138	9	11
Hunterdon,	1072.77	402	5	9
Balance carried to account current,	70.	26	5	
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		£.	567	0 8

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---Certificates, due Dec. 1, 1781.

By deficiencies not yet paid in

by the counties of

	Dols.	£.	s.	d.
Burlington,	1,533.36	575	0	2 1-4
Suffex,	1,543.95	578	19	7 3-4
Balance carried to account current,	8.		3	
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		£.	1,156	19 10

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---Certificates, and £. 25,000 Specie, due April 1, 1782.

State Money.

By amount carried to account current, Dols. 1,980,4 £. 742 10 3 3-4

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET.
PETER WARD.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

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

To deficiencies not paid in on the last

settlement by the counties of State Money. Lawful Money.

Essex, £. 49 0 1

Hunterdon, £. 190 0 7

Morris, 814 6 3 1-2

£. 1,004 6 10 1-2 £. 49 0 1

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of the proportion of the second payment---

To deficiency not paid in on the last

settlement by the county of State Money.

Suffex, £. 23 0 1

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of the proportion of the second payment---

To deficiency not paid in on the last

settlement by the county of Lawful Money.

Hunterdon, £. 721 15 4 3-4

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

---Certificates, and £. 25,000 Specie, due July 1, 1782.

By deficiencies not yet paid in				
by the counties of		State Money.	Lawful Money.	
Hunterdon,	Dols. 506.74	£. 190 0 7		
Morris	2,171.51	814 6 3	1-2	
Balance carried to acct. current,	130.58			£. 49 0 1
		£. 1,004 6 10	1-2	£. 49 0 1

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

---of tax for raising £. 90,000, due Jan. 1, 1783.

		State Money.	
By amount carried to account current,	Dols. 61.34	£. 23 0 1	
October 29, 1799.			

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

---of tax for raising £. 90,930, due Jan. 1, 1784.

By deficiency not yet paid in			
by the county of		Lawful Money.	
Hunterdon,	Dols. 1,924.72	£. 721 15 4	3-4
October 29, 1799.			

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET.
PETER WARD.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

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

To deficiencies not paid in on the last settlement by the counties of	Lawful Money.
Hunterdon,	£. 286 4 4
Suffex,	633 18 7
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	£. 920 2 11

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax for raising a Revenue of—

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

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax for raising a Revenue of—

To deficiency not paid in on the last settlement by the county of	State Money.
Suffex,	£. 614 7 1

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---inking £. 50,000 in bills of credit, due Dec. 1, 1785.

By deficiencies not yet paid in

by the counties of		Lawful Money.
Hunterdon,	Dols. 613.24	£. 229 19 4
Suffex,	1,434.48	537 18 7
Balance carried to account current	406.	152 5

		£. 920 2 11

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---£. 31,259. 5s. in bills of credit, due Dec. 1, 1785.

		Lawful Money.
By amount carried to account current,	Dols. 985.95	£. 369 14 8
October 29, 1799.		

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---£. 31,259. 5s. in bills of credit, due Dec. 30. 1786.

		Lawful Money.
By amount carried to account current,	Dols. 1,638.28	£. 614 7 1
October 29, 1799.		

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET.
PETER WARD.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax for raising a Revenue of---

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

Lawful Money,
£. 5 14 8

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax in Specie, due Jan. 1, 1783, which---
but by a law passed Nov. 28, 1789---

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

Hunterdon,
Morris,
Suffex,

Lawful Money.
£. 2,183 17 3 1-2
1,842 7 3
1,946 13 0

£. 5,972 17 6 1-2

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---£. 31,259. 5s. in bills of credit, due Dec. 30, 1788.

Lawful Money.

By amount carried to account current, *Dols.* 15.29 £. 5 14 8
 October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
 PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---was made payable to the receiver of Continental taxes,

---is made payable into the Treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in by the
 counties of

	<i>Dols.</i>	£.	Lawful Money.		
Morris,	4,912.97	1,842	7	3	
Suffex,	4,425.40	1,659	10	5	3-4
Balance carried to account current,	6,589.31	2,470	19	9	3-4
		£. 5,972	17	6	1-2

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
 PETER WARD.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax in Specie, due Oct. 1, 1783, which---
but by a law, passed Nov. 28, 1789, is---

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

	Lawful Money.
Monmouth,	£. 1,098 2 6 1-2
Burlington,	916 19 4
Hunterdon,	297 8 8
Morris,	1,239 6 8
Suffex,	572 1 9
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	£. 4,123 18 11 1-2

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax in Specie, due Jan. 1, 1784, which---
but by a law, passed Nov. 28, 1789,---

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

	Lawful Money.
Monmouth,	£. 1,465 10 0
Somerfet,	37 10 0
Burlington,	1,540 6 4
Hunterdon,	1,714 18 5
Morris,	1,239 6 8
Cumberland,	5 5 0
Suffex,	728 0 0
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	£. 6,730 16 5

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

---was payable to the receiver of Continental taxes,
---made payable into the Treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in

by the counties of	Lawful Money.			
Monmouth,	Dols. 2,928.34	£. 1,098	2	6 1-2
Morris,	3,304.89	1,239	6	8
Suffex,	1,392.23	522	1	9
Balance carried to account current,	3,371.73	1,264	8	
		£. 4,123	18	11 1-2

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET.

PETER WARD.

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

---was payable to the receiver of Continental taxes,
---is made payable into the Treasury.

By deficiencies not yet paid in by the
counties of

	Lawful Money.			
Monmouth,	Dols. 3,908.00	£. 1,465	10	0
Burlington,	1,548.48	580	13	7
Hunterdon,	728.21	273	1	6 1-2
Morris,	3,304.89	1,239	6	8
Suffex,	1,941.33	728		
Balance carried to account current,	6,517.95	2,444	4	7 1-2
		£. 6,730	16	5

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER WARD.

AMOUNT OF DEFICIENCIES DUE FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	ARRARS of TAXES due before the YEAR 1785.				TOTAL AMOUNT.		
	Levied in old State Money.	Levied in Continental Money and reduced to Specie.	Levied in Specie.	Levied in Specie formerly due to the Continental receiver.	Sinking fund tax, due Dec. 1, 1785.	Old State Money.	Lawful Money.
Bergen,	Dollars Cents.	Dollars Cents.	Dollars Cents.	Dollars Cents.	Dollars Cents.	Dollars Cents.	Dollars Cents.
Elizex,		369.32					369.32
Middlesex,				6,836.34			6,836.34
Monmouth,				1,548.48		1,533.36	1,548.48
Somerset,							
Burlington,	1,535.36						
Gloucester,							
Salem,							
Cape-May.							
Hunterdon,	506.74	1,992.77	1,924.72	728.21	613.24	506.74	4,338.94
Morris,	2,172.51			111,522.75		2,172.51	111,522.75
Cumberland,							
Suffex,	1,543.95			7758.96	1,434.48	1,543.95	9,193.44
	5,755.56	1,442.09	1,924.72	128,394.74	2,047.72	5,755.56	33,809.27

October 29, 1799-

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

Dr.

On account of cash received of sundry persons.

1798.

Nov. 13,	Received of George Burgin, sheriff of Cumberland county, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county.	£. 33 15 0
	James Lloyd, sheriff of Monmouth county, on account of do.	75

1799.

Jan. 19,	Jeremiah Hand, late sheriff of Cape-May county, by Elijah Townsend, on account of do.	1 2 6
31,	William Campfield, sheriff of Morris county, by Moses Estey, on account of do.	16 17 6
Feb. 27,	Ditto, do. by Sylvester D. Russel, on account of do.	14 1 10
May 1,	Samuel Roberts, commissioner for Morris county, by Joseph Lewis, former collector, on account of the Old Loan Office of 1776.	20 10 10
14,	Albert C. Zabriskie, sheriff of Bergen county, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county.	32 6 2
	Clement Aton, late sheriff of Salem county, by Richard Burchan, on account of do.	75
	George Burgin, sheriff of Cumberland county, on account of do.	15 4 2
	John Chetwood, sheriff of the Borough of Elizabeth, by Aaron Ogden, on account of do.	5 7 9
June 6,	Received of James Hedden, late sheriff of Essex county, by Elias Van Arsdale, on account of fines imposed by the courts in said county.	52 1
26,	Edward Hall, former sheriff of Salem county, by Clement Aton, on account of do.	17 17 11
July 20,	Jeremiah Hand, late sheriff of Cape-May county, by Parsons Leaming, on account of do. being the sum sent by Ebenezer Newton.	3
Sept. 7,	Joseph Annin, late sheriff of Somerset county, on account of do. 100 dollars.	37 10

Carried forward.

Brought forward, £.

1799.

Oct. 22, William Lloyd, being that part of the money which remained in his hands of the sum he received for Valeria Ivins, on her warrant from the Legislature, agreeably to a resolution passed October 29, 1798, *Dols.* 38,47 £. 14 8 6

24, William Campfield, sheriff of Morris county, the amount of the fines imposed by the courts in said county, during the present year. *Dols.* 26.60 9 19 6

Amount carried to account current, *Dols.* 1,131.02 £. 424 2 8
October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER WARD.

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

On account of cash received for stage licenses.

1799.

May 27. Received of Amos Hutchin, by L. H. Stockton, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Amboy to Burlington, twice a week, out and in both ways, for one year, from the first instant. £. 20 0 0

July 3. Adrian Hunn, by Nathaniel Potts, for a license to run a line of stages through this state, from Amboy to Bordentown, twice a week, out and in both ways, for one year, from the first day of June last. 20

Amount carried to account current, *Dols.* 106.67 £. 40 0 0
October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER WARD.

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

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

1799.

Jan. 19. Received of Garret Vanderveer, executor of
John Vanderveer, by Stephen Van Brakel;
the balance of a bond from John Vander-
veer to William Walton, whose estate was
forfeited to this state, dated Aug. 12, 1774,
conditioned for the payment of £. 244 15 1
Jersey Money, at 8s. the ounce, and ten
years interest thereon, agreeably to a reso-
lution of the Legislature, of March 14 and
15, 1798 (on which the bond was gi-
ven up.) Dols. 695.00 £. 260 12 6

Amount carried to account current, Dols. 695.00 £. 260 12 6

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

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

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

1799.

