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CHAPTER DXLV.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PRESERVATION OF THE EARLY RECORDS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That the commissioners of the state library be and are hereby authorized to print by contract to be awarded to the lowest bidder, and distribute to the different state libraries of the United States, and to such other public libraries as they shall name, the three manuscripts now in the state library, containing the minutes of the colonial and revolutionary history of the State.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the necessary sum required for the same, upon the order of the commissioners of the state library.

3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be deemed a public act, and shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 6, 1871.

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OF THE PROVINCE OF

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FROM AND AFTER THE

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The Governor and Proprietors of the Province East New Jersey To our trusty and well beloved Collonoll Lewis Morris Cap^t John Berry Cap^t John Palmer Cap^t William Sandford Lawrence Anderson and Benjamin Price Send Greeting Wee being well Assured of every of your Capacity wisdome prudence and Integrity in the management of the publick affaires of the said Province have made choise of Constituted and appointed and by these presents doe make choise of Constitute and appoint you the said Collonell Lewis Morris Cap^t John Berry Cap^t John Palmer Cap^t William Sandford Lawrence Anderson and Benjamin Price and every of you to bee of the Councill for the management of the publick affaires of this Province and to be Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of the said Province in all debates Consultations Resolutions and prosedures as well in the Councill as in the general Assembly of this Province and otherwise and in all matters causes cases and things belonging to the office and place of a Councillor you and every of you are to doe and Act to the best of your skill knowledge & discretion and according to our Instructions and the lawes and Constitutoins of this Province. Given under the seale of the said Province att Elizabeth Towne—this tenth day of December Anno Domi one Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and two Anno: RRs Carti Sidi Angt &c cccliii^o|

THOMAS RUDYARD.

Province of East } The Subscripe'on of the Councill the 28th
New Jersey— } day of y^e 12-mo called February 1682—

Wee and every of us whose names are hereunder written Doe Severally and each for himselfe, Solemnly promise to beare true Allegiance to the King of England his heires and Successors And to bee true and faithfull to the Interest of the Lords Proprietors of the said province and to their heires Executors and Assignes and Endeavor the peace, and wellfare of the said Province And that every of us respectively now being of the Governors Councill Shall and will

will to the best of our Judgement and at all times Freely and Faithfully give our advice to the Governor for the good management of the Publick affaires of this Province. And Shall not nor will not reveale directly nor indirectly to the Injury or prejeduise of the Governor and Lords Proprietors any matters as shall bee debated in Councill or Committed by them to our Secrecy But in all things doe and act as true and Faithfull Counsellors when thereunto required—

Lewis Morris—
J. Palmer—
W^m Sanford—

John Berry—
Lawrence Anderson—
Benjamin Prise—

Att a Councill held the day and year above written

p^rsent
The Deputy Governor—
Coll Lewis Morris—
Cap^t palmer—
Cap^t Sanderson—
Benjamin Prise—

The bookes and papers relateing to the publick concerns of the said Province and which Cap^t Vickers the late Secretary had delivered to the Governor now brought here and Inspected which are as followeth viz—

1 One bound booke writt by Cap^t Bollen late Secretary deceased one Side Entituled the Record of Lands from the yeare 1665 to the yeare 1677—the other side of the book Entituled Record of Articles Conveyances and Leases for Land &c—

2 One other bound booke writt and Entred by the said Cap^t Bollen Titled on one Side Record of those that have taken and Subscribed the oath of Allegiance to the King and fidelity to the Lords Proprietors of New Jersey Anno Dmn 1665 the other side of the book titled the Record of Concessions Warrants &c granted by the Governor of New Jersey Anno 1665

3 One other bound booke writt and entred by Cap^t Bollen Titled Record of Warrants for the laying out of land and the Surveyors Certificates Anno 1675 1676. The other side thereof titled Records of Pattents for Land Anno 1678—

4 One bound book writt and entered by Cap^t Vickers the one Side conteyning 15 folios being the Entry of the Retorns
of

of Surveyes Indian Pattents and Inventories of Estates of persons deceased. The other Side Containeing fol 36 being the Entry of Indian Graunts the Governors Pattents for Land and Entryes of the present proprietors Deeds for this Province and Some other matters—

5 A paper book not bound but about a quire of paper Stich't up and writt by Cap^t Vickers one fol' and a peese of the Retornes of Surveyes and a license for a marriage entered in a leafe att some distance from the former—

6 A Trunk of Cap^t Bollens papers putt into order by the Governor Clerk and Cattalogued but whether all not known the said trunk being broke open and the papers promiscuous when delivered—The trunk were Cap^t Bollens papers and all bookes entered by Cap^t Bollen were by the mutuall consent of the said Governor and Councill and also the Deputyes in their last Assembly Sealed up in the said Trunk at this Councill is Informed, broke open by Cap^t Vickers & al without consent of the Deputyes—

Att a Council held the first day of the 1st moneth called March Anno Dmn 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

	Thomas Rudyard Deputy Governor & Proprietor—	
	William Penn—	} proprietors
	Samuell Groome	
Pr'sent—	Coll ^{nl} Lewis Morris	
	Cap ^t Berry	
	Cap ^t Palmer	
	Cap ^t Sandford	
	Lawrence Anderson—	
	Benj Prise—	

The Deputyes of the Province appearing—the proprietors Deed of purchase from the Excrutrix and Trustees of S^r Geo. Carterett deceased as also the letter from the Governor and proprietors to the Inhabitants of this Province and also the Depty Governor's Commission were openly read and Shewed to the Deputyes, After which were directed to choose their Speaker and Clerk in order to present them here—And withdrew

It's

It's Agreed that George Jewell bee the Messenger of the Councill untill further order—

It's agreed that the Messenger of this Councill forthwith Summon Cap^t Vickars to appear before the Councill—

Cap^t Vickars came here before the Councill and being desyred to deliver up the Seales and papers hee answered that as to the Seales he hath them not but that they are in the hands of the widdow Carterett And as to the papers and publick concernes of the late Governor and Councill in his hands power and Custody hee Shall deliver them up to the Governor and Councill—and that they bee given up by him forthwith

and a Solemme Attestac'on under his hand that directly or Indirectly hee hath retained none which hee hath not delivered up either in his own Custody or in the power or Cns-tody of any other person by his order or for his use—And upon further debate hereof it is agreed that Samuella Groome one of the proprietors and and Cap^t Berry see the papers Secured—And Cap^t Berry and Samuel Groome are also ordered that they desire the Widdow Carterett to send here to the Councill the two Seales of the province One used in the tyme of the joint proprietors'p of the Lord Berkely and S^r George Carterett and the other in the tyme of the proprietorship of S^r George Carterett and which were made use of in the time of the late Governor Cap^t Carterett—

The Deputys comeing were called in to the Governor and Counc : presented John Bound for their Speaker and Isaac Whitehead for their Clerk who were approved of by the Councill—The Speaker acquainted the board that there was a want of their Deputyes viz—Coll Morris who was Elected for Shroesbury—Agreed that a new writt bee Issued out for the choise of a Deputy to Serve in his Stead

A petition of Jn^o Inions and Joseph Benbriggs read—the purport thereof requesting y^t lands which they and their Associates had purchased of the Indians which had by the late Surveyor Generall been Surveyed and a returne of the Survey made into the Secrettaryes office might be pattented according to the said Survey—on perusall of the bookes it appears that warrant was granted to lay out for the petic'oners & Associates 30th 9^r 1681 6000 Acres and that the Surveyor had layed out 7680 Acres, and had not reserved any Seveths to the Proprietors—The Further Consideration thereof is deferred until to morrow morning—

And the Councill Adjourned to the Eight houre tomorrow morning—

Att a Councill held 2 day of the first month called March
Anno Dm^l 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

Prsent	The Rudyard D Governor & p'pr	
	William Penn &	} p'pros
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Coll ^l Morris—	} of the Counc:
	Cap ^t Berry—	
	Cap ^t Palmer—	
	Cap ^t Sandford—	
	Law: Andress &	
	Ben Prise—	

Capt Berry reportes hee has received from Capt Vickers severall pape's of publick Concerne w^{ch} Capt Vickers affirmed was all hee had relateing to government and publick Concerne of the p'vince—

A bill sent sent here by the Deputyes to voyd all Courts and p'ceedures in this p'vince since the 2^d November 1681—

A message here alsoe from the Deputyes

We are sent by the house of Deputyes to lett you know that wee have Considered of the Conveyances and Com'issions yesterday read And are satisfied wth the reasonable and legall pt of them saveing unto vs our rights and desire a faire Correspondence, then the Deputyes desire to know what's become of the publick records books and pap's w^{ch} were by the Joynte Consent of the late Governor Counc: and Deputyes att the session of the late Assembly sealed up and secured—They wth drew—

Coming in again A reporte was made to them what was yesterday don wth Captn Vickers—and alsoe accompt what books and pap's have bin rec^d and in what Order but by whome or how the same were broken vp wee know not—

Sam^l Groome and Captn Bessy Desired to goe to the Widdow Carterett and demand of her the seales and to bring wth them Captn Vickers—

Captn Vickers here A question askt who opened the Records books and paps

Ans That the Governor and pt of his Councill Ordered them to bee broke up and were by them broke open in p'sence of two freehold^{rs} and then a Catalogue of all the Irrasures and Interliniations made in the booke or Entys. Vickers ordered to wth draw—whereupon he delivered here the late seale of the p'vince vsed in the p'prietorship of S^r George Carterett—

Sam^l Groom and Cap^t Berry reporte that the Widd: Carterett

rett solemnly affirmed there was no other seales to her knowledge.

Cap^t Vickers Cald in againe These questions askt him by the Council

1st Wherefore the Deputyes were called in to seale up the Records,

2 Why broke open wthout them—

3 Whether they are in the same Condition as they where when sealed up—

The first question wav'd by Cap^t Vickers—To the second hee answereth that the Deputyes had not the Constitution of the Secretary nor keeping of the Records they had not power of them neither ought to bee concerned with them in his opinion—

To the third he would p'duce the Catalogue of Irrasures to evidence that the books are not abused and then wthdrew—

Sam^l Windor and James Graham p'sented here a petition wth their former Case here p'sented w^{ch} being read It's agreed that it bee fyled And that Capt Briekhouse and other the p'sons concerned have nothin thereof and Copy of the Case and pe'tion that a heareing between the p'tyes may bee in Convenient tyme had

Captn Vickers againe cal'd in brought here the Catalogue of Irrasures—

In fol 60 of the book of Entryes of pattents in the margent ag^t the pattent made for 2000 Acres to Rob^t Vauquellin upon examination those appeares an irrasure on w^{ch} is writt 1674 Hackinsaek—Wee finde on examination that this irrasure and writeing was not notified by the Catalogue of irrasures— and Captn Vickers being here p'sent alledged that hee believed the same to be an irrasure but was not there when hee Received the books—

John Inions and Joseph Benbridge came into the Council board and after the debate and Consideration thereof by the p'prietors alone and also in Council The result was that the said John Inions and Joseph Benbridge and associates should have pattents for the land according to the p'portion mentioned in the warr^t for Surrey in fol 142 vizt John Inions 1000 Acres and all the other 500 Acres apeece at $\frac{1}{2}$ p Aere and that the whole overplus of the tract of land shall bee appropriated to the p'prietors in lieu of their sevenths to bee laid out by the Surveyer Generall and that the p'prietors shall pay and alow to the said John Inions and associates apportionable pt of the Indians p^{ts} for the said overplus

Adiorned to 3 afternoone

post

post Meridiem

A Message from the Deputyes—The Deputyes desireing an answer whether the bill here brought from them this foremoone were passed here or noe—

Ans: That it being of weight and haveing much urgent business vpon our hands—wee had not Considered the same but would speedely, Take the same into Consideration and when ready returne them answer by a Messenger of our owne—

The Bill entituled a Bill to make voyd the p'ecedure of sume late Courts wth amendm^{ts} read and passed here by the board, And delivered to the Messenger aboue who came here for our Answer—

A Bill brought here by the Deputeyes to Constitute a high Sheriffe for this province—

Cap^t Berry and Cap^t Sandford to desire a Conference in the Councill Roome wth the Deputyes or a Com'itte of them this Evening by 7 Clock—

Adjourned till 7th hour

A petic'on by William Johnson and Jeffery Jones ag^t Rob^t Vanquillin read and agreed to be filed—

And the Councill adjourned to the eight hour next moorning.

