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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL

OF THE

STATE

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY convened at TRENTON, on TUESDAY
the twenty-seventh Day of OCTOBER, in the Year of our LORD One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

BEING THE THIRD SESSION.

TRENTON:

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<p><i>Bergen,</i> <i>Effex,</i> <i>Middlesex,</i> <i>Monmouth,</i> <i>Somerset,</i> <i>Burlington,</i> <i>Gloucester,</i> <i>Salem,</i> <i>Cape-May,</i> <i>Hunterdon,</i> <i>Morris,</i> <i>Cumberland,</i> <i>Suffex,</i></p>	<p>The Honourable</p>	<p>✓ Robert Morris, ✓ Abraham Clark, ✓ Jonathan Deare, ✓ Joseph Holmes, Abraham Van-Neste, ✓ Peter Tallman, ✓ John Cooper, - Andrew Sinnickson, ✓ Jonathan Jenkins, ✓ John Stevens, <i>Vice-President</i>, ✓ Silas Condict, ✓ Ephraim Harris, ✓ Robert Ogden,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
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MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

<p><i>Bergen,</i></p>	<p>{ Jost Beam, Peter Wilson, Thomas Blanch,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
<p><i>Effex,</i></p>	<p>{ Caleb Camp, Jacob Brookfield, Isaac Woodruff,</p>	
<p><i>Middlesex,</i></p>	<p>{ Benjamin Manning, Jacob Schenck, Ebenezer Ford,</p>	
<p><i>Monmouth,</i></p>	<p>{ James Mott, junior, Peter Schenck, Hendrick Smock,</p>	
<p><i>Somerset,</i></p>	<p>{ Roeloff Sebring, David Kirkpatrick, William-Churchill Houston,</p>	
<p><i>Burlington,</i></p>	<p>{ Thomas Fenimore, Caleb Shreve, Josiah Foster,</p>	
<p><i>Gloucester,</i></p>	<p>{ Elijah Clark, Joseph Ellis, Joseph Cooper,</p>	
<p><i>Salem,</i></p>	<p>{ Allen Congleton, junior, Whitten Cripps, John Mayhew,</p>	
<p><i>Cape-May,</i></p>	<p>{ Jeremiah Eldredge, John Hand, Richard Townsend,</p>	
<p><i>Hunterdon,</i></p>	<p>{ John Hart, <i>Speaker</i>, Nehemiah Dunham, David Chambers,</p>	
<p><i>Morris,</i></p>	<p>{ Jacob Drake, Abraham Kitchel, David Thomson,</p>	
<p><i>Cumberland,</i></p>	<p>{ John Buck, Jonathan Bowen, James Ewing,</p>	
<p><i>Suffex,</i></p>	<p>{ Casper Shaffer, Jacob Mac Collum, Benjamin Mac Cullough,</p>	

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T R E N T O N, Tuesday, October 27, 1778.

THE following Members met, *to wit,*

Mr. DEARE,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. COOPER.

There not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business—adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, October 28, 1778.

P R E S E N T,

JOHN STEVENS, Esq.	SILAS CONDUCT, Esq.	JOSEPH HOLMES, Esq.
ROBERT MORRIS, Esq.	PETER TALLMAN, Esq.	ABRAHAM CLARK, Esq.
JONATHAN DEARE, Esq.	JOHN COOPER, Esq.	

The Members present produced Certificates of their being duly elected, which were severally read.

John Stevens, Robert Morris, Silas Condict, Joseph Holmes, Peter Tallman and Abraham Clark, Esquires, severally took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before Jonathan Deare, Esquire, one of the Members returned for this House, and took their Seats in Council.

John Cooper, Esquire, made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law, before the said Jonathan Deare, Esquire, and took his Seat in Council.

Jonathan Deare, Esquire, took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *Robert Morris*, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, and took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, October 29, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. CLARK,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. TALLMAN,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. DEARE,	

Robert Ogden and *Jonathan Jenkins*, Esquires, having produced their Certificates of Election, took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *Jonathan Deare*, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, and took their Seats in Council.

The Honourable *John Stevens*, Esquire, was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Council, pursuant to the Constitution, and took the Chair accordingly.

Bowes Reed, Esquire, was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Camp*, in the Words following, *viz.*

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Camp* do wait on the Council, and inform them that the House of Assembly did, Yesterday Afternoon, proceed to Business, and have elected the Honourable *John Hart*, Esquire, their Speaker; and that they are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor of the State for the ensuing Year, and do propose that the Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Morris* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have elected the Honourable *John Stevens*, Esquire, Vice-President of the Council, and will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting at Three o'Clock this Afternoon, at the House of Mrs. *Brittain*.

Mr. *Morris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Andrew Sinnickson, Esquire, having produced the Certificate of his Election, took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *Jonathan Deare*, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, and took his Seat in Council.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and after some Time returned, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 30, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Blanch*, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Scbring*, or any three of them, be a Committee for the present Session, to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legislature; that the said Committee settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to the Committee of this House, appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

‘ Ordered,

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Blanch* do wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House, for the above Purpose.

‘ Resolved,

‘ That, on every Question for the finally passing a Bill in this House, the Names of the Members present, with the Yeas and Nays on such Question, be entered on the Journals of this House, and the like Entry be made on every other Question, if the same shall be moved for by any Member.’

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Condict*, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to take into Consideration the Situation of the Western Frontiers of this State, and the proper Mode of securing them from the Devastations of the *Indians* and Enemy; and that they meet at the House of Mr. *Williams*, at Three o’Clock this Afternoon, and make Report as soon as possible.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly, and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Congleton*, in the Words following :

‘ THE House having taken into Consideration the Message brought from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*,

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Drake*, Mr. *Dunham*, Mr. *Woodruff*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Mac-Collum*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council, for the Purposes mentioned in the said Message; and that they attend immediately at the Place appointed.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Congleton* wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for obviating Doubts whether Pardons granted to Criminals, after Attainder, will not restore to them their Estates, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Vice-President laid before the House a letter from Colonel *Frederick Frclinghuysen*, enclosing a Certificate of his being elected a Member of Council for the County of *Somerset*, and informing, that he was not qualified according to Law, to take his Seat pursuant to such Election.

Ordered,

That the Vice-President issue an Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Somerset*, to cause an Election to be held in the said County pursuant to Law, for choosing a Person to represent that County in Council the Remainder of the Year.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, October 31, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to take into Consideration the Situation of the Western Frontiers of this State, informed the House, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Clark* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, and it being again read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows :

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THE Committee of Council appointed to join a Committee of the Assembly, to take into Consideration the Situation of the Western Frontiers of this State, beg Leave to report—That the said Committees having met, and considered the Matters to them referred, are of Opinion, that a Representation be made to Congress, of the Dangers to which our Frontiers are exposed, with a Request that Part of the Continental Forces be employed either for the Defence of that Quarter, or for carrying the War into the *Indian Country*, in case a Force for that Purpose can be spared—That the said Committees have draughted a Letter to His Excellency the President of Congress for the above Purpose, to be subscribed and forwarded by the Vice-President of Council, if it should meet with the Approbation of both Houses.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Jenkins*, or any two of them, be a Committee for the present Session, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; that the said Committees settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to the Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

This House having received from the House of Assembly, the Draught of a Letter proposed to be addressed to the President of Congress, by the Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider the State of the Western Frontiers, with their Concurrence thereto, which being read and considered,

Resolved unanimously,

That the same is approved.

Ordered,

That Mr. Vice-President sign the same.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some time the House returned, and adjourned till *Monday Morning Nine o'Clock*.

Monday, November 2, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	

Mr. *Condict*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts relative to the Exempts at the Iron and Salt-Works in this State*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 3, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before and Mr. *Deare*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House have appointed Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Jenkins*, or any two of them, to be a Committee for the present Session, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them, during the Sitting of the Legislature, &c.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

On Motion,

Resolved,

That the Governor of this State has Nothing to do with legislative Matters, but as President of the House: On the Question, it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Condict.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.	
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Sinnickson,		

Resolved,

That, as President of this House, he is, and ought ever to be, under the Government and Direction of this House ; on the Question, it passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Condict.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.	
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Sinnickson,		

Resolved,

That it is the Governor's Duty, as President of this House, to lay all such Petitions and Papers as shall come to him for the Legislature, or shall be proper to be communicated to the Legislature, before this House as soon as possible at their first Sitting after he receives the same ; on the Question, it passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins.	Mr. Condict,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,		Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Sinnickson,		

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Deare, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for confiscating the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders against this Government.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 4, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for obviating Doubts whether Pardons granted to Criminals after Attainder, will not restore to them their Estates, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and the further Consideration of it referred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House, according to Order, resumed the Consideration of the Bill for obviating Doubts, &c. and, after some Time spent therein, referred the further Consideration of it till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 5, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House, according to Order, resumed the Consideration of the Bill for obviating Doubts, &c. and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered,

That it be committed to Mr. Sinnickson, Mr. Morris and Mr. Holmes.

His Excellency *William Livingston*, Esquire, came into Council and took the Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, as by Law directed, and also an Oath for the due Execution of his Office as Governor, before Mr. Morris, one of the Members of this House, and took the Chair as President of the Council.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting of both Houses ; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, November 6, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Honourable *John Stevens*, Esquire, not having taken the Oath of Office, as Vice-President, at the Time of his Election to that Office, it was thought proper by this House that he now take it, which he did accordingly, before Mr. *Morris*, one of the Members of this House in Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts relative to the Exempts at the Iron and Salt-Works in this State*, was read the second Time and debated; On the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> .			

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Vice-President has Leave of Absence till *Thursday* next.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, November 7, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN.

Ordered,

That a Committee of the whole House be a Committee to join a Committee of the whole House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States, and that the Committee of Council appoint a Chairman to make Report to this House, of the Proceedings of the Conferrees—That the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain*, on *Friday* next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Morris* has Leave of Absence till *Friday* next.

Mr. *Holmes* has Leave of Absence till *Wednesday* next.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, November 9, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. CLARK,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

There not being a sufficient Number of Members present to proceed to Business, the House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

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His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. CLARK, Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. JENKINS.
Mr. COOPER, Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. SINNICKSON, Mr. DEARE,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Shreve*, in the Words following :

‘ THE Committee to whom the Remonstrance of Colonel *Aaron Hankinson* of the second Regiment of *Suffex* Militia, was referred, report, That they have considered the same, and cannot find there are any publick Arms in the State to which the Legislature can have Recourse; but are informed that there are a Number of Arms belonging to the Continent in the Hands of *Robert-Lettice Hooper*, Esquire, Deputy-Quartermaster-General at *Easton*, which can probably be spared if properly applied for.

‘ Resolved therefore,

‘ That Colonel *Aaron Hankinson* be authorized on the Part of the State to borrow One Hundred Stand of Arms of *Robert-Lettice Hooper*, Esquire, Deputy-Quartermaster-General at *Easton*, to be returned to the said Mr. *Hooper* when required.

‘ That the said Colonel *Hankinson* be directed to take Receipts for the said Arms from the Persons to whom they are delivered, and that they be accountable for the same.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Shreve* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence with the above Resolves.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Shreve*, in the Words following :

‘ THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of Saturday last, by Mr. *Condict*,

‘ Ordered,

‘ That a Committee of the whole House be a Committee to join a Committee of the whole Council, at the Time and Place appointed in the said Message, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States; and that the Committee of the whole House of Assembly do appoint a Chairman to report to their House the Proceedings of the Conferrees.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Buck* and Mr. *Shreve* do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Tuesday, November 10, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, November 11, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock, in order to give Time to the Committees.

Thursday, November 12, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

MR. CLARK, Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. JENKINS,
MR. COOPER, Mr. OGDEN, Mr. HOLMES.
MR. SINNICKSON, Mr. DEARE,

The

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Condict*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army; and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Sinnickson*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws heretofore passed in New-Jersey, before the present Constitution*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Ephraim Harris, Esquire, having produced his Certificate of Election, took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *Silas Condict*, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, and took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, November 13, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. DEARE,	Mr. MORRIS.
Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. JENKINS,	

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock, to attend a Conference with the House of Assembly, on the Articles of Confederation.

Saturday, November 14, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Ogden*, Chairman of the Committee of the whole Council, appointed on *Saturday* last, to join a Committee of the whole House of Assembly, in free Conference on the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the United States of *America*, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and had come to a Resolution on the said Confederation, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Ogden* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, which is as follows;

THE Committee of the whole Council, jointly with a Committee of the whole House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States, beg Leave to report, That the said Committees had met in free Conference on the Matter to them referred, and came to a Resolution, which is as follows:

Resolved,

That notwithstanding this Committee view with Concern the unequal Terms of the Articles of Confederation between the several States; and notwithstanding the Objections lately stated and sent to Congress on the Part of this State, are founded in Justice and Equity, and several of them of the most essential Moment to the Interest thereof; yet maturely considering the urgent Necessity of acceding to the Confederacy; that every separate and detached State Interest ought to be postponed to the publick Good, and firmly relying that the Candour and Justice of the several States will, in due Time, remove the Inequality which now subsists;

It is therefore the Opinion of this Committee, that the Delegates representing this State in Congress be immediately instructed to subscribe the said Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, that the same may become conclusive on the Part of this State, and obligatory thereon; and that a Committee of both Houses be appointed to prepare Instructions to the said Delegates for that Purpose; On the Question, Whether the said Report be approved or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Morris,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins.
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Cooper,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, November 16, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. TALLEMAN,
Mr. CONDUCT	Mr. COOPER,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark and Mr. Ogden be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare Instructions to the Delegates of this State in the Continental Congress, on the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States, agreeable to the Report of the Joint-Committee of both Houses in Conference; and that Mr. Tallman wait on the House of Assembly and request them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

Mr. Tallman reported; that he had obeyed the Order of the House:

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws heretofore passed in New-Jersey before the present Constitution*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Dunham and Mr. Hand, in the Words following:

‘ THE House having taken into Consideration the Message of the Council of this Day, by Mr. Tallman, respecting the Appointment of a Committee to draught Instructions to the Delegates representing this State in Congress, agreeably to the Report of the Joint-Committee of both Houses in Conference on the Articles of Confederation;

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. Houston, Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Thomson, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; and that Mr. Dunham and Mr. Hand wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 17, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before:

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws passed in New-Jersey, before the present Constitution*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Unani. Con.*

‘ *Ordered,*

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Morris* being obliged to leave the House in order to attend the Eastern Circuits ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* be added to the Committee appointed the fifth of this Month, on the Bill for obviating Doubts, &c. in the Room of Mr. *Morris*.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Sinnickson* has Leave of Absence.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, November 18, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. CONDUCT.
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	
Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. DEARE,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Shreve*, in the Words following:

WHEREAS *John Holmes*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing for the County of *Salem*, did, in the Month of *February* last, purchase a large Quantity of Cloth for the Use of the Troops of this State, which was delivered to Colonel *Israel Shreve* and Lieutenant-Colonel *David Brearley*; and whereas a Part thereof was by them distributed among the Officers of the several Regiments, and remains to be paid for by the said Officers, agreeably to a Resolution of Congress of *December* last;

Resolved,

That *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, or such Person as he may appoint for the Purpose of distributing the Cloathing now in his Hands to the Troops of this State, be empowered to receive from the said Officers the several Sums due from them agreeably to the said Resolution of Congress, to be accounted for to the Legislature.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Shreve* do wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed on *Monday* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare Instructions to the Delegates of this State in Congress, agreeable to the Report of the Joint-Committee of both Houses, in Conference on the Articles of Confederation, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same:

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Clark* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, and the said Report being again read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows:

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to prepare Instructions empowering the Delegates in Congress from this State to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the United States, report—That said Committee have prepared Instructions for the above Purpose, which they are of Opinion ought to be authenticated by a Law, which it is proposed shall originate in Council;

Whereupon Mr. *Clark*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey in Congress, to subscribe and*

and ratify the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 19, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey in Congress, to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey in Congress, to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Condiel,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Tallman,			Mr. Jenkins.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee appointed on the third of November, Instant, to prepare and bring in a Bill for confiscating the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders against this Government, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army; and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, November 20, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain certain Parts of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, and furnishing of Carriages, Horses and other Necessaries for the Army; and for repealing certain Parts of the same*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Condiel,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Tallman,			

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Ford*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Ford* do wait on the Council and inform them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to authorize and empower the Delegates of the State of New-Jersey in Congress, to subscribe and ratify the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the several States,* is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 21, 1778.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, of the eighteenth Instant, relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to receive certain Sums of Money from the Officers of the *Jersey* Brigade ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Jenkins* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,* was read the second Time ; On the Question, Whether the second Section in the said Bill stand as it is, or not ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> .
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,		

On the Question, Whether the third Section in the said Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c.* stand as it is, or not ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	

On the Question, Whether the fourth Section in the said Bill for forfeiting the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. stand as it is, or not ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	

On the Question, Whether the fifth Section in the said Bill for forfeiting the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. stand as it is, or not ? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ogden.	

On the Question, Whether the sixth Section in the said Bill for forfeiting the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. stand as it is, or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Harris;	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ogden.	

The House referred the further Consideration of the said Bill till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c*

The House referred the further Consideration of the said Bill till Monday Morning.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, November 23, 1778:

The House met.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. JENKINS.
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. OGDEN,	

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c.*

The House referred the further Consideration of the said Bill till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c.*

Mr. Smock and Mr. Wilson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, 1778, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1779, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.*

The House referred the further Consideration of the Bill for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of *New-Jersey*, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, November 24, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. DEARE,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. JENKINS.

Mr. Houston and Mr. Kitchell, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House the following Impeachment :

Articles of Impeachment against *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, one of the Judges and Justices of the County of *Gloucester*, for Misbehaviour in his Office as a Magistrate :

1st. **T**HAT he did, in the Month of *December*, 1777, and *January*, 1778, and after the Act of *December*, 1777, for regulating Prices took Place, sell certain Articles of Produce at a higher Rate than was by the said Act allowed, to the evil Example, as well as Encouragement, of others disposed to offend.

2d. That he did manifest a Disposition to avoid putting the said Act in Execution against Offenders, to the Denial of Justice, and to the Grievance of the People.

3d. That he did, by his Example, encourage Extortion and the Enhancement of Prices, at a Time when, as a Magistrate, he ought to have used every Means to discountenance and suppress such destructive Enormities.

4th. That he did, on the twenty-fourth Day of *October* last, admit to Bail a certain *Richard Gun*, who had voluntarily gone over to the Enemy, when in the County of *Gloucester*, and had borne Arms against his Country, and whom he ought to have committed on his own Confession.

5th. That on or about the twenty-third Day of *October* last, he did, in Contempt of the Authority of the Justices who had immediately before committed them, and against the Course of Law, bail two Persons guilty of Felony, and who had severally confessed the same before the said Justices on their Examination, and were plainly and expressly charged therewith in the Warrant of Commitment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Houston* and Mr. *Kitchell* be a Committee to present the Articles of Impeachment against *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, one of the Judges and Justices of the County of *Gloucester*, to the Council, and to manage the Impeachment before them on the Part of this House.

Ordered,

That a Hearing on the foregoing Impeachment be had on *Thursday*, the third Day of *December* next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that a Copy of the said Impeachment, together with this Order be served on the said *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, forthwith by the Managers appointed on the Part of the House of Assembly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of *New-Jersey*, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. and it was moved to amend the latter Part of the Proviso of the seventeenth Section; that instead of the Words *at or before the Time he or she committed the Offence*, it should be made to read, *at or before the Time he or she may be convicted and attainted for the Offence*; On the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
Mr. <i>Harris</i> .			