June 13, Received of Lucy S. Robertson, by William
S. Pennington, the fees on "An act to di-
vorce Lucy S. Robertson, from her hus-
band Charles Robertson," passed June 11,
1799. Dols. 10.64 £. 3 19 10

Amount carried to account current, Dols. 10.64 £. 3 19 10

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

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

On account of cash received from the United States.

1799.

May 27,	Received of James Ewing, commissioner of loans, two quarterly payments of principal and interest, due January 1, and April 1, 1799.	Dols. 1,781.40	£. 668	0	6
Oct. 9,	James Ewing, commissioner of loans, two quarterly payments of interest, up to Oct. 1, 1799.	Dols. 1,127.68	422	17	7
	Also two quarterly payments of interest on 337 dols. 65 cts. three per cent stock, to Oct. 1, 1799.	Dols. 5.06	1	17	11 1-2
	Amount carried to acct. current,	Dols. 2,914.14	£. 1,092	16	0 1-2
	October 29, 1799.				

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER WARD.

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

On account of cash received of the commissioners of the New Loan Offices, in the several counties, on account of interest.

1799.

Jan. 4,	Received of William Phillips, one of the commissioners for Hunterdon county, by R. Phillips, the amount of the 12th year's interest, due Dec. 4, 1798.	£. 111	12	1
16,	Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, by Anthony Keafby, the amount of do. do.	76		1
17,	John Black, do. for Burlington county, the amount of do. do.	62	2	1
	Abraham Staats, do. for Somerfet county, the amount of do. do.	78	11	1
	Joseph Champion, do. for Gloucester county, the amount of do. do.	105		3
	Jonas Wade, do. for Effex county, by William S. Pennington, on account of do. do.	56	2	
	Amount carried forward.	£. 489	7	7

	Amount brought forward,	£. 489	7	7
1799.				
Jan. 18,	Received of Joseph Lewis, one of the commissioners for Morris county, by Henry Southard, the amount of the 12th year's interest, due Dec. 4, 1798.	49	5	9
	Abraham Schuyler, do. for Middlesex county, by Andrew Kirkpatrick, the amount of do. do.	73	10	10
19,	John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, the amount of do. do.	16	4	11
	John Smock and Nicholas Van Brunt, two of the commissioners for Monmouth county, the amount of do. do.	103	5	7
23,	John Condict, one of the commissioners for Essex county, by William S. Pennington, the balance of do. do.	23	4	2
24,	Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, the amount of do. do.	34	16	9
26,	Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, the amount of do. do.	67	4	3
April 8,	Aaron Eldridge, do. for Cape-May county, the amount of do. do.	7	19	3
13,	John Smock, do. for Monmouth county, three months interest on mortgages foreclosed, due March 6, 1799.	17	2	
26,	Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, three months interest, on do. do.	1	9	8
May 1,	Joseph Lewis, do. for Morris county, three months interest, on do. do.	3	4	3
16,	Joseph Champion, do. for Gloucester county, three months interest, on do. do.	2	2	7
Aug. 6,	Abraham Schuyler, do. for Middlesex county, by Staats Vandeurfen, the interest on £. 73 15 8, from the first of May last. <i>Dols.</i> 3.9	1	3	2
Oct. 22,	Jonas Wade, do. for Essex county, by William S. Pennington, the interest on that part of the principal left unpaid on the first of May last. <i>Dols.</i> 42.30	15	17	3
	Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, by David Potter, the do. on do. <i>Dols.</i> 5.50	2	1	3
Amount carried to account current. <i>Dols.</i> 2,578.41		£. 890	18	1
October 29, 1799.				

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD.

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

On account of cash received of the commissioners of the New Loan Offices, in the several counties, on account of principal.

1799.

Jan. 16.	Received of Robert G. Johnson, one of the commissioners for Salem county, by Anthony Keafby, on account of principal, due May 1, 1799.	£. 17 14 11
17,	Abraham Staats, do. for Somerset county, on account of do. do.	575 10 5
	Joseph Champion, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do.	620 17 11
19,	John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, on account of do. do.	152 14 1
	John Smock and Nicholas Van Brunt, two of the commissioners for Monmouth county, on account of do. do.	742 9 3 1-2
23,	John Condit, one of the commissioners for Essex county, by William S. Pennington, on account of do. do.	1 13 10
Feb, 26,	Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, on account of do. do.	420 0 0
	William Waynman, do. for Salem county, by Robert G. Johnson, on account of do. do.	41 5 0
	Thomas Anderson, do. for Suffex county, on account of do. do.	887 0 3
April 8,	Aaron Eldridge, do. for Cape-May county, on account of do. do.	3 5 9
13,	John Smock, do. for Monmouth county, on account of do. do.	180 9 5
15,	William Phillips and Joseph Beavers, two of the commissioners for Hunterdon county, by R. Phillips, on account of do. do.	1,490 2 0 1-2
26,	Thomas Anderson, one of the commissioners for Suffex county, the balance of do. do.	233 3 7
29,	Aaron Eldridge, do. for Cape-May county, on account of do. do.	106 18 4
	Nicholas Van Brunt, do. for Monmouth county, by J. Rhea, on account of do. do.	74 10 2
May 1,	Joseph Lewis, do. for Morris county, the balance of do. do.	824 10 8
	Carried forward,	£. 6,402 5 8

Brought forward, £.

1799.				
May 1,	Received of Joseph Lewis, one of the commissioners for Morris county, the amount of the counterfeit cancelled Loan Office Money, paid on the 7th Sep. 1796, and condemned by the committees of Council and Assembly, as reported, November 5, 1796.	4	10	0
	Joseph Reading, do. for Hunterdon county, on account of principal, due May 1, 1799.	198	15	0
6,	John Black, do. for Burlington county, the balance of do. do.	1,035	1	8
7,	John Myer, do. for Middlesex county, on account of do. do.	1,151	17	9
14,	John Outwater, do. for Bergen county, the balance of do. do.	118	0	6
16,	Joseph Champion, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do.	153	8	7
	Samuel Hugg, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do.	225	0	0
21,	Abraham Staats, do. for Somersfet county, the balance of do. do.	733	14	7
24,	William Waynman, do. for Salem county, on account of do. do.	255	7	6
25,	Peter Covenhoven, do. for Monmouth county, by Anthony F. Taylor, on account of do. do.	129	15	10
29,	Iaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, on account of do. do.	448	18	0
	Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, on account of do. do.	335	13	1
June 7.	Board of freeholders of Monmouth county, by John Craig, on account of do. do.	75	10	3
13,	Iaac Wheaton, one of the commissioners for Cumberland county, on account of do. do.	60	0	0
18,	John Condit, do. for Effex county, by M. Denman, on account of do. do.	437	10	4
	Jonas Wade, do. for Effex county, by M. Denman, on account of do. do.	375	0	0
July 20,	Board of freeholders of Cape-May county, by P. Leaming, on account of do. do.			
	<i>Dols.</i>	1.12	1-2	0 8 5

£.

		Brought forward,	£.		
1799.					
Aug. 16.	Abraham Schuyler, one of the commissioners for Middlesex county, by Staats Van Deurfen, the balance of principal, due May 1, 1799.	<i>Dols.</i> 196.75	1-2	73	15 8
	23, Samuel Hugg, do. for Gloucester county, on account of do. do.	<i>Dols.</i> 550.90		206	5 0
Sept. 3,	Robert G. Johnson, do. for Salem county, by J. Tuft, on account of do. do.	<i>Dols.</i> 30.50		11	8 9
	John Smock, do. for Monmouth county, by Joseph Stillwell, on account of do. do.	<i>Dols.</i> 107.43		40	5 9 1-2
Oct. 22,	Isaac Wheaton, do. for Cumberland county, by Jonathan Bowen, the balance of do. do.	<i>Dols.</i> 191.27		71	14 6 1-2
	Jonas Wade, do. for Essex county, by William S. Pennington, the do. of do.	<i>Dols.</i> 688.98		257	12 4
		<hr/>			
Amount carried to acct. current,		<i>Dols.</i> 34,239.90	£.	12,839	19 3
October 29, 1799.					

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER WARD.

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

On account of cash received of the Treasurer of the United States.

1799.

May 3,	Received of Samuel Meridith, Treasurer, the amount of the principal and interest of thirty-seven final settlement notes, deposited in the Treasury by John Peck and John Blair, agents, and funded agreeably to a resolution of the Legislature, of the 13th and 15th of February, 1799.	Dols. 795.82	£. 298	8	8
Oct. 9,	James Ewing, commissioner of loans, eight years and three months interest, on 337 dols. 65 cts. three per cent stock, funded agreeably to a resolution of the Legislature, of the 13th and 15th of February, 1799, (to April 1, 1799.)	Dols. 83.60		31	7 0
	Amount carried to account current,	Dols. 879.42	£. 329	15	8

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,

PETER WARD.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account current in---

To balance due the state on settlement made October 27, 1798, £. 925 0 0 specie, received at one for three, on the sinking fund tax, and not yet exchanged, equal, in old state money, to	£. 2,775 0 0	7,400 00
To ditto of tax, due Dec. 1, 1781.	3 0 0	8
To ditto of do. due April 1, 1782.	742 10 3 3-4	1,980 4
To ditto of do. due Jan. 1, 1783.	23 0 1	61 34
To ditto of the sinking fund tax, due Dec. 1, 1785, £. 152 5 0 specie, equal to, at one for three, in old state money,	456 15 0	1,218
		10,667 38

October 29, 1799.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle vouchers relative thereto, viz. No. 1 and No. 2, do find a--
 sixty-six cents, and two thirds of a cent, specie, received on the sinking--
 old state money, to eight thousand six hundred and eighteen dollars,--
 to the above statement.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---Old State Money.