Att a Councill held the 3rd day of the 1st month called March Anno Dni 1682 $\frac{2}{3}$

	Tho. Rudyard, D Governor & p'pr—	
	William Penn &	} p'pr—
	Sam ^l Groome	
Prsent	Coll Morris—	} of the Conne :
	Cap ^t Berry—	
	Cap ^t Palmer—	
	Cap ^t Sandford	
	Law: Andress & Ben Prise—	

Lawrence Andress tendring the Admi'stration of James Bolens Estate appraisment and sale might bee Entred in the Secretarys office vpon view thereof.—It appears

1st the letters of admi'stration bear date the 12th Day of September 1682.

2 The appraisement the 27th March 1682

3 The sale of the Estate the 28th of September 1682 amounting

ing to 93^{lb} 15^s 1^d—Lawrence Andress declared here in Council that he was wth the Governor Phillip Carterett in December last w^{ch} was after the p^rietors arrivall here and then and not before the Governor sealed the letters of Admi^stration in Lawrence Andress p^sence and delivered them to him in company of Capt Vickers—

Wee observe the sale of the Estate and disposition was some months before the Admi^stration granted—

Lawrence Andress Alledges he never had any p^t of the Estate or received or disposed any p^t thereof—

Wee finde not that any bond was given for the due admi^stration thereof w^{ch} is aledged in the Admi^stration to bee entred into the 12th Sep^t 1682—

A Bill drawne for Constitution of Sheriffs read and amended—

A petic^on for Cap^t Baker read—

Adiourned to 2 afternoone

post meridiem

James Graham came to the Council here and desired that noe furthur p^rceedure might be had here upon his Case and petition formerly delivered and that the [hee] might wthdraw the same

It's agreed and ordered that hee [the] same be delivered back vnto him wh was done accordingly—

The bill to make voyd the p^rceedings of some late Courts read heare a second tyme and signed onely by their Clarke

It's agreed that it bee transcribed and signed by their speaker and then by the Governor—

Ordered by the Governor and Council That James Emott be Clarke of the Council and Deputye Secretary dureing the pleasure of the Deputy Governor—

The bill to make voyd the p^rceeding &c and to Constitute Sheriffs given here to the Deputyes—

The Deputyes brought the said bills downe againe Ordered that the bill to avoyd the p^rceedings of some late Courts bee signed by the Governor—

Ordered that the bill for Constitu^on of Sheriffs bee signed by the Governor—w^{ch} was done accordingly—

Ordered that the said bills be carryed vp to the house of Deputyes soo signed by Cap^t Palmer and Ben Prise two of the Council—w^{ch} was done accordingly—

A Bill disinabling severall p'sons &c was heere read the first tyme—

A petic'on from Daniel Hoop M^rchant to have the benefitt of land according to Concessions for nine servants &c—

Ordered and agreed that hee have the p'porc'on of land in lieu of p'sons transported according to the Tenor of the Concessions and have warr^t for the same hee bringing in names of his servants and famely transported—

Adjourned till next 2^d day eight of the Clock in the moorneing—

Att a Council held the 5th day of the 1st month called March Anno Dni 168²/₃

Pr ^s ent	Tho: Rudyard D Governor & p'pr—	
	William Penn &	} p'pr—
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Coll Lewis Morris	} of the Counc:
	Cap ^t Berry	
	Cap ^t Palmer	
	Cap ^t Sandford	
	Law Andres &	
	Ben Prise—	

Agreed that a message be sent to the house of Deputyes to desire a Conference this afternoone vpon the substance of the Bill for Disinableing severall p'sons &c to bee sent by Cap^t Berry and Captⁿ Sandford

A petic'on of Cap^t Baker p'sented here and read—

As to the petic'on for his 1200 Acres of land for w^{ch} hee had a warr^t and delivered the same to R Vauquillin late Surveyor— Agreed that the matter bee heard and Considered tomorrow moorneing 8th a Clock R. Vauquillin having notice thereof.

And as to the 2^d petic'on agreed that tomorrow moorneing hee bring in a p'ticular of his Charges—that the substance of the petic'on may bee further Considered.

The petic'on of William Johnson and Jeffery Jones, Exhibited the second instant—it being Joynte and their Case distinct and divers, Agreed the wthdraw their petic'on and petic'on sepa'tely—if the [they] see Cause soe to Doe.

Agreed that Capt Vickers & other p'sons who were of the late Governors Council since the death of the late Secretary Cap^t Bullen and are here in towne may here notice to bee here
in

in Councill at 3 A Clock this afternoone to Attend a Conference relating to them wth the House of Deputyes—

The petic'on of Cap^t Palmer and Thomas Codrington here read Capt Palmer withdrawing the Case was debated, hee Cald in againe Inquirey then was of S^r George Carteretts Gift to Pardon w^{ch} was p^duced and was dated 31st July 1674—

Then Inquiry was made when Pardon Assigned to Captn Palmer &c And that was the first of December 1680—S^r George Carterett in Dec 1678 devised att East Jersey &c—and dyes—
Adjourned till 2 afternoone

Post Meridien

The Deputyes came to the Conference the D. Gov^t gave them Accompt of the occasion and matter of Conference w^{ch} was to debate the objections and matters Criminall in those p[']sons whome by bill they would make Incapable of future office—Captn Vickers—Henry Greenland—Sam^l Etsall and R Vauquillin came alsoe here—and after ye Deputyes Charge and Answer by R. Vickers &c to the matters objected the [they] withdrew—and after due debate and Consideration of the p[']misses It's the sence of this board That the matters alledged by the house of Deputyes ag^t Robert Vickers (lately officiateing as secretary of this p[']vince] wth his defence being duely and thrughly heard before vs, and after a serious Considerac'in of what hath been urged on both sides—Wee doe declare it as our sence That the said Rob^t Vickers hath behaved himselfe Impiously and vexatiously ag^t the former houses of Deputyes—And therefore that he ought to Confess his Errors in the house of Deputyes tomorrow, And there doe aske forgiveness or else that hee bee declared Incapable for the future of bearing any office of publick Charge of truste wth in this p[']vince dated as abovesaid—

Adjourned till 8 tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held 6th Day of mo-1 called March Anno Dni 168²/₃

P[']sent

Tho Rudyard D ^y Governor & p ['] pr—	}	p ['] pr—
William Penn & Sam ^l Groome—		
Coll L. Morris	}	of the Counc—
Captn Berry		
Captn Sandford		
Captn Palmer		
Law: Andress—		
Ben Prise—	}	The

The house of Deputyes sent here a message desiring the bill brought from their house for disonabling severall p'sons from beareing office &^o might bee returned to them

They were answered that wee would send a message of our owne—

Then read the resulte of the Conference and debate relating to Robert Vickers late Secretary w^{ch} after reading was agreed by the Councill to bee signed by the Deputy Governor—w^{ch} was done accordingly—And its agreed that the same bee sent up by Captn Sandford and Ben Price

A Message sent by the house of Deputyes—as followeth viz^t, By the house of Deputyes In answer to yo^{rs} before vs, wee say wee retaine the same dispositions as in our bill before yo^u

But the p'misses Considered wee see noe reason both for the safety of Countrey and reputation of this house but earnestly to moove the exclue'on of Captn Robert Vickers and Captn Henry Greeneland from publick place of authority wth in this p'vince,—That is to say according to our bill before yo^u

Vpon reading hereof the bill sent downe by the Deputyes was read and after Alterac'on & amendm^t thereof—It was Agreed to be transcribed and sent to the Deputyes by the hands of [William Penn's name erased] and Captn Sandford

Adjourned till 3 this afternoone

post meridiem

The Bill to disenable Captn Rob^t Vickers and Captn Henry Greeneland to beare office in this p'vince sent here from the house of Deputyes read and after due Considerac'on thereof—It's ordered that the same bee

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deceased but this is not to be a p'sident for any other

A petic'on of John Gillman and Edward Slater in behalfe of Piscattaway Inhabitanes for 200 Acres of Meadow now in possession of Cornelius Longfeld—read and agreed that Cornelius Longfeld have notice thereof in order to a hearing and further determinae'on thereof

Captn Bakers petic'on for 1200 Acres of land being read and Rob^t vauquellin being alsoe here p'sent, It's agreed, That the further Consideraton thereof bee deferred untill there bee some settlement of the Concernes of this Town

Rich : Mitchill's petic'on read and ordered that hee have the head land for himselfe and wife according to Concessions

The Address of Lewis Morris desireing hee may have his land pattented w^{ch} hee has lately bought of Sam^l Leonard and Leonard Hunt—It's agreed and ordered that hee have pattents for the same

A Message from the house of Deputyes desireing to morrow moorneing a private Conferance betw'ne some of the Councill and some of the members of the Deputyes to Confere about setling the Countyes and such like Concerne—It's agreed that a Conference bee had, and that Cap^t Berry Cap^t Sandford Cap^t Palmer Lawrence Andress and such other of the Councill as will attend it to meet heere in the Councill Chamber at 7 Clock in the moorneing

Adjourn'd till 8 A Clock to morrow moorneing

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Att a Councill held the 7th day of the mo-1 called March 168^½

p'sent	Tho Rudyard D ^t Governor & p'pr	} of the Counc:
	Coll Lewis Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Lawr: Andress & Ben Price	

Vpon the request of Lawrence Andress It's ordered that hee have liberty for two dayes to goe home upon some vrgency of affaires

Sam^l Moores petic'on read and agreed, that the same being for land for w^{ch} there's a bill now wth the Deputyes for Redress—It's therefore deferr'd till wee see the effect thereof

Sam^l

Sam¹¹ Barons petic'on read and ordered as above in case of Sam¹¹ Moore

Agreed that the pap's of Captn Rob^t Vickers bee p'vced and hee bee sent for, whilst they are sorted that such as are of his privat Concerne hee may have, and the other of publick concerne may be sorted and put into some method or order.