The House referred the further Consideration of the said Bill till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Mac-Cullough*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills—A Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*; which several Bills were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of *New-Jersey*, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. and referred the further Consideration thereof till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, November 25, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of *New-Jersey*, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c. and it was moved to expunge in the enacting Clause in the twenty-third Section the Words *And all Persons within this State, who have suffered Fine and Imprisonment for refusing to give Testimony of their Allegiance, by taking the Oaths or Affirmation of Abjuration and Allegiance to this State, as prescribed by an Act, intituled, An Act for the Security of the Government of New-Jersey*; On the Question, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> .	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,			

It was then moved, that the aforesaid Words should be therein afterwards inserted in such Manner as to deprive the Persons therein described from holding any Military Office, which was unanimously agreed to.

On Motion of Mr. *Cooper*, that as all Persons who have sustained Damages by the Refugees, are justly entitled to so much of their Estates as will make Restitution for such Damages; the Bill under Consideration be therefore amended with a Section for making Restitution to such Persons as have been plundered, or who have had their Houses burned or damaged by the said Refugees, out of the Estates of such of the Refugees as did such Damage, and which are or shall be forfeited to this State, for the Use of the same; On the Question, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> .	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,		

On the Question, Whether the said Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, &c.* be engrossed, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Eldridge*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws passed in New-Jersey, previous to the present Constitution*, with several Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House; the Bill, with the Amendments, being severally read, were agreed to, and the said Bill, with the said Amendments, ordered to be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. TALLMAN.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Troops raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 26, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. DEARE,	Mr. CONDICT,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. JENKINS.

The Bill, re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, intituled, *An Act to confirm certain private Laws passed in New-Jersey, previous to the present Constitution*, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare do carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the second Time, and some Amendments being made thereto, was ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; On the Question, whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Deare;	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Clark.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ogden.	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; and, on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, do pass:

Ordered,

That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, 1778, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1779, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, November 27, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. S NICKSON,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CLARK.
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Blanch*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands, sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Conduct,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for taking Charge of, and Leasing the Real Estates, and forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, November 28, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, 1778, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1779, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for taking Charge of, and Leasing the Real Estates, and forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, November 30, 1778.

The House met.

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P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CLARK.
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. CONDUCT,	
Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. HARRIS,	

Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Kirkpatrick, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Custom-House Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Ewing and Mr. Thomson, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, December 1, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CLARK.
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, was read the second Time,

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House have had the said Bill under Consideration, but no Evidence hath been laid before this House relative to most of the Facts necessary to be known, in order to judge of the Justice or Propriety of said Bill; nor does it appear that one of the Parties concerned, who will be deeply affected in case the said Bill pass into a Law, hath had proper Notice of any Application for the same; all which Matters are necessary to be communicated to this House, before they can proceed any further on the said Bill: Also, that he acquaint them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, &c.* is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Custom-House Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and explain an Act, intituled, An Act for taking Charge of, and Leasing the Real Estates, and forfeiting the Personal Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for enlarging and continuing the Powers of Commissioners appointed to seize and dispose of such Personal Estates, and for ascertaining and discharging the lawful Debts and Claims thereon*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Jenkins.
Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Ogden.		
Mr. Stevens,			

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, December 2, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Abraham Van-Neste, Esquire, having produced his Certificate of Election, took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before *Jonathan Deare*, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, and took his Seat in Council.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. SINNICKSON.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, December 3, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Blanch*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry back to the Council the Bill, intituled, ‘ *An Act further to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Reagrating and Engrossing, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and acquaint them that this House doth not agree to the said Amendments, but do adhere to their Bill.*’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration; On the Question, Whether the House recede from their Amendments, or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved unanimously,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for this State, and vesting him with certain Powers*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Ford*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Thomas Denny, Esquire, having appeared before this House, the Impeachment was read, and the Evidences examined in Support of the Charges therein contained, and also the Defence of the said *Thomas Denny* heard;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Determination of Council be deferred till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, December 4, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House having resumed the Consideration of the Impeachment against *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, and after deliberately considering the same; On the Question, Whether the Charges have been so far supported as to render the said *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, liable to be dismissed from his Office, or not? It passed in the Affirmative, unanimously;

Resolved,

That the said *Thomas Denny*, Esquire, be accordingly dismissed from his Office as Judge of the Pleas and Justice of the Peace in the County of *Gloucester*; and that a Copy of this Resolve, served on the said *Thomas Denny*, shall be a Superfeudas of his said Office; and also, that the Managers on the Part of the House of Assembly, be served with another Copy by the Clerk of this House.

Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Townsend*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the great Cedar-Swamp, in the upper Precinct of the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of Great Cedar-Swamp Bridge*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time and debated; On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill, or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .		
Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,			

The House referred the further Consideration of the said Bill till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, December 5, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, by Taxation, &c.* and after debating the same by Paragraphs, ordered it a third Reading.

The House having resumed the Consideration of the Message from the House of Assembly, of the ninth of *November* last; Upon the Question, disagreed to the Resolutions therein contained.

Resolved,

That in case the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Suffex* shall judge it necessary, and accordingly shall borrow any Number of Fire Arms for arming their Militia, that the Legislature by an Act for that Purpose, will empower the Justices and Freeholders of the said County, for the Time being, to raise Money by Tax on that County, sufficient to discharge and make good the Loss that may happen by damaging or withholding any of the Arms which they may borrow, and shall not be liable to return in good Order.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence with this Resolution.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, by Taxation, for discharging the Debts and defraying the necessary Expences of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i>	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for instituting a Court of Admiralty, and for directing the Mode of appointing Custom-House Officers in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for this State, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read the second Time and debated; On the Question, Whether the first Section in the said Bill be amended, or not? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,
Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,		Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> .

Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the great Cedar-Swamp, in the upper Precinct of the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar-Swamp Bridge*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, December 7, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and maintaining the Causeway over the great Cedar-Swamp, in the upper Precinct of the County of Cape-May, known by the Name of the Great Cedar-Swamp Bridge*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for the State of New-Jersey, and vesting him with certain Powers*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,		Mr. <i>Siunickson</i> .

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Thomson*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills—A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the Military Service*.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising the Fines to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty*; which several Bills were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Thomson*, in the Words following:

Resolved,

THAT a Box of Linens now in the Quartermaster's Store, in *Trenton*, containing Four Hundred and Seventy-one Ells of *Ticklenburg*, and three Pieces of *Russia* Sheetting; containing Fifty Ells each, belonging to this State, be immediately forwarded to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, at *Princeton*, to be made up for the Use of the *New-Jersey* Regiments, in the Service of the United States, and that Mr. *Kelsey* be accountable to the Legislature for the same:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Thomson* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence with the said Resolution.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, relative to forwarding a Box of Linens to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for the Use of the *New-Jersey* Regiments;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dcare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Dcare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising the Fines to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the Military Service*, was read the second Time, and referred for further Consideration.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, December 8, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for recovering the Arrears of certain Taxes*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed without Amendment.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Barber and Caleb Farley, Purchasers of certain Lands sold by John Barnes, late Sheriff of the County of Hunterdon*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, December 9, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Smock*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Smock*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, with several Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House; the Amendments having been severally read; On the Question, Whether the House agree to them? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .

Ordered,

That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, &c.* was read the third Time; and it appearing by Letter this Day received by the Governor and laid before this House, that Cloathing is at present provided by the Continent for said Forces, the said Bill is postponed to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Fees of Sheriffs and Constables, and for raising the Fines to which they are liable for Neglect or Refusal of Duty*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Condict,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Harris.	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Sinnickson,		
Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Jenkins,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed without Amendment.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Blanch and Mr. J. Schenck, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, December 10, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. SINNICKSON.
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. OGDEN,	

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, &c.* and sundry Amendments having been made thereto in the House; On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President sign the said Bill, and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Jenkins do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Jenkins reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Education*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Van-Neste.			Mr. Jenkins.

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. SINNICKSON.

The Bill, re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,* was read and compared; and, on the Question,

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiel* do carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly.

Mr. *Condiel* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey,* was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiel* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Condiel* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following:

‘ **M**R. *Fenimore*, from the Committee of Accounts, reported, that the Committee had begun the Examination of the Accounts of *John Holme*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Cloathing, appointed by Law, in the County of *Salem*, but had not Time to go through the same, nor should they have Time during this Sitting; that it however appeared to them, that Mr. *Holme* had entered into Engagements on Behalf of this State, to the Amount of a considerable Sum, which he had not publick Money in his Hands to discharge;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *John Holme* be, and he hereby is, empowered to draw from the Treasury of this State, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, to enable him to discharge the Engagements he may have entered into on Behalf of the State, to be accounted for in the Settlement of his Accounts, and that his Receipt be a sufficient Discharge to the Treasurer for the same.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiel* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condiel* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, December 11, 1778.

The House met.

Present as before.

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Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee of Accounts appointed by Act of the Legislature, of the twenty-second of *June* last, reported, that the said Committee had stated the Accounts of several Persons, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table.

Ordered,

That the said Accounts, contained on eight Sheets of Paper, be filed for the Inspection of the Members.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer procure and present to Captain *Nathaniel Fitz-Randolph*, of *Woodbridge*, a genteel Sword, as a Mark and Testimony of the high Esteem the Legislature entertain of his Patriotism, Vigilance and Bravery during the present War with *Great-Britain*; and that the Treasurer be empowered to appropriate any Sum of the publick Money for that End.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Resolved,

That the Governor be authorized and empowered to direct the several Militia-Officers along the Sound or on the Frontier Parts of this State, that, upon Intelligence by them received of the Approach or Invasion of the Enemy, to remove to a Place of Safety, Live-stock, Provisions and Carriages, on Notice first given to the Owners of their neglecting or refusing to remove the same; and that the Expence accruing by such Removal to be paid by the Owner or Owners of such Live-stock, Provisions and Carriages so removed:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in this Resolution.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Woodruff*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 12, 1778.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. DEARE,	Mr. SINNICKSON.
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. JENKINS,	
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. HOLMES,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Ford*, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Ford* do carry back to the Council the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the Military Service*, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and acquaint them that this House doth not agree to the said Amendments, but do adhere to their Bill.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration ; On the Question, Whether the House recede from their Amendments, or not ? It passed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly and inform them that this House, finding by a Letter to the Governor from the Board of War that Cloathing is provided for the *New-Jersey* Battalions at the Expence of the Continent, are of Opinion the Bill sent by the Assembly to the Council, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Cloathing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, is unnecessary, and, all Circumstances considered, very improper at this Time—That the House is of Opinion, that a Resolution should be passed by both Houses, empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw Money to enable him to purchase Cloathing, agreeable to a former Law for that Purpose now in Force, will, with the Purchases to be made by the Commissioners already appointed in the several Counties, fully answer the Purposes intended by the Bill sent up to this House, with much less Expence to this State.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Brookfield*, in the following Words :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Brookfield* wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for forfeiting to, and vesting in, the State of New-Jersey, the Real Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Mode of determining and satisfying the lawful Debts and Demands which may be due from, or made against such Fugitives and Offenders, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is passed by this House.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Shreve*, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Shreve* do carry the Bond this Day given by *Job Stevens, junior*, Esquire, Treasurer of this State, with Security in the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, for the due Execution of his Office, which is approved by this House, to the Council for their Approbation ; which Bond being read, was approved of by this House.’

Mr. *Mac Cullough* and Mr. *Manning*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mac Cullough* and Mr. *Manning*, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Mac Cullough* and Mr. *Manning* wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Commissary of Prisoners for the State of New-Jersey, and vesting him with certain Powers*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges* was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinniekson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> .	

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Townsend*, in the Words following:

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Townsend* wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House have concurred in the Resolution of Council of Yesterday, relative to authorizing the Governor to order the Live-stock, Provisions and Carriages along the Sound, or on the Frontiers upon an Invasion of the Enemy, to a Place of Safety.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Townsend*, in the Words following:

‘ WHEREAS by a Resolution of both Houses of the Legislature of the eleventh of December, 1777, the Printer for the State was directed to furnish, from Time to Time, Six Hundred Copies of the Laws passed at each Sitting, to be sold at prime Cost to such as might be desirous of purchasing them: And whereas such Mode of distributing the Laws as prescribed by the said Resolution is found inconvenient, and ought to be discontinued,

‘ Resolved therefore,

‘ That the said Resolution be repealed and made void.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Townsend* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the Governor.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Mac Collum*, in the Words following:

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ THAT the Honourable *John Cooper*, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Committee of Accounts constituted by Law, and that *Fifteen Shillings* by the Day be added to the Wages of the Members of the said Committee.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Mac Collum* do wait on the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

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A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Mac Cullough*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ THAT Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Mac Cullough*, do wait on the Council, and acquaint them
‘ that the House doth concur in the Resolution of Council of this Day, relative to
‘ the presenting Captain *Nathaniel Fitz-Randolph* with a Sword for his eminent Services.’

Mr. *Condiēt*, from the Committee appointed on the 31st of *October* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to adjust, settle and report, from Time to Time, such publick Accounts as might be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and stated the respective Accounts referred to them; which several Accounts are included in the Message from the House of Assembly immediately following :

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ THAT the Treasurer pay to the the several Persons herein-named, the Sums allowed
‘ to them respectively, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on publick Ac-
‘ counts, *that is to say,*

‘ To *Benjamin Manning*, Esquire, for the Use of the Constables of the County of *Middlesex*, *Sixty-five Pounds Ten Shillings.*

‘ To *Walter Hyer*, *Nine Pounds Ten Shillings.*

‘ To *Rueloff Sebring*, Esquire, for the Use of *Isaac Vantile*, *Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings.*

‘ To *Samuel Campbell*, *Five Pounds Ten Shillings.*

‘ To the Honourable *Silas Condiēt*, Esquire, for the Use of the Constables of the County
‘ of *Morris*, *Forty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings.*

‘ To *Benjamin Manning*, Esquire, for the Use of Captain *William Williamson*, *Six Pounds
‘ Fifteen Shillings.*

‘ To *Bowes Reed*, Esquire, *Sixty-six Pounds Five Shillings.*

‘ To the Honourable *Jonathan Deare*, Esquire, *One Hundred and Two Pounds Three
‘ Shillings.*

‘ To *Jacob Dunn*, Agent for the *New-Jersey* Brigade, to receive the Nine Months Re-
‘ cruits, *Eighty-six Pounds Five Shillings.*

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their
‘ Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained ;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The following Messages were received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

‘ WHEREAS several of the Commissioners appointed in an Act, intituled, *An Act
‘ for the speedy and effectual recruiting the four New-Jersey Regiments in the Ser-
‘ vice of the United States*, have neglected to lay the Accounts of their Proceedings in the
‘ Execution of the Trust reposed in them before the Legislature, as they were in and by
‘ the said Act required, and by their Failure therein, have hitherto prevented the Legis-
‘ lature from discharging their Engagements to the Men raised, multered and marched,
‘ agreeably to the Tenor and Directions of the said Act, to the Injury of the Soldiers, and
‘ great Hindrance of the publick Service : And whereas the just and reasonable Demands
‘ of the said Soldiers ought to be satisfied, therefore

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That *Isaac Woodruff*, Esquire, be appointed and directed, on Behalf of this State, to pay
‘ the Arrears of Wages, Mileage and Subsistence due to the Recruits of each respective
‘ County, from the Time of their Enlistment to the Time of their joining their several
‘ Regiments, taking the particular Receipt of each Soldier therefor, as soon as the Ac-
‘ counts of the Commissioners of such County shall have been so far settled and adjusted

‘ by the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, that a State of the said Arrears may be ascertained and delivered to him; and that he be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasurer such Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding *Three Thousand Pounds*, as may be requisite for that End, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Payment thereof; and that he lay a fair and regular Account of his Proceedings in this Respect before the Legislature at their next Sitting, for their Allowance and Approbation; and that he be allowed such Compensation for his Services as may seem reasonable to the Legislature in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, be empowered to draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding the Sum of *Seven Thousand Pounds*, in order to enable him to proceed in the Purchase of Clothing for the Use of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States; that his Receipt discharge the Treasurer to the Amount of the Sum drawn; and that the said *Enos Kelsey* be answerable for the same in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* wait on the Council with the above Resolution for their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the two foregoing Messages into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The two following Messages were received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Blanch*, in the Words following:

‘ **W**HEREAS it is necessary to make further Provision for supplying the Militia of this State with Ammunition,

Resolved,

‘ That Lieutenant-Colonel *Benoni Hathaway*, of *Morris County*, be appointed and empowered to purchase one Ton of Powder for that Use; Half whereof he shall keep in his Care, the other Half to be by him forwarded to *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esquire, at *Princeton*, and that the same be distributed to the several Regiments as his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being shall direct.

‘ That Lieutenant-Colonel *Hathaway* do also forward to the said *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esquire, a third Part of the Lead now in his Possession, to be distributed as aforesaid.

‘ That Lieutenant-Colonel *Hathaway* be empowered to draw from the Treasury any Sum not exceeding *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, to enable him to make the above Purchase, and to pay the necessary Expences attending the same, and also the Distribution thereof, and that his Receipt be a Discharge to the Treasurer for the same so drawn; and that the said Lieutenant-Colonel *Hathaway* be allowed such Compensation for his Service in this Respect as may be deemed reasonable by the Legislature, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Blanch* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence in the above Resolution.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Committee appointed by Law to settle and adjust the publick Accounts, or any two of them, be authorized to employ some Person to copy the Journals of the Council of Safety; and that they lay the same, with an Account of the Expence, before the Legislature at their next Meeting for their Inspection, that the said Journals may be ordered to be printed.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the two foregoing Messages into Consideration,

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the former Resolution relative to empowering Colonel *Hatbaway* to purchase Powder, &c. and disagree to the latter relative to copying the Journals of the Council of Safety.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS it frequently happens that Officers and Privates in the Militia of this State, employed on Detachments and Enterprizes where there is no regular and appointed Means of Relief, are subjected by Hurts or Wounds to much Expence, which it is unreasonable that they, as Individuals, should sustain :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Paymaster of the Militia of the County to which any such Officer or Private may belong, upon proper Proof to him made by Certificate under the Hand of the Officer commanding any Detachment, Party or Guard, or two or more credible Persons who were present or knowing to any such Hurt or Wound, shall pay to the Party, and also to others who may have furnished him with Necessaries, the reasonable Expences incurred and charged in an Account or Accounts, authenticated by the Oath or Affirmation of the respective Claimants.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence herein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Jenkins* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly informed the Vice-President in Council, that the House of Assembly were adjourned to *Wednesday* the nineteenth Day of *May* next, then to meet at *Trenton*.

The House therefore adjourned to meet at the said Time and Place.

TRENTON, April 20, 1779.

PURSUANT to a Notice from His Excellency the Governor,

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. TALLMAN, Mr. JENKINS.

Mr. HOLMES, Mr. SINNICKSON,

There not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business—adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, April 21, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. HOLMES, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. CONDUCT,

Mr. TALLMAN, Mr. VAN-NESTE, Mr. HARRIS.