By amount of vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 2 inclusive, Dols. Cts.
for state money examined, counted and burned, this
present fitting, by the committees of both Houses, to wit:

Of the emiffion of June 9, 1780. Dols. 1,987.05

Ditto of Jan. 9, 1781. 62.33

----- 2,049 38

By balance due the state, 2,872 dols. 66 2-3 cts. Specie,
received at one for three, on the sinking fund tax, and
not yet exchanged; which said sum, the said James Mott
paid to James Saltar, Treafurer, as by receipt, equal,
in old state money, to

8,618

10,667 38

--tle the Treafurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the
--balance of two thousand eight hundred and feventy-two dollars and
--fund tax, due December 1, 1785, and not yet exchanged, equal, in
--paid by the said James Mott to James Saltar, Treafurer, agreeably

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES,
WILLIAM M'EOWEN.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account current---

	Dols.	Cts.
To balance due the state on settlement made, October 27, 1798,	£. 13,780 9 11 1-2	36,748 00
To ditto received on the tax levied in continental money, and reduced to specie,		70
To ditto received on the tax, due July 1, 1782,		130 68
To ditto do. on the revenue tax, due Dec. 1, 1785,		985 95
To ditto do. on do. due Dec. 30, 1786,		1,638 28
To ditto do. on do. due Dec. 30, 1788,		15 29
To ditto do. on the tax, due Jan, 1, 1783, formerly payable to the receiver of continental taxes,		6,589 31
To ditto do. on do. due October 1, 1783, do.		3,371 73
To ditto do. on do. due January 1, 1784, do.		6,517 95
To cash received of fundry persons,		1,131 2
To do. for stage licenfes,		106 67
To do. of the agents &c. of forfeited estates,		695
To do. for fees on private laws,		10 64
To do. of the United States,		2,914 14
To do. of the commissioners of the New Loan offices on account of interest,		2,378 41
To do. of do. on account of principal,		34,239 90
To do. of the treasurer of the United States, on account of soldiers notes funded,		879 42

Carried forward,

98,422 39

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Ct.

---in Lawful Money.

	Dols.	Cts.
By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 191 inclusive, for cash paid to the members of the Legislature for their wages, to their clerks, door-keepers, and to the printers,	13,025	87
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 20, for do. paid to the officers of government on account of their salaries, and to the judges of the supreme court, for holding courts of oyer and terminer,	7,093	33
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 79, for do. paid for fundry incidental charges,	6,900	57
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 44, for do. paid on warrants for pensions,	2,320	
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 9, for do. for one years interest on old state money,	196	77
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 6, for do. paid to the agent for erecting the State Prison,	6,443	69
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 9, for do. paid for the principal and interest of forfeited estate notes,	981	29
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 2, for do. paid for the principal and interest of funded notes, agreeably to a law passed Feb. 13, 1797,	7	33
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to No. 2, for do. paid for the principal and interest of soldiers notes, which were funded by the United States,	62	67
By ditto of voucher No. 1 for do. paid as a bounty to the militia, agreeably to a law passed June 10, 1794,	103	
By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 22 for do. paid for the principal and interest of Condict's, Militia and Depreciation notes, agreeably to a law of Feb. 13, 1797,	801	13
By ditto of do. from No. 1 to 52 for do. paid to the keeper of the State Prison, his deputy assistants &c. agreeably to a law of Feb. 15, 1798,	6,735	95
Carried forward,	44,676	70

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To amount brought forward,

Dols. Cts.
98,422 39

98,422 39

October 29, 1799.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to--
vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 191, from--
from No. 1 to No. 9, from No. 1 to No. 6, from No. 1 to No. 9,--
No. 22, from No. 1 to No. 52 and from No. 1 to No. 2, inclusive--
dollars, and eighty-nine cents, paid by the said James Mott to James--

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account current---

Dols. Cts.

To 10 notes signed by John Stevens, late treasurer, remain-
ing in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, on settlement
made October 27, 1798, amounting to £. 23 14 2 63 22

October 29, 1799.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle--
er relative thereto, do find ten notes amounting to sixty-three--
to the above statement.

	Dols.	Cts.
By amount brought forward,	44,676	70
By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 2, for Jerfey paper money, delivered to the committees of Council and Assembly, and by them examined, counted and burned this fitting, to wit :		
Loan Office money, <i>Dols.</i> 2,516.13		
Revenue money, 345.67	-----	2,861 80
By balance due the state, which said balance the said James Mott paid to James Saltar, treafurer, as appears by his receipt,	50,883	89
	-----	98,422 39

--settle the treafurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the
--No. 1 to No. 20, from No. 1 to No. 79, from No. 1 to No. 44,
--from No. 1 to No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 2, No. 1, from No. 1 to
--do find a balance of fifty thousand eight hundred and eighty-three
--Saltar, treafurer, agreeably to the above statement.

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES.
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM M'EWEN.

—to the State of New-Jerfey,

Cr.

--in Notes of Depreciation.

	Dols.	Cts.
By 10 notes figned by John Stevens, late treafurer, and delivered by James Mott, to James Saltar, treafurer, as by receipt, amounting to	63	22

--the treafurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouch-
--dollars and twenty-two cents, remaining in the treafury, agreeably

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES,
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM M'EWEN.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account current---

Dols. Cts.

To 30 notes signed and issued by the treasurer and counter-
signed by the auditor, remaining in the hands of the
treasurer, on settlement made October 27, 1798,
amounting to £. 378 3 10 1,008 51

October 29, 1799.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle-
ers relative thereto, do find twenty-nine notes amounting to--
the treasury, agreeably to the above statement.

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account current--

Dols. Cts.

To 40 notes signed by John Pierce, and deposited in the
treasury by John Peck and John Blair, agents, agree-
ably to a law passed March 7, 1786, remaining in the
hands of James Mott, treasurer, on settlement made
October 27, 1798, amounting to *Dols.* 907.99 907 99

October 29, 1799.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle-
ers for the delivery of three notes, and funding thirty-seven-
cents, do find the same justly stated.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---in Forfeited Estate Notes.

	Dols.	Cts.
By 1 note delivered to the proprietor thereof, amounting to	£. 47	3 7
	125	81
By 29 notes delivered by James Mott to James Saltar, treasurer, as by receipt, amounting to	882	70
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	1,008	51

--the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouch-
--eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and seventy cents, remaining in

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES,
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM M'EWEN.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

---in Final Settlement Notes.

	Dols.	Cts.
By 3 notes delivered to the proprietors thereof amounting to	143	67
By 37 notes vested in the funds of the United States, agreeably to a resolution of the 13th and 15th of Feb. 1799,	764	32
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	907	99

--the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the vouch-
--notes amounting to nine hundred and seven dollars and ninety-nine

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES,
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM M'EWEN.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account current in Notes issued---

Dols. Cts.

To 1 note signed and issued by the treasurer, on certificates funded agreeably to the above law, remaining in the hands of James Mott, treasurer, on settlement made October 27, 1798, amounting to
October 29, 1799.

£. 1 13 0 4 40

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to vouchers relative thereto, do find one note, amounting to set-
above statement.

Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax levied on persons exempt---

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

£. 8 19 9

£. 8 19 9

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

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

By 1 note delivered by James Mott, to James Saltar, treasurer, as by receipt, amounting to	Dols.	Cts.
	4	40

---the Treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the four dollars and forty cents remaing in the treasury, agreeably to the

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES,
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM M'EWEN.

—to the State of New-Jersey, Cr.

---from Militia Duty, due Dec. 30, 1793.

By payment made and fees and commissions for collection &c. by the county of Cumberland,		
By cash received,	£. 6	16 6
By fees and commissions,	£. 2 3 3	
	£. 2 3 3	6 16 6
Amount of fees and commissions,		2 3 3
Balance carried to account current, <i>Dols.</i> 18.20		6 16 6
		£. 8 19 9

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
PETER WARD,

Dr. JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of tax levied on persons exempt—

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

Bergen,	£. 65 2 10
Monmouth,	16 0 0
Burlington,	309 5 0
Salem,	18 0 0
Cape-May,	34 10 5
Cumberland,	49 5 10

£. 492 4 1

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

--from Militia Duty, due Dec. 30, 1797.

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

Bergen,	By cash received,		£. 15	7	7
	By 41 exempts cleared,	£. 46	2	6	
	By 3 do. erroneously returned,	3	7	6	
	By fees and commissions,	0	5	3	
Monmouth,	By cash received,		12	7	5
	By 3 exempts cleared,	3	7	6	
	By fees and commissions,	0	5	1	
Burlington,	By cash received,		107	18	6
	By 177 exempts cleared,	199	2	6	
	By fees and commissions,	2	4	0	
Salem,	By 16 exempts cleared,	18	0	0	
Cape-May,	By cash received,		22	16	1
	By 10 exempts cleared,	11	5	0	
	By fees and commissions,	0	9	4	
Cumberland,	By cash received,		48	6	0
	By fees and commissions,	0	19	10	
		£. 285	8	6	206 15 7

Amount of clearances, with fees and commissions,

Balance carried to account current, *Dols.* 551.41

£. 492 4 1

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committees,

WILLIAM PARRET,
WILLIAM PEARSON.

*Dr.*JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

On account of the tax levied on persons exempt---

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

Bergen,	81	exempts,		£. 91	2	6
Essex,	19	do.		£. 21	7	6
Accounted for	14	do.	by the collector,	15	15	0
Middlesex,	76	do.		£. 85	10	0
Accounted for			by the collector of the tax of 1796,	5	10	10
Monmouth,	132	exempts,		148	10	0
Somerfet,	32	do.		36	0	0
Burlington,	106	do.	accounted for by the collector,	119	5	0
Gloucester,	410	do.		461	5	0
Salem,	386	do.		434	5	0
Cape-May,	45	do.		50	12	6
Hunterdon,	98	do.		£. 110	5	0
Accounted for	7	do.	by the collector,	7	17	6
Morris,	61	do.		68	12	6
Cumberland,	65	do.		73	2	6
Suffex,	55	do.		61	17	6

 £. 1,790 18 4

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

--from Militia Duty, due Dec. 30, 1798.