Adjourned till 3 afternoone

post Meridiem

Captn Vickers pap's called over

A bill sent downe from the Deputyes for deviding the p'vince into Countyes read and agreed vnto

A bill sent from the Deputyes ag^t Sam¹¹ Edsall and Rob^t Vauquellin—read, the Considerac'on of this bill deferred untill to morrow moorneing

Agreed that an Order bee sent from this board requiring Rob^t Vauquillin late Surveyor generall to bring here forthwth the Journall of his Surveyes of land laid out in this p'vince

Adjourned till 7 a Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held the 8th Day of the mo-1 called March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

P ^r sent	Tho Rudyard D ^t Governor & p ^r pr	} of the Counc:
	Coll Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Ben Price	

Vpon Complaint of John Toe ag^t John Carter & Rob^t Mors not onely for monyes w^{ch} the said Carter owes the said Toe—But alsoe for other ronges and abuses w^{ch} he has suffered and undergon from the said Carter & Mors—It's agreed that the said Carter as alsoe the said John Toe's wife now absent from him, and the said Rob^t Mors father of the said Toe's wife, bee Sum'oned to appeare before this board forthwth to answer the Complaintes of the said John Toe

Vpon Consideration of the application made here by Daniel Hoop and Order made in Councill the third instant — And p^rsenting here a small Chart of land lyeing on the Rariton—

It's agreed that hee have the South west side or p^t of the land p^rsented to lye fourty Chaines vpon the Rariton from the South branch and to Run backwards from the Rariton South westerly two English miles little more or lesse to Compleate his number of Aeres to the number of six hundred, and that hee may settle im[']ediately upon the Same, vntill it can bee Surveyed and patented,—And that hee shall enjoy the Same to him and his heires at one halfe penny pr Acre pr Ann—

A bill Sent downe by the Deputyes to have four Justices of the peace in Each County— The Consideraton of this bill deferred vntil tomorrow moorneing

One other bill Sent downe by the Deputyes for Justices of the peace and Sheriffs a double number to bee p^rsented by Each County—w^{ch} being read the further Consideraton deferred until tomorrow moorneing

The bill to rectifie abuses in Some late records, read & agreed that the Same bee Subscribed by the Governor and Sent to the Deputyes

The bill for Establishing Courts of Justices read and amended—and ordered that it bee Subscribed by the D^{ty} Governor and Sent to the Deputyes and Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford are to carry the Same as alsoe the bill for division of the p[']vince into Countyes

The Petic[']on of Ben: Price sen^r for fourty or fifty acres of land lyeing by him, requesting that hee may have it Surveyed and pattented, hee wth drawing— It's agreed and ordered that hee have the Same as hee desires, provided noe other p[']son have right thereto by pattent or otherwise by some agreem^t of the Towne

Adjourned till 2 a clock afternoone

post Meridiem

A bill to disenable Sam^{ll} Etsall and Rob^t Vauquillin from beareing further office charge or truste unlesse they make publick Acknowledgm^t &^c being read in Councill it's ordered that a Coppy of the bill bee sent to each of them, and delivered to Captn Vickers who has undertaken to send forward the Same forthwth to them that they may be here the 12th instant

A Message from the house of Deputyes to desire a Conference—It's agreed that a Conference bee had wth the house of Deputyes at four this afternoone att Isaac Whiteheads and that it bee managed by Captn Palmer Captn Berry and Captn Sandford

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The Conference was had and the members of Council returned—reporting that the Conference desired was upon the bill to Rectify abuses in Some late Records

A Message from the Deputyes desiring a free Conference—w^{ch} was granted, the p^{sons} above ordered to manage the Same, and to Carry wth them the Entryes of pattents and Surveys recorded by Cap^t Vickers, and the Lady Cateretts order to pattent noe land after 25th March 1682 under a penny pr Acre

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morning

Att a Council held 9th day of mo-1 called March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent Tho Rudyard D ^t Governor & p ^r	} of the Counc :
Sam ^l Groome p ^r	
Coll Lewis Morris	
Cap ^t Sandford	
Cap ^t Palmer	
Cap ^t Berry & Ben Price	

A Bill for severall Lawes in East Jersey read amended and agreed to bee Carryed to the house of Deputyes by Captn Palmer Cap^{tn} Sandford and Ben Price

A Message from the Deputyes as followeth viz^t An answer to a bill p^rsented to this house March 8th 168 $\frac{2}{3}$ for the rectifying abuses in some late Records—It is the Sence of this house, that there hath been many Erregular and vnjust Entreyes made in the publick records of warrants Scertificates and pattents Since March 1682, And that the p^{son} or p^{sons} guilty thereof ought to receive punishm^t according to the merritt of their Offence—And that noe p^{son} ought to bee diseased of his freehold or any wayes destroyed but by the Lawfull Judgm^t of his peers March 9th 168 $\frac{2}{3}$ —p^r John Bound Speaker of the house of Deputyes

Adjourned till 2 afternoone

post Meridiem

Then p^vced and placed in Order the pap^s last had from Captn Vickers w^{ch} tooke vp all the afternoone

Adjourned till 7 a Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att

Att a Councill held the 10th Day of the mo—1, called **March**
Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

pr'sent	The Rudyard D ^t Governor & p'pr	} of the Counc:
	Sam ^l Groome p'pr	
	Co ^l Lewis Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Ben Price	

Vpon Consideration of the vrgency of business of some of the Councill to repaire whome this Day—It's agreed that the Councill bee Adjourned untill next second day moorneing 8 A. Clock

And it is Adjourned untill next second day 8 a Clock in the moorneing

Att a Councill held the 12th of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

pr'sent	The D ^{ty} Governor	} of the Counc.
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford &	
	Benj ⁿ Price	

Vpon Consideration of the Slow dispatch of business in this p'sent Generall Assembly—It's agreed and Ordered that a Message be sent from this board vnto the house of Deputyes p'poseing to have dureing the Sessions a free Conference in the Councill Chamber betw'ne the Governor and Councill and the house of Deputyes, every day of Sessions from the houre of Three unto the houre of four every afternoone, Where all matt^{er}, and things may bee freely p'posed and debated betw'ne them. But resolu^c'ons suspended untill the Councill and Deputyes are ap't—Captn Berry and Captn Palmer to carry vp this p^rposall

Agreed and Ordered that a Message bee sent to the Indian Sachems to Conferr wth them about their Entertainm^t of Negro Servants—and that Captn Berry take care for the Conveyance thereof

A free Conference Agreed vpon by the house of Deputyes—who attended here accordingly, where was principally debated the method of Settling Courts in this p'vince—And after some Considerable Tyme taken vp therein—Two bills for settling
some

some Courts brought downe here from the house of Deputyes and delivered in here last 7th day after the Councill were Adjourned were delivered back for their further Consideration

A petic'on of John Robinson & al for land—read and the Debate thereof Adjourned till tomorrow moorneing

Adjourned to 7 a Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held the 13th Day of the mo-1 called March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p'sent The D ^t Governor	} of the Counc:
Captn Berry	
Captn Palmer	
Captn Sandford	
Benj ⁿ Price	

Agreed and Ordered that Captn Vickers be sent for to this board to resoluue this board whether those books formerly delivered to the Deputy Governor now here p'sent and all of Captn Vickers's hand writeing bee the publick records of the p'vince, Entred and made by him dureing the tyme he was Secretary of this p'vince

Captn Vickers being p'sonally here p'sent and being ask^t the Question above p'scribed and * * * the books above menc'oned Declared that those books contained those matters w^{ch} he recorded dureing the tyme hee was Secretary, and that hee never affirmed that they were not records, and that hee has not any other books of records, w^{ch} hee said hee gave for Answer

The petic'on of John Robinson Richard Jones & al being read they were called in and being asked the Question where the warr^t or Order of the late Governor & Counc was for the Indian purchas—they answered that Sam^l Etsall had it—whereupon it was agreed that the petic'on be heard againe when Sam^l Etsall comes here—

A Conference wth the Deputyes, the discourse was onely about the Court for small Causes, the bill p'posed being that the vnder-sheriffe should serve all proesse—and it was necessary as they alledged there should bee two Courts, wee agreed two Courts in one County, two in every Towne and that an officer was pp for every Court—

Edward Slater p'sented here a petic'on to have a bond delivered up w^{ch} he had given for paym^t of a fine

Adjourned till 7 A Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att

Att a Councill held the 14th Day of March Anno Dni 186 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} of the Counc:
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Coll Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Benj ⁿ Price	

A bill for settleing Courts for Determination of small Causes brought downe from the house of Deputyes read and agreed that it be offered to the Deputyes to add in that bill a p^rvision for the like Court to bee held in or about Hackinsack wth in Bergin County and settleing the fees

A bill for settleing County Courts or Quarter Sessions brought downe from the house of Deputyes read and agreed that it be offered to the Deputyes to make p^rvision therein to settle the fees of this Court

A bill for settleing a Court of Com'on Right brought downe from the house of Deputyes—agreed that it be offered to the house of Deputyes to agree to the amendm^{ts} now made in that Bill—and it's ordered that Captn Berry Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford forthwth carry downe the same Bills to the house of Deputyes, for their Concurrence in the p^rmisses

It's agreed and ordered that the p^rsons hereinafter named Shall be the respective high Sherriffs for this Succeeding yeare, viz^t from the 25th day of this Instant month, That is to say Michael Smith for the County of Bergin, Isaac Kingsland for the County of Essex, Sam^l Moore for the County of Middlesex and Lewis Morris Jun for the County of Monmouth.