Mr. SINNICKSON,

The

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Kitchell* and Mr. *Mott*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Kitchell* and Mr. *Mott* wait on the Council and inform them, that a Quorum of the Members of Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that this House have made a Board, and are ready to proceed to Business.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, April 22, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. CLARK.
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Hugg*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Woodruff*, Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Smock*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in Conference on the Subject of the Resolutions of Congress of the ninth Ultimo, containing a Requisition to the different States to compleat their several Quotas of Troops in the Service of the United States, and that they report to the House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Conference; that Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Hugg* wait on the Council and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting, and that they lay before the Council the said Resolutions.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman*, Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Harris*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in Conference on the Matters contained in their Message of this Day by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Hugg*, and that they report to this House; that the Vice-President be requested to assist at the said Conference; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain*, at Three o'Clock this Afternoon, and that Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from *Daniel Baldwin*, late a Captain in the *New-Jersey* Brigade, setting forth, that he has lost his Leg in the Service, and praying Relief, was read, and sent to the House of Assembly.

A Petition from the Trustees of *Queen's* College, praying fundry Alterations in their Charter, and a Confirmation of the same, was read,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in the said Petition.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock, to attend the Conference with the House of Assembly.

Friday, April 23, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

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The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to attend the Conference appointed Yesterday.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Business in Conference not being finished, the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock, to attend the same.

Saturday, April 24, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Tallman*, from the Committee appointed on the twenty-second Instant, to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and come to fundry Resolutions, which he was ready to Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Tallman* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, and the said Report being again read, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows:

1st, *Resolved,*

THAT a Law be enacted for compleating, by voluntary Enlistments during the present War, the Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States.

2d, *Resolved,* That Provision be made by Law for the better and more adequate Subsistence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, by furnishing to them Rum or Spirits, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, hard Soap and Tobacco, in Quantities and at Prices as nearly as may be similar to those allowed and affixed by other States; and that all such Clothing as may be necessary for the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, in Addition to the Allowance drawn from the publick Stores, be furnished to them at low and reasonable Prices in like Manner as Congress have recommended that the Officers be supplied.

3d, *Resolved,* That such Law operate until Congress adopt a general Plan by which all the Forces of the United States may be put upon an equal Footing; and that Application be made to Congress urging the Propriety and Expediency of forming such Plan, in which the whole may be comprehended, and the Danger of partial Distinctions removed.

Mr. *Van-Neste* has Leave of Absence till *Wednesday* next.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, April 26, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. DEARE.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris*, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Condict*, with such other Members as choose to attend the Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in Conference, to take into Consideration the present State of *New-Jersey*, and the proper Means of defending the Frontiers, and that they report to this House; that the Vice-President be requested to assist at the said Conference; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain*, at Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning; that Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Eldridge* and Mr. *Mac Cullough*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *J. Schenck*, Mr. *Houston*, Mr. *Smock*, Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Buck*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in Conference on the Subject of their Message of this Afternoon, by Mr. *Deare*, at the Time and Place therein mentioned, and that they report to the House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Conference, and that Mr. *Eldridge* and Mr. *Mac Cullough* wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Tuesday, April 27, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon, to attend the Conference appointed Yesterday.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Conference with the House of Assembly not being finished, the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, April 28, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Conference with the House of Assembly not being finished, the House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. DEARE.

A Memorial and Remonstrance of fundry Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, setting forth, that they have been left out as Supernumerary in a late Arrangement of the said Brigade, was read, and referred to the Conferrees appointed on the twenty-sixth Instant.

The Conference with the House of Assembly not being finished, the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Thursday, April 29, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. VAN-NESTE.
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. JENKINS,	

Mr. *Harris*, from the Committee appointed on the twenty-sixth Instant, to confer with a Committee of the House of Assembly on the present State of *New-Jersey*, and the proper Means of defending the Frontiers, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and come to fundry Resolutions, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Harris* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table,

ble, and the said Report being again read, was agreed to, except the third Resolution, which was rejected by the House, and the said Report is as follows :

1st, *Resolved,*

THAT, for the particular Defence of the State, during the ensuing Campaign, One Thousand of the Militia be embodied, to continue in Service until the first Day of *December* next.

2d, That the Conferees having considered a Representation and Remonstrance addressed to the Legislature by the Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, setting forth sundry Grievances relative to their Pay, Subsistence and Clothing; *Resolved,* That Provision hath already been agreed to be made as far as is consistent previous to an Application to Congress, and that if, upon such Application, no Measures are by them adopted in that Behalf, it will then be the Duty of this State to provide for their Quota of Troops in the best Manner they can devise.

3d, That Letter from Brigadier *Maxwell* of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, upon the same Subject, having been laid before them, *Resolved,* That the said Letter contains indecent and undeserved Reflections upon the Representatives of this State, and that the same be transmitted to Congress, with a proper Expression of the Disapprobation and Displeasure of the Legislature.

4th, That the Conferees having considered a Memorial and Remonstrance of sundry Officers of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, setting forth, that they had been left out as Supernumerary, in a late Arrangement of the said Brigade, while new Officers have been made and put in their Places, *Resolved,* That a Remonstrance be made to Congress upon the Practice of appointing Officers without the Participation of the Authority of the State.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, April 30, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. VAN-NESTE.
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,	
Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. CLARK,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. CLARK,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Otto*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS several of the Collectors and other Officers of Government have in their Hands Bills of Credit of the Emissions of 20th *May, 1777*, and the 11th of *April, 1778*, lately called out of Circulation by Congress, which they have received for Debts or Taxes due to the State, and the same may be refused at the Treasury :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to receive from the Collectors and other Officers of Government, all Bills of the said Emissions, which said Officers may pay into the Treasury on or before the 20th of *May* next, provided each Person paying the same shall, upon his Oath or Affirmation, declare that such Bills of Credit were by him received in Payment of Debts or Taxes due to the State, and that no Part thereof was by him received in Exchange for Bills of Credit now in Circulation; which Oath or Affirmation

‘ mation the said Treasurer is hereby authorized to administer. And that all Bills of Credit of the said two Emissions called out of Circulation, which may remain in the Hands of Collectors or other publick Officers after the said 20th Day of *May* ensuing, shall be either exchanged or the Loss occasioned by Neglect thereof sustained by the said Persons who received the same; and the Treasurer is authorized and required to exchange, at the Continental Loan-Office in this State, all Bills which he may have in the Treasury, or which he may receive of the said two Emissions as above directed, and that the Legislature will provide for the Payment of such Expences as shall be incurred by the Treasurer in exchanging such Bills.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Otto* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence with this Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Jenkins* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Shreve*, in the Words following :

‘ **M**R. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *James Parker*, Esquire, purporting, that he has paid to the Treasurer to the Amount of a certain Bond given by himself and *Stephen Skinner* to *John Smyth*, Esquire, late Treasurer of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*, conditioned for the Payment of *Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten-pence*; and desiring that the same may be given up and cancelled; and the Treasurer having laid the said Bond before the House for their Direction,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Interest of *five per Cent. per Annum*, paid on the said Bond, not being legal Interest, the same ought not to be given up until such be fully paid;

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Shreve* wait upon the Council for their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Jenkins* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Vice-President has Leave of Absence till *Wednesday* next.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *Bowen*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS *William Livingston*, Esquire, Governor of this State, the Honourable *John Cooper*, *Andrew Sinnickson*, *Joseph Holmes*, *Robert Morris*, *Peter Tallman*, *Abrabam Van-Neste*, and *Silas Condict*, and *William-Churchill Houston*, Esquires, on the fifteenth Day of *January* last, and during the Recess of the Legislature, did, in consequence of a Representation of the peculiar and urgent Necessities of the Officers of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States, request the Treasurer to pay into the Hands of *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Commissioner for purchasing Clothing for the Use of said Troops, any Sum not exceeding *Seven Thousand Pounds*, to be applied in procuring Clothing for the said Officers, agreeably to the Resolution of Congress in such Case made, obligating themselves to replace the same in the Treasury, provided the Legislature, at their next Sitting, should not make Provision therefor, by ordering the Treasurer credited in his Accounts to the Amount of the Sum paid: And whereas the Treasurer, in consequence of the said Request and Engagement, hath paid to the said *Enos Kelsey*, *Seven Thousand Pounds*;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That this House doth agree that the said Sum of *Seven Thousand Pounds* be assumed and acknowledged as a Debt of the State, and that the Treasurer have Credit in the Settlement of his Accounts upon producing the Receipt of the said *Enos Kelsey*.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the said *Enos Kelsey* be accountable for the Disbursement of the Monies to the Purpose above expressed.

‘ And Whereas, in and by the above-mentioned Resolution of Congress, passed in the Month of *December*, 1777, it was recommended to the several States to furnish the Officers of their respective Quotas of Troops, in the Service of the United States, with certain Clothing at the Prices current when the Army was established in the Year 1776, the Surplus to be charged to the United States: And whereas the Officers of this State have not as yet received a Supply of Clothing equal to the Intention of the said Resolution;

‘ Resolved,

‘ That *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Commissioner for purchasing of Clothing for the Troops of this State be, and he is hereby empowered to draw from the Treasury, the Sum of *Twenty-five Thousand Pounds* in Addition to the *Seven Thousand* above-mentioned, for the Purpose of furnishing to each Officer who, at the Time when the late Arrangement of the Brigade of this State was made, did belong, and for one Year previous thereto had belonged to the said Brigade, Clothing to the Amount of *Two Hundred Pounds* as the Prices now are, upon their paying the Sum the said Clothing would have Cost in the Year 1776; and that the said *Enos Kelsey* be accountable for the Disbursement of the aforesaid Sum.

‘ And Whereas some of the Officers have already received certain Articles of Clothing purchased by *John Holme*, Esquire, of the County of *Salem*, and *Joseph Hugg*, Esquire, of the County of *Gloucester*, at their Request, for which the reduced Prices have not been paid to the State agreeably to the said Resolution;

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the same, as nearly as they can be ascertained, be taken into the above Supply, as Part of the Quantity to be furnished according to the Prices at which they were purchased, and that the said *Enos Kelsey* pay to the said *Joseph Hugg* his Account, amounting to *One Thousand One Hundred and Three Pounds*, with the Interest for the same from the first Day of *December* last.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That *Mr. Townsend* and *Mr. Bowen* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Saturday, May 1, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the Governor,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. CLARK,	
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. DEARE,	

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by *Mr. Ewing* and *Mr. Hugg*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS it appears upon Examination of the Magazines of Ammunition in this State, that a considerable Quantity is yet wanting to furnish the Militia,

‘ Resolved,

‘ That *John Denton*, of *Princeton*, be authorized and directed immediately to purchase two Tons of Powder, with Lead, Flints and Cartridge-paper in Proportion, for the Use of the State, and that he deliver one Ton of the Powder, with Lead, Flints and Cartridge-paper, in Proportion, to *Zachariah Rossel*, at *Mount-Holly*, for the Use of the Counties of *Burlington*, *Gloucester*, *Salem*, *Cumberland* and *Cape-May*; Half a Ton of Powder, with Lead, Flints and Cartridge-paper in Proportion, to *Elias Woodruff*, at *Princeton*, for the Use of the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Somerset*, *Middlesex* and *Monmouth*; and the Remainder to Lieutenant-Colonel *Benoni Hathaway*, at *Morris-Town*, for the Use of the Counties of *Morris*, *Suffex*, *Essex* and *Bergen*, who are hereby empowered to receive the said Ammunition, and directed to employ proper Persons to make the same into sizeable Cartridges, and to keep the said Cartridges when made, in proper Boxes, numbered according to the size of the Cartridges, in some convenient and safe Place, for the

‘ Use of the Militia, to be delivered out to the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the
 ‘ several Battalions, or their Orders or Requests, to be by them delivered out to the Cap-
 ‘ tains or Commanding Officers of the several Companies, who shall stand answerable for
 ‘ the same; Returns of which Ammunition shall be made every six Months, in the same
 ‘ Manner and under the same Penalties as the Returns are directed to be made by the tenth
 ‘ Section of the Act for regulating, training and arraying of the Militia, passed *April* the
 ‘ 14th, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *John Denton* be authorized to draw from the Treasury any Sum not ex-
 ‘ ceeding *Fifteen Thousand Pounds*, to pay for the above Articles; and that he be account-
 ‘ able to the Legislature for the same, whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the
 ‘ Treasurer for the said Sum.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That this House will make Provision for paying the said *John Denton*, for his Time
 ‘ and Expences in purchasing and conveying the same to the Places above-directed, and
 ‘ for paying the Persons above appointed to receive the said Ammunition, for their Trouble
 ‘ in taking Charge of, making into Cartridges, and delivering out of the same.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That when it shall be necessary for any Battalion to draw Ammunition out of the said
 ‘ Magazines, the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the said Battalion, shall agree with
 ‘ some suitable Person to bring the same, a Certificate of which Agreement, signed by the
 ‘ Colonel or Commanding Officer, shall entitle the Person performing such Service to draw
 ‘ the Money so agreed for from the Paymaster to the Militia of his District.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That *Jonathan Baldwin*, Esquire, be directed to deliver the Ammunition in his Care
 ‘ to the aforesaid *Elias Woodruff*, taking his Receipt for the Quantity of Ammunition so
 ‘ to be delivered.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Hugg* do wait on the Council with the above Resolves and
 ‘ desire their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, setting forth, that several
 Robberies have lately been committed in the said County, and praying that a Company of
 Rangers may be raised for their Protection, was read, and sent to the House of Assembly.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the said County, setting forth, that they are ex-
 ceedingly distressed for Want of Bread, was read, and sent to the House of Assembly.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of said County, complaining of Mal-conduct in the
 Commissioners appointed to sell confiscated Estates in said County, was read, and sent to
 the House of Assembly.

The Council having taken into Consideration a Message from the House of Assembly
 of Yesterday, relative to empowering *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasury a
 Sum of Money for purchasing Clothing for the Troops of this State, &c. and also a
 Message of this Day, relative to authorizing and directing *John Denton* to purchase two
 Tons of Powder, &c.

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster*,
 in the Words following:

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ THAT Mr. *Houfson*, Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Otto*, be a Committee to join a Committee
 ‘ of the Council, for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, agree-
 ‘ ably to the Report of the Committees of Conference appointed on the twenty-second
 ‘ and twenty-sixth of *April* last, and that they report to the House.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster* wait on the Council, and desire them to appoint a
 ‘ Committee for the above Purpose.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ **T**HAT for the present, till a Law be enacted to make further Provision for the Militia, each Officer, Non-commissioned Officer and Private, when the Whole or any Part of the Militia are called into Service, receive as an Equivalent to the additional Allowance lately agreed to be made to the Continental Troops, the Sum of *Five Shillings* by the Day, over and above their Pay, Bounty, Rations and Mileage, during the Time they shall continue in actual Service, and that the Paymasters of the Militia be instructed to make Payment accordingly.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster* do wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence.’

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message of this Morning from the House of Assembly, relative to making further Provision for the Militia ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Clark* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose mentioned in their Message of this Morning by Mr. *Blanch* and Mr. *Foster*, and that they make Report to this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o’Clock.

Monday, May 3, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. CLARK,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. MORRIS.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Tuesday, May 4, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. COOPER,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. CLARK,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. MORRIS,	

Mr. *Condict*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron from Military Duty*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Harris* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for embodying a Thousand Militia for the Defence of this State.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, May 5, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. TALLMAN,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. DEARE.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron from Military Duty*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Shreve*, in the Words following :

‘ **I**T being represented that Arrears of Pay are still due to the Militia in some of the Counties, and that the Sums drawn by several of the Paymasters in Virtue of the Resolution of the 20th of *June* last, are not sufficient to discharge the Whole,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That *Joseph Lewis*, of the County of *Morris*, *Isaac Halsey*, of the County of *Essex*, and *William Hough*, Esquire, of the County of *Burlington*, be respectively empowered to draw from the Treasury, a Sum not exceeding *Twelve Thousand Pounds* each, for the Payment of the Arrears due to the Militia in their several Districts up to the first Day of this Instant, *May*, exclusive; and that they be accountable for the same in such Manner as for other Monies heretofore put into their Hands for the like Purpose.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the several Paymasters of the Militia pay up and settle their Accounts to the above Date as soon as possible.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Shreve* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Sinnickson* has Leave of Absence on Account of Indisposition.

To-morrow being appointed for a Fast, the House adjourned till *Friday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 7, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, pursuant to the Report of

of the Committee of both Houses in Conference on the 24th of *April* last, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and had essayed a Representation, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Ogden* read the said Essay in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table; and the said Essay being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the State of NEW-JERSEY,

Sheweth,

THAT we are fully convinced the Circumstances of the Times render a further Provision for the Subsistence and Comfort of the Army of the United States indispensably necessary, but are of Opinion the Mode adopting to effect this Purpose is very improper, and will be productive of injurious Consequences: The several States are each forming a separate Plan of supplying to their own Troops such Necessaries as they think most adviseable, nearly at Prices current when the Army was established, and stipulating in their Favour such other Privileges and Advantages as may in a considerable Degree make good the Contract under which they entered the Service at the Commencement of the War. These Regulations, various, unequally advantageous, and formed upon different Principles, must, in their Practice and Operation, produce Discontents, Murmurings, and perhaps still worse Effects—Resignations among the Officers, and Desertions among the Men.

Further, while each State thus supports a System of its own, the whole Expence is greatly and unnecessarily increased; for although it be paid by the State separately, and not out of the Continental Treasury, it is still a general Expence, and the Wages which each State must pay on purchasing for, and issuing to, their respective Troops, would be Double or Treble their Proportion of the Sum which would procure the Whole purchased and issued to the Army at large. If a Provision were made by Congress, we would also suggest the exceeding Difficulty under which this State must labour in carrying their Part of this divided Mode of Supply into Execution. The Means of Importation are not in our Power, and Purchases on the Continent must be made at a Distance, and under every other Disadvantage. To the Congress these Things would be more practicable in many Cases, only a great Quantity of the same Articles would be necessary, and they might be procured in the same Line in which the Army is now supplied. Every Expence which may be necessary for the Comfort and Supply of those who devote themselves to the publick Service, we are cheerfully willing, to the utmost of our Proportion, to defray; but mean not to recommend or even approve in the slightest Degree any Kind of Establishment, or particular Emolument for Life. These, to say Nothing more, were no Part of the original Contract: They cannot be demanded or hoped for on any equitable Principles.

By a Resolution of Congress of the 15th of *March* last, all Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, now belonging to the Corps of Light-Dragoons and Artillery, and Infantry, and the Corps of Artillery Artificers already commissioned and enlisted, not being Part of the Eighty-eight Battalions, are to be considered as Parts of the Quotas of the several States to which they belonged, or may belong when commissioned or enlisted, and credited accordingly: Part of two Regiments of Horse, one now in the Eastern States, the other in *Pennsylvania*; two Companies of Artillery at separate Parts; Part of two of the Sixteen Additional Regiments now on different Stations, besides Artillery Artificers now employed at different Places, were commissioned or enlisted from this State. If we are credited with these, it will by them be expected that we provide for them; if it is not done, the Officers will resign, and the Privates desert; and to do it, seems absolutely impracticable upon any particular State System; and even supposing it possible, the Transportation and Wages which must be given for procuring it, done at so many different Parts, would be cut of all usual Proportion to the Value of the Articles supplied. For the above Reasons, with many others, with which we think it unnecessary to detain Congress, we earnestly entreat that they would adopt a Mode of making such further Provision for the Army as they may think just and adequate; a Mode which by comprehending the Whole, will remove all Danger of partial Distinction, which will be less difficult and less expensive than the Mode excepted against, and which will produce that Satisfaction without which the

Service can never be generally agreeable to those engaged in it, or fully beneficial to the Nation.