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

Bergen,	By cash received,		£. 53 18 4
	By 31 exempts cleared,	£. 34 17 6	
	By fees and commissions,	2 6 8	
Essex,	By cash received,		35 17 9
	By fees and commissions,	1 4 9	
Middlesex,	By cash received,		85 19 9
	By 2 exempts cleared,	2 5 0	
	By fees and commissions,	2 16 1	
Monmouth,	By cash received,		134 14 9 1-2
	By 8 exempts cleared,	9 0 0	
	By fees and commissions,	4 15 2 1-2	
Somerfet,	By cash received,		30 7 10.
	By 4 exempts cleared,	4 10 0	
	By fees and commissions,	1 2 2	
Burlington,	By cash received,		91 0 5
	By 22 exempts cleared,	24 15 0	
	By fees and commissions,	3 9 7	
Gloucester,	By cash received,		413 18 1
	By 29 exempts cleared,	32 12 6	
	By fees and commissions,	14 14 5	
Salem,	By cash received,		304 0 3
	By 105 exempts cleared,	18 2 6	
	By fees and commissions,	12 2 3	
Cape-May,	By cash received,		45 12 11
	By 3 exempts cleared,	3 7 6	
	By fees and commissions,	1 12 1	
Hunterdon,	By cash received,		109 15 6 1-2
	By 4 exempts cleared,	4 10 0	
	By fees and commissions,	3 16 11 1-2	
Morris,	By cash received,		40 19 2
	By 23 exempts cleared,	25 17 6	
	By fees and commissions,	1 15 10	
Cumberland,	By cash received,		68 9 6
	By 2 exempts cleared,	2 5 0	
	By fees and commissions,	2 8 0	
Suffex,	By cash received,		55 8 0 1-2
	By 4 exempts cleared,	4 10 0	
	By fees and commissions,	1 19 5 1-2	
		£. 320 15 11 1-2	1,470 2 4 1-2

Amount of clearances, with fees and commissions,

380 15 11 1-2

Balance carried to account current,

Dols. 3,920.32 1,470 2 4 1-2

£. 1,790 18 4

October 29, 1799.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM PARRET,
WILLIAM PEARSON.

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Dr.

JAMES MOTT, *Treasurer*—

Account Current---

On Account of---

		Dols.	Cts.
To balance due the state on settlement made October 27, 1798,	£. 3,937 4 9	10,499	30
To ditto received on the tax due Dec. 30, 1793,		18	20
To ditto do. due Dec. 30, 1797,		551	41
To ditto do. due Dec. 30, 1798,		3,920	32
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		14,989	23

October 29, 1799.

WE, the committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle--
vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 49, inclu--
ninety-one cents, paid by the said James Mott to James Saltar, treasu---

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

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

Saturday, November 9, 1799.

The House met.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, entitled, "An act to limit and explain the sixty-eighth section of the act, entitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed the 18th day of March, 1796;" which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this house.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. Ward from the committee appointed to join the committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of James Mott, Esq. late treasurer, was taken up and agreed to.

The bill, entitled, "An act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates, proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

—to the State of New-Jersey,

Cr.

--in Lawful Money

--the Exempt Tax.

	Dols.	Cts.
By amount of fundry vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 49, inclusive, for cash paid to fundry officers their salaries, and for expenses and charges in organizing, equipping and training the militia, &c.	6,952	32
By balance paid by the said James Mott to James Saltar, treasurer, as by receipt,	8,036	91
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	14,989	23

--the treasurer's accounts, having examined the above, and the --five, do find a balance of eight thousand and thirty-six dollars and --rer, agreeably to the above statement.

WILLIAM PARRET,
DANIEL MARSH,
WILLIAM PEARSON,
JOHN LEQUEAR,
CORNELIUS VOORHIES,
PETER WARD,
WILLIAM M'EWEN.

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, 1798," was read a second time, amended in the house, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the division of the townships of Bernards and Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset, and for forming a new township from off the east end of the said townships of Bernards and Bridgewater," was read a second time: Whereupon,

Sundry petitions from the county of Somerset were presented and read, praying that the said bill may not be enacted into a law.

Ordered, That the said bill and petitions be referred to the first sitting of the next legislature.

The bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of protesting notes and inland bills of exchange," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Wilkins, Southard and M'Cullough.

The House adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.

Monday, November 11, 1799.

The House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct," was read and compared:

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

A petition from Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, widow of Dr. Jonathan Horton, stating a demand against the state, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Dey, Shinn and Lequear.

Mr. Pearson, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act to regulate and fix the terms for holding the Court of Appeals," passed, Trenton, 29th January, 1799," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Morris and Essex, praying the Legislature to pass a law to confirm and establish a road, laid out in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, in the county of Essex, from South Orange to Passaic river, and authorizing a road to be laid out from the said Passaic river and the town of Morris, thereby completing a road in a direct line from Morristown, in the county of Morris, to Newark, in the county of Essex, was read:

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Wednesday in the next sitting of the Legislature, they publishing the purport of said bill in the newspaper printed in Morristown, and one of the newspapers printed in the town of Newark, seven weeks previous thereto.

The bill, entitled, "An act relative to law reports," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act to build a bridge across the South branch of Great Timber Creek, in the county of Gloucester; the bill, entitled, "A supplementary act to the act, entitled, "An act to incorporate societies for the promotion of learning," and the bill, entitled, "An act for the support of the government of the state of New-Jersey," without amendment:

And have disagreed to the bill, entitled, "An act directing the

time and mode of electing representatives in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States for this state.

The House adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The resolutions, presented on the 7th instant, proposing the appointment of a convention to revise the constitution of this state, were taken up: Whereupon the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take the said resolutions into consideration, Mr. Wilkins in the chair of the committee; and after some time spent thereon, the speaker resumed the chair, and the chairman reported that the committee had had the resolutions under consideration, which he reported as amended.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be committed to Messrs. Pennington, Pearson, Campfield, Wilkins and Dunn.

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

Tuesday, November 12, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Dey, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, reported,

THAT it is the *unanimous* opinion of your committee, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

JOHN DEY.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The speaker laid before the House, an inventory of fundry bonds and other property, handed over from the late to the present treasurer, and on which is the present treasurer's receipts: Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed to prepare and present a bill to raise a tax for the next year, be discharged.

Mr. Campfield, agreeably to leave given and in behalf of the petitioners, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," and also for the relief of certain stage proprietors therein named;" which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to discharge the president and managers of the company for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton,

in the state of Pennsylvania, to sell lottery tickets within this state," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Bowen,	M'Cullough,	Messrs. Blanch,	Pennington,
Campfield,	Pearson,	Burrowes,	Shinn,
Clark,	Seagrave,	Dey,	Speer,
Combs,	Smith,	Dickerfon,	Stockton,
Corwin,	Southard,	Dunn,	Ward.
Gaston,	Stillwell,	Haas,	
Harrifon,	Taylor,	Hankinson,	
L. Howell,	Van Duyn,	Lippencott,	
J. Howell,	Voorhies,	Manning,	
Lequear,	Wilkins.	M'Eowen,	
Lloyd,		Mofs,	

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act relative to law reports," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Manning,	Messrs. Clark,	Seagrave,
Bowen,	M'Eowen,	Combs,	Smith,
Burrowes,	Pearson,	Corwin,	Southard
Campfield,	Pennington,	Dickerfon,	Speer,
Dey,	Shinn,	Gaston,	Voorhies,
Haas,	Stillwell,	Hankinson,	Ward.
Harrifon,	Taylor,	L. Howell,	
J. Howell,	Van Duyn,	Lequear,	
Lippencott,	Wilkins.	Mofs,	
Lloyd,	<i>Speaker.</i>	M'Cullough,	

The engrossed bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Blanch,	J. Howell,	M'Cullough,	Stillwell,
Burrowes,	Lippencott,	Pearson,	Stockton,
Campfield,	Lloyd,	Pennington,	Taylor,
Combs,	Manning,	Seagrave,	Van Duyn,
Dickerfon,	M'Eowen,	Shinn,	Wilkins.
Harrifon,			

NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Bowen,	Dunn,	L. Howell,	Speer,
Clark,	Gaston,	Lequear,	Voorhies,
Corwin,	Haas,	Mofs,	Ward.
Dey,	Hankinson,	Smith,	

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

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of persons confined for debt," was read a second time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

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

Wednesday, November 13, 1799.

The House met.

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Harrison, Seagrave and Clark, be a committee to examine the health laws of the state of New-York and Pennsylvania, and report what measures may be necessary for this state to take for the preservation of the health of its citizens, against contagious diseases.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions against peddling in this state, presented a bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act relative to hawkers and pedlars," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Van Duyn, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elijah Allen, reported,

THAT they have examined the said petition and papers accompanying the same, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

JAMES VAN DUYN.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

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, 1798," with the amendment made thereto, was read a third time :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Hankinson,	Pearson,	Messrs. Clark,
Bowen,	Harrison,	Seagrave,	Dunn,
Burrowes,	L. Howell,	Shinn,	Moss,
Campfield,	J. Howell,	Smith,	Pennington,
Combs,	Lequear,	Southard,	Van Duyn.
Corwin,	Lippencott,	Speer,	
Dey,	Lloyd,	Stillwell,	
Dickerfon,	Manning,	Stockton,	
Gaston,	M'Eowen,	Taylor,	
Haas,	M'Cullough,	Voorhise.	