The Bill for County Courts brough here wth some amendments

The Deputyes being here debated Severall pts of the bill for settleing of Small Courts and for the Court of Com'on Right

Then Adjourned to 7 A Clock to morrow-moorneing

Att a Councill held the 15th Day of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} p ^r pr
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Coll Morris	
	Capt Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Benj ⁿ Price	} of the Counc:

A Message from the house of Deputyes whether it was our sence that the Court of Com'on Right and Court of Chancery ought to be all in one and could not be in two,—Answer was that the generall Assembly might vse their freedome and make one or Two Courts thereof—

The Deputyes sent downe the Bill for setleing Courts of small Causes, w^{ch} being read it's ordered that the Governour and Councill, Concur therein

The Deputyes sent downe the Bill for Setleing the Court of Com'on Right w^{ch} being read it's ordered that it bee p'posed to the Deputyes to make the Judges of this Court Twelve and not lesse than six and Captn Berry and Captn Palmer to carry vp the sense of this board—

The bill for setleing the Court of Com'on Right brought downe read and amended as above p'posed and then agreed and ordered that the Gov'nor and Councill Concurr therewth

The petition of Edw Slaughter to have vp his bond given for the good behaviour &c—for a p'tended Ryott, the p'ceedure whereof is voyded by Act of the Generall Assembly—Vpon reading and Consideration thereof, it's agreed that his request be granted as desired

The petic'on of John Gillman to have vp his bond for good behaviour being read its Ordered that hee have the same given up to him

It's alsoe Ordered and agreed that the bond w^{ch} Captn Sandford gave to pay the fine imposed upon him for a p'tended Ryott, w^{ch} p'ceedures are null'd by Act of the Generall Assembly bee delivered to him to bee Canceled—w^{ch} was done accordingly att this board

Adjourned till 7 Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held the 16th Day of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{3}{4}$

p ^r sent	The Dept Governour	} of the Counc
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Coll Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford & Benj ⁿ Price	

A Bill for the generall lawes of the p'vince sent here from the house of Deputyes—read and after some amendm^{ts} Agreed to bee Transcribed

The Deputyes here and Debated the Rules and Orders for the Court of Com'on Right, and some p'ticulars in the bill last menc'oned w^{ch} are to bee sent them to morrow

Then Adjourned till 7 A Clock tomorrow-moorneing Att

Att a Councill held the 17th Day of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} of the Counc.
	Coll Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford & Benj ⁿ Price—	

The bill heretofore sent from the Deputyes titled a Bill to p^rhibitt Arbitrary p^rceedings—Read wth Some amendm^{ts} and agreed the said bill bee Signed by the Deputy Governor and sent to the Deputyes by Captn Palmer Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Benjⁿ Price

Ordered and agreed that the Same p^rsons call vpon the Deputyes for their Concurrancy to a bill Sent them downe from this board Intitled a bill to rectifie abuses in Some late Records

A private Conference desired by the Deputyes wth Some of the Councill It's ordered that Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benjⁿ Price, Doe attend the Conference as desired forthwth att the house of Isaac Whitehead

A bill for the gen^l laws of this p^rvince transcribed wth Some additions and amendm^{ts}. Read and Agreed that the Same bee signed by the Deputy Governor and Sent to the house of Deputyes by Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benjⁿ Price

Agreed that Coll Morris and Captn Sandford have lib^{ty} to goe home

Then Adjourned till 7 A Clock next second day moorneing

Att a Councill held 19th day of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} ppr
	Sam ^l Groom	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford Benj ⁿ Price	

} of the Counc:

The Deputyes sent here a Message desireing a Conference wth some of the Councill and that they would bring wth them the Records Entred by Captn Vicars—A Conference granted and Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benjⁿ Price to Attend it

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The Conference was to Inspect the Records and debate about those Entryes made by Captn vicars in relac'on to the bill before the Deputyes to Rectifie abuses in Some late Records

This board being informed that Captn Rob^t Vicars who has lately officiated in this p'vince as Secretary in the tyme of the late Governor Captn Phillip Carterett notwthstanding many grants by the late Governor and Councilll made of lands wthin this p'vince (according to the gen'all Concessions) to Severall planters and Inhabitants who for many years have peaceably held and Enjoyed the same wth out disturbance yett to Impeach not onely their Titles but alsoe the Right of the p'sent p'prietors, and to stirr vp the peaceable people of this p'vince to quarrells and Contenc'ons and to inflame their minds and sperritts one ag^t another hath publickly advised and stirrd vp many to wth Stand the Interest of such who are legally and Justly setled in their lands and to oppose the Right and Interest of the p'sent p'prietors, Hath alsoe advised them to stand upon and maintaine an obsolete and voyd pattent or p'tended pattent long since made by Coll Rich: Nicholls to Captn John Baker and others—And the said Captn Rob^t Vicars haveing made as p'tended Secretary many Irregular and vnjust entryes on Record—And done Acted and Com'itted many Acc'ons and things agst the peace of the king and publick peace of this Province and the p'prietors thereof—It is agreed and ordered that the said Captn Rob^t Vicars bee forthwth apprehended and brought before this board that he may Answer all and singular the p'misses att the next Court of Com'on Right to bee held wthin this p'vince

Captn Vicars being here p'sent and refusing to give security for the good behaviour and to answer the p'misses att the next Court of Com'on Right, it's ordered that hee bee Com'itted to the Custody of George Jewell the Messinger of the Councilll and to appeare here att eight A Clock to morrow moorneing

Then Adjourned till 7 A Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councilll held 20th Day of March Anno Dni 168²

p'sent The Dep ^t Governor &	} p'pr	} of the Counc:
Sam ^{ll} Groome		
Captn Berry		
Captn Palmer		
Captn Sandford		
Benj ⁿ Price		

Captn Vicars being brought here and Demanded whether hee would

would give Security for y^e Good behaviour &c as was ordered yesterday w^{ch} hee refused whereupon it's ordered and agreed that hee be Com'itted to the Com'on Goale att Woodridge untill hee shall give such security or bee discharged by due Course of law

It's agreed and ordered That Sam^l Moore bee made and Constituted high Sheriffe of the County of Middx and have his Com'ission forthwth Sealed w^{ch} was done accordingly, hee then by Subscribe'on p'missing allegiance to the King and fidelity to the Lords p'prietors and truely to execute his said office

It's agreed and ordered that the warr^t for the Com'ittm^t of Captn Rob^t vicars bee directed and delivered to Sam^l Moore high Sheriffe of the County of Middx

The petic'on of Edw ffox Servant to Rob^t Vauquillin read and agreed that Rob^t Vauquillin haveing notice thereof appeare wth his Servant at this board on Thursday next to Answer his said Servants Complaint ags^t him and that all witnesses for either p'ty there alsoe Attend

A bill for the gen'all lawes of the p'vnce of East New Jersey Sent here from the Deputyes wth Some Amendm^{ts}—The amendm^{ts} read over and Corrected & ordered to bee transcribed and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurancy by Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford

A petic'on of James Gyles of piscattaway to have land laid out for himselfe wife Children and two Servants w^{ch} being read his Case is referred to the p'prietors for their Result

The petic'on of Martha Symes to such effect as the petic'on above w^{ch} being read it's refer'd to the p'prietors for their result

The petic'on of Elizabeth Carterett the Widdow of the late Governor Captn Phillip Carterett being here read, the Considerac'on defer'd till further applicac'on

Robert vicars of Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex Gent—

Elizabeth Carterett of the same place Widdow—&

Henry Greenland of piscattaway in the County of Middx Gent

Every one of them bound by himselfe or herselfe in the sume of 500^l vnto our Sovereigne Lord the King—

Vpon Condic'on that the said Robert Vicars shall p'sonally appeare the second Tusday in the Month of May next before the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right to bee held in Elizabeth Towne and to doe and receive that w^{ch} by the Court shalbe then and there Enjoyned him and that in the meane tyme

tyme hee bee of the good behaviour and keepe the peace of
 the said Sovereigne Lord the King toward the King and his
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 Tho Rudyard

Att a Councill held the 21st Day of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} p ^r pr	} of the Counc:
	Sam ^{ll} Groome		
	Captn Berry		
	Captn Palmer		
	Captn Sandford & Benj ⁿ Price		

The Deputyes sent by Some of their members the Bills remaining in their hands w^{ch} were heretofore past w^{ch} wth those lying wth the Councill are six in number The Act for the gen^lall lawes yet lying wth the Deputyes, It's ordered that the Acts and Bills passed this Assembly bee forthwth transcribed in order to bee published—And that a Message be sent to the Deputyes for them to remitt here the Accompts of the Oathes or Subscriptons to the oath or p^rmise of Allegiance to the king and fidelity to the Lords p^rprieto^{rs} and for the due p^rformance of their office and Duty as Assembly men In order to the Entring & recording the same in a book according to the Concessions, And that Captn Palmer & Benjⁿ Price carry the same message, And alsoe desire the Deputyes Answer if they Concurr to the Bill for the generall Lawes.

A Bill left here wth the Governor last night after Adjournment to p^rhibit sale of strong liquors to the Indians read and some observac^ons drawn therein to p^rpose to the Deputyes

An Act to Enable the freeholders of this p^rvince to p^rpose and agree divers orders relateing to fenceing and the like sent here from the Deputyes—w^{ch} was read, amended Transcribed & read a second tyme and then sent downe to the Deputyes by Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford

Agreed and ordered that Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford desire of the Deputyes an Answer to the Message sent from the Councill this day to the Deputyes

A Bill for the gen^lall Lawes of East New Jersey sent from the Deputyes containing thirty two Articles being the same was sent downe to them & returned Signed by the Speaker to
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the Deputyes Ordered that the same bee signed by the Deputy Governor—

The Bill to Enable the freeholders of this p'vince to p'pose and agree divers Orders &c sent back here wth some Alterac'on, —Agreed and order'd that this board Adhere to their former amendm^{ts} and draw vp reasons for their Adhearancy

Received from the Deputyes a Cobby of their Subscrip'on of Allegiance to the king & faithfullness to the p'rietors not mentioned proprietors or Lord proprietors soe not explanatory —It's Agreed and ordered that Captn Berry & Captn Palmer carry vp the same to be fully expressed according to the Concessions

A Bill agst fugitive Servants & Entertainers of them read and ordered to bee signed and Captn Palmer to Carry the Same to the Deputyes

The Deputyes here a Conference had about their Subscrip'on as above and about o^r adhering to our former Alterac'on of the bill to Enable freeholders to p'pose and agree divers Orders &c

Forasmuch as many petic'ons & Addresses have bin & are dayly made & p'sented to the Governor & Councill for Lands to bee laid out in Right of former Claimes & by virtue of warrants granted by the late Governor & Councill, and some to bee Redressed ags^t alledged wrongs done to them therein by Robt vauquellin the late Surveyor Gen'all, And in asmuch, as so many returnes of Surveys made & p'tended to bee made by the said Surveyor Generall and Entred on Record there are no dates thereunto nor menton made by what warrants or when the lands therein mentioned were Surveyed, w^{ch} is apparently Contrary to the Express directon in the generall Concessions of this p'vince, and Contrary to the Duty of the said Surveyor Gen'all & may tend to the p'judice not onely of the p'rietors but alsoe Inhabitants & many the freeholders of this p'vince And the said Surveyor gen'all altho Sum'oned to appeare before the Governor & Councill refused soe to doe It is therefore ordered that the High Sheriffe of the County of Middx forthwth repaire to the house of the said Robert vauquellin & him bring before the Governor and Councill there to Answer to such matters as are and shall be objected ags^t him, and that the said High Sheriffe alsoe make search & bring wth him to this board the said Surveyors Journall of Surveys & warrants for Surveys of land granted and laid out dureing the tyme hee was Surveyor Generall The better to Evidence & make out the truth of matters now Depending before this board & that cannot bee Determined wthout a due inspec'on into & examineing the Same

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow-moorneing.