The Memorial of *William Alexander*, Earl of *Stirling*, setting forth, that several Parts of his Real Estate were, at the Commencement of the War, mortgaged for Debts due to Persons who have since joined the Enemy; that several other Parts were, and still are mortgaged to Persons residing in this State, and the State of *New-York*; and praying that the Legislature of this State will give him Leave to bring in a Bill for vesting the Whole of his Real Estate, in *New-Jersey*, in two or more Trustees, and enabling them to sell the same, or a sufficient Part thereof for the Discharge of his Debts, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition and Remonstrance of fundry Officers of the first Regiment of the *New-Jersey* Brigade, was read, and referred to the Committee of both Houses in Conference.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock, to attend a Conference with the House of Assembly.

Saturday, May 8, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Memorial of *William Alexander*, Earl of *Stirling*, was read the second Time;

Ordered,

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *J. Schenck*, in the Words following:

‘ **W**HEREAS the Council and Assembly, by a Resolution of the 30th of *April* last,
 ‘ did provide that *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, Commissioner of Clothing for this State,
 ‘ furnish to each Officer, who, at the Time of the late Arrangement of the Brigade of this
 ‘ State, in the Service of the United States, did belong, and for one Year previous thereto,
 ‘ had belonged to the said Brigade, Clothing to the Amount of *Two Hundred Pounds*,
 ‘ certain Deductions being made: And whereas the Settlement of certain Accounts men-
 ‘ tioned in the said Resolutions will be attended with Delay, and a Part of the said Brigade
 ‘ being under immediate marching Orders,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Settlement of the Accounts of such as are under the Necessity of marching
 ‘ immediately, be postponed for the present, and that the said *Enos Kelsey* pay to them the
 ‘ said *Two Hundred Pounds* each, on Account of Clothing, reserving such Settlement to a
 ‘ future Occasion.

‘ And whereas by a Resolution of the 23d of *April* last, the Troops of this State are to
 ‘ be furnished with certain Articles for their more comfortable Subsistence, which cannot
 ‘ be immediately procured and issued; therefore,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That there be paid to each Non-commissioned Officer and Private, belonging to the
 ‘ said Brigade, the Sum of *Forty Dollars*, to be accounted for when the Articles in the
 ‘ said Resolution mentioned are provided and forwarded to the said Brigade; and that
 ‘ the said *Enos Kelsey* employ a proper Person to pay to each commissioned Officer and
 ‘ Private, out of any Monies which may remain in the said *Enos Kelsey*'s Hands, the afore-
 ‘ said Sum, and take his Receipt for the same.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *J. Schenck* do wait on the Council with the above Resolu-
 ‘ tion, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.
Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Morris* be a Committee to receive and examine the Copies of the Journals of this House before they be delivered to the Printer; and that after the said Revival and Examination, *Isaac Collins* be directed to print them.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, May 10, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CLARK,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Morris* has Leave of Absence to attend the Supreme Court.

A Petition was presented from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, setting forth, that they had, at a great Expence, settled and improved a Tract of Land in said County, late the Property of *William Kelly*, Esquire; and that *Thomas Anderson*, Esquire, without any Right, pretends to oblige them to pay Rent for the said Lands, or turn them out of their Possession, and praying Relief, &c. which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 11, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	

A Petition was presented from Captain *David Edgar*, and other Officers of the second Regiment of Dragoons, setting forth, that the Officers and Privates of the said Regiment belong to, and are Inhabitants of, this State, and were raised in the same, and pray, for divers Reasons, that they may be entitled to receive and have the same Gratuities, Advantages and Donations, to which the Officers and Soldiers of the Foot Regiments raised during the War are entitled to; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thomson*, in the Words following:

‘ WHEREAS by a Resolution of the first Day of *May*, Instant, *John Denton*, of *Princeton*, was authorized and directed to purchase two Tons of Powder and other Ammunition, to be placed in certain Magazines, for the Use of the State: And whereas the Quantity allotted to the Counties nearest to the Enemy may be inadequate; and moreover, Provision ought to be made for supplying the Artillery;

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the said *John Denton* be authorized and directed to purchase in Addition to the above, Half a Ton of Musket Powder, with the Lead, Cartridge-paper and Flints in Proportion thereto; and that he deliver the same to *Benoni Hathaway*, of *Morris-Town*, to be made up into sizeable Cartridges, and distributed in the Manner prescribed in the said Resolutions.

‘ That

‘ That he also purchase Three-quarters of a Ton of Cannon Powder, with a proportionable Quantity of Shot, and Flannel for Cartridges; and deliver One-third Part thereof to *Elias Woodruff*, of *Princeton*, and the remaining Two-thirds to the said *Benoni Hathaway*, to be made up into Cartridges sizeable to the Artillery of the State, and delivered to the Orders of the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Regiments to which the several Companies of Artillery are by the Law for regulating the Militia attached.

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the said *John Denton* be authorized to draw from the Treasury, a further Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, for the Purpose of carrying into Effect this Resolution, and that he be accountable for the Application thereof.

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the Legislature will provide for Payment of the reasonable Accounts of the Persons above-mentioned for their Time and Expence in carrying into Effect the above Resolution.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That *Mr. Shreve* and *Mr. Thomson* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence.

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That *Mr. Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Van-Neste reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, &c.* was read the second Time, and debated;

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed till To-morrow.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, May 12, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. DEARE.

Mr. Conduct, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for Suppression of other Immoralities*; and having debated the same, and several Amendments having been made thereto, On the Question?

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. DEARE,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. JENKINS,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read the second Time, and debated;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, May 13, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. JENKINS.
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. DEARE,	

Mr. Clark, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof;* and after some Debate thereon, it was moved and seconded, that the Men to be raised by the said Bill, be raised by voluntary Enlistment indiscriminately throughout the State, and not exacted in certain Proportions from the several Classes of the Militia in Manner as by the said Bill set forth, and that they be allowed a generous State Bounty, to induce them to enlist, instead of being hired into the Service by the Classes severally; and the same having been debated, and the Question put, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Harris.	Mr. Deare,	Mr. Conduct,
Mr. Sinnickson,		Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Ogden.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration of the said Bill be adjourned till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof;* and, after Debate thereon,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be deferred till To-morrow Afternoon.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 14, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. DEARE,	Mr. TALLMAN.
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron, from Military Duty,* was read and compared; On the Question?

Resolved unanimously,

That the same do pass.

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their*

Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities, was read and compared ;
On the Question ?

Resolved unanimously,

That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the President sign the said Bills.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* do carry the said Bills to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldredge*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the Military Service*, was sent from this House to the Council for Concurrence during the last Sitting ; and it being very necessary a Law should be enacted to make the Provision intended by the said Bill, and no Notice having as yet been received whether the same is passed or rejected,

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldredge* wait on the Council and desire they will inform this House, what is become of the said Bill ?’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* do wait on the House of Assembly, and in Answer to the said Message inform them, that the Bill for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, sent by the Assembly to this House last Sitting for Concurrence, would, in the Opinion of the Council, be attended with great and unnecessary Expence in its Execution, by drawing from the Treasury for the Pay of a large Board of Commissioners, a Sum nearly adequate to the probable Amount of the Relief to be granted, and in many other Respects the said Bill appeared to be inadequate to the Purpose intended : Council deeply impressed with the Necessity of providing for the unhappy Sufferers, and desirous of affording all needful Relief in a Way beneficial to the distressed, and yet without unnecessary Expence to the State, accordingly amended and sent back the said Bill to the Assembly for Concurrence, who returned the same, rejecting the Amendments, and adhering to the Bill ; which Bill so adhered to, for the Reason which occasioned the Amendments, was, in Justice to all concerned, rejected by this House.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, and having gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto ; On the Question ?

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Saturday, May 15, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HARRIS,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. MORRIS,
Mr. COOPER,	Mr. DEARE,	Mr. TALLMAN.
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. CONDUCT,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	

Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Dunbam*, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Jenkins,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Ogdén.	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Van-Neste,			

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Condict reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning Nine o'Clock*.

Monday, May 17, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

MR. STEVENS,	MR. DEARE,	MR. TALLMAN,
MR. MORRIS,	MR. OGDEN,	MR. SINNICKSON,
MR. CLARK,	MR. HOLMES,	MR. JENKINS,
MR. CONDUCT,	MR. COOPER,	MR. HARRIS.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Cripps and Mr. Clark, in the Words following:

‘ **W**HEREAS it appears by Information from *John Denton*, and likewise by a Letter from the Board of War to His Excellency the Governor, that a Quantity of Lead sufficient to furnish the Magazines of this State, cannot be had without sending to *New-England* for the same; and the Board of War suggesting the Propriety of purchasing Iron or Flour for the Continental Service, to be forwarded by the Teams to be sent for the said Lead, and engaging to give Credit for the Quantity delivered there, in the Account for the Lead;

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the said *John Denton* be authorized to purchase a Quantity of Iron sufficient to load the Teams to be sent for the said Lead, and deliver the same agreeably to the Directions from the Board of War, taking Receipts therefor, and directing that the same be charged to the Credit of this State.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Cripps and Mr. Clark do carry the above Resolve to Council for their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Sinnickson wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Brookfield and Mr. Townsend, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Clark, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, May 18, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. JENKINS,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

Mr. Cooper, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the growing Evils of Horse-racing and Fox-hunting, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Otto and Mr. Beam, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS the House are informed by *James Ewing*, Esquire, late one of the Paymasters of the Militia of this State, that the Sum of *Eighteen Hundred Dollars* lately received by him from the Treasury of the United States, was of the Emissions of *May 20th, 1777, and April 11th, 1778*, lately called out of Circulation, and that a considerable Part thereof remains in his Hands ;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Treasurer receive from the said *James Ewing* the said Money yet remaining in his Hands, and dispose of the same as directed in the Resolution of both Houses of the 30th of *April* last.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Beam* do carry the above Resolve to the Council and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved;

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time, and debated.

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be referred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States* ; and, after Debate,

Ordered,

That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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The Committee of Conference appointed the 26th of *April* last, with the Rest of the Members, withdrew to attend a Conference with the House of Assembly; and being returned, The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, May 19, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Committee of Conference, with the other Members, withdrew to attend a Conference with the House of Assembly; and being returned,

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Van-Neste*, pursuant to Leave given him, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to alter, amend and confirm the Charter of Queen's College, in New-Jersey*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, was read the second time; On the Question?

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Harris*, from the Committee of Conference appointed on the 26th Day of *April* last, reported the Draught of a Representation to Congress, in the following Terms:

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

The REPRESENTATION and PETITION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of NEW-JERSEY,

Sheweth,

THAT, by a Resolution of Congress of the 9th of *March* last, the Infantry of the United States is directed to be composed for the ensuing Campaign, of Eighty Battalions.— That the several States are therein required to make up and compleat their respective Battalions to their full Complement by Draughts, or in such other Manner as they may think proper; and that they have their Quotas of Deficiencies ready to take the Field, and to march to such Place as the Commander in Chief shall direct without Delay.

That, by a Resolution passed in the Month of *December*, 1777, it is recommended to the several States to supply the Officers of their respective Troops with sundry Articles of Clothing at certain Rates.

That the Legislature of this State are taking the necessary Measures to comply with the Requisition above-mentioned; and have already in Part furnished Clothing to the Officers of the Regiments belonging to the Brigade of the State, as recommended; but that they find themselves greatly at a Loss from any Communications made to them by Congress, to ascertain precisely what is intended by their Quota of Troops in the Service of the United States.

For that, by a Resolution of Congress respecting the Legion raised by the Count *Polski*, such Recruits as have been or may be enlisted in the same in this State, are to be credited to the Quota thereof; and by another Resolution of the 15th of *March* last, all Officers and Soldiers now belonging to the Corps of Light-Dragoons and Artillery and Infantry, and the Corps of Artillery Artificers, not being Part of the Eighty-eight (now Eighty) Battalions apportioned to this State, be considered as Part of the Quotas of the several States to which they belonged, when commissioned or enlisted.

It is therefore the Desire and Petition, that Congress will order the necessary Information in what Manner the Credit above-mentioned is to be made: Whether they are to look upon the Parts of the Corps mentioned in the above Resolutions, which have been raised in this State, or any particular Kind of them, as to be reckoned in compleating their three Regiments of Infantry to the Establishment of *May*, 27th, 1778; and also, that the Returns directed by the Resolution of the 15th of *March* last, none of which,

from one or two Regiments excepted, they have yet received, be made as early as the Nature of the Case will possibly admit, inasmuch as at the present Season of the Year the Legislature cannot long continue Sitting: And further, would request that Congress will pay the earliest Attention to the Representation lately made in Behalf of this State, on the Subject of providing for the better Subsistence of the Army, which they cannot but consider as a Matter of the highest Moment, not only to this State, but to the Union in general.

By Order of the Council,

WIL. LIVINGSTON, *President.*

By Order of the General Assembly,

CALEB CAMP, *Speaker.*

Trenton, May 19, 1779.

Mr. *Harris* also reported, that in Consideration of the Necessity of having an early Return on the Subject of the Representation to be sent, it will be proper that a Member from each House be appointed to proceed to Congress with the said Representation; whereupon, on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Choice of a Member of this House, to join with a Member appointed by the House of Assembly, to wait on the Honourable the Congress, with the said Representation and Petition, when the Honourable *Silas Condict*, Esquire, was chosen and appointed for that Purpose.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, May 20, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. CONDUCT,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*, having been read the third Time; and it being moved by Mr. *Cooper*, and seconded by Mr. *Morris*, that as the Will intended to be confirmed by the said Bill, cuts off the Heir at Law with only *Twenty Shillings*, when the other Sons have considerable Estates left them; and as it is alledged in Favour of confirming the said Will, that the Heir at Law takes an Estate by Descent independent of the Will; and this Circumstance, if a Fact, being much in Favour of the Equity of confirming the Will, but not fully proved to the House, the Parties applying to have the Will confirmed be therefore cited to make such Descent appear to this House, at this or the next Sitting of the Legislature; and that the Passing the said Bill be postponed in the mean-time; and the said Motion being debated, and the Question put, it passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> .	Mr. <i>Sinnicksen</i> ,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. STEVENS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands*

Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Clark* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Harris* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Persons travelling through this State without Passes.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 21, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. TALLMAN.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Persons travelling through this State without Passes, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act to prevent Persons passing through this State without proper Passports*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Sinnickson*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and General Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and to revive the Supplement thereto*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* and Mr. *Tallman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for recovering all Fines and Forfeitures due to the State in Arrear.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, May 22, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Schenck*, in the following Words:

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Peter Schenck* wait on the Council and inform them, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal five several Acts therein named, exempting certain Persons employed in manufacturing Salt and Iron, from Military Duty*, is passed by the House of Assembly without Amendment.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, May 24, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. CONDUCT.

A Petition from *John Vankirk*, praying a Consideration for assisting in destroying the *Monmouth* Robbers, was read.

A Petition from *John Vandyke*, Lieutenant of Artillery, praying to be put upon a Footing with the Officers of the *Jersey* Brigade, was read.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Fenimore*, in the Words following :

‘ Resolved,

‘ THAT *Elisha Boudinot*, Esquire, Commissary of Prisoners for this State, be empowered to draw from the Treasury, in Addition to the Sum he is already by Law entitled to receive, any further Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, that he may be enabled to provide for such of the Inhabitants of this State as are Prisoners with the Enemy, and for other necessary Purposes of his Department; that he be accountable for the Expenditure of the said Money, and that his Receipt be a Voucher to the Treasurer for such Sums as may be drawn in Virtue thereof.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Resolve to the Council for their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Bowen*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, with sundry Amendments, and desired the Concurrence of this House in the said Amendments.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Parties applying for *An Act to confirm the Last Will and Testament of George Brown, late of the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, deceased*, having complied with the Order of this House of the 20th Instant; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Whereas this House have received Information of a Number of Cattle and Horses being drove down to the City of *Amboy*, which are in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy;

Resolved,

That the Governor be authorized and empowered to issue Orders to Colonel *Neilson*, or to the Commanding Officers of the Militia Service, in the Vicinity of *Amboy*, to cause the said Cattle and Horses to be removed to a Place of Safety; and that the Expence attending such Removal be paid by the Owner or Owners of the said Cattle and Horses.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, May 25, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. CONDUCT.
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Manning and Mr. Kitchell, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Sebring, Mr. Ewing and Mr. Fenimore, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council for the Purpose of examining the Matters of the Petitions from the County of *Monmouth*, respecting the Conduct of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in that County ; that they have Power to send for Papers and Witnesses, to have the said Witnesses examined, and their Affidavits taken, and to adopt the requisite and legal Means of ascertaining the several Facts and Charges set forth in the said Petitions, and such further, if any, which they may think necessary to be investigated, and that they make Report to the House.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Manning and Mr. Kitchell wait on the Council, and desire they will appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.’

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting with the House of Assembly ; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned to To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, May 26, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Hand and Mr. Blanch, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Hand and Mr. Blanch, in the Words following :

‘ THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of Yesterday, by Mr. Van-Neste, empowering the Governor to give Orders to Colonel Neilson, or to the Commanding Officer of the Militia, serving in the Vicinity of *Amboy*, to cause the Cattle and Horses that have been drove down there, and are in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy, to be removed to a Place of Safety, &c.

‘ Resolved,

‘ That this House concur in the Resolution contained in the said Message.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Hand and Mr. Blanch do wait upon the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Hand and Mr. Blanch, in the Words following :

‘ APPLICATION being made to the House by *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for Direction respecting the Payment of the Sum of *Forty Dollars*, lately allowed by a Resolution of both Houses to every Non-commissioned Officer and Private belonging to the three Regiments of this State in the Service of the United States, to ten Men draughted

‘ from the said Regiments, and forming a Part of His Excellency General *Washington*’s
‘ Guards ;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *Enos Kelsey* do pay the same according to the Return made to him, and
‘ laid before this House.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Blanch* wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence.’

Mr. *Clark* informed the House, that at a Joint-Meeting of the Council and Assembly Yesterday, he had been chosen one of the Delegates in Congress ; that previous to such Choice, upon his Nomination, he had informed the Joint-Meeting, that by Reason of his ill State of Health he could not serve the State in that Capacity if elected ; requesting the Opinion of Council whether such Choice against his Consent, and without his Acceptance of the Appointment, had vacated his Seat in Council or not ? A Debate arising thereon,

It was moved by Mr. *Sinnickson*, and seconded by Mr. *Morris*, that as Mr. *Clark* was Yesterday at a Joint-Meeting of the Council and Assembly duly elected a Delegate to represent this State in the Continental Congress, the President be directed to issue an Order to the Sheriff of the County of *Essex* for a Member to be elected to represent said County in the Legislative-Council of this State. And the previous Question being moved for by Mr. *Condict*, and seconded by Mr. *Deare*, whether the above Question be now put, or not ? It was carried in the Negative.