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill and amendments, and that the clerk do carry the said bill and amendments to the Council, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Pennington, from the committee to whom was referred the resolutions for revising the constitution, reported the same as follows :

Whereas public security and individual happiness are the great objects of all republican governments, and it is of the greatest importance to a free people, that the fundamental principles of their political association should be, in their nature, most likely to produce the greatest possible degree of public order and happiness ; and whereas, after a fair experiment, time and observation, have unfolded many considerable defects and omissions in the constitution agreed to by the Provincial Congress of New-Jersey, on the second day of July, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, in consequence whereof the various departments of government being blended and confused, are thereby productive of innovation and expense, with all the train of evils flowing from a government destitute of distinct and separate orders, mutually aiding, yet controuling each other ; and whereas it is right and necessary, that the people should have an opportunity of seriously and deliberately investigating the principles on which our political association is established ; and as the period at which the present frame of government was formed, was prior to our assumption of the rank of an independent nation, antecedent to the discovery of many of the most invaluable axioms and principles of political science, was marked by impending danger and destruction from without, and by discord and desolation at home—a combination of circumstances highly unpropitious to the formation of a wise and correct system of government ; and whereas the numerous precedents since exhibited by the constitutions, both original and revised, of the several states of the Union, and more particularly by that singular effort of political virtue and sagacity, the constitution of the United States, have since unfolded to the approving world, maxims and provisions till then unknown ; and it being, in our opinion, highly important to the people of New-Jersey, that the benefits and advantages to be derived from these valuable sources might be extended to the inhabitants of this state, by giving them an opportunity of freely and deliberately investigating and revising the existing frame of govern-

ment, and of amending such defects as experience has discovered in its construction and operation : Therefore,

We the persons chosen to represent the people in the several counties of this state, deeply and solemnly impressed by a consideration of the foregoing reasons, are of opinion that a Convention of Delegates of the people, freely chosen, ought to be holden for the purpose of revising and amending the present charter of government : Wherefore,

I. *We do hereby recommend,* That on the second Tuesday in February next, all free white male persons, who have resided six months previous thereto in any one county of this state, being citizens of the state, and who shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years, do, by plurality of votes, choose a number of persons, equal to twice the number of representatives of the respective counties in the House of Assembly of this state, as Delegates to represent them in a General Convention, to be holden at Trenton, on the third Tuesday of May next, for the purpose of revising, altering and amending the constitution of this state, except that part of the third section thereof, which establishes that the members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly shall be annual, and that part of the twenty-second section in said charter, respecting the trial by jury, and the whole of the eighteenth and nineteenth sections of the same.

II. *And we do further recommend,* That, in our opinion, it would be proper and expedient for the said Convention of Delegates, so chosen, to cause three thousand copies of the frame of government agreed upon by them, to be printed for the consideration of the good people of this state, and distributed in the same proportion and in the same manner as the acts of the Legislature are by law directed to be distributed; and also to direct a copy thereof to be printed in each of the newspapers published in this state, at least four times, and then to adjourn without day.

III. *And we do further recommend,* That on the second Tuesday in October next, all free white male persons, qualified as aforesaid, do by plurality of votes choose a number of persons, equal to the number of representatives of the respective counties of this state, as Delegates to represent them in a second General Convention, to be holden at Trenton, on the second Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and one : And that the said Convention when met and organized, do proceed to take into consideration the constitution so as aforesaid revised, altered and amended, and either ratify, confirm and establish the same, as the constitution of the state of New-Jersey, or reject, annul or disallow the same, as to the said Convention shall appear most conducive to the happiness and welfare of the people of the state : *Provided, and it is hereby further recommended,* That the said constitution shall not be confirmed and established, unless two thirds of all the members of the Convention, last aforesaid, are personally present, and assenting thereto. That in case the said constitution be confirmed and established as aforesaid; the said last

mentioned Convention, fix the time for the commencement of its operation.

IV. *And we do further recommend,* That the nomination of persons to represent the several counties of this state in the first Convention aforesaid, be made on the first Thursday in January next, and that the nomination for the persons to represent the several counties of this state, in the second Convention aforesaid, be made on the first Monday in September next, at the court-house of the respective counties, and that the elections for said Delegates be held at the same hours, continue for the same time, and be conducted in the same manner and by the same officers as are by law provided for election of the members of the State Legislature.

Which recommendations were read and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The several petitions, presented on the 7th instant, praying that a law may pass to direct the manner in which the people of New-Jersey shall appoint electors, to choose a President and Vice-President, were taken up.

A motion was made that the said petitions be dismissed :

On the question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the negative as follows :

NAYS.		YEAS.	
Messrs. Bowen,	L. Howell,	Messrs. Blanch,	M'Eowen,
Campfield,	Lequear,	Burrows,	Moss,
Clark,	McCullough,	Combs,	Pearson,
Corwin,	Pennington,	Dey,	Shinn,
Dickerson,	Seagrave,	Harrison,	Stillwell,
Dunn,	Smith,	J. Howell,	Stockton,
Gaston,	Southard,	Lippencott,	Taylor,
Haas,	Speer,	Lloyd,	Van Duyn.
Hankinson,	Voorhies.	Manning,	

A motion was made that the said petitions be committed to a committee for the purpose of bringing in a bill to answer the prayer of the said petitions.

On the question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the negative.

The petitions from the inhabitants of the townships of Maurice River, Fairfield and Deerfield, in the county of Cumberland, praying that a law may pass to appoint commissioners (at least one in each township) to fix upon the most suitable and natural boundaries in the said townships, for laying off and forming a new township, with full and adequate power to run and mark the boundaries thereof where necessary, were taken up :

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, on the second Wednesday of the next sitting, to answer the prayer of the peti-

tions, they previously advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, in three of the most public places in each of the said townships, for at least three weeks.

Mr. Dunn, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the revised laws of this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Resolved, That the statement rendered by James Mott, late treasurer of this state, and the receipts of James Saltar, the present treasurer, are satisfactory ; and that the secretary be authorized to deliver up the bond, given by the late treasurer, for the security of the state for the faithful execution of his office.

Which resolution was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Wilkins, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, "An act directing the mode of protesting promissory notes and inland bills of exchange," reported the same with sundry amendments, which bill and amendments were read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The report of Mr. Combs on the petition of Benjamin Stevenson, of the 7th instant, was read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Mr. Campfield with leave presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the encouragement and security of a company for procuring an accurate map of this state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act to regulate and fix the terms for holding the court of appeals," passed Trenton 29th January, 1799," was read a second time and postponed.

Mr. Stillwell, agreeably to leave given and in behalf of the petitioner, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of persons confined for debt," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Haas,	Lloyd,	Stillwell,
Burrowes,	Harrison,	Manning,	Stockton,
Campfield,	J. Howell,	M'Ewen,	Taylor,
Dey,	Lequear,	Pearson,	Wilkins,
Dunn,	Lippencott,	Seagrave,	<i>Speaker.</i>

NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Bowen,	Dickerfon,	Mofs,	Southard,
Clark,	Gaston,	M'Cullough,	Speer,
Combs,	Hankinson,	Pennington,	Van Duyn,
Corwin,	L. Howell,	Smith,	Voorhies.

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

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

Thursday, November 14, 1799.

The House met.

A communication from the president of the board of health in Philadelphia, praying that such measures may be taken by the state of New-Jersey, as will aid the health laws of Pennsylvania, was read and committed to Messrs. Harrisson, Seagrave and Clark.

The report of Mr. Van Duyn, on the petition of Elijah Allen of yesterday, was read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Elijah Allen have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

A petition from Thomas Skillman, late a soldier in the first Jersey regiment, in the service of the United States, stating that he had been wounded in the service, and praying to be allowed a pension, was read with the certificate accompanying the same, and committed to Messrs. L. Howell, Lequear and Dunn.

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to repeal part of an act therein mentioned," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," and also for the relief of certain stage proprietors therein named," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act relative to the secretary's office," and after some time spent thereon :

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Messrs. Burrowes, M'Cullough and Lloyd.

The bill, entitled, "An act to limit and explain the sixty-eighth section of the act, entitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes,"

passed the 18th day of March, 1796," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Lippencott and Blanch.

The House adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the bill, entitled, "An act relative to law reports."

The Council have made sundry amendments to the bill, entitled, "An act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates, proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct," which bill with the amendments were read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Beatty also returned a re-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, 1798," and informed the House that the said bill is passed by Council with their amendments.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act to authorize the president and managers of the company, for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania, to sell lottery tickets within this state," without amendment.

The recommendations for revising the constitution of this state, presented by Mr. Pennington, from the committee to whom they were referred yesterday, were taken up :

On the question, Whether the House agree to the said recommendations ? It was carried in the negative as follows :

NAYS.		YEAS.	
Messrs. Bowen,	Lequear,	Messrs. Blanch,	Pennington,
Burrowes,	Manning,	Campfield,	Seagrave,
Clark,	Mofs,	Dey,	Shinn,
Combs,	M'Cullough,	Dunn,	Stockton,
Corwin,	Smith,	Harrison,	Taylor,
Dickerson,	Southard,	J. Howell,	Ward,
Gaston,	Speer,	Lippencott,	Wilkins,
Haas,	Stillwell,	Lloyd,	
Hankinson,	Van Duyn,	M'Eowen,	
L. Howell,	Voorhise.	Pearson,	

The speaker desired that his vote might be expressed in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cook," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A memorial, from a number of the gentlemen of the bar in West-Jersey, praying that the term of the supreme court in February, may be altered by law to the third Tuesday in January, was read and committed to Messrs Bowen, Dunn and Pennington.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the encouragement and security of a company for procuring an accurate map of this state," was read a second time and postponed.

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

Friday, November 15, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. L. Howell, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Skillman, a wounded soldier, reported,

THAT the committee having examined the law, and also the wound of the said Skillman, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,

LEVI HOWELL.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to leave given, and in behalf of the petitioner, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Elijah Allen," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Christopher Case, stating a demand against the confiscated estate of Joseph Barton, in the treasury, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Haas, Voorhies and Speer.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act to regulate and fix the terms for holding the court of appeals," passed Trenton 29th January 1799."