Att

Att a Councill held the 22th Day of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} of the Counc:
	Captn Berry	
	Captu Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Benj ⁿ Price	

The Bill to Enable the freeholders of this P^rvince to p^rpose and agree Divers Orders &c being Transcribed as it was sent hence att first to the Deyutyys wth some Additions w^{ch} being now read Agreed that it bee soe sent to the Deputyes the Deputy Governor signing the same. To bee sent vp by Captn Palmer & Benjⁿ Price

Agreed and ordered that Isaac Kingsland bee made & Com^rissionated high Sheriffe of the County of Essex

The petic^on of William Johnson of Raway in the County of Essex yeoman ags^t R. Vauquellin w^{ch} being read it's Ordered, That Robt Vauquellin have notice thereof in Order to the further p^rceedure therein

The Bill ags^t fugitive Servants & Entertainers of them Sent here from the Deputyes wth Some amendm^{ts} w^{ch} being read it's agreed and ordered the Bill passe wth the amendm^{ts}

The observatons relating to the Bill ag^t the Sale of Strong liquors to the Indians read and ordered that the Same bee sent to the Deputyes & Carryed vp by Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford & Benjⁿ Price

Ordered that they acquainte the Deputyes that this board expects a returne of the Deputyes Oaths of Subscript^on of Allegiance to the king & fidelity to the Lords p^rrieto^{rs}

The Deputyes sent downe the Same and is as followeth

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The Deputyes Subscription of Allegiance to the King and fathfullness to the Lords proprieto^{rs} of the Province of East New Jersey

That I will beare true Allegiance to the King of England his heires and Successors and that I will bee faithful to the Interest of the Lords proprieto^{rs} of this P^rvince their heires Exe^{cuto}rs and Assignes & endeavour the peace and welfare of the said P^rvince, And that I will truely and faith fully Discharge
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the Trusts reposed in me according to my best Skill and Judgm^t wthout Corrupe'on favour or affection

Henry Lyon
Benjⁿ Parkis
Ric: Hawthorne
John Bowne
Joseph Parker
John Hannee

Sam^l Moore
Sam^l Dennis
Edw: Slater
John Gillman
Tho: Johnson
John Curtis
Elias Mickellson
Mathewis Cornelis

Elizabeth Towne
March the 22th 168²/₃

A copy of the Records of the house of Deputyes
p: me Isaac Whitehead Clerk to Dep^{ts}

It's Ordered & agreed that the Acts and Bills passed and agreed vpon by the Governor and Councill & Dept this Session bee all fairly Transcribed in Order to the p'fecting of the busynes of this Session

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow moorneing

Att a Councill held 23th Day of March Anno Dni 1682-3

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc.
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Benj ⁿ Price	

A Bill Entitled, The penalty of Drunkords read and Agreed the Councill Concurr therein & that the Deputy Governor signe the same

The petic'on of David De Marais here read and being called in an Inquiry was made of him what lands hee had purchased of the Indians from w^{ch} hee desires to have all the Timber in that Indian purchase for the supplie of his saw Mill altho the land not pattented to him and his Sonns, The land purchased is about two miles in breath and Comeing of to a point, and six miles in length—Agreed that David De Marais have pattents for the lands w^{ch} is Surveyed to him and his Sonnes att p. Acre But that wee cannot see reason to grante liberty

liberty to Cutt the timber from the land hee takes not vp vntill further matters appears then what is yett manifested, and that our purpose is to view the same

A Bill to punish profaine sweareing and Curseing sent from the Deputyes & after reading thereof wth amendment of the word sterling and making it lawfull money—ordered that the Same Bill bee signed by the Deputy Governor—as a testimony of our Concurrance

A petic'on presented from the Inhabitanes of Newark w^{ch} being read and the Deputyes being here present—It's agreed that a view thereof shalbe in Convenient tyme and the Governor hath declared his willingnes to see those Towne bounds the next month the wether being seasonable and nothing extraordinary p'vent

A Bill for the better mainetaineing and vpholdeing the Authority of this provinee and for the Encourageing the Same—read and agreed that the Councill concurr thereto and that the Deputy Governor signe the Same

A Bill for lib'ty of the subject read amended signed and agreed to bec sent the Deputyes.

A Bill for the better vpholding of Authority read and ordered to be passed the Deputy Governor to signe the Same

A Bill titled an Act for the militia read and a provisoe made thereto not to extend to p'sons Conscientiously refuseing to beare Arms Agreed that the bill wth the provisoe bee sent vp to the Deputyes

A Bill for punishm^t of Incest Adultrey and fornicaton Read—and agreed that the same bee signed by the Deputy Governor and sent vp to the Deputyes for their Concurrancy and that this bill and all other Bills this day here read & agreed to be Carried vp to the Deputyes by Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Captn Palmer

Robt vauquellin was here. Inquirey being made for his Journall of Surveyes—he Answered hee had none nor anything more of Surveyes then was entred on the Records

Edward ffox & Robt vauquellin being here the matters op'ned on both sides—It's Ordered by the Councill that hee goe home to his Master & his Master take care of him as his Servant

The Bills above menc'oned to be sent this Day to the Deputyes—brought back here to be Transcribed

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow-moorneing

Att a Councill held the 24th of March Anno Dni 168 $\frac{2}{3}$

p^resent The Deputy Governour
 Captn Berry
 Captn Palmer
 Captn Sandford &
 Benjⁿ Price } of the Counc:

Captn Sandford have leave to goe home this moorneing

The Deputyes sent vp here a Bill for the better observac'on and keeping holy the first day of the week or Lords Day—w^{ch} being read the Councill agreed not therewth haveing these exceptions thereto—viz^t

1st Ther's an Act already that sufficienly p'vides for abstinence from dayly labour

2 This Enforces people by paynes & penaltyes to worship whether their worship be true or false, if false better none then any, Better to bee silent than to offer the sacrifice of fooles The worship of the wicked is Abomination to the wholy God.

3. The Bill obligeing all p'sons to worship in publick or private or pay 5^d. Every p'son who has not witness of his private worship (w^{ch} is much if hee has any) must pay 5^d It seemes unreasonable to take witness for privat worship.)

4. This bill Insinuates as if the first day were holy w^{ch} the holy Scriptures never said more then any other—Every day his holy to the Lord—hee has noe profane Dayes, But the holy scriptures say hee that regardes a Day regardeth it unto the Lord—and hee that regardeth not &c Rom 14. 5. 6.—If one man Esteeme a day above another, another Esteemes every day alike, Lett every man bee fully p'swaded in his owne minde Lib'ty of Conciencie ought to bee p^rferred and Licentiousness punished w^{ch} this Bill Seemes not equally to secure.

Rules and Orders for p'ceedings at Com'on Law in the Court of Com'on Right

1st If the plentiffes writt or Capias expresse not the spetiall Cause of Action, Then the Defendand shall not bee held to speciall Bayle to Answer and pay the Debt and damages demanded

manded nor shall the Defendant bee bound to goe to tryall the next Terme or session of the Terme next after the Arrest made, but shall have an Imparllance to the succeeding Terme

2 In Case the plentiffes writt or Capias shall expresse the spetiall Cause of Acc'on and the Debt and damages therein demanded or laid shalbe the sume of pounds or vpwards then the Def^t may bee held to spetiall Bayle and shall bee obliged to goe to tryall the first day of tryall of Causes the Succeeding Terme

3 That in Cases where the Def^t is Arrested in an Acc'on of Debt detinue Trespas, for goods acc'on vpon the Case (except Slauder) if the debt or damages amount to tenn pounds spetiall Bayle is to be given except it bee ag^t an heire Executo^r or Admistrator

4 That in Covenants because the Damages are vicertaine before the Declaration be delivered w^{ch} may bee large Bayle at Discretion

5 That in Battery Conspiracie false Imprisonment noe spetiall Bayle of Course wthout speciall order from the Court—That slauder noe spetiall Bayle except in slauder of title wherein it bee left to the direction of the Court

6 That in all Causes of Removall out of any inferior Court be it by Habeas Corpus, Certiorary, and of all writts of Error to Reverse & Correet Judgm^{ts} and on all appeales, spetiall Bayle to bee given

7 Spetiall Bayle in all Cases and Causes above menc'oned shal be vnderstood double the debt or damages demanded laid or Recovered—and Com'on Bayle twenty pounds sterling mony

8 That the principall rendring himselfe att any tyme after Bayle putt in or before or on the day of appearance of the Scire facias returned Scire feci or the second Scire facias returned niehill or in Case ther shalbe any acc'on of Debt brought vpon the Bond or Recognizance ags^t the Bayle then if the principall shall come and render himselfe vpon or before the prosses returned served noe further p'ceedings to bee had ags^t the Bayle.

9 That in all Causes & Cases where the pl^t shall not declare the first terme after the Arrest made (and Com'on Bayle or Spetiall Bayle Entred as the Cause or Case shall require as aforesaid) The Def^t Entring a Rule for the pl^t to Declare the pl^t shall bee nonsuited—and the Defend^t shall have reasonable Costes ags^t him

10 The Defend^t shall have six dayes to give in his plea after the pl^{ts} Declaration delivered—And after issue Joyned the pl^t shall give to the Defend^t reasonable notice of tryall, that is if in Case the Defend^t lives wthin the Countys of Essex & Middx and the tryall to be in either of those Countys—eight days notice, Exclusive, and if in the Countys of Bergen or Monmouth and the Tryalls to be had in either of the Countys of Essex or Middx fourtene days notice of tryall Exclusive.

11 That every first day of terme the Justices or Judges of the Court shall according to their direc'on appoint and sett vp in writing one or more days for tryalls of Causes the first to be sixteene dayes att least from the first day of the Terme that all p'sons may be p^rpared

In Case the pl^t shall give to the Defend^t notice of Tryall as aforesaid and shall not wthin reasonable tyme forbid the same, but the Defend^t shall attend the Tryall to his Costs, the Court may alow the Defend^t his reasonable Costes for the Same

In Case the pl^t after issue Joyned shall refuse to goe to Tryall the Terme after issue Joyned nor shall discontinue his acc'on on Record Then the Defend^t moveing the Court to p'ceed may bring on the Cause by p'viso to Tryall, And if the pl^t be nonsuite att Tryall or discontinue his acc'on the Defend^t shall bee allowed reasonable Costes

That all process and writts issueing out of this Court shalbe made in the name of the Governor & p'prieto^{rs} of the p'vince of East New Jersey, Directed to the Sheriffe, Com'anding him in the kings name to Arrest sum'on Attach &c the Defend^t &c and sealed by the seale of the p'vince and Tested by the Governor or Deputy Governor for the tyme being

The house of Deputyes Concent to these Rules above written no otherwise then vntill the next gen'rall Assembly wthin w^{ch} our experience may informe vs soe as either to Continue them or to vrge alterac'on

p. order of the house of Deputyes

ISAAC WHITEHEAD Clerk to Dep^{ts}
Justices

Justices of the peace for the severall Courts of Sessions and other officers appointed wthin the severall Countys wthin this p[']vince to hold Duranto bene plito

FOR THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

Essex Justices of the peace	}	Coll Lewis Morris	} of the Quorum	
		Captn Berry		
		Captn Palmer		
		Captn Sandford		
		Lawrence Andross		
		Benj ⁿ Price		
		Sam ^l : Wilson		
		L ^t John Ward		
		Henry Lyon		
		Benj ⁿ Parkis		
		Thomas Johnson		} James Emott Clerk of the County Courts
		Isaac Whitehead &		
Elias Mackillson				