It was then moved by Mr. *Condict*, and seconded by Mr. *Deare*, that Mr. *Clark*, one of the Members of this House, having at a Joint-Meeting of Yesterday carried a Majority of Votes for a Delegate to represent this State in Congress, and the said Mr. *Clark* having signified that he should not, on the Account of his ill State of Health, accept of such his Appointment, whether Mr. *Clark*’s Seat in this House be vacated or not ; on the Question, it was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> .	Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,		Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Kitchell*,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* and Mr. *Deare*, or either of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purposes mentioned in the said Message, and that they make Report to this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to giving Directions to *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for the Payment of *Forty Dollars* to the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates belonging to the three Regiments of this State in the Service of the United States ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intitled, *An Act to amend an Act, intitled, An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned* ; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, May 27, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CONDUCT.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the House of Assembly to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*; and, after some Time spent therein, on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendments? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the said Bill with the Amendments be re-engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*, was read the second Time, and fundry Amendments made thereto.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Drake and Mr. J. Schenck, in the Words following:

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Drake and Mr. J. Schenck do wait upon the Council and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Moses Tucker, a Title for certain Lands in the County of Essex, purchased of Samuel Smith, now a Fugitive with the Enemy*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this Colony to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the severall Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; and, on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, May 28, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, was read and compared; and, on the Question,

Resolved unanimously,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Cooper carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the Judges and Justices of this State to ascertain and tax Bills of Costs, and for making Provision by Law for the Payment of the Services of the several Officers of the Colony, and for preventing the said Officers from taking exorbitant Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Sinnickson wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Resolved,

That Isaac Collins be directed to print Five Hundred Copies of the Act, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly Persons mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities*, together with Copies of this Resolution, to be distributed in the several Counties of this State; and that every Person who keeps a publick House, Inn; or Ordinary, be directed to fix and keep up in publick View in his or her House one of the said Copies; and that it be recommended to the several Courts of Quarter-Sessions, not to grant or renew a License to any Person to keep a Tavern, Inn or Ordinary, who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the Requisition herein contained; and that the said Isaac Collins publish the said Act in the *New-Jersey Gazette*.

Ordered,

That Mr. Sinnickson wait on the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting with the House of Assembly; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, May 29, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. JENKINS,	Mr. CONDUCT.
Mr. DEARE,			

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Persons from passing through this State without proper Passports*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. Cripps and Mr. Manning, in the Words following:

THE House having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of this Day, relative to directing Isaac Collins to print Five Hundred Copies of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent idle and disorderly People mispending their Time at publick Houses, and for the Suppression of other Immoralities, &c.*

Resolved,

That the House do concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cripps and Mr. Manning do wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Cripps and Mr. Manning, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows*

Meadows lying within Holmes's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, to make, repair, and maintain a Road leading into the same, by a Tax on the said Meadows; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, May 31, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. CONDICT.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. JENKINS,	

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Persons from passing through this State without proper Passports*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permission or Passports, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict do carry the said Bills to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Condict reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Sinnickson, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act subjecting Real Estates in the Province of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Congleton and Mr. Foster brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, with sundry Amendments made thereto, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Shreve and Mr. Brookfield from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill re-engrossed, with the Amendments of this House, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday June 1, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, to the Bill intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, and after some Time spent therein;

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the House agree to all the said Amendments, except these Words, to wit, *by the Council and Assembly in Joint-Meeting, and in Case of Vacancies during the Recess of the Legislature*, in the Amendment to the 2d Section, Line 17th, the 12th, 14th, 21st, 23d, 67th, 68th, and 70th Amendments.

Resolved,

That the House doth not agree to the said Words in the 2d Section, 12th, 14th, 21st, 23d, 67th, 68th, and 70th Amendments, but in these Parts adhere to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolutions.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr. *Morris*.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Bowen*, in the Words following :

‘ THE House took into Consideration the Message from Council of this Day, by Mr. *Condict*, relative to the Amendments made by this House, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*; Whereupon,

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Bowen* do carry the said Bill with the Amendments to Council, and acquaint them that this House recede from the first Amendment mentioned in the said Message, and adhere to the rest.’

The House having taken the said Message into Consideration; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Amendments made to the said Bill by the House of Assembly? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,			

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to suppress the growing Evils of Horseracing and Foxhunting, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice, the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, June, 2, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. HARRIS.
			Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Cooper, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties to administer the official, and other necessary Oaths, to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State Returns of the Names of such Officers*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hand and Mr. Bowen, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House for their Concurrence, a Bill intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Morris, to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was committed, reported that he had gone through the said Bill, and made an Amendment to the Title, and also several other Amendments, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Morris read the said Amendments in his Place, and delivered them in at the Table.—On the Question?

Resolved,

That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Mr. Clark, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, &c.* which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge by the Sale thereof, or so much as may suffice the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be*; was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Holmes do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The re-engrossed Bill, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read and compared;

Resolved,

That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Holmes do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, June 3, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before, and the GOVERNOR.

Ordered,

That Mr. Tallman do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments thereunto annexed to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Tallman

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Hand*, from the House of Assembly, presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, and to revive the Supplement thereto*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Mac Collum*, from the House of Assembly, presented for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; which two several Bills were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* and Mr. *Morris* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, empowering certain Persons to remove Prisoners from one Gaol to another.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the GOVERNOR.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to suppress the growing Evils of Horseracing and Foxhunting, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Morris</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act subjecting Real Estates in the Province of New-Jersey, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, June 4, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Kitchel* and Mr. *Woodruff*, from the House of Assembly, presented for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills:

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting by voluntary Inlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States.*

A Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; which two several Bills were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Mac-Cullough* and Mr. *Blanch*, from the House of Assembly, presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal*

repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sinnickson.
Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Ogden.	

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Harris do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act subjecting Real Estates in the Province of New-Jersey to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, being read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Harris do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Harris reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States; and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, referred from the last Sitting to this, was read and committed to Mr. Ogden and Mr. Tallman.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 5, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Cripps, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hugg and Mr. Hand, from the House of Assembly, brought back the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments thereto annexed, and acquainted this House, that the House of Assembly agree to all the Amendments made by this House, except the 3d, 6th, 8th and 11th, in which Cases they adhere to the Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time and debated, and the further Consideration of it referred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*; and, after some Time spent therein, ordered it a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, June 7, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. HARRIS.
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. COOPER,	

The House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*;

Resolved,

That this House recede from the 3d, 6th, 8th and 11th Amendments made by this House, and rejected by the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the said Resolution.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Representation and Petition from the County of *Somerset*, praying that the Legislature would take some Measures to appreciate Continental Money, &c. was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was read the second Time, debated, and sundry Amendments made thereto;

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Amendments be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties to administer the official and other necessary Oaths to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State, Returns of the Names of such Officers*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Deare*, from the Committee appointed the third of *June* Instant, to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower certain Persons to remove Prisoners from one Gaol to another, brought in a Bill, according to Order, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath*, was read a second Time, and the further Consideration of the said Bill referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore*

heretofore omitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony, was read the second Time and debated, and sundry Amendments made thereto,

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Amendments be read the third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof,* was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony,* was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Holmes.
Mr. Van-Neske,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Ogden.	

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Condict reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor,* was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Condict, from the Committee appointed on the 26th Day of May last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of examining the Matters of the Petitioners from the County of *Monmouth*, respecting the Conduct of the Commissioners on forfeited Estates in that County, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Condict read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows:

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of examining the Matter of the Petitions from the County of *Monmouth*, touching the Conduct of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in that County, beg Leave to report—That they have examined several Witnesses respecting some of the Charges mentioned in the said Petitions, and are of Opinion that the Complaints therein set forth are not Groundless; but inasmuch as the Petitioners who appeared to support the Charges, as well as the said Commissioners, alledged that some material Witnesses on each Side did not attend at the Time and Place appointed by your Committee for hearing and examining the same; and the Improbability that the Legislature would continue to sit at present a sufficient Time fully to investigate the Matter; therefore beg Leave to suggest, that they think it necessary that some further Enquiry ought to be made into the Matter, in such Way and Manner as the Legislature shall direct, which, with the Depositions already taken on this Occasion, they submit to the House for their Consideration and Determination thereon.

By Order of the Committee,

June 7th, 1779.

SILAS CONDUCT,
ROELOFF SEBRING.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday June 8, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr.

Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Cripps*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for calling out of Circulation, and for sinking all Bills of Credit heretofore emitted in this State, whilst the same was a Colony*, and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the House of Assembly, with the Amendments made by this House; which said re-engrossed Bill being read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Cripps*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers and Soldiers, and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the Military Service*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Bowen*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, with the Amendments thereto annexed, and acquainted this House that the House of Assembly agree to all the Amendments made by this House, except the first, in which Instance they adhere to the Bill.

The House having taken the said Bill and Amendments into Consideration,

Resolved,

That this House recede from the said first Amendment made by this House, and rejected by the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the said Resolution.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> .	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,		Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties to administer the official and other necessary Oaths to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State Returns of the Names of such Officers*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> .
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coronors of the State of New-Jersey, and to revise the Supplement thereto*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting, by voluntary Enlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the second Time, debated, and an Amendment made to the Title, as well as several other Amendments.

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Amendments be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,		Mr. <i>Harris</i> .

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to erect and establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of small Causes, and to repeal the former Act for that Purpose, and to suspend the Operation of one other Act therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yea.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	The Vice-President.	Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,		Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,		Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .

There being but six of the Members that voted in Favour of the said Bill, the Vice-President was requested to give his Vote, which he did in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Cripps*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the easy and more expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *P. Schenck* and Mr. *Cripps*, from the House of Assembly, informed this House, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act subjecting Real Estates in the Province of New-Jersey to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, was passed by that House without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying within Holmes's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, to make, repair, and maintain a Road leading into the same by a Tax on the said Meadows*, was read the second Time; it was then moved by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Van-Neste, that the third Reading of the said Bill be postponed to the next Sitting of the Legislature; and that, as hath been practised heretofore in such Cases, an Order issue to the Parties applying for the said Bill, requiring them to advertise the same in the usual Way, at least four Weeks before the next Meeting of the Legislature; that the Parties opposed to the said Bill, if any there be, may have an Opportunity to lay their Objections before this House; and that it be the standing Order of this House for the Future, to use the same Precaution on all Applications made for private Bills, unless it shall be fully proved to the House that all Persons who are affected in Interest by such Bills are consenting thereto: It was then moved by Mr. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Harris, that the previous Question be put, Whether the above Question be now put, or not? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Condict,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins.	Mr. Deare,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Van-Neste,		Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Ogden.

The said Bill was therefore ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the thirteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, and to end the second Tuesday in October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine; and to discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Condict,		Mr. Cooper.

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Deare wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Deare reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Schenck and Mr. Woodruff, in the Words following:

‘ **W**HEREAS it is necessary in the present Circumstances of this State, exposed to the predatory Incursions of the Enemy in unconnected Detachments, and in various Places at the same Time, that the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being should be furnished with proper Means of speedily conveying his Orders to the different Parts of the State; therefore,

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, be authorized and empowered to call out two Light-horse Men from any Company in this State, to serve by monthly Rotation, to carry his Dispatches, and to attend him until the next Sitting of the General Assembly; who shall be entitled to the same Pay and Allowances during such Service, as are granted to Light-horse Men by the Act, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, to be paid by any of the Paymasters of the Militia of this State, on Certificates from the Governor or Commander in Chief, specifying the Time they may have respectively attended in such Service.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. Schenck and Mr. Woodruff do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thomson* in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS the Council and Assembly, by their Resolution of the twelfth Day of *December* last, did declare and resolve in the Words following, *videlicet*,
 ‘ Whereas it frequently happens that Officers and Privates of the Militia of this State, employed on Detachments and Enterprizes, where there is no regular and appointed Means of Relief, are subjected, by accidental Hurts and Wounds, to much Expence, which it is unreasonable they, as Individuals, should sustain ;

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the Paymaster of the Militia of the County to which any such Officer or Private may belong, upon proper Proof to him made by Certificate under the Hand of the Officer commanding any Detachment, Party or Guard, or two or more credible Persons who were present or knowing to any such Hurt or Wound, shall pay to the Party, and also to others who may have furnished him with Necessaries, the reasonable Expences incurred and charged in an Aceount or Accounts, authenticated by the Oath or Affirmation of the respective Claimants.

‘ And whereas Doubts have arisen, whether the above-ricired Resolution extends to authorize the severai Paymasters of the Militia to pay Physicians or Surgeons Accounts for Attendance on, and for Medicines furnished to, such Officers and Privates as may have received or hereafter shall receive accidental Hurts or Wounds : And whereas some of the Paymasters of the Militia may have already paid or may pay such Bills or Accounts before they come to the Knowledge of this Resolution ; for obviating such Doubts,

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That all Physicians and Surgeons Accounts for the Services in the said Resolution specified, be hereafter transmitted to the Legislature at their next Sitting after the said Expences have been incurred, authenticated by the Oath or Affirmation of such Physician or Surgeon before some one Justice of the Peace in the County where such wounded Officer or Private may reside, or where he may have been quartered, during the Attendance of the Physician or Surgeon ; and that immediately upon receiving Notice of this Resolution, the Paymasters of the Militia desist from paying any such Accounts.

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the severai Paymasters who may have paid or who shall pay any such Accounts before they receive Notice of this Resolution, shall have the Amount of the Sum allowed to them in the Settlement of their Accounts.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thomson* do carry the said Resolutions to Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thomson*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS the Treasury of this State is, at present, kept in a Place inconvenient to the Inhabitants, and exposed to Danger from the Frequency of Robberics with which the Country has been lately infested, which renders it highly expedient that the same should be speedily removed to a Place of greater Safety ;

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the Treasurer of this State be directed to remove, as soon as conveniently may be, the Treasury Chest, with the Books and Papers thereunto belonging, for the better Security thereof, to be kept in Future either at *Trenton*, *Princeton*, *Bordentown* or *Burlington*, at the election of the Treasurer, until otherwise ordered by the Legislature, unless an Incurfion or Approach of the Ency render its farther Removal necessary.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thomson* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence therein.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, June 9, 1779.

The House met.

P R E S E N T

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. MORRIS,	Mr. CONDICT,	Mr. SINNICKSON,
Mr. CLARK,	Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. JENKINS,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. HARRIS,
Mr. VAN-NESTE,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. TALLMAN.

Mr. *Morris*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Blanch*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam across Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, was referred, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Ogden* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table; and the House having made several other Amendments, the said Bill and Amendments were read; On the Question,

Resolved unanimously,

That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. *Jenkins* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Schenck* and Mr. *Woodruff*, relative to empowering the Governor or Commander in Chief to call out two Light-horse Men from any Company in this State, to carry Dispatches, &c. and the two Messages of Yesterday, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Thomson*, one relative to Physicians and Surgeons Accounts for attending Officers and Privates of the Militia, employed on Detachments, &c. and the other relative to the removing the Treasury to a Place of Security;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jenkins* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Jenkins* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act for recruiting by voluntary Enlistment the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; On the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Jenkins,		
Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Condict,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Sinnickson do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intitled, *A Supplement to an Act, intitled, An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Hugg, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intitled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intitled, An Act for the regulating, training, and arraying of the Militia*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Hugg, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intitled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice, Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of this State*, re-engrossed, with the Amendments made by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam across Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark and Mr. Dunham, in the Words following:

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Clark and Mr. Dunham wait on the Council, and inform them that the Bill, intitled, *An Act to empower the Clerks of the several Counties to administer the official, and other necessary Oaths to certain Officers in such Counties, and for procuring to the Secretary of the State Returns of the Names of such Officers*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thursday, June 10, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. Congleton and Mr. Otto, from the House of Assembly, brought back the Bill, intitled, *An Act for recruiting the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and acquainted this House that the House of Assembly doth not agree to the said Amendments, but do adhere to their Bill.

The Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying within Holmes's Bank, in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Cumberland, to make, repair and maintain a Road leading into the same, by a Tax on the said Meadows*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Jenkins,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Stevens,		
Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Condict,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Clark reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Morris,	Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Jenkins.
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Stevens,		
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Condict,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Morris do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. Morris reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, and for the Appropriation of the Monies arising from the same, and from Fines and Amercements, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and sundry Amendments made thereto;

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Amendments be read the third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their lives in the military or naval Service*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. Tallman wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Tallman reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, &c.* was read the third Time, with the Amendments in their Places; On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tallman,	Mr. Condict,	Mr. Morris,
Mr. Deare,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Jenkins.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Ogden.	
Mr. Van-Neste,	Mr. Stevens,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. Tallman do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. Tallman reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr.

Mr. *Mac Collough* and Mr. *Congleton*, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners of the State of New-Jersey, &c.* and the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Persons from passing through this State without proper Passports*, are passed by that House without Amendment.

The House having taken into Consideration the Bill, intituled, *An Act for recruiting, by voluntary Enlistment, the three Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States*, with the Amendments,

Resolved,

That this House recede from their Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them with the said Resolution.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Schenck*, in the Words following:

‘ **W**HEREAS the present Depreciation of the Bills of Credit, emitted by the Congress of the United States of *America*, appears to this House to be pregnant with the most alarming Evils,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Mott*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Woodruff*, and such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Propriety and Necessity of a Representation to Congress on that Subject, and on the Expediency of adopting a general Regulation and Limitation of Prices throughout the United States; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at said Conference.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Schenck* do carry the above Resolution to Council, and request them to appoint a Committee, and to fix the Time and Place of Meeting for the said Conference.’

The House withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; after some Time the House returned, and adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Friday, June 11, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Hugg*, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Clothing of the Quota of Forces raised or to be raised in this State, for the Service of the United States, and to repeal the Laws now in Force for that End*, re-engrossed, and passed by that House, with the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Townsend*, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the better Subsistence of the Troops of this State, in the Service of the United States*, re-engrossed and passed by that House, with the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows in the Township of Newark, in the County of Essex, to erect a Dam across Maple-Island Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Fenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	
Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,		

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *J. Schenck*, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House that the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, was passed by that House without Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly in answer to their Message of Yesterday, desiring a Conference for the Purpose of sending a Representation to Congress on the Depreciation of the Currency, and acquaint them that this House having passed and sent to the Assembly a Bill for reducing the high Prices of Provisions and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, which have not since heard of, are of Opinion that no Representation to Congress on the Matters proposed by the Conference will be available or proper, until the Legislature of this State have first taken some necessary Step towards effecting the good Purposes of such Measures as might be recommended, which this House are persuaded would be the Case, should the above-said Bill be passed into a Law; and the Probability of the short Continuance of the present Sitting will not admit of any usefess Expence of Time.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Morris* moved that a Committee be appointed to meet a Committee of the House of Assembly, for considering the Measures recommended by the Representation and Petition of the Electors of *Somerset* County; and also to carry into Effect the last Resolution mentioned in the Report of the Committees of both Houses of the 29th of *April* last, in the Beginning of this Sitting; which being seconded by Mr. *Holmes*; On the Question, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Morris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Harris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Jenkins</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .	Mr. <i>Van-Neste</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	
	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,	

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the GOVERNOR.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the regulating, training and arraying the Militia*, was read the second Time, debated, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Maybew*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House, the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the more easy and expeditious Recovery of Penalties on forfeited Recognizances, &c.* re-engrossed, with the Amendments made thereto by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Maybew* also brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, with fundry Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House; which Amendments being severally read,

Resolved,

That this House agree to all the said Amendments except the last, in which Case they adhere to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the above Resolution.

Mr.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Hand*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Lands lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Inclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of said Lands, as Common of Pasture, under certain Regulations*; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Lands lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Inclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of said Lands, as Common of Pasture, under certain Regulations*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, and acquainted the House that the House of Assembly recede from the last Amendment made to the said Bill.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed, with the said Amendments.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, June 12, 1779.

The House met.