Ordered, That the same be committed to the committee to whom was referred the memorial from the gentlemen of the bar, in West-Jersey, yesterday.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to limit and explain the sixty-eighth section of the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed the 18th day of March, 1796," are of opinion,

THAT no further provision than what is contained in said section is necessary.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard, with leave, presented the following proposition :

Whereas the existing constitution of the state of New-Jersey, is evidently defective in many important particulars ; but as no method is pointed out in the same, whereby a revision can be procured and amendments made, in conformity to the will of the people expressed by their Delegates freely chosen and appointed for that purpose :

Now We, the members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the said state, although impressed with a conviction, that the constitution is defective in several important particulars, and is susceptible of amendment therein ; yet supposing it to be our duty to take the sense of our constituents on the question, previous to any determination thereon, do for that purpose advise and recommend to the citizens of this state, who are authorized to vote for the election for representatives in any township of the same, to attend at the time and place appointed by law, for holding the next annual election for members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of this state, and then and there respectively deliver in a paper, on which shall be written, agreeably to the opinion of the voter, the words, *Revision*, or *No Revision*: And the clerks of the several townships are hereby required to notify the purport of this resolution, with the lists of nomination of the candidates ; and the officers conducting the said election, are hereby requested to examine, file and estimate the tickets, so delivered in, and forward the amount of the same to the clerks of their respective counties, at the same time and in the same manner the votes for members of the state Legislature are forwarded ; and the said clerks are hereby required to transmit the same to the secretary of the state, within fifteen days thereafter, in order that the same may be laid before the Legislature, immediately after their meeting in October next, that they may take such measures thereon, as to them shall seem proper.

Which proposition was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Burrowes, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, " An act relative to the secretary's office," reported the same with sundry amendments, which bill was read, and being further amended was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, " An act for the encouragement and security of a company for procuring an accurate map of this state," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenfon," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Bowen,	Clark,	Dey,	Hankinson,
Burrowes,	Combs,	Dunn,	Harrison,
Campfield,	Corwin,	Haas,	L. Howell,

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. J. Howell,	Pearson,	Messrs. Blanch,
Lequear,	Pennington,	Mofs,
Lippencott,	Stillwell,	Seagrave,
Lloyd,	Stockton,	Shinn,
Manning,	Taylor,	Smith,
M'Eowen,	Voorhies,	Southard,
M'Cullough,	Wilkins.	Van Duyn.

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

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Mary Cook," was read and compared :

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

NAYS.	NAYS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Manning,	Messrs. Dey,	Wilkins.
Bowen,	M'Eowen,	Harrison,	
Burrowes,	Mofs,	J. Howell,	
Campfield,	M'Cullough,	Lequear,	
Clark,	Seagrave,	Lippencott,	
Combs,	Shinn,	Lloyd,	
Corwin,	Smith,	Pearson,	
Dickerfon,	Southard,	Pennington,	
Gaston,	Speer,	Stillwell,	
Haas,	Van Duyn,	Stockton,	
Hankinson,	Voorhies.	Taylor,	
L. Howell,		Ward,	

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act to ascertain the time and place of holding the court of appeals," passed the 29th day of January, 1799," which bill he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this House.

Which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

The resolution, presented by Mr. Stillwell, on the 13th instant, directing the secretary to deliver the late treasurer his bond, was read a second time and postponed.

Ordered, That the speaker have power to convene the General Assembly, during this session, whenever any extraordinary occurrence shall in his opinion render it necessary.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled,

“ A supplement to an act, entitled, “ An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns,” and also for the relief of certain stage proprietors therein named,” was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	M ^r . Cullough,	Messrs. Bowen,	Mos,
Burrowes,	Pearson,	Clark,	Seagrave,
Campfield,	Pennington,	Combs,	Shinn,
Dey,	Southard,	Corwin,	Smith,
Haas,	Stillwell,	Dickerson,	Speer,
Harrison,	Stockton,	Gaston,	Ward.
J. Howell,	Taylor,	Hankinson,	
Lippencott,	Voorhies,	L. Howell,	
Lloyd,	Wilkins,	Lequear,	
Manning,	<i>Speaker.</i>	M ^r . Eowen,	

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

Mr. Haas, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Christopher Cafe, reported,

THAT they have examined the papers to them referred, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

JOHN HAAS.

Which report was read and agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, “ An act for the relief of persons confined for debt,” without amendment.

Mr. L. Howell, agreeably to leave given and in behalf of the petitioner, presented a bill, entitled, “ An act for the relief of Thomas Skillman,” which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, “ An act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates, proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct,” with the amendments made thereto by Council, was read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, “ An act directing the mode of protesting promissory notes and inland bills of exchange :”

Resolved, That the House disagree to the said bill.

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on Council and inform them thereof.

Mr. Wilkins, 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.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed for that purpose, presented a bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state, against the introduction of contagious diseases," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

A petition from David Ford, stating a demand against the forfeited estate of Samuel Cook, in the hands of the treasurer, and praying payment, was read and committed to Messrs. Dey, Corwin and Taylor.

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

Saturday, November 16, 1799.

The House met.

A petition from Benjamin Yard, praying a law may be passed to direct that seines for catching shad, below the falls of Delaware, shall not be longer than seventy fathom, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Voorhies, from the committee appointed to bring in a bill for defraying incidental charges, presented a bill for that purpose, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act regulating the election of representatives, in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States for this state :

On the question, Whether the same be read a second time ? It was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Dey, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of David Ford, reported,

THAT it is the opinion of your committee, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted:

By order of the committee.

JOHN DEY.

Which report was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

The bill, entitled, "An act to revive and continue in force a certain act therein mentioned," was read a second time and committed to Messrs. Southard, Bowen and Gaston.

The proposition for taking the sense of the people, whether they will have a revision or no revision of the constitution of this state, presented yesterday by Mr. Southard, was taken up and read a second time.

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

YEAS.		YEAS.	NAYS.	
Messrs.	Blanch,	Mofs,	Messrs.	Bowen,
	Campfield,	Pearson,		Burrowes,
	Corwin,	Pennington,		Clark,
	Dey,	Seagrave,		Combs,
	Dickerfon,	Shinn,		Haas,
	Gaston,	Southard,		Hankinson,
	Harrifon,	Stillwell,		L. Howell,
	J. Howell,	Stockton,		Lequear,
	Lippencott,	Taylor,		M'Cullough,
	Lloyd,	Voorhiës,		Smith,
	Manning,	Ward,		Speer,
	M'Eowen,	Wilkins.		Van Duyn.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the same to Council for their concurrence.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the encouragement and security of a company, for procuring an accurate map of this state," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.		YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	
Messrs.	Blanch,	J. Howell,	Smith,	Messrs.	Combs,
	Bowen,	Lequear,	Southard,		Gaston,
	Burrowes,	Lippencott,	Speer,		L. Howell,
	Campfield,	Lloyd,	Stiliwell,		Pennington.
	Clark,	Manning,	Stockton,		
	Corwin,	M'Eowen,	Taylor,		
	Dey,	Mofs,	Van Duyn,		
	Dickerfon,	M'Cullough,	Voorhies,		
	Haas,	Pearson,	Ward,		
	Hankinson,	Seagrave,	Wilkins.		
	Harrifon,	Shinn,			

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act relative to the secretary's office," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to incorporate John Doughty and his associates, proprietors of the Morris Aqueduct," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House, with their amendments.

Mr. Harrifon, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "A supple-

ment to an act, entitled, "An act regulating fences," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Ward, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of the children of Samuel Cook, late of Monmouth county, deceased," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Benjamin Stevenson."

The bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state, against the introduction of contagious diseases," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Robert Lewis, praying for reasons therein contained, that an act may pass to relieve him from imprisonment for debt, was read and committed to Messrs. Dickerson, Lippencott and Harrison.

The report of Mr. Stillwell of yesterday, was read a second time and disagreed to : Whereupon,

The House resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act to limit and explain the sixty-eighth section of the act, entitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed the 18th day of March, 1796," and after having amended the same :

Ordered, That the said bill as amended be read a third time.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Lewis, surviving partner of the house of Nathaniel Lewis and son, late of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, reported,

THAT they have examined the facts as stated in his petition, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order of the committee,

SAMUEL W. HARRISON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The report of Mr. McCullough, on the petition of John Warne and others of the first instant, was read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to present a bill to answer the prayer of his petition.

Mr. Wilkins, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act in addition to the act relative to the terms of holding the supreme court, court of appeals, and the Middlesex county and circuit courts," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Elijah Allen," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday morning, ten of the clock.

Monday, November 18, 1799.

The House met.

The bill, entitled, "An act to limit and explain the sixty-eighth section of the act, entitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed the 18th day of March, 1796," with the amendments made thereto, was read a third time.

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAVS.	NAVS.
Messrs. Bowen,	Manning,	Messrs. Blanch,	Ward,
Burrowes,	M'Eowen,	Dey,	Wilkins.
Campfield,	Mofs,	Dunn,	
Clark,	M'Cullough,	Haas,	
Combs,	Pennington,	Harrison,	
Corwin,	Seagrave,	J. Howell,	
Dickerson,	Shinn,	Lloyd,	
Gaston,	Smith,	Pearson,	
Hankinson,	Southard,	Stillwell,	
L. Howell,	Speer,	Taylor,	
Lequear,	Voorhies.	Van Duyn,	

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill and amendments, and that the clerk do carry the same to the Council and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The report of Mr. Harrison, on the petition of Robert Lewis, was read and agreed to : Whereupon,

Mr. Harrison presented a bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Robert Lewis," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed to draw up articles of impeachment against Elijah Godfrey, presented the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the House of Assembly do impeach Elijah Godfrey of malpractice and misdemeanor, as a justice of the peace.

1. That on or about the 25th day of April last, he did take cognizance of judicial proceedings of Eleazer Hand, justice of the peace for the county of Cape-May, and rendered judgment against him.

2. For entering and recording as a verdict against said Eleazer Hand, the report of a jury, when two of the jurors did not agree to a verdict ; all which proceedings appear to have been done from improper or corrupt motives.

Resolved, That the foregoing charges be presented to Council, and that Council be requested to summon the said Elijah Godfrey to appear before them to answer to the same ; and that subpoenas be issued to Joseph Hughes, Eleazer Hand, Esq. and Hezekiah Richardson, of

faid county of Cape-May, to appear as witnesses in support of faid charges.

Which resolutions were read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, " An act to repeal part of an act therein mentioned," was read a second time and dismissed.

The bill, entitled, " An act to provide for the distribution of the revised laws of this state," was read a second time, and the title amended by adding the words, " and to appropriate a further sum of money towards defraying the expense of the revision."