Isaac Kingsland High Sheriffe of the County

Captn John Baker Coronor of the County

FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDX

Middx Justices of the peace	}	Coll Lewis Morris	} of the Quorum	
		Captn Berry		
		Captn Palmer		
		Captn Sandford		
		Lawrence Andross		
		Benj ^a Price		
		Sam ^l Dennis		
		Ed ^w Slater		
		James Gyles		
		John Bishop Jun ^r &		} John Pike Jun ^r Clerk of the County Courts
		Benj ^a Hull		
		Thomas Codrington		

Samuel Moore High Sheriffe of the County

Thomas Blumfield Coronor of the County

For

FOR THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

Monmouth Jus- tices of the peace	}	Coll Lewis Morris	} of the Quorum	
		Captn Berry		
		Captn Palmer		
		Captn Sandford		
		Lawrence Andresse		
		Benj ^a Price		
		John Bowne		
		John Hans		
		Peeter Wilson		} Rich Gardner Clerk of the County Courts
		Joseph Parker &		
John Throgmorton				

Richard Hartshorne High Sheriffe of the County

Richard Lippingcott Coroner of the County

FOR THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

Bergen Justices of the peace	}	Coll Lewis Morris	} of the Quorum	
		Captn Berry		
		Captn Palmer		
		Captn Sandford		
		Lawrence Address		
		Benj ^a Price		
		Nicholas Bagard		
		Claud Arentson		
		Hans Dederisky		} Will Dougles Clerke of the County Courts
		Enock Mackillson		
Abraham Vohirty				

Michael Smith High Sheriffe of the County

William Lawrence Coroner of the County

Agreed that Com'issions bee issued forth by the Deputy Governor to Com'issionate all & every the p'sons above named for the respective offices and places respectively expressed, And that he grant to them Com'issions respectively vnder the seale of the p'vince to be signed by the Deputy Governor

Justices of the Court of Com'on Right

The Governor or Deputy Governor for the tyme being
Sam^l Groome one of the p'prietors & Surveyor Gen'all

All the Members of the Councill Excepting Captn Sandford

John Bowne	}	James Emott Clerk John Warren Marshall
Sam ^l Dennis		
Henry Lyon &		
Benj ^a Parkis		

Captn

Captn William Sandford the King's Attorney Generall for this p'vince

Ordered and Agreed that respective Com'issions be made and graunted for the Judges of this Court under the seale of this p'vince & Signed by the Deputy Governor

A Bill to p'hibitt Rudenesse & Irreligious Excercises of the first day of the weeke—Read and agreed to be passed the Deputyes Concurr there^{wth}

The petition of Thomas Young here read—desireing redresse agst the taking away the meadow lyeing betweene him and the Creek—w^{ch} matters altho true yet it's not in the power of the Council to Redresse but he may take his due Course of Law

All the Acts of this Sessions Transcribed and the Deputyes being here p^rsent Agreed that the same be signed & Authentick Coppyes sent to every County in this p'vince

Adjourned to 7 A Clock next second day moorneing

Att a Council held the 26th of March Anno.Dni 1863

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governor	} of the Counc:
	Coll Lewis Morris	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Benj ⁿ a Price	

A Bill sent from the Deputyes to vacat the Entries of some p^rtended Records made & Entred by Rob^t Vicars read amended and Agreed to be sent vp wth amendm^{ts}

A Bill Entitled an Act directing subscriptions by Magistrates and ministers of Justice—Read and agreed it be sent vp to the Deputyes Captn Berry Captn Palmer & Coll Morris to Carry vp the two Bills

A Bill to Rectifie abuses in some late Records sent vp from the Deputyes amended here Transcribed and ordered that it be signed & sent vp to the Deputyes wth the Bill last above mentioned

A Message from the Deputyes desireing our Concurrence to the bill long since sent Downe to Disenable &c Sam^l Etsall and Rob^t vauquellin—the said Bill being read amended & Transcribed & ordered that it bee subscribed by the Dt Governor & sent to the Deputyes

A Bill sent downe from the Deputyes relateing to the Countreyes publick debts, w^{ch} being read was Transcribed and amended

amended and Entitled an Act in order to the satisfac'on of the publick debts of this p'vince, Agreed and Ordered that it be signed & sent to the Deputyes by Captn Berry & Captn Palmer

A Message from the Deputyes to desire the word ligall to be put out of the Bill to w^{ch} the Councill did Concurr

Ordered that a Message be sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrance to two bills now before them sent hence viz^t A Bill Entitled An Act to enable the freeholders to p'pose & agree divers orders relateing to fenceing and the like, A Bill to p'hibitt Arbitrary p'ceedure before the Governour and Council

A Bill to rectife abuses in some late Records sent here from the Deputyes, wth their Concurrancy

The house of Deputyes here in free debate p'posed and Agreed some amendm^{ts} in the Bill

Adjourned to 7 A Clock to morrow: moorneing

Att a Councill held the 27th of March Anno Dni 1688

p ^r sent	The D ^t Governour	}	p ^r
	Sam ^l Groome		
	Coll Lewis Morris	}	of the Counc.
	Captn Berry		
	Captn Palmer		
	Captn Sandford		
	Benj ^a Price		

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes titled an Act in order to satisfie the publick debts of this p'vince, To w^{ch} the Governour and Counc: cannot Concurr and offer for reasons as followeth, first for order:

1st The Deputyes yesterday sent here a Bill to the subject matter of this Bill to w^{ch} this board made their amendm^{ts} & returne the Bill yesterday

2 It has bin vsual for dispatch of business if one house has p^rsent a Bill, the other has offered amendm^{ts} to w^{ch} if the other has not agreed a Conference has bin desired, and reasons offered for and against the amendm^{ts}

2 In Case the Councill & Deputyes after a Bill p^rsent by one house & amendments made in another, agree not to Con-
ferr

ferr but draw new Bills it may bee thence allowed wthout
lymitt & nothing don but p'senting one Bill for another

4 As to the matter of the Bill now sent differing from the
Bill sent hence to the Deputyes yesterday. This Bill now sent
is defective in these p'ticulars

1st The Bill Insinuates that the p'vince is Indebted and
makes out no debt—Nothing appearing to us that the p'vince
was indebted but in the Quitt Rents—all other demands ap-
peare not on Record, And it's a maxim in Reason that it's the
same thing not to bee as not appeare to bee

2 The Debts ought to be p'ved else the p'vince not to be
Charged therwth

3 The Debts ought to be p'ved in a Court of Record that
they may there remaine for Justification of Just demands and
Impeachm^{ts} of Cheates if any bee offered to abuse the publicke

4 A Constable is not made by any Act of Assembly a Court
of Record, nor a Judiciall but a ministeriall officer, he Cannot
trye any petty Causes, nor has bin thought meet to be a
Magistrate but only a minister or Servant in the petty Courts

5 The Deputyes are not a Court of Record distinct from the
Governor and Councill, So noe opp'tunity nor Capacity to take
p'ofe of such Debts

6. for the gen'all Assembly to approve of Accompts as Just
or not Just debts before proof made or opp'tunity offered for
p'sons to proof them, seems verry irregular & agst reason—for
w^{ch} reasons wee Adhere to the Bill sent vp wth our amendm^{ts}
yesterday and Concurr not wth this new Bill. Agreed that
Captn Palmer and Captn Berry carry vp the same Reasons

A Bill read here for the Coroners & Constables Subscrip-
c'ons for faithfull p'formance of their offices read & ordered to
be signed and sent vp to the Deputyes by Captn Berry &
Benjⁿ Price

A Message from the Deputyes being an Answer to o^{rs} yes-
terday sent for their Concurrence to 2 Bills before them the
Consideration thereof Deferred till afternoone this day

A Message from the Deputyes in writing viz^t

March 27th 1683 Ordered by this house to send downe two of their Members to the Governor & Councill to acquainte them that the house will wait upon them forthwth in order to an Adjournment of this Assembly.

Message brought by Sam^l Moore & Joseph Parker,

A Bill for the office of Coroner and Constable brought vp from the Deputyes in w^{ch} the [they] Concurr

Ordered that the Bills past by the Governor Councill & Deputyes be Transcribed & sent vnder the seale of the p^vince to every County

Vpon debate & Consideration of some tyme of Adjournem^t, It's ordered & agreed by mutuall desire and Consent of the Deputyes, That the gen[']all Assembly bee Adjourned to the ninth day of May next, & the said gen[']all Assembly are Adjourned to the ninth day of May next Then to sett for the publick affaires of this p^vince at Eliz: Towne

Att a Councill held the 28th day of March Anno Dni 1683

p ['] sent The D ^{ty} Governor	} of the Counc :
Sam ^l Groome	
Captn Berry	
Captn Palmer	
Benj ^a Price	

Agreed & Ordered, That all Com[']issions made & granted to the Justices of the Court of Com[']on Right and Justices of the peace of all Countyes & to keepe County Courts & Justices to keepe Courts for tryall of petty Causes and all Com[']issions for Sheriffes Coroners, Clerkes of the peace & other officers w^{ch} are & shalbe Com[']issionated by the Councill or order of Councill shalbe made & graunted vnder the seale of the p^vince & signed by the Deputy Governor onely

It's agreed & Ordered that Every Clerk appointed for the respective County Courts shall from and after they have made such Subscripc[']on as is directed by Act of gen[']all Assembly make out writts & p[']cesses agst any p[']son for any matter or thing, (Criminall Causes excepted) Subscribed by their owne names to appear and Answer to any p[']son or matter in the said Courts, And from & after the next Sessions or County Courts they shall signe or subscribe them (By the Court)

Whereas

Whereas there are severall writeings vnder the hands and Seales of the Earle of Bath, S^r Edward Atkins &c the Trustees of, S^r George Carterett Deceased & vnder the hand & seale of the Lady Caterett not onely the Conveyances of this p^rvince to the p^rsent p^rrietors thereof, but also gen^rall Com^rissions orders and Direc^rions to Captn Phillip Caterett Late Governor of this p^rvince & the then Secretary and Surveyor Gen^rall of this p^rvince, and the said Governors Council and also to the Inhabitants of this p^rvince w^{ch} are not duely Entred on Record as the [they] ought to have bin, but are now in the possession & keeping of the Deputy Governor of this p^rvince,—And inas-much as severall thereof are of much Concerne as well to the Inhabitants & planters as to the p^rsent p^rrietors of this p^rvince—It's therefore ordered and Agreed that the Same be duely Entred on Record by the Deputy Secretary to secure and p^rpetuate the Knowledge thereof and that the like Entries be made of all late orders Com^rissions & direc^rions for the p^rsent p^rrieto^{rs}

The Com^rission for the Justices of peace for the County of Bergen sealed and Delivered this day to Captn Berry for safe Conveyance

The Com^rission for the Sheriffe and also for the Clerk of the same County Sealed and given alsoe to Captn Berry for safe Conveyance

An orig^rnall letter from the Earle of Bath & Lady Carterett Dated the 28th of June 1682, directed and sent to Captn Phillip Carterett late Governor—and now brought here by Sam^l Groome from the hands of Captn Vicars—It's ordered that the said letter wth the other writeings & things before menc^roned bee Recorded, And that the said orig^rnall letter bee delivered into the Deputy Governor for Safe keeping thereof