Present as before.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Removal of Criminals for their more safe Custody, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, was read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to secure to the Owners and Possessors of such Lands lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, the Inclosures of which have been destroyed in the Course of the present War, the Use and Benefit of said Lands, as Common and Pasture, under certain Regulations*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fennimore*, in the Words following:

‘ **W**HEREAS it appears necessary that some Person should be appointed on the Committee of publick Accounts, who can give constant Attendance on the same,

‘ Resolved,

‘ That Mr. *James M'Combe*, of *Princeton*, be added to the said Committee, and that he be authorized to proceed as fast as may be to examine and state all such Accounts as shall be exhibited in the Office of the said Committee for Settlement: Provided always that he shall not be authorized to pass, allow or settle any Account but what hath been examined by at least one of the other Members of the said Committee.

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the Members of the said Committee be allowed *Fifty-five Shillings* per Day in

‘ Addition to the Pay allowed by Law, for the Time they shall actually attend, including the Sum of *Fifteen Shillings* per Day allowed by a former Resolve of the Legislature.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Resolutions to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Otto*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS this House are informed by *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, that the Money which he was allowed to draw from the Treasury, by a late Resolution of the Legislature, for the Use of the Officers and Soldiers of the three *New-Jersey* Regiments, hath proved insufficient for that Purpose ; and likewise, that he hath entered into several Contracts for Clothing, which he is not yet supplied with Money sufficient to pay,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, any Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, for the Purposes above-mentioned, he to be accountable ; and that his Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the same in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Otto* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS the Militia of this State are now on Duty, and will, in all Probability, so continue throughout the Summer : And whereas the Sum of Money now in the Hands of the Paymasters will be greatly insufficient to answer the Purposes of their Appointment,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the several Paymasters be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury of this State the Sum of *Fifty Thousand Pounds*, in the Proportions annexed to their respective Names, *viz.*

‘ *Joseph Lewis*, the Sum of *Eleven Thousand Pounds*, for paying of the Militia of the Counties of *Suffex, Morris* and *Bergen*.

‘ *Isaac Halfey*, the Sum of *Eleven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*.

‘ *Jesse Hart*, the Sum of *Seven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Somerset* and *Hunterdon*.

‘ *William Hough*, the Sum of *Eleven Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Monmouth* and *Burlington*.

‘ *Thomas Carpenter*, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Gloucester* and *Salem*.

‘ *Timothy Elmer*, the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, for paying the Militia of *Cumberland* and *Cape-May* ; and that *one per Cent.* be allowed to the Persons above appointed for paying the said Militia ; and that the Receipts of the said Paymasters respectively, be sufficient Vouchers to the Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore* do carry the above Resolve to Council, and request their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken into Consideration the two Messages from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Chambers* and Mr. *Fenimore*, one relative to adding *James M^cCombe* to the Committee of publick Accounts, and increasing the Wages of the said Committee, &c. and the other authorizing the Paymasters of Militia to draw from the Treasury *Fifty Thousand Pounds* ;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly,
by

by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Otto*, relative to authorizing *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, to draw from the Treasury *Five Thousand Pounds, &c.*

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for the regulating, training and arraying the Militia*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed without any Amendment.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Condiēt*, from the Committee appointed to examine such publick Accounts as should be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, reported, that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Condiēt* read the said Report and delivered it in at the Table: and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows:

‘ THE Committee appointed to examine such publick Accounts as should be referred
 ‘ to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, beg Leave to report—That, pursuant
 ‘ to their Appointment, they have examined such Accounts as have been referred to them,
 ‘ for the Payment of which no Provision is made by Law, and delivered the same to the
 ‘ Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges; and have set-
 ‘ tled and adjusted such other Accounts, for the Payment whereof Provision is already made
 ‘ by Law, as follows:

‘ To *William Ringo*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the Five Months Service, the
 ‘ Sum of *Five Pounds*.

‘ To *Hendrick Smoek*, Esquire, for the Use of *Hendrick Vandubelt*, for a Gun impressed
 ‘ and lost in Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.

‘ To *Hendrick Smoek*, Esquire, for the Use of *Guisbert Van-Matre*, for a Gun impressed
 ‘ and lost in Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To *Jeremiah Eldridge*, for the Use of *Aaron Leaming* and *Eli Eldridge*, Commissioners
 ‘ of the Loan-Office for the County of *Cape-May*, for Trouble and Expences for bringing
 ‘ *Nine Hundred and One Pounds* Loan-Office Money into the Treasury, the Sum of *Five*
 ‘ *Pounds*.

‘ To *John Buck*, Esquire, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, for the County
 ‘ of *Cumberland*, for his Trouble and Expences in paying *Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven*
 ‘ *Pounds* Loan-Office Money into the Treasury, the Sum of *Five Pounds*.

‘ To *Rockoff Sebring*, Esquire, for the Use of *Garret Voorbies*, for one Gun impressed
 ‘ and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.

‘ To *John Bowman*, for a Gun impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Six Pounds*.

‘ To *Isaac Woodruff*, Esquire, for One Thousand and Seventy-four Pounds of Lead and
 ‘ Sundries, the Sum of *Twenty-six Pounds Ten Shillings*.

‘ To *Isaac Woodruff*, Esquire, for Expences and Attendance as Barrack-Master, the Sum
 ‘ of *Twenty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ten-pence*.

‘ To *Thomas Hauton*, for a Gun lost in the Five Months Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds*
 ‘ *Eight Shillings*.

‘ To *Silas Condiēt*, Esquire, for the Use of *Baifo Prudden*, for a Gun lost in the Service,
 ‘ the Sum of *Four Pounds*.

‘ To *William Hollinshead*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds*.

‘ To *James Patten*, for a Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shil-*
 ‘ *lings*.

‘ To

‘ To *Jonathan Jenkins*, Esquire, for conducting Nine Months Men, raised in the County of *Cape-May*, to Camp, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*.

‘ To *Thomas Blanch*, Esquire, for the Use of *Martin Pouelson*, one Gun and Accoutrements impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.

‘ To *Moses Esley*, junior, for a Gun and Bayonet impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

‘ To *James Wright*, for his Time and Expences for conducting the Nine Months Men from the County of *Salem* to Camp, the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings*.

‘ To *Thomas Blanch*, Esquire, for the Use of *Abrabam Akerman*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds*.

‘ To *Jeremiah Manning*, Esquire, an Account due to sundry Persons therein-named, for Quarters for Troops or Guards, the Sum of *Forty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings*.

‘ To *Ernestus Van-Harlinger*, Esquire, an Account due to several Persons therein-named, for Quarters and Stable-room for Colonel *Baylor*’s Regiment of Light-horse, the Sum of *Seventy-nine Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To *Samuel How*, for Expences and Service as Barrack-Master, the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds and Seven-pence*.

‘ To *John Cooper*, Esquire, for his Attendance in Committee of publick Accounts, from 12th of *January* to the 6th of *April* last, the Sum of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.

‘ To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *Benjamin Covenhoven*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Six Pounds*.

‘ *House of Assembly*, }
‘ *June 12th, 1779.* }

SILAS CONDUCT,
THOMAS FENIMORE.

‘ The above Report having been read and agreed to by this House,

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay to the several Persons therein-named, the several Sums in the said Report respectively allowed.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Scbring* and Mr. *Blanch* do carry the above Resolution to Council, and request their Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolution into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur therein.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Van-Neste* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Van-Neste* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Mac Cullough*, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Manning*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS in Pursuance to the Directions of a Law of this State, *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, is appointed to purchase and forward, from Time to Time, certain Articles for the better Subsistence of the Troops in this State, in the Service of the United States; and it being necessary he should be immediately supplied with a Sum of Money sufficient to enable him to answer the good Purposes of his Appointment,

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said *Enos Kelsey*, Esquire, for that Purpose, any Sum not exceeding *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, out of any publick Money which may be in his Hands, taking his Receipt for the same, which Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Manning* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That *Morris* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Morris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, reported, that he was ready to make a Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table, and the said Report being again read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows :

THE Committee of Accounts appointed by Law report—That they have examined the Accounts of *Moore Furman*, Esquire, as Paymaster of the Nine Months Recruits for the County of *Hunterdon*, with the Vouchers for supporting the same, and find a Balance of *Six Hundred Fifty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten-pence Half-penny* due from the State to the Accountant.

That they have examined the Account of *David Thomson*, Esquire, as Paymaster of the Nine Months Recruits, for the County of *Morris*, with the Vouchers produced in support of the same, and find a Balance of *Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Three-farthings* due from the State to the said *David Thomson*.

That they have examined the Accounts of *William Garrison*, one of the Commissioners of Clothing for the County of *Salem*, with the Vouchers, and find a Balance of *Fourteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence* due from the State to the said *William Garrison*.

SILAS CONDICT,
WM. CH. HOUSTON.
JAMES MOTT, junior.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Cripps*, in the Words following :

Resolved,

THAT the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay to *Moore Furman*, Esquire, late Paymaster of the Nine Months Recruits, for the County of *Hunterdon*, the Sum of *Six Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Ten-pence* ; and to *David Thomson*, Esquire, late Paymaster of the Nine Months Recruits, for the County of *Morris*, the Sum of *One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Seven Shillings and Three-farthings* ; and to *William Garrison*, Esquire, late Commissary of Clothing, for the County of *Salem*, the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence*, being the Balance due to them respectively from this State, agreeable to the Report of the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law, whose several Receipts for the same shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hugg* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the above Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That this House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to defray sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the third Time ; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

WHEREAS many and great Complaints are daily made against sundry Officers and others employed in the Commissary, Quartermaster, Hospital and other publick

‘ publick Departments of the United States, and great Uneasiness subsists among the People respecting their Conduct, and the Application of the publick Money.’

‘ And whereas it is essentially necessary that proper Measures be devised both to do Justice to the Community, by punishing and preventing, as far as possible, every Practice which has a Tendency to encrease the publick Burdens; and also to rescue the faithful Servants of the publick from that indiscriminating Censure which the bad and unworthy bring upon all.

‘ And whereas no adequate Means have hitherto been adopted for examining into and ascertaining Charges made against Delinquents of the above Description, there being no ready and available Mode of collecting Evidence, and laying the same before proper Authority, when the accused may be heard and punished or acquitted, as his Conduct on proper Examination may be found to deserve,

‘ *Resolved therefore*, That the Members of the Council and Assembly in the several Counties diligently enquire into the Conduct of all Officers and others employed as aforesaid: That they collect all such authentic Evidences and Documents as they may be able to procure on that Behalf, and that they transmit the same to Congress, or to such Board or Committee as may by them be vested with due Power, or to the Executive Authority of the State, in Cases where the same may be competent, in order that strict Justice may be done to all concerned.

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ That it be earnestly recommended to the several Justices of the Peace throughout the State, to take and authenticate all such Evidence as may be offered them, or which they may be liable to obtain, respecting the Conduct of the Officers and others employed as aforesaid, and transmit the same to the Members of the Legislature for the above Purpose.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Schenck* do carry the above Resolutions to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Chambers*, in the following Words:

‘ **W**HEREAS this House, in Compliance with the Voice of their Constituents, and the Dictates of their own Consciences, did, on the tenth Instant, appoint a Committee to join with a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Propriety and Necessity of a Representation to Congress on the Subject of the Depreciation of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress, and the Expediency of a Regulation and Limitation of Prices throughout the United States: And whereas the Council have declined to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, because a Bill for reducing the high Prices of Provisions passed by Council, and now pending in this House, has not yet for Want of Time been finally determined on by this House; therefore deeply impressed with the Necessity of the Measure, and in discharge of the Duty to their Constituents and themselves, the House have proceeded to draw up a Representation on the Subject above-mentioned.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Chambers* do carry the said Representation to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

Ten o’Clock, P. M.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Harris* do wait on the the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Representation to Congress, sent to this House this Evening, is esteemed of so much Importance, that they cannot, with Propriety, go into the Consideration of it before *Monday* Morning, when it will be the first Business the Council will take up.

Mr. *Harris* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly came into Council, and acquainted the President that the House of Assembly were adjourned to *Wednesday* the fifteenth Day of *September* next, then to meet at *Trenton*.

The House adjourned to the fifteenth Day of *September* next, then to meet at *Trenton*.

Trenton,

TRENTON, September 15, 1779.

THE House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. DEARE, Mr. SINNICKSON, Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. COOPER,

There not being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business—adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Thursday, September 16, 1779.

The Members met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, and the GOVERNOR.

There not yet being a sufficient Number of Members to proceed to Business—adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SINNICKSON, Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. DEARE, Mr. COOPER,
Mr. CONDUCT, Mr. OGDEN,

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark and Mr. Shreve, in the Words following :

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. Clark and Mr. Shreve wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Members of Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.’

Ordered,

That Mr. Condict wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a sufficient Number of Members to make a House have met, and that they are ready to proceed to Business.

Mr. Condict reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition was presented from a large Body of the Freeholders and other respectable Inhabitants of the County of Morris, praying that the Legislature would use their utmost Influence and Exertions with Congress, and the Legislatures of the several States, to effect the Appreciation of the Continental Money, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Friday, September 17, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Morris, praying the Legislature to take some effectual Measures for appreciating Continental Money, was read a second Time, and sent to the House of Assembly for their Consideration.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Ford and Mr. Drake, in the Words following :

‘ WHEREAS it appears by Information from John Denton, that sundry small Articles are necessary for the Use of the Artillery belonging to this State, to fit them for Service, which he is not authorized to purchase by the Resolutions of the Legislature empowering him to purchase Ammunition ;

‘ Resolved,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *John Denton* be directed to purchase a sufficient Quantity of primed Tubes, Cannisters, Port-fires, Match, Rope, &c. for the Use of the Artillery belonging to this State, and deliver them in suitable Proportions into the State Magazines at *Princeton* and *Morris-Town*.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Drake* do carry the above Resolution to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Saturday, September 18, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Condict*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the counterfeiting of the same and other Bills of Credit*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Yesterday, by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Drake*, relative to empowering *John Denton* to purchase sundry small Articles for the Use of the Artillery of this State,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ THAT *Isaac Halfey*, Paymaster to the Militia for the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*, be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasury of this State, the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* for paying the Militia of his District, under the same Directions, Restrictions and Allowances, as in and by a Resolution of this Legislature of the twelfth Day of *June* last.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* wait on the Council with the above Resolution, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten o’Clock.

Monday, September 20, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. TALLMAN.
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. COOPER,	

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Ogden*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in Conference on the Subject of appreciating the Continental Currency, and that they report to the House; that Mr. Vice-President be requested to assist at the said Conference; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain* on *Saturday* next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* be appointed to the Committee for revising and examining the Copies of the Journals of this House, before they be delivered to the Printer, in the Room of Mr. *Morris*, who it is not expected will attend at this Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 21, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Woodruff* and Mr. *Bunn*, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 22, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Smock* and Mr. *Blanch*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newton, in the County of Gloucester, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money, taken by the Enemy*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Samuel Crowell*, of the County of *Suffex*, praying that he may have a Maintenance out of his Son's Estate, which is forfeited to this State, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldridge*, in the Words following:

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Fenimore*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, with such other Members as shall choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to hear the Allegations of the Petitioners against the Commissioners for taking Charge of the forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*; as well as the Defence of the said Commissioners; and to take the Examination of the Witnesses on each Side; and that they be at Liberty to permit them to be heard by Council, and make Report to this House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the said Examination; and that Mr. *Bowen* and Mr. *Eldridge* do wait on the Council and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict*, Mr. *Deare* and Mr. *Tallman*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message, and that they make Report to the House; that the President be requested to assist at the Examination; that the said Committees meet at the

Methodist Meeting-house immediately; and that Mr. *Ogden* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Seven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, September 23, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, was read a second Time, debated, and the further Consideration of it deferred till the Afternoon.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, September 24, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, and several Amendments being made thereto,

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Amendments be read a third Time.

Whereas a Number of the Inhabitants at and near *South-Amboy*, in the County of *Middlesex*, have, by their Petition to His Excellency the Governor, set forth, that they are greatly exposed to the Ravages and Depredations of the Enemy; and therefore request that a Guard may be affixed at or near the said Place, for the Defence and Protection of the Inhabitants thereof; and notwithstanding the Governor and Privy-Council are authorized by Law to appoint and station Guards in such Cases, yet, as the Legislature is at this Time Sitting, the Governor and Privy-Council think most proper that the same, if requisite, should be done by the Legislature; therefore,

Resolved,

That a Guard of twenty-five Men be enlisted and stationed at and near *South-Amboy*, under the Command of *James Morgan*, to continue until the first Day of *December* next, unless sooner discharged; and that the said Company be entitled to the same Supply and Pay as the Militia of this State are, when on Duty.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly with the above Resolution, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, was read a third Time, with the Amendments; On the Question, Whether the said Bill, as amended, do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yea.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* do carry the said Bill, with the Amendments, to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from sundry Persons in the County of *Gloucester*, praying a Law for establishing

blishing a Street or Road lately made through the Town of *Woodbury*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of *Samuel Crowell*, praying that he may have a Maintenance out of his Son's Estate, which is forfeited to this State, was read a second Time, and sent to the House of Assembly.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, September 25, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for their Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Guest, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Persons in the County of *Gloucester*, praying a Law for establishing a Street or Road lately made through *Woodbury*, was read a second Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in the said Petition:

Whereupon Mr. *Cooper* brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering certain Parts of the Main Road leading from Salem to Burlington, in the County of Gloucester*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying between *Mud-Creek* Sluice and *Wright's* Landing, in the County of *Salem*, praying a Law for regulating the Mode for keeping up the Banks, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Sinnickson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, intituled, *An Act to regulate Roads and Bridges*.

Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Townsend*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, with the Amendments thereto, and acquainted this House, that the House of Assembly agree to all the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House, except the first, second, sixth and eighth, in which Cases they do adhere to the Bill.

The House having taken into Consideration the said Bill and Amendments,

Resolved,

That this House recede from the first, second, sixth and eighth Amendments made to the said Bill by this House.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the said Resolution.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Townsend*, dated the 20th Instant, in the Words following:

Ordered,

‘THAT Mr. *Mayhew*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Matt*, Mr. *Sebring*, Mr. *Dunham* and Mr. *Shreve*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, in Conference on the Matter contained in their Message of this Day, by Mr. *Deare*, and that they report to the House; that Mr. Speaker be requested to assist at the Conference; and that Mr. *Cripps* and Mr. *Townsend* wait on the Council and acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock Monday Afternoon.

Monday, September 27, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. TALLMAN.
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. DEARE,	

Mr. *Congleton* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure a Supply of Flour for the Use of the Army*, re-engrossed, and passed by that House, with the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House; which re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Chambers*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Brookfield* and Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the Bill sent from Council to this House at their last Sitting, intituled, *An Act to reduce the high Prices of Provisions, and other Articles of Trade and Commerce, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, is negatived by this House.’

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee appointed on *Monday* last, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in Conference on the Subject of appreciating the Continental Currency, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table; and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows :

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in free Conference, to devise Ways and Means for appreciating the Continental Currency, beg Leave to report—That having met agreeably to Appointment, and considered the Subject-Matter to them referred, are of Opinion,

1st, That at the present critical Juncture, a Representation from the Legislature of this State ought to be made to the United State in Congress assembled, in the most pressing Terms, requesting and urging them to adopt and recommend to the several States they represent, some general and equitable Plan for regulating, limiting and affixing the Prices of Labour, Country Produce and Manufacture of all Kinds, either in general ascertaining the Number of Prices current at some past Period, to be a Standard for the Future, or by particularizing at what Rates the most material and necessary Articles of Life shall be sold; and also the Profits to be made on all Articles imported, which we conceive, in Aid of Taxation, to be the most probable, if not the only possible Means effectually to stop the Depreciation of the Currency, and prevent the Evils thereby threatened.