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

A letter from his excellency the governor, on the subject of the cannon directed to be purchased by him, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state, against the introduction of contagious diseases," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, " An act for the relief of Elijah Allen," was read and compared :

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

NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	YEAS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Hankinson,	Seagrave,	Messrs. Burrowes,
Bowen,	Harrison,	Shinn,	Corwin,
Campfield,	J. Howell,	Smith,	Haas,
Clark,	Lloyd,	Taylor,	L. Howell,
Combs,	Manning,	Van Duyn,	Lequear,
Dey,	M'Eowen,	Voorhies,	M'Cullough,
Dickerson,	Moss,	Ward,	Southard,
Dunn,	Pearson,	Wilkins.	Speer,
Gaston,	Pennington,		Stillwell.

Mr. Pennington, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, " A supplement to the act, entitled, " An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, entitled, " A supplement to an act, entitled, " An act regulating fences," was read a second time and dismissed.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, " A supplement to an act, entitled, " An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," with sundry amendments, which bill and amendments he presented and to which he requested the concurrence of this House.

Which bill and amendments were read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Burrowes, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elnathan Davis and the vouchers accompanying the same, reported,

THAT having carefully examined the papers to them referred, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

By order of the committee,

STEPHEN BURROWES.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

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

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

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

Tuesday, November 19, 1799.

The House met.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, "An act to revive and continue in force a certain act therein mentioned," reported the same with sundry amendments, which bill was read and ordered to be engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act making provision for carrying into effect the act for the punishment of crimes," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Bowen,	Lloyd,	Messrs. Blanch,
Burrowes,	Manning,	Combs,
Campfield,	M'Eowen,	Dey,
Clark,	Mos,	Dunn,
Corwin,	Pearson,	Harrison,
Dickerfon,	Pennington,	M'Cullough,
Gaston,	Smith,	Southard,
Haas,	Speer,	Van Duyn,
Hankinson,	Stillwell,	Voorhies,
L. Howell,	Stockton,	Ward.
J. Howell,	Taylor,	
Lequear,	Wilkins.	
Lippencott,		

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the said bill, and that the clerk do carry the same to the Council and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House, with their amendments.

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Robert Lewis," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act relative to statutes," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

The petitions, from Morris, Essex and Sussex, praying that the electors of the President and Vice-President of the United States may be appointed by an election of the people, were read and dismissed.

The bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The resolutions, impeaching Elijah Godfrey for malpractice in the execution of his office of a justice of the peace, were read a second time :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Hankinson,	Pearson,	Messrs. Clark,
Bowen,	Harrison,	Shinn,	Dickerson,
Burrowes,	J. Howell,	Southard,	L. Howell,
Campfield,	Lequear,	Stillwell,	Pennington,
Combs,	Lippencott,	Stockton,	Seagrave,
Corwin,	Lloyd,	Taylor,	Smith,
Dey,	Manning,	Van Duyn,	Speer.
Dunn,	M'Eowen,	Voorhise,	
Gaston,	Mofs,	Ward,	
Haas,	M'Cullough,	Wilkins.	

Whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Southard, Pearson and Lloyd, be managers, on the part of this House, to conduct the business before Council, and that they do carry the said resolutions to the Council.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act for the encouragement and security of a company for procuring an accurate map of this state," and the bill, entitled, "An act relative to the secretary's office," without amendment.

Mr. Beatty returned the bill, entitled, "An act to limit and explain the sixty-eighth section of the act, entitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," passed the 18th day of March, 1796." and informed the House, that Council have passed the said bill, with the amendment made thereto by the House.

Which bill was read and compared :

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same.

The bill, entitled, "An act, in addition to the acts, relative to the terms of holding the supreme court, court of appeals and the Middlesex county and circuit courts," was read a second time and referred to the next sitting.

The House adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Robert Lewis," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Haas,	Seagrave,	Messrs. L. Howell,
Bowen,	Hankinson,	Shinn,	Moss,
Burrowes,	J. Howell,	Southard,	Speer.
Campfield,	Lequear,	Stillwell,	
Clark,	Lippencott,	Stockton,	
Combs,	Lloyd,	Taylor,	
Corwin,	Manning,	Van Duyn,	
Dey,	M'Cullough,	Voorhies,	
Dickerfon,	Pearson,	Ward,	
Dunn,	Pennington,	Wilkins.	
Gaston,			

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to revive and continue in force a certain act therein mentioned," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the revised laws of this state, and to appropriate a further sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the revision," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the security of the citizens of this state, against the introduction of contagious diseases," without amendment.

They have passed the bill, entitled, "An act to repeal an act, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages, ferries and taverns," and also for the relief of certain stage proprietors therein named," with sundry amendments, which bill and amendments he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this House.

Which bill as amended was read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act to ascertain the times and place of holding the court of appeals," passed the twenty-ninth day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine," was read a second time :

On the question, Whether the same be read a third time ? It was carried in the negative as follows :

NAYS.		NAYS.		YEAS.		YEAS.	
Messrs. Burgin,	Clark,	Lloyd,	M'Eowen,	Messrs. Blanch,	Bowen,	Pearson,	Shinn,
Combs,	Corwin,	Pennington,	Smith,	Burrowes,	Campfield,	Stockton,	Taylor,
Dickerson,	Gaston,	Southard,	Speer,	Dey,	Dunn,	Wilkins.	
Haas,	Hankinson,	Stillwell,	Van Duyn,	Harrison,	J. Howell,		
L. Howell,	Lequear,	Voorhies,	Ward.	Lippencott,	Manning,		

Ordered, That the clerk do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said bill is disagreed to by this House.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.		YEAS.		YEAS.		NAYS.	
Messrs. Blanch,	Bowen,	L. Howell,	J. Howell,	Shinn,	Southard,	Messrs. Dunn,	Haas,
Burgin,	Burrowes,	Lippencott,	Lloyd,	Speer,	Stillwell,	Hankinson,	Lequear,
Campfield,	Clark,	Manning,	M'Eowen,	Stockton,	Taylor,	Moss,	Seagrave,
Combs,	Dickerson,	Pearson,	Pennington,	Van Duyn,	Wilkins.	Smith,	Voorhies,
Harrison,						Ward.	

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to defray fundry incidental charges," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.		YEAS.		YEAS.		YEAS.	
Messrs. Blanch,	Bowen,	Dey,	Dickerson,	L. Howell,	Lequear,	Seagrave,	Shinn,
Burrowes,	Combs,	Gaston,	Haas,	Lloyd,	Moss,	Southard,	Stillwell,
Corwin,		Hankinson,		Pennington,		Stockton,	

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Taylor,	Messrs. Campfield,	Manning,
Van Duyn,	Clark,	M'Eowen,
Voorhies,	Dunn,	Pearson,
Ward,	Harrifon,	Smith,
Wilkins.	J. Howell,	Speer.
	Lippencott,	

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

The bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Thomas Skillman," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of certain stage proprietors, and to repeal certain acts relative to public stages," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Blanch,	Harrifon,	Seagrave,	Messrs. Bowen,
Burrowes,	L. Howell,	Smith,	Dickerfon,
Campfield,	J. Howell,	Southard,	Gaston,
Combs,	Lequear,	Speer,	M'Eowen,
Corwin,	Lippencott,	Stillwell,	Mofs,
Dey,	Lloyd,	Stockton,	M'Cullough,
Dunn,	Manning,	Taylor,	Shinn,
Haas,	Pearson,	Voorhise,	Van Duyn,
Hankinson,	Pennington,	Wilkins.	Ward.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said bill to the Council and inform them, that the said bill is passed by this House with their amendments.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Thomas Skillman," was read and compared :

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

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

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

Wednesday, November 20, 1799.

The House met.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council having taken into consideration the proposition, made by the House of Assembly on the 16th instant, relative to the revision

of the constitution, to which they have made sundry amendments, which amendments he presented, and to which he requested the concurrence of this House.

Which proposition and amendments were read, and the amendments agreed to: And which proposition, as amended, is as follows:

Whereas the existing constitution of the state of New-Jersey, is evidently defective in many important particulars; but as no method is prescribed in the same, whereby a revision can be procured and amendments made, in conformity to the will of the people expressed by their Delegates freely chosen and appointed for that purpose:

Now We, the members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the said state, although impressed with a conviction, that the constitution is defective in several important points and is susceptible of amendment therein; yet supposing it to be our duty to take the sense of our constituents on the question, previous to any determination thereon, do for that purpose advise and recommend to the citizens of this state, who are authorized to vote at the election for representatives in any township of the same, to attend at the time and place appointed by law, for holding the next annual election for members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly of this state, and then and there respectively deliver in a ticket, on which shall be written, in addition to the names of the candidates for the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, sheriffs and coroners, also, the words, *Revision*, or *No Revision*, agreeably to the opinion of the voter; and the clerks of the several townships are hereby required to notify the purport of this recommendation with the lists of nominations of the candidates; and the officers conducting the said elections, are hereby requested to examine, file and estimate the tickets, so delivered in, and forward the amount of the same to the clerks of their respective counties, at the same time and in the same manner the votes for members of the state Legislature are forwarded; and the said clerks are hereby required to transmit the same to the secretary of the state, within fifteen days thereafter, in order that the same may be laid before the Legislature, immediately after their meeting in October next. And if upon examination of the returns of the clerks of the respective counties, it shall appear, that two thirds of the townships in nine counties shall have held an election in pursuance of this recommendation, and that a majority of the voters at said elections shall have given in tickets, with the word *Revision* wrote thereon, then it is recommended to the said Legislature, to make provision for revising the constitution of this state, by pursuing, as near as the public convenience will admit of it, the following method, and by no means departing from the provision of a second Convention, to ratify, confirm and establish, or to disallow the constitution reported by the first Convention, and that the assent of two thirds of all the members of the said second Convention, shall be necessary to a confirmation and ratification of the said constitution:

I. That on the second Tuesday in February, in the year of

our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and one, all free male persons, who have resided six months previous thereto, in any one county of this state, being citizens of the state, and who shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years, do, by plurality of votes, choose a number of persons, equal to twice the number of representatives of the respective counties in the House of Assembly of this state, as Delegates to represent them in a General Convention, to be holden at Trenton, on the third Tuesday of May following, for the purpose of revising, altering and amending the constitution of this state, except that part of the third section thereof, which establishes that the members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly shall be annual, and that part of the twenty-second section in said charter, respecting the trial by jury, and the whole of the eighteenth and nineteenth sections of the same.