Ordered that to the Justices or members nominated for the Court of Com^ron Right, Thomas Codrington and Sam^l Wilson be added to make vp the number twelve according to the Act of the gen^rall Assembly and Henry Lyon in respect of other office wherein hee is placed is ordered to be excused from this Service

The p^rsons to heare and Determine Cases in the Respective Courts for small Causes

Claes Arents	}	Bergen
Hans Dedercks		
Enock Machielson		

Henry Lyon	}	Elizabeth Town
Benj ^a Parkis		
Isaac Whitehead		

Sam^l

Sam ^l Dennis	}	Woodbridge
John Bishop Jun ^r		
Sam ^l Hulls		
Edw: Slater	}	Piscattaway
John Gillman		
Benj ^a Hull		
John Bowne	}	Middletowne
John Throgmorton		
James Grover		
Joseph Parker	}	Shwsebury
Peter Tilton		
John Hans		

It's agreed and Ordered that the respective p'sons above named shalbe Com'issionated to heare & Determine the small Causes in the above respective Townes and that Depty Governor make out distinct Com'issions for the Same & seale them by the seale of the p'vince signeing them wth his owne hand,

And that the respective p'sons Elect their owne Messinger and Clerke

Ordered that a warr^t be made and delivered by the Deputy Governor to the Surveyor Generall to layout wthin this p'vince in such place as he shall see meet not Intrenching vpon any mans interest or right Twenty four thousand Acres of land

That is to say to and for the use of every one of the Twenty four p'sent p'prietors one Thousand Acres and make Returne thereof to the Governor and Council

This is a True Journall of the p'cedure of the Deputy Governor & Council to this Day wherein all Matters comeing before them have bin duely Entred and the Minutes of all things [justly expressed] to the best of their knowledg Remembrance & understandinge

The 28th Day of
the 1^{mo} cald
March Anno
Dni 1683

THO RUDYARD

D^t Governor & p'pr

JOHN BERRY

J PALMER,

BEN: PRICE

Att

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Town according to the former Adjournm^t the 9th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Councill
	Co ^{ll} Lewis Morris	
	Captn John Palmer	
	Captn W ^m Sandford	
	Lawrence Andresse	
	Benj ⁿ Price	

This Day the Court of Com'on Right being held and the Members of the Councill Attending the same as Justices thereof, The Governor and Councill proceeded not to businesse but the Deputyes Attending this board 'twas agreed to Adjourne till tomorrow morning 7 A Clock and the Councill Adjourned accordingly

Att a Councill held the 10th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Councill
	Co ^{ll} Lewis Morris	
	Captn John Palmer	
	Captn W ^m Sandford	
	Captn Berry	
	Lawrence Andresse & Benj ^a Price	

Samuel Moore & Nathaniel fitzrandolph makeing applicac'on here and requesting to have the Administrac'on of the Estate of Captn James Bollon who Dyed intestate granted to them as guardians to the Children of the said Captn Bollen,

And Lawrence Andresse the late p^rtended Admi'strato^r to the said Estate Declareing that he dus absolutely renounce all p^rtence and Claime to the Adm'istrac'on thereof, It is Therefore Ordered that Samuel Moore and Nathaniel fitzrandolph bringing here the Children of the said Captn Bollen and they Chooseing them their guardians that their Adm'istrac'on be granted by the Deputy Governor to the said Moore and fitzrandolph dureing the minority of the said orphans according to the Due Course of Law, they bringing in here a perfect Inventory or appraisim^t of the said Intestates Estate to be recorded

Agreed and ordered, That the Deputy Governor Issue out his warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all to layout for Benjⁿ Price sen^r one of the Governors Councill the quantity of 270 Acres
of

of Land wthin the bounds of Elizabeth Towne or somuch thereof as has not of the number or quantity of Acres bin laid out to him by Robert Vauquillen the late Surveyor gen'all w^{ch} said Lands are granted him in Compensac'on of the heads he brought here at his first settlem^t in this province

The petic'on of Captn John Baker here read, And ordered that the like warr^t be granted to lay out 1200 Acres of Land for Captn John Baker in Elizabeth Town according as hee Desires in his petic'on

Samuel Moores petic'on to have the Lands granted him by order of Lord Bartlett and S^r George Carterett read, and after some Debate thereupon Agreed that the same bee cal'd over againe when Sam^l Groome is here in Councill

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes for the Orderly keeping of Swine read and after some Amendm^{ts} and Additions made it's agreed the same be Ingressed againe wth the same and sent back to the Deputyes for their Concurrence by Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford

The petic'on of John Shottwell being here read, and vpon reading thereof it being alledged that the Lands for w^{ch} he Desires a Survey and pattent is now or late in the possession of Elizabeth Caterett Widd : the Relict and Executrix of the late Governor Captn Philliph Cateret Deceased It's agreed that the ffurther Consideration thereof be Deferred till the next Seventh Day morneing being the 12th instant at 8 of the Clock in the fforenoone and that notice there be given to the widdow Cateret that she may then appeare, and if she as ought to allege ags^t the substance of the petic'on she may then be heard

Then Adjourned till tomorrow morneing 7 a Clock

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 11th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

The Deputy Governor & p'pr	} of the Councill
Thomas Warne p'pr	
Coll Lewis Morris	
Captn Berry	
Captn Palmer	
Captn Sandford	
Lawrence Andresse & Benj ⁿ Price	

A Bill Drawne vp and read, A Bill for makeing and setting of high wayes, passages, Bridges and fferryes wthin this province

ince and agreed the same be sent to the Deputyes by Benjⁿ Price and Lawrence Andresse

A. Message from the Deputyes as ffolloweth

The Request of the house of Deputyes is to Desire the Governor and Council to send a Coppy of the ffees of the Court of Com'on Right Samuel Dennis and Benjⁿ Parkis Messingers

Eliz Towne May 11th 1683

JOHN BOUND

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entitled an Act to Enable the ffreeholders of this province to propose and agree Divers orders relateing to the good and welfare of Each Towne

w^{ch} being read this board agreed on these exceptions to the p'ceeding thereon

1st This Board has allready had a bill from the house of Deputyes to the same affect to w^{ch} the Governor and Council has made some amendm^{ts} and sent it back to the Deputyes for their Concurrence w^{ch} bill still lyes wth them not returned here wth their Consent

2 There are other particular Bills now Depending for reme-dying the matters expressed in this Bill viz^t for that against hoggs and for makeing and setting out highwayes

3 In this Bill is a Clause, Dubious uncertaine and vnp'si-dentiall viz^t to settle and impose Town rates not only for the matters Contained in the said Bill—but alsoe for the like—w^{ch} word (and the like) are without lymit and uninteligable

4 The locall and prudentiall Lawes by the Townes to bee made not to Come under the Considerac'on of the Governor and Council, their Lawes may be such as may oppose and contradict the Acts of the gen'all Assembly—The lib'tys p'per-tyes and ffranchises of the planters and Inhabitants of this province and may be of Dangerous Consequence to the Gov-ernment

Thereupon it's Ordered that the Depuytes be Desired a ffree Conference upon the subject matter above expressed and that
the

the Deputyes will Attend it between three and ffour this After-
noone, and Captn Palmer and Captn Berry are Desired to
acquainte the Deputyes therewth

Captn Berry and Captn Palmer give account that the
Deputyes will give Answer to the Message by their owne
messingers at the tyme above p^rfixed

A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth
viz^t

That forasmuch as Captn Robert Vicars, Captn Henry
Greenland M^r Robert Vauquillen and M^r Sam^l Edsall were
p^rsented by Bills to the Grand Inquest as persons guilty of
Crimes or evil and illegall practices w^{ch} tended to the great
Disturbance of the peace and quiett of the p^rvince to the
apparent Damage of severall Inhabitants and Contrary to the
peace of our Sovereigne Lord, the King, his Crown and
Dignity, the w^{ch} Bills are ffound by the grand Jury true Bills,
Resolved by this house of Deputyes now sitting that ffour of
their Members namely Samuell Dennis, Samuell Moore, Thomas
Johnson and Benjⁿ Parkis, Doe repaire to the Governor and
Councill and there in the behalfe of all the Com[']ons of this
province Desire that the above named Robert Vicars, Henry
Greenland, Samuell Edsall and Robert Vauquillen may be by
some Due means safely secured in Order they may be brought
to Answer to the p^rmisses

Eliz Towne }
May 11th } 1683

p Order of the house
JOHN BOUND

Vpon Consideration of the p^rmises it's agreed that Captn
Robert Vicars as already secured by sufficient Bayle given by
him to Answer the p^rmises

Whereas by the gen[']all Concessions of this province of East
New Jersey amongst other things it is provided that the Con-
stables of the said province shall Collect the Lords Rents and
shall pay the same to the Receiver that the Lords should
appoint to receive the same unlesse the gen[']all Assembly should
p^rsente some other way whereby the Lords might have their
Rents Duely Collected wthout Charge or Trouble to them, It
is therefore ordered by the Governor and Councill that Captn
Berry and Captn Palmer attend the Deputyes and Recom[']end
to them their Case in the p^rmisses, That such Care may be taken
for the Collecting and payment of the said Quit rents as may
Answer the p^rscription and Direc[']on given in the said Con-
cessions

A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth viz^t

By the house of Deputyes in Answer to what this Day was Desired by the Governor and Council Relateing to a ffree Conference, Wee Desire that either wth respect to what is before yo^r hono^{rs} or as occac'on may require for the future there may be a Com'ittee Chosen by both houses to Debate the same, Messengers Richard Hartshorne Samuel Dennis Joseph Parker & John Gillman

Eliz Towne
May 11th 1683

p. order of the House
JOHN BOUND

Vpon Consideration of the Message from the Deputyes now Delivered here in Answer to that of the Governor and Council this Day sent them It's ordered there bee a Com'ittee of not lesse than ffoure p'sons appointed from the Governor and Council to meet a Com'ittee of the Deputyes to Debate of such matters as now are or shall Come before them And that for the more expeditious Dispatch of business it's agreed and p'posed that the same Com'ittees meet Dayly in ffree Conference between the houres of Three and ffoure every afternoone at the house of the Deputy Governor, And that the Deputyes be Desired to send downe here the names of their Com'ittee that this board may also nominate and send to them the names of the Com'ittee to bee here appointed, And it's ordered that Captn Palmer Captn Berry and Captn Sandford Carry up this Message

A Bill for the better p'ceedings of County Courts sent here from the Deputyes, w^{ch} being read and Considered it's ordered that this board Concurr therewth and that the same be signed by the Deputy Governor

Captn Palmer's petition being here read, it's ordered & agreed that the Deputy Governor, Issue out a Warr^t to the Surveyor Gen'all to Devide the Tract of Land cal'd Rariton lyeing on the North side of the Rariton River w^{ch} the said Captn Palmer Thomas Codrington and others lately purchased of the Indians into Eight Equall p'ts in order that the same may be afterwards disposed of by pattents according to right