2d, That circular Letters be sent from this to the Legislatures of the several States in Union, to solicit them to Use their utmost Influence with Congress to engage their Attention, and secure their Exertion for the Purpose above-mentioned; also requesting them to communicate to the Legislature of this State their Sense and Determination on so important and interesting a Subject, and any Plan they have adopted, or may adopt for the Purpose above suggested.

3d, That a Law be enacted in this State, to take Effect at some future Period to be therein limited, or as soon as the adjacent States shall pass similar Laws for a general Regulation.

4th, That a Law be passed to prevent Forestalling, Monopolizing and Engrossing of Live-stock and all other Articles necessary for the Support of the Army.

By Order of the Committee,

SILAS CONDUCT, CHAIRMAN.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Dunham*, in the Words following :

Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Scbring* and Mr. *Matt*, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Representation and Let-
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ter, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of Conference; and that Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Dunham* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee for the above Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.'

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* and Mr. *Condict* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; that the said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain*, at Six o'Clock this Evening; and that Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition from the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows lying between *Mud-Creek* Sluice and *Wright's* Landing, in the County of *Salem*, praying a Law for regulating the Mode of keeping up the Banks, was read a second Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in the said Petition.

A Petition from the Commissioners of the Loan-Office of the County of *Monmouth*, praying a further Allowance for their Services, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* and Mr. *Deare* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Prices.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 28, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, and Mr. *Stevens*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering certain Parts of the Main Road leading from Salem to Burlington, in the County of Gloucester*, was read the second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the GOVERNOR.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for altering certain Parts of the Main Road leading from Salem to Burlington, in the County of Gloucester*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee appointed on *Saturday* last, to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate Roads and Bridges, brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same, and other Bills of Credit*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Sinnickson*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and Wright's Landing, bounding on Salem Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and keep in Repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-works; to open and keep clear the necessary Water-courses, and to make such Line-ditches as are therein described lawful Fences*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Congleton*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Congleton* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act for vesting the Real Estate of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, within the State in Trustees, to discharge, by the Sale thereof, or of so much as may suffice the Debts and Incumbrances affecting the same, and to convey to him the Remainder, if any be,* is negatived by this House.’

Mr. *Ogden* has Leave of Absence till *Thursday* next.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, September 29, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. CONDICT,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. TALLMAN,
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. COOPER.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newton, in the County of Gloucester, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money taken by the Enemy,* was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *P. Schenck*, in the Words following :

‘ **M**R. *Bowen* produced to the House a certain Instrument of Writing, purporting to be a Charter of Incorporation of the *First-day Baptist Church*, in the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, bearing Date the eighteenth Day of *March*, 1778, signed by *William Livingston*, Esquire, then Governor, with the Great Seal of the State thereunto affixed, granting certain Privileges and Immunities unto the said Church ; which Writing being read, after mature Deliberation thereon,

‘ *Resolved unanimously*,

‘ That the said Charter or Instrument of Writing is not warranted by Law ; and therefore void.

‘ *Resolved unanimously*,

‘ That the Power of granting Patents and Charters of Incorporation, under the present Constitution, is vested solely in the Legislature of the State.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *P. Schenck* do wait on the Council with the above Resolutions, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Thursday, September 30, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. TALLMAN,	

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of draughting a Representation to Congress, and a circular Letter to the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the Report of the Committee of Conference, reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and essayed a Representation and circular Letter, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Cooper* read the said Essays, and delivered them in at the Table ; and the said Essays being again read, were approved by the House, and are as follows :

To the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

The REPRESENTATION of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of NEW-JERSEY, on Behalf of the said State, Sheweth,

THAT amidst the promising Prospects of an happy Issue of the present War, and of the Establishment of the glorious Freedom and Independence of these United States, we feel the most painful Anxieties from the State of the Continental Finances, which threatens not only Embarrassment, but Ruin to the publick Measures.

In a Crisis so alarming, it becomes Freeman not to consume their Time in unavailing Murmurings and Complaints, but to interest themselves in devising Means to remedy the Grievance, and, if possible, avert the impending Mischief. We do not mean to detain Congress upon the Causes to which the great and growing Depreciation of our Paper Currency is to be ascribed, but to express our Sense of the Necessity of immediately adopting Measures to check the increasing Evil, and for restoring and rendering permanent the publick Credit.

If we calculate for a Year to come from the Events of a few Months past, the Increase of Prices and publick Debts must appear truly alarming ; the latter perhaps will exceed the Reach of common Computation, and the former rise to the utter Destruction of our Paper Currency. The Money ceasing to circulate, and perishing in the Hands of the unfortunate Possessors, all Business must necessarily stagnate for Want of a circulating Medium, and the inevitable Ruin of Multitudes, if not of these United States, take Place.

To avoid Evils so truly deplorable, we conceive that every possible Exertion ought to be made, and that Nothing short of a Regulation of Prices, generally adopted, and effectually carried into Execution, will prove sufficient.

As to the Impracticability of this Measure, so much urged by Speculators, Monopolizers and others, whose Minds are vitiated and poisoned by similar Views of unreasonable Gain, and those who wish to ruin our Money in order to conquer us in that Way, it has not the smallest Degree of Weight with us, because we are very clear that it does not exist. If the Measure is practicable in one State it is also in another, and of Course may be carried through the Union ; and that it is practicable in one State we are sure, because it has been adopted and carried into Execution in the State we have the Honour to represent. And indeed we most sincerely lament the Part some of the other States acted on this very interesting and important Occasion. Had they come into the Regulation when this State did, and persevered in it as faithfully as this State would have done, our Affairs would probably have worn a very different Aspect from what they now do, and the Debt with which we are saddled, not have arisen to the enormous Sum which now appears.

If then all other Measures however wise and salutary, will prove insufficient to work the Salvation of our Currency, without a Regulation of Prices to compel the disaffected and avaricious to conform to what is equitable and consistent with the publick Safety ; and if this Regulation, in order to answer the End proposed should be general and uniform ; we conceive that it ought to originate with Congress, and be thence diffused through the Union. Was it to take its Rise in any other Quarter, its being either general or uniform could hardly be expected. If your Honourable Body take the Matter up, and form a general System or Plan of Regulation, and recommend it to the several States, in Terms as forcible as the Necessity of the Case will bear, we have the most pleasing Apprehensions that it will, without Delay, take Place in the fullest and amplest Manner.

It is impossible indeed for us to entertain so unfavourable an Opinion of the Justice or publick Virtue of our Sister-States, as to doubt their Compliance. For although artful designing Men may raise plausible Objections against any Measure, however wise or essential to the publick Safety it may be, and indeed are accustomed so to do, whenever a Measure is proposed that happens to thwart their or their Connections Views of Interest or Ambition ; yet the Necessity of this we now propose is so obvious, and exceedingly pressing, that if Congress should put it in the Line of Success we have mentioned, we think no State, or even Individual, not greatly deficient in publick Virtue and common Honesty, can think of opposing.

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It may however be objected, in order to prevent its being taken up, that as several of the States refused, or rather declined, to regulate under a former Recommendation of Congress, it is not to be supposed that they will now come into the Measure. But this Objection we presume will appear to have but very little Weight when it is considered, that at the Time when that Recommendation went forth, the Necessity of a Regulation did not appear one thousandth Part as evident and pressing as it now does. Multitudes who were then strenuously opposed to the Measure, are now as anxious to see it take Place. They are convinced that Taxation, during the Continuance of the War, without a Regulation of Prices, will not have any sensible Effect for remedying the Evils we complain of.

Every Vender, say they, will raise upon the Articles he has for Sale, in order the better to enable him to pay his Tax; and thus Prices will go on rising, our Money depreciating, and our Debt increasing, until we become a ruined and a wretched People.

With Regard to the Mode of regulating, we would beg Leave to observe, that if Prices should be fixed at any certain Standard, not to descend, we fear it will answer no very valuable Purpose.

Those who would wish to break through the Regulation, will only need to withhold what they have for Sale, and the Business will be done; the Scarcity will soon compel the Publick to yield to their Avarice. Nor will they run any Risque of Loss in withholding; the Chance will be altogether in their Favour. But if Prices are reduced by moderate and regular Gradations, and at certain short Periods, the Case will be different; this will operate like a falling Market, it will induce People to exhibit to Sale whatever they may have to spare, in order to avoid the Loss that must necessarily attend a contrary Conduct, and perhaps to take less than even the regulated Prices, thereby to quicken the Sale of their Goods. Thus will many Articles become plenty that now appear scarce; our Money will daily appreciate, and our Expences diminish, until the publick Credit is again restored, and our Affairs fixed upon a safe and permanent Footing. Farmers, and every other Order of Men will exert themselves to get Something to sell, because they will expect to receive Something for it of Value.

Having thus set forth some of our Ideas and Apprehensions respecting the present State of our Money, and what we conceive is further to be expected, unless Something spirited is done to check the Current of Depreciation; we shall now conclude, with intreating Congress once more to take the Matter up, and use their utmost Endeavours to set on Foot, and extend through the Union, a general Regulation of Prices.

To the Honourable the LEGISLATURE of the State of

GENTLEMEN,

THE Legislative-Council and General Assembly of the State of *New-Jersey*, beg Leave to congratulate you on being so far advanced in the fourth Year of our Independence; on the many Successes of the present Campaign; and the glorious Prospect we now have of putting a speedy and happy End to the present distressing and unnatural War, and of settling our Liberty and Independence on a firm and lasting Basis. Nothing seems to be now wanting to effect this but Virtue among ourselves. We are sorry to be obliged to observe, that amongst all these flattering Prospects, Ruin seems be rushing in upon us from another, from a once unsuspected Quarter.

The amazing Depreciation of the Continental Money for a Year past is truly astonishing, and threatens us with inevitable Destruction, if a speedy Stop be not put to its rapid Progress; for it is a Truth too self-evident for Infidelity itself to doubt, that if the Depreciation should continue in the same Proportion but a little longer, our National Debt will exceed all Computation, and what is perhaps yet worse, the Money will cease to circulate, and our Army must either be disbanded, or reduced to the Necessity of carving out their own Subsistence: In either Case Consequences must ensue, which make us shudder but to think of.

Many are the Schemes proposed for preventing so fatal a Catastrophe. Publick Loans, Taxation, and a general Regulation and Limitation of Prices, we look upon as the most likely to have the desired Effect. Loans may prove a useful temporary Expedient to supply the present Exigences; Taxation in its Nature slow, and its Effects require Time to be sufficiently felt; in Aid of which we would therefore propose a general Regulation and Limitation of the Prices to be taken for every Kind and Article of Labour, Manufacture and Trade, either by ascertaining the Number of Prices current at some past Period, to

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be a Standard for the Future, or for particularizing at what Rates the most material and necessary Articles of Life shall be sold; and also the Profits to be made on all Articles imported. This we conceive to be the only immediate and safe Method of stopping that Torrent which threatens shortly to overwhelm us. Many and great Struggles have, at different Times, been made in various Parts of the Union to effect this desirable Purpose; all of which being partial, have fallen short of the End proposed, which we conceive they must ever do, unless the Matter becomes general throughout the States; to accomplish which we have represented the Utility, the Urgency, and even the Necessity of the Measure, to Congress; requesting them to adopt and recommend to the several States they represent, some general and equitable Plan for that Purpose, hoping that if you see the Matter in the same Light in which we view it, you will join with us in a similar Representation; and that you will communicate to the Legislature of this State, your Sense and Determination on so important and interesting a Subject; and likewise any Plan which you may have adopted, or shall adopt for so salutary a Purpose.

If an Application to Congress should not appear to you eligible, or when made, should not have the desired Effect, we stand ready to join in any other Measure which may be adequate to the End proposed.

We wish you to communicate to us, as soon as possible, your Sentiments, and may expect at all Times to find the same Readiness in

GENTLEMEN,

Your assured Friends,

Signed in and by Order of the
House of Assembly.

Trenton, September 29th, 1779.

Signed in and by the Order of the
Council.

P. S. Our annual Election is on the second Tuesday in October, and the Legislature meets here on the fourth.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Gill, of the Township of Newton, in the County of Gloucester, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office, respecting the Loss of a Sum of publick Money, taken by the Enemy*, was read the third Time; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without any Amendment.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and Wright's Landing, bounding on Salem Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and keep in Repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-works; to open and keep clear the necessary Water-courses, and to make such Line-ditches as are therein described lawful Fences*, was read the second Time; On the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same, and other Bills of Credit*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yea.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> .	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,		

Ordered,

That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the said Bill to the Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of hearing the Allegations of the Petitioners against the Commissioners for taking Charge of the forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*, &c. reported, that the said Committees had met according to Order, and had agreed on a Report, which he was ready to make to the House whenever they would receive the same.

Ordered,

That the said Report be made immediately :

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table ; and the said Report being again read, was approved by the House, and is as follows :

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to hear the Allegations of the Petitioners against the Commissioners for taking Charge of the forfeited Estates in the County of *Monmouth*, as well as the Defence of the said Commissioners, and to take the Examination of the Witnesses on each Side, beg Leave to report— That having met agreeably to Appointment, and examined the Witnesses, and heard the Allegations of both the said Parties, it appears to your Committee,

1st, That the said Commissioners did not advertize certain Lands by them sold, one Month in the *New-Jersey* Gazette before the Day of Sale.

2d, That the said Commissioners did not in their Advertisement particularly describe the Premises to be sold.

3d, That the said Commissioners sold at *Middletown* fourteen Plantations or Tracts of Land, not only on a very stormy Day, when but few People could be expected to attend, but by an early Hour in the Afternoon, and some of them greatly under their then saleable Value ; though they might, agreeable to their own Advertisements, have continued the Sales from Day to Day, and thereby perhaps have greatly promoted the Interest of the State.

4th, That the said Commissioners pretended to sell by the Watch, or Minute, though in some Instances they took Bids, and struck off Lands after the Expiration of the Time limited ; yet in other Cases, the Lands were struck off and the Sale declared, while the People were bidding very fast.

5th, That the said Commissioners sold fundry Articles, to a very considerable Amount, without shewing the same to the Purchasers, that they might judge of their Value.

6th, That the said Commissioners sold the Personal Estates of several Persons in a Lump, without letting the People in general know the Particulars of which they consisted.

The Impropriety and Illegality of all which Conduct, we beg Leave to submit to the House for their Consideration and Determination thereon.

By Order of the Committee,

SILAS CONDUCT, CHAIRMAN.

Sept. 30, 1779.

Mr. *Cooper* having moved, and Mr. *Holmes* seconded his Motion, that whereas in a Message of the 22d of this Instant, appointing a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, on Business in the said Message set forth, the President of this House was requested to attend and assist in the said Business ; and the said Message, so far as it tended to authorize the said President to intermeddle in the Business of the said Committees, being unprecedented and not warranted by the Constitution, and the President's being mentioned in the said Message, having been unobserved by several of the Members when the Message was read in the House for Approbation, the same be therefore amended by adding the Word *Vice* to the Word *President*, so that instead of *President*, it will read *Vice-President* ; On the Question, Whether the said Motion be agreed to ? The Members divided as follows :

Yeas.	Yea.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,		Mr. <i>Ogden</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> .
		Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 1, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

P R E S E N T,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. DEARE,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN.
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. SINNICKSON,	
Mr. TALLMAN,	Mr. CONDUCT,	

Mr. *Condiēt*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistments*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Condiēt*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Tallman*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and limiting the Price of Labour, and of sundry Articles of Produce, Manufacture and Trade, and to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Engrossing*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 2, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, and the GOVERNOR.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows lying between Mud-Creek Sluice and Wright's Landing, bounding on Salem Creek, in the County of Salem, to erect and keep in Repair the Dams, Banks, Sluices and other Water-works; to open and keep clear the necessary Water-courses, and to make such Line-ditches as are therein described lawful Fences*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Drake*, in the Words following:

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Otto* and Mr. *Drake* do carry the Representation to Congress, and the circular Letter to the neighbouring States, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, to the Council, and request their Concurrence in the same as amended.

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiēt* do wait on the House of Assembly with the said Representation and Letter, and acquaint them that this House do agree to the first, third, fourth and sixth Amendments made to the Representation to Congress; and to the first Amendment made to the circular Letter to the neighbouring States; and that this House do not agree to the Rest of the Amendments made by the House of Assembly.

Mr. *Condiēt* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of stray Horses, Cattle and Sheep*, was read the second Time; On the Question,

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 29th of September last, by Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *P. Schenck*, respecting a certain Instrument of Writing, purporting to be a Charter of Incorporation of the *First-day Baptist Church*

Church in the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*; On the Question, Whether the House concur in the said Resolution? It passed in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Nay.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,		Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Condict* moved, and was seconded by Mr. *Ogden*, that the following Message be sent to the House of Assembly.

WHEREAS a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying for a Charter for certain Privileges to be granted to the *First-day Baptist Church* in *Hopewell*, in the said County, was presented to the Legislature of this State in *March*, 1778; and it being the first Application of the Kind under the present Government; and the Legislature then sitting, not fully satisfied whether the Power of granting Charters was vested in the Legislative or Executive Authority; and the said Petition being presented to the Governor, who being so advised by the Privy-Council, and having also the Opinion of the Attorney-General, did, in Pursuance of such Advice, grant and affix the Great-Seal of the State to a Charter in Compliance with the Prayer of the said Petitioners: And the present Legislature having maturely considered the Constitution and Origin of the present Government, are rather of Opinion, that the Right and Power of granting Charters is vested in, and of Consequence must ever remain with, the Representatives of the People. And whereas the present Session is near the Close, and the House not so full as could be wished, when a Matter of such Importance is determined; therefore

Resolved,

That it be recommended to the next Legislature to consider and determine the Subject-Matter above-mentioned; and that the Petitions for Charters preferred to the present Council and Assembly, be deferred until such Determination be made; On the Question, Whether the Motion be agreed to, or not? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yea.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stevens</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condict</i> ,		Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Sinnickson</i> .

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly with the said Resolution, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning Nine o'Clock*.

Monday, October 4, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. STEVENS,	Mr. COOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. CONDUCT,	Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. DEARE.
Mr. SINNICKSON,	Mr. TALLMAN,	

Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *Smock*, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same, and other Bills of Credit*, with an Amendment made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendment they desired the Concurrence of this House; which Amendment being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

That the said Bill be re-engrossed, with the said Amendment.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, the following Bills—A Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and de-*

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pending in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*; which two several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The two following Messages were received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers*, in the Words following :

‘ **W**HEREAS *Enos Kelsey*, Clothier for this State, hath represented that he finds
 ‘ great Difficulty in purchasing the Articles of Clothing necessary for the Army,
 ‘ and that from the Information he hath received, he conceives he could purchase the Ne-
 ‘ cessaries wanting at a much cheaper Rate in *Boston*; but considering the Danger and
 ‘ Expence of travelling, the present Allowance given him as Clothier, is not sufficient to
 ‘ enable him to undertake such a Journey;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That if the said *Enos Kelsey*, in order to answer the Purposes of his Appointment,
 ‘ shall find it necessary to go to *Boston* to make Purchases, the Legislature will provide for
 ‘ the Payment of the necessary Expences attending himself and Servant in said Journey.