II. That the said Convention of Delegates, so chosen, do cause three thousand copies of the frame of government, agreed upon by them, to be printed for the consideration of the good people of this state, to be distributed in the same proportion and in the same manner as the acts of the Legislature are by law directed to be distributed; and also to direct a copy thereof to be printed in each of the newspapers published in this state, at least four times, and then to adjourn without day.

III. That on the second Tuesday in October following, all free male persons, qualified as aforesaid, do by a plurality of votes choose a number of persons, equal to the number of representatives of the respective counties of this state, as Delegates to represent them in a second General Convention, to be holden at Trenton, on the second Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and two. And that the said Convention when met and organized, do proceed to take into consideration the constitution so as aforesaid revised, altered and amended, and either ratify, confirm and establish the same, as the constitution of the state of New-Jersey, or reject, annul or disallow the same, as to the said Convention shall appear most conducive to the happiness and welfare of the people of the state: *Provided*, That the said constitution shall not be confirmed and established, unless two thirds of all the members of the Convention, last aforesaid, are personally present, and assenting thereto. That in case the said constitution be confirmed and established as aforesaid, the said last mentioned Convention, fix the time for the commencement of its operation.

IV. That the nominations for persons to represent the several counties of this state, in the first Convention aforesaid, be made on the first Thursday in January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and one, and that the nominations for the persons to represent the several counties of this state, in the second Convention aforesaid, be made on the first Monday in September following, at the courthouse of the respective counties, and that the elections for the said Delegates be held at the same hours, continue for the same time, and be

conducted in the same manner and by the same officers as are by law provided for election of the members of the State Legislature.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the said propositions to Council and acquaint them that the same is agreed to by this House, with the amendments made thereto by Council.

The report of Messrs. Blanch and J. Howell, of the 7th instant, was read a second time and amended, by striking out the words, "in their exempt lists only, and does not include the names of those actually enrolled," and inserting the words, *on their lists of the persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.*

On the question, Whether the House agree to the said report as amended? It was carried in the affirmative.

A petition from Robert Pearson, Barnt De Klyn and William Pearson, praying leave to present a bill, to be passed into a law, to declare Delaware river a lawful fence, from the mouth of Crosswicks creek as high up the same as the tide flows, was read :

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the third Tuesday of the next session, they advertising the purport of the bill they mean to present, with a copy of this order, for three weeks, in three of the most public places in the township of Nottingham, in the county of Burlington,

On motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. Stillwell, Van Duyn and Pearson, be appointed a committee to enquire and report what further provision may be necessary, for transferring the powers of the late treasurer, in actions commenced in behalf of the state, to the present treasurer and his successors, and whether the present law is sufficient to authorize the delivery of the late treasurer's bond.

Resolved, That David Wrighter shall, in the recess of the Legislature, have the grass on the State House lot, as a compensation for taking care of said lot and watering the trees.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the bill, entitled, "A supplement to the act, entitled, "An act concerning promissory notes, inland bills of exchange and notaries public."

Mr. Stillwell, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "An act respecting suits for the recovery of monies due to the state," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lippencott, with leave, presented a bill, entitled, "A supplement to an act, entitled, "An act respecting coroners," which bill was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Stillwell, from the committee appointed to enquire what further

provision is necessary, for the treasurer's office ; and whether the present law is sufficient to authorize the secretary to deliver the treasurer's bond, reported,

THAT in their opinion the law is explicit on that point, and that the secretary ought to deliver to James Mott, late treasurer, the bond he now holds against him as treasurer of this state.

By order of the committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

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

The bill, entitled, "An act respecting suits, and for the recovery of monies due to the state," was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have disagreed to the resolution, directing that Mr. Wrighter shall have the grass on the State House lot, as a compensation for taking care of said lot and watering the trees.

Mr. Beatty informed the House, that Council have passed the bill, entitled, "An act to revive and continue in force a certain act therein mentioned ;" the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Thomas Skillman ;" the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Robert Lewis," and the bill, entitled, "An act to defray fundry incidental charges," without amendment.

The engrossed bill, entitled, "An act respecting suits for the recovery of monies due to the state," was read and compared :

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

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Messrs. Bowen,	J. Howell,	Southard,	Messrs. Blanch,
Burgin,	L. Howell,	Speer,	Dey,
Burrowes,	Lequear,	Stillwell,	Dunn,
Campfield,	Lippencott,	Stockton,	Harrifon,
Clark,	Manning,	Van Duyn,	Lloyd,
Combs,	M'Eowen,	Voorhies,	Mofs,
Corwin,	Pearson,	Ward,	M'Cullough,
Dickerfon,	Seagrave,	Wilkins.	Taylor.
Haas,	Shinn,		
Hankinson,	Smith,		

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

On motion,

Resolved, That David Wrighter, as a compensation for his taking

care of the State House and lot, during the recess of the Legislature, be and he is hereby entitled to mow and take off what grafs may grow on the said lot.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the revised laws of this state, and to appropriate a further sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the revision," has been amended by Council; which bill and amendments he presented, and to which amendments he requested the concurrence of this House:

Which bill as amended was read.

The report of Mr. Stillwell, of this morning, was read a second time and disagreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have rejected the resolution, giving the care of the State House and lot, during the recess of the Legislature, to David Wrighter, and entitling him to mow and take off what grafs may grow on the said lot.

The House adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten of the o'clock.

Thursday, November 21, 1799.

The House met.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The bill, entitled, "An act relative to suits for the recovery of monies due to the state," is passed by Council without amendment.

The re-engrossed bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the distribution of the revised laws of this state, and to appropriate a further sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the revision," was read and compared:

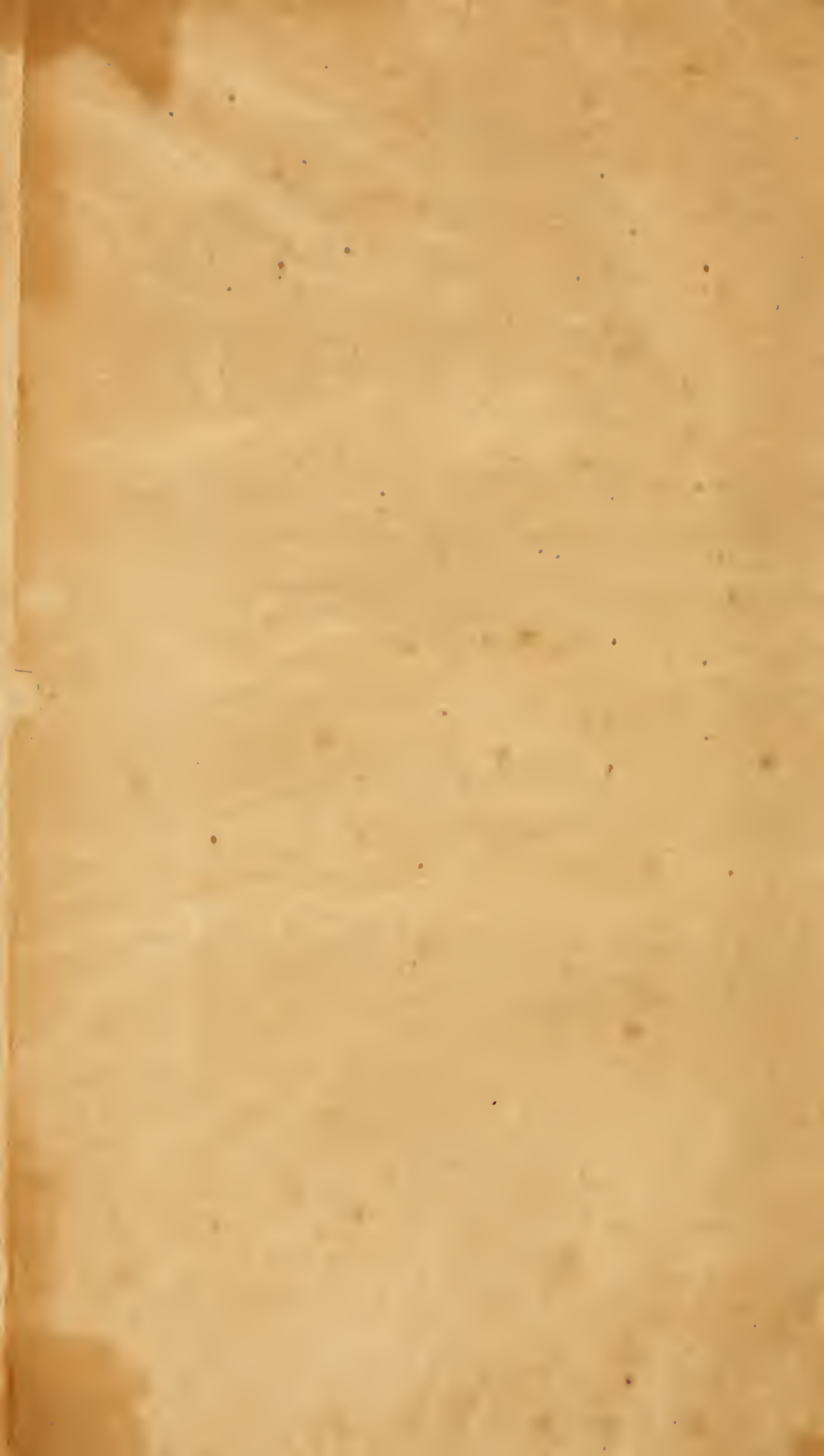
Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the speaker do sign the same, and that the clerk do carry the said bill to Council, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this House with their amendments.

Resolved unanimously, That the clerk of the Assembly, do cause sheet iron to be placed round the hearths of the fire places in the court-house.

The House rose without day.





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