A Third Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth vizt

In Answer to an order of the Governor and Council Delivered to this house by Captn Palmer Captn Berry and Captn Sandford

It

It is Consented and agreed that there be a Com'ittee of ffour p'sons appointed from the Governor and Council and ffive of this house to meet Dayly for Debateing of such matters as now are or shall Come before them and that for the more expeditious Dispatch of business the said Com'ittee to meet Dayly between the houres of three and ffour every afternoone the said Members of the said Com'ittee to be Dayly Chosen as each house shall see Cause and the Com'ittee themselves to appoint their owne places of meeting

(p order of the house

JOHN BOUND

Messengers Henry Lyon and Joseph Parker

Eliz Towne May 11th 1683

Vpon Considerac'on of the Message here sent from the Deputyes by Henry Lyon and Joseph Parker relateing to a Com'ittee of both houses, It's the sence of this house

1st That the Deputyes Denyall of a ffree Conference at the Desire of this board is unpsidentiaall and the first of that kind that ever has bin Deny'd in this province, and the same appeares to be more strange for that open and ffree Conferences wth this board and whole house of Deputyes are most effectuall for Dispatch of busines, ffull vnderstanding of the sence of Either house, and most gen'all satisfac'on to all persons that are Desireous of Expediteing matters in the gen'all Assembly and p'vents misreportes and Errors w^{ch} may happen by mistakeing or in rendring the sence of Either house otherwise than Intended

2 But this board Desireing rather a Delatory dispatch then noe effecting of businesse wth the Deputyes have receded from our first modest request, and Condisconding to a Dayly Committee of Both houses and have sent a Message to that our purpose that this board will appoint persons not lesse then ffour Dayly to attend

3 But to be Lymitted by the Deputyes to the number of ffour and to meete the number of ffive of the Deputyes and to be obliged to Choose our Com'ittee Dayly—and to meet as ffour of this house and ffive of the Deputyes house shall Dayly agree, is p'scribeing such Lawes to this board
as

as belongs not to the house of Deputyes—being neither Customary nor warrented by any authority Law or p^rsi-
 dent, And it's the sence of this board that as either
 house have alwayes had the priviledge to appoint such
 and soe many for a Com'ittee as they see meet and as
 this board Lymittes not the Deputyes, Soe this house ought
 not to bee imposed vpon or Lymitted And this house
 adheres to their Last Message. In Case the Deputyes agree
 not to our first request of a ffree Conference as were had at
 our Last Sessions w^{ch} had a gen'all good effect for the Dispatch
 of business then passed by vs in gen'all Assembly Ordered
 that Co^{ll} Morris Captn Berry Captn Palmer & Captn Sandford
 carry vp this Message

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 12th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor & p ^r pr	
	Thomas Warne one of the p ^r pr	
	Co ^{ll} Lewis Morris .	} of the Councill
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Lawrence Andresse &	
	Benj ^a Price	

A Remonstrance Delivered in here by Edward Slater and
 John Gillman the Deputyes of Piscattaway by order and wth
 the Consent of the Towne of Piscattaway,—And Edward
 Slater and John Gillman being here p^rsent and after some Con-
 siderable Conference and Debate, they being offered to have
 the bound of their Township or Desired Township Survey'd,
 they aprov'd not thereto soe this board Could not p^rceed vpon
 the matter p^rsented

Another petic'on from the same persons for some meadows
 to be layed to their Township read and defered to some other
 opp'tunity of Debate

Ordered that one Bond of Captn William Sandford bound
 to the King in [?]^{1b} wth Condic'on to p^rsecute John Johnson
 Dated the eight of July 1682 be Delivered vp to Captn Sand-
 ford

Ordered that one other Bond wherein John Berry is bound
 to the king in [?]^{1b} wth Condic'on to be of the good behaviour
 &c Dated the second November 1681 be Also Delivered up to
 Captn Berry

A Message from the Deputyes in Writing as followeth

The Com'ittee appointed by the house of Deputyes for Debating things wth a Com'ittee from the Governor and Councill namely Richard Hartshawne Sam^l Dennis Benjⁿ Parkis Edward Slater and John Curtis

Eliz Towne }
May 12th 1683 }

p order of the house
JOHN BOUND

It's ordered and agreed that there may be noe Defect on the part of this house to the Dispatch of Matters lyeing before vs, That this whole board—viz^t the Deputy Governor and all the Councill resolve into a Com'ittee to meete and Debate Matters wth the Com'ittee of the Deputyes and are ready to meet this afternoone at the house of the Deputy Governor, between the hours of three and ffour, And that Benjⁿ Price carry up this Message to the Deputyes

The Matter of John Shottwells petic'on came here into Debate and the Widdow Carterett being alsoe here p^rsent and in writeing gave in two papers as her Answer to the substance of the said petic'on and it being asked the said Widdow Carterett if shee Desired any tyme to offer or object anything agst the substance of the petic'on shee said shee had noe further answer then what shee gave in writeing, And it appeareing that Abraham Shottwell was the possessor occupant Cleerer and improver of the Land menc'oned in the petition And that John Shottwell is the said Abraham Shottwells Sonne and heire—It's therefore agreed and ordered that the Deputy Governor issue out a Warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all and his Deputy to Survey the same Lands and make returne Thereof in order that the said Shottwell may have a pattent thereof according to the Concessions

Ordered and agreed that Lawrence Andresse have Lib'ty to goe home returning here next second Day at eight A Clocke in the moorneing

The petic'on of James Graham and Sam^l Winder for themselves and Associates read. It's ordered that the Deputy Governor make a warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all to Survey the said Land in Order the same may bee pattented to the p'sons haveing right to the same and make returne thereof to the Governor and Councill

Then the Governor and Councill resolved into a Com'ittee in Order to a Debate wth sev'all Members of the house of Deputyes

A Conference wth the Com'ittee appointed by the Deputyes vpon the Bill to Enable freeholders to p'pose and agree Divers orders &c at w^{ch} Conference was offered the reasons and objections by vs Entered to the Bill yesterday. Their members returned saying the would reporte the Same to their house

It's ordered that p'cesse be made out in the Court of Com'on Right agst Sam^l Etsall, Robert Vauquillen and Henry Greenland in pursuance of the Message sent here yesterday from the house of Deputyes

It's agreed that Captn Sandford have lib'ty to go home returning next second Day morneing by 9 A Clocke

Agreed that Co^l Morris and Captn Palmer have Lib'ty to go home this Day

Adjourn'd till next Second Day morneing 8 A Clocke

Att a Councill held the 14th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent	The Deputy Governor & prop'r	
	Sam ^l Groome &	} p'pr
	Thomas Warne	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Sandford	
	Lawrence Andresse &	
	Benj ^a Price	} of the Counc:

The petition of John Gillman and Edward Slater in behalfe of Piscattaway—for to have a parcell of meadow on the South side of the Raritan River to be laid out to the Inhabitance of Piscattaway,—It's ordered and agreed that a Warrant be Issued by the Deputy Governor to the Surveyor gen'all to Survey and view the said Meadows and Lands Adjacent and make reporte thereof to this board that such further order may be made w^{ch} may either fully Answer the petic'one^rs Desire, or that they may know the positive Answer of the Governor and Councill in this matter to the Contrary

The petic'on of Jane Ogden Widd: read, the same being for 300 Acres of Land in Elizabeth Towne in right of John Ogden her late husband w^{ch} shee alledges to bee in right and pursuance of a Towne order for w^{ch} John Ogden had a warr^t 29th Oct 1678,—vpon inspection of the Records wee find noe such warr^t, but a warr^t for 300 Acres in pursuance of the gen'all Concessions—in w^{ch} respect the petitione^r is mistaken soe the Councill cannot Answer the same as Desired

The petic'on of Robert Shrevs Blacksmith, came a Servant into this province in the yeare 1675,—Desires he may have Land

Land laid out according to the Concessions. Vpon Consideration thereof it's agreed that the old Concessions make noe p'vision for Land for Servants in the yeare 1675,—Soe cannot order him any Land but referr him to the now Lords p'prietors and the Concessions by them published

The petic'on of Joseph Ogden for 90 Acres of Land and meadow in p'portion, wthin the bounds of Elizabeth Towne, Desiring to have the same as hee has pitcht vpon formerly—It's ordered that Joseph Ogden give an accompt to this board wherefore the late Surveyor gen'all Executed not a Warr^t of this quantity of Land the 27th Oct 1676, And alsoe of the Land he pitches vpon the Councill may give their further resolution in the p^rmises

A Message from the Deputyes in writing viz^t

The Answer of the house that was appointed to meet ffour or more of the Councill the 12th of this instant in a Com[']itte to Debate the Bill about Enableing the Townes to make locall and prudential orders

ffirst wee say that the Bill sent before to yo^u at our last sitting was Sufficiently answered, as to the second wee are willing hoggs should be excepted, To the third wee Consent that the words (and the like) should bee left out: ffourth our Bill not mentioning Lawes there is noe roome for such objections and as to Towne orders it's a thing verry Customary

Eliz Towne }
May 14th 1683 }

p. order of the house
JOHN BOUND

Sam^l Moore }
Joseph Parker } Messengers

In answer to the Deputyes Message to vs now sent by Sam^l Moore and Joseph Parker, It's the sence of the Governor and Councill

1 That if the Bill sent before to vs at our last meeting be Sufficiently Answered, then noe neede of this Bill for the matters p^rvided for in this Bill are all the same and noe more then in the former—for killing of woolves in each Towne or Country onely excepted, But for makeing and maintaineing good and sufficient fences and to p^rvent Damages w^{ch} may bee don by horses Cattle and other Stock in the Com'on high wayes

wayes Cornefields and meadows and for making bridges laying out high wayes and keeping the same in repaire and for making Towne Rates for the Defraying of Charges that may arise vpon the aforementioned occac'ons—are all expressly p'vided for in the former Bill now Depending wth the Deputyes —w^{ch} matters if they be fully answered ther's no neede for this Bill as it's now made but only a p'vision for killing of woolves in w^{ch} particular onely the other is Defective

2 As to the Dep'tys Answer to the 2^d and 3^d Article of our Exceptions for leaveing out the p'vision ag^t hoggs and expelling the words (and the like) answers the sence of this Board

3 As to the Deputyes Answer to our ffourth exception, it's the sence of this board it's not answered but onely evaded, they being Criticall upon the word Lawes for the word orders—For the Deputyes Bill instead of by lawes expressing themselves in other Terms and calling them orders Alters not the sence but orders to have the force of Lawes, and to be put in execuc'on as Lawes, and the Infringers of them to be sued at Law and punished for the breach in Courts of Justice are equally Lawes in those Townships as any Lawes of this province are to the gen'all not improv'ly but p'perly called Lawes, And the Deputyes calling those Agreem^{ts} Orders as they Doe in their Bill is imp'per, the word orders being not p'perly appropriable to agreem^{ts} of any Towne or Incorporated body of people, but only to the Councill Board and Courts of Justice—all other Determinac'ons in Townshippes are called By Lawes and so are agreem^{ts