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the said *Enos Kelsey* be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to draw
 ‘ from the Treasury of this State, any Sum not exceeding *Forty-five Thousand Pounds*, for
 ‘ the Purpose of purchasing Clothing, he to be accountable; and that his Receipt shall
 ‘ be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the same.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Council with the above Re-
 ‘ solves, and request their Concurrence therein.’

‘ **W**HEREAS in the present Situation of Affairs, it is necessary that the Governor
 ‘ or Commander in Chief for the Time being, should be furnished with the pro-
 ‘ per Means of speedily conveying his Orders to the different Parts of the State;

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, be authorized and
 ‘ empowered to call out two Light-horse Men from any Company in the State, to carry
 ‘ his Dispatches, and to attend him until the first Day of *November* next, who shall be
 ‘ entitled to receive *Fourteen Dallars* by the Day, in Lieu of Bounty and Pay, to be paid
 ‘ by any of the Paymasters of the Militia of this State, on Certificates from the Gover-
 ‘ nor or Commander in Chief, specifying the Time they may have respectively attended
 ‘ in such Service.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Chambers* do wait on the Council with the above Re-
 ‘ solve, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The House having taken into Consideration the two foregoing Messages,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Deare* wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Deare* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, four Thousand of the Militia of the State, by voluntary Enlistment*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Tuesday, October 5, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the GOVERNOR.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of Stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, was read and compared; On the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. <i>Deare</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tallman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Condiſt</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> .
Mr. <i>Holmes</i> ,	Mr. <i>Sinnickſon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ogden</i> .	

There being but six Members present voting for said Bill, the Vice-President was requested to give his Vote, which he did accordingly in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting of the same, and other Bills of Credit*, with the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tallman* do carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. *Tallman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Guest, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read the second Time, and several Amendments made thereto,

Ordered,

That the said Bill and Amendments be read a third Time.

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Fines and Fees of Constables*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, and the Governor.

Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House a Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Mac Cullough* and Mr. *Congleton*, in the Words following:

Resolved,

THAT *Isaac Collins* be employed to strike off One Thousand Copies of the Act, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating, training and arraying the Militia*, to be distributed among the Militia Officers of the State.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Mac-Cullough* and Mr. *Congleton* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, in the Words following:

Ordered,

‘ Ordered,

‘ THAT Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* wait on the Council with the Representation to Congress, and Letter to the neighbouring States, and acquaint them that this House do recede from the 2d, 5th, 6th, and 8th Amendments made to the Representation by this House, and disagreed to by Council, and adhere to the Rest of their Amendments.’

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

‘ WHEREAS this House is informed that Capt. *James Morgan*, of the County of *Middlesex*, hath for some Time past kept up a Guard at and near *South-Amboy*, which Guard appears to have been absolutely necessary for the Security of the Neighbourhood ; therefore,

‘ Resolved,

‘ That the Pay-Master to the Militia for the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex* be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to pay to the said *James Morgan*, for the Use of himself and the said Guard, the usual Pay and Allowances granted to the Militia, together with *Fifteen Shillings* per Day each during the Time they have subsisted themselves, from the eighth Day of *August* last to the eighth Day of *October* Instant, on his producing Payrolls for the same, properly authenticated.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Smock* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence in the above Resolution.’

Mr. *Hand* and Mr. *Smock* brought to this House an Act, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act to render certain Bills of Credit a legal Tender within this State, and to prevent the Counterfeiting the same and other Bills of Credit*, to be lodged in the Secretary’s Office.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act granting unto Henry Guest, for a limited Time, the sole Right of making and selling the Blubber by him lately invented*, was read a third Time, with the Amendments in their Places ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass?

Yeas.

Yeas.

Nays.

Nays.

Mr. *Deare*,

Mr. *Stevens*,

Mr. *Holmes*,

Mr. *Sinnickson*,

Mr. *Cooper*,

Mr. *Ogden*.

Mr. *Tallman*,

Mr. *Condict*.

By which it appears that there were not seven of the Members present assenting to the said Bill, and therefore the said Bill did not pass into a Law.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is negatived by this House.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from *Blaithwaite Jones*, praying Relief in the Purchase of *John Carty’s* House in *Burlington*, forfeited to this State, was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Wednesday, October 6, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the GOVERNOR.

The following Petitions were received from the House of Assembly on the fourth Instant :

A Petition from *David Smally* and *Isaac Moore*, praying the Legislature to enable the Executors of *Joseph Moore* to make a Deed for certain Lands.

A Petition from *John Van-Matre*, in Behalf of his Nephew *Gilbert Van-Matre*, praying the Legislature to direct the Commissioners to return him certain Negroes given him by his Father.

A Petition from *Jane Demarest*, setting forth, that her Husband is gone to the Enemy, and praying that his Estate may descend to his Children.

A Petition from *Edward Annely*, praying the Legislature to authorize the Commissioners to make a Deed to him for certain Lands purchased of *George Howard*.

A Petition from *Suffex*, setting forth, that *Solomon Cartwright* hath joined the Enemy, and left his Wife a Town-Charge ; and praying Relief.

A Memorial from the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Burlington* and *Gloucester*, on the Exemption in the Act for embodying One Thousand of the Militia, &c.

A Petition from *George Van-Neste*, *Abraham Van-Neste*, &c. praying a Law to establish the Will of *Abraham Van-Neste*, Esquire.

A Petition and Remonstrance from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Gloucester*, setting forth, that they have received great Damage by the Refugees; and praying that they may be reimbursed out of the Estates of the said Refugees.

Which several Petitions were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Fines and Fees of Constables*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned till Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Cripps*, in the Words following:

‘**W**HEREAS it has been represented to this House that the Barracks at *New-Brunswick* and *Perth-Amboy* are falling into Decay, and liable to be wasted and destroyed through Want of some Person to take the Care and Oversight of them; therefore,

‘ Resolved,

‘ That *Jeremiah Manning*, Esquire, of the County of *Middlesex*, be, and is hereby appointed and requested to take Charge of the said Barracks, to close up the Doors and Windows thereof, and to prevent the same, as far as may be in his Power, from being damaged; and that he lay an Account of such Expences as he may incur in this Behalf, with his Vouchers therefor, together with the Condition in which he may find the said Barracks, before the Legislature at any of their Sitzings, for their Allowance and Payment.

‘ Ordered,

‘ That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the above Resolution to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

‘ Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of One Million of Pounds in the State of New-Jersey*, was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condict* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without any Amendment.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved*,

‘ THAT the Paymaster of the Militia for the Counties of *Effex* and *Middlesex* be authorized and directed to pay to Lieutenant-Colonel *John Taylor*, appointed by His Excellency the Governor and the Privy-Council as an Assistant to Colonel *Fredlingbuysen* in the Command of the Troops embodied by Law, the Amount of his Pay and Allowance as Lieutenant-Colonel, agreeably to an Act, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, One Thousand of the Militia of this State, for the Defence of the Frontiers thereof*, during the Time he has served in that Station, on a proper Payroll being produced to the said Paymaster for the same.

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ That Mr. *Foster* and Mr. *Hand* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiēt* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condiēt* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Council having taken into Consideration the two Messages of Yesterday from the House of Assembly, one relative to having One Thousand Copies of the Supplement to the Militia Law printed, and the other relative to authorizing the Paymaster of the Militia to pay Captain *James Morgan*, for the Use of himself and Guards, their Pay and Subsistence;

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolutions therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiēt* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Condiēt* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Fines and Fees of Constables*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Cooper* carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence therein.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Thursday, October 7, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Cripps*, in the Words following :

‘ WHEREAS His Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Privy-Council, did, in Pursuance of the Direction of an Act, intituled, *An Act more effectually to apprehend and bring to Justice Persons charged with certain atrocious Offences against the Peace of the State*, issue a Proclamation, promising the Reward of *Five Hundred Pounds* for apprehending a certain *Lewis Fenton*, a notorious Felon in the County of *Monmouth*, so that he should be legally convicted of the Crimes wherewith he stood charged. And whereas it is represented to the Legislature that some Persons, encouraged by the said Proclamation, have lately, in attempting to apprehend the said *Fenton*, been under a Necessity of killing him, by which Means the Conviction of the said *Fenton*, agreeable to the Tenor of the said Act, is become impracticable, and the Reward cannot be paid without the Concurrence of the Legislature; therefore,

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‘ *Resolved*,

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ That His Excellency the Governor, on proper Proof of the Fact being made to him, be authorized to draw his Warrant on the Treasurer for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* in Favour of the Person or Persons who may have killed the said *Fenton*, or of any Person properly authorized to receive the same on his or their Behalf.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Drake* and Mr. *Cripps* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-Jersey*, was read the second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act to revive and continue the Process and Proceedings returnable to, and depending in the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, and to ascertain the Times and Places of holding the said Court*, was read the third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

‘ *Resolved,*

‘ THAT the Treasurer of this State be authorized and directed to pay to *Zachariah Rossell*, of *Mountholly*, the Sum of *One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds*, for Articles purchased and Services done by the said *Zachariah Rossell* in Pursuance of his Appointment of the first of *May*, 1779, he to be accountable; whose Receipt shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Smock* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Resolved,

That the House concur in the Resolution therein contained.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Sinnickson* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Townsend* and Mr. *P. Schenck*, from the House of Assembly, presented, for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *J. Schenck*, in the Words following :

‘ THE House of Assembly having taken into Consideration the Message from the Council of the second of *October*, by Mr. *Condit*, respecting a certain Instrument of Writing, purporting to be a Charter of Incorporation of the *First-day Baptist Church* in the Township of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and the Resolution accompanying the same,

‘ *Resolved unanimously,*

‘ That this House cannot concur in the said Resolution for the following Reasons :

‘ 1st. Because it does not appear from the Minutes of the House of Assembly of *March* 1778, or at any Time within that Year, that any Application was made, or any Petition presented by any of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, for a Charter for certain Privileges to be granted to the *First-day Baptist Church* in *Hopewell*, in the said County,

‘ as stated in the Preamble to the said Resolution of Council, much less that there was ever
 ‘ any Doubt in the House of Assembly whether the Power of granting Charters was vested
 ‘ in the Legislative or Executive Authority, as seems sufficiently evident from an Extract
 ‘ from the Minutes of the House of the second of *October* 1777, unaccountably omitted in
 ‘ the printed Journals, but copied *verbatim* from the Original, as follows :

‘ A Petition was presented from the *First-day Baptist Society in Hopewell*, in the County
 ‘ of *Cumberland*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, a Law for Incorporation of the said
 ‘ Society ; which was read ; on the Question,

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

‘ 2d. Because the Words in the Preamble to the said Resolution, *videlicet*, “ And the
 ‘ present Legislature having maturely considered the Constitution and Origin of the present
 ‘ Government, are rather of Opinion that the Right and Power of granting Charters is
 ‘ vested in, and of Consequence must ever remain with the Representatives of the People,”
 ‘ seem to imply Uncertainty and Doubt on that Subject, whereas this House is clearly of
 ‘ Opinion that the Right and Power of granting Charters is unquestionably vested in the
 ‘ Representatives of the People.

‘ 3d. Because this House is not conscious of any Impropriety in their Undertaking to
 ‘ determine the Matter in Question at this Time, as whatever may have been the Case
 ‘ in Council ; the House of Assembly was by no Means thin when the Resolutions of the
 ‘ 29th of *September* last was sent from this House to the Council for their Concurrence,
 ‘ there being at that Time more than thirty Members present.

‘ And lastly. Because there does not appear to this House the least Necessity of recom-
 ‘ mending the Consideration of a Matter to the next Legislature, which may, without Im-
 ‘ propriety, be determined this Time.

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ That Mr. *Shreve* and Mr. *J. Schenck* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and
 ‘ acquaint them therewith.’

The House adjourned till Three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick*,
 in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Kirkpatrick* do wait on the Council with the Representa-
 ‘ tion to Congress, and acquaint them that this House do recede from the Amend-
 ‘ ments made thereto by this House, and disagreed to by the Council ; that Mr. *Sebring*,
 ‘ Mr. *Fenimore* and Mr. *Clark*, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council in free
 ‘ Conference on the Amendments made by this House to the Letter to the neighbouring
 ‘ States, and disagreed to by Council ; and that they be requested to appoint a Committee
 ‘ for that Purpose, with the Time and Place of Meeting.’

The House having taken the foregoing Message into Consideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Condiot* and Mr. *Cooper* be a Committee to join a Committee of the House
 of Assembly in free Conference for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message ; and that the
 said Committees meet at the House of Mrs. *Brittain* immediately ; and that Mr. *Sinnickson*
 wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Exportation of Provisions from the State of New-
 Jersey*, was read the third Time ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass ? It
 was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered,

That the Vice-President do sign the same.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read the second
 Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. *Condiot*, from the Committee appointed to examine such publick Accounts as should
 be

be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, begs Leave to report,—That there is due to the several Persons undernamed the Sums annexed to their respective Names, *That is to say,*

- ‘ To *David Thompson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Samuel Seward*, for one Gun lost in the Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six-pence*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Doctor Gardner Jones*, for Medicines and Attendance of *Samuel Banta*, a wounded Soldier in the Six Months Service, the Sum of *Sixty-two Pounds Eight Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Doctor Gardner Jones*, for Medicines and Attendance of *David Campbell* and *David Demarest*, sick Soldiers in the Six Months Service, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds Sixteen Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Henry Van-Dalson*, for a Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Six Pounds Four Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Samuel Verweelen*, for one Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Jacob Parsal*, for a Gun and Cartouch Box lost in Service, the Sum of *Eighteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *David Campbell*, for a Gun and Cartouch Box lost in Service, the Sum of *Ten Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Abraham Brewer*, for a Gun and Cartouch Box lost in Service, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Peter Demarest*, for a Gun and Cartouch Box lost in the Service, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Doctor John Van-Buren*, for Attendance and Medicines for sick Soldiers in the Six Months Service, the Sum of *Two Hundred and Four Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Thomas Fenimore*, Esquire, for the Use of *Richard Jones*, a wounded Militia-Man, for Doctoring and Expences, the Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Schenck*, Esquire, for the Use of *Captain Samuel Carhart*, for six Guns by him impressed and lost in the Service, the Sum of *Forty Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Colonel John Neilson*, Paymaster to the Six Months Men, a Balance due, the Sum of *Fifty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence*.
- ‘ To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *David Covenhoven*, for a Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *John Van-Cleve*, for a Gun and Cartouch Box lost in Service, the Sum of *Five Pounds Ten Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Abraham Brewer*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the Service, the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of *Captain John Outwater*, for a Gun and Accoutrements lent to *William Baker* and lost in Battle, the Sum of *Eleven Pounds Ten Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Hendrick Smock*, Esquire, for the Use of *Nicholas Van-Brunt*, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of *Monmouth*, for removing Criminals to *Burlington Gaol*, the Sum of *Fifty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Nebemiah Dunham*, Esquire, for the Use of *Jacob Demott*, for one Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Five Shillings*.
- ‘ To the Executors of *Garret Van-Vleet*, for a Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.
- ‘ To *John Huffman*, for one Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*.
- ‘ To *John Henry*, for one Gun lost in Service, the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings*.
- ‘ To *Robert Burchan*, for two Guns lost in Service, the Sum of *Eight Pounds*.
- ‘ To *Peter Schenck*, Esquire, for the Use of *Jonathan Pierce*, *John Van-Brockle* and *John Huff*, for three Guns lost in Service, the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds*.
- ‘ To *James Mott*, Esquire, for attending on the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law at different Times, from the 15th of *May*, 1778, to the 6th of *September*, 1779, the Sum of *One Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Ten Shillings*.
- ‘ To *James Mac Combe*, for attending on the Committee of Accounts appointed by Law in the Months of *August* and *September* 1779, the Sum of *Seventy-one Pounds Five Shillings*.

‘ To

‘ To *Edward Bunn*, Esquire, Paymaster of the Six Months Men, a Balance due, the Sum of *Four Pounds and Nine-pence*.

‘ To *Elijah Clark*, Esquire, for the Use of *Elizabeth Williams*, for Expences with and Nursing her Son, *Miles Sage*, a wounded Soldier in the Militia, the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Two-pence*.

‘ To *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, for the Use of Doctor *Garret Van-Wagoner*, for Medicines and Attendance on sick Soldiers belonging to Lieutenant-Colonel *Fell’s* Detachment of embodied Militia, the Sum of *Fifty-nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings*.

‘ House of Assembly, *October 7, 1779*.

‘ This House having considered the said Report,

‘ Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed and empowered to pay to the several Persons therein named the Sums allowed to them respectively.

‘ Ordered, That Mr. *Sebring* and Mr. *Bunn* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Report and Resolution into Consideration,

Resolved, That the House concur in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sinnickson* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. *Sinnickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Condict*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in free Conference on the Subject-Matter of a Circular Letter to the neighbouring States, reported,—That the said Committees had met agreeable to Order, and that he was ready to make Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the said Report be made immediately:

Whereupon Mr. *Condict* read the said Report and delivered it in at the Table; and the said Report being again read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows:

YOUR Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in a free Conference on the Subject-Matter of a Circular Letter to the neighbouring States, having met and considered the Matter to them referred, beg Leave to report,—That the Conferrees recommend to the Council to agree to so much of the said Amendments made by the Assembly to the Circular Letter as to strike out the Words *with you*, in the 20th Line of the second Page of the Letter; and that the Assembly recede from all the Rest of the said Amendments.

SILAS CONDUCT,
ROELOFF SEBRING.

His Excellency the Governor came into Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges*, was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Holmes* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o’Clock.

Friday, October 8, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before, except the GOVERNOR.

Mr. *Sinnickson* has Leave of Absence for the Remainder of the Session.

Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Drake* brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, with several Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, to which Amendments they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Seven o’Clock.

Saturday, October 9, 1779.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present as before.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*, by the House of Assembly,

Resolved, That the House agree to the 14th, 17th, and Part of the 22d Amendments made to the said Bill, and in all other Respects adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooper* do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them with the above Resolution.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Wilson*, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE House having taken into Consideration the Message from Council of this Day, by Mr. *Cooper*, respecting the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment*,

‘ *Resolved*, That this House do recede from the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House, and rejected by Council.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. *Mott* and Mr. *Wilson* do carry back the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State*, was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Condict* do carry the said re-engrossed Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with the Amendments agreed to by both Houses.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Van-Cleve*, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered*,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Van-Cleve* do carry back to the Council the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to an Act, intituled, An Act the better to prevent the Concealing of stray Cattle, Horses and Sheep*, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Resolved, That *Isaac Collins* be directed immediately to print Four Hundred Copies of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment* ; and that he be required to employ Expresses to carry the Proportion thereof to the several Counties in this State ; and that the Expences accruing thereby shall be defrayed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Condict* wait on the House of Assembly, and desire their Concurrence in the said Resolution.

Mr. *Condict* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message was received from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock*, in the Words following :

‘ **T**HE House having considered the Message and Resolution from the Council of this Day, relative to directing *Isaac Collins* to print immediately Four Hundred Copies of the Act to embody, for a limited Time, Four Thousand of the Militia of this State, by voluntary Enlistment, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That this House do concur in the said Resolution.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. *Ford* and Mr. *Smock* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them therewith.’

The Committee appointed to revise and examine the Journals of this House, reported, That they had revised and examined the same to the End of last Sitting.

Ordered,

That *Isaac Collins* be directed to print Six Hundred Copies of the said Journals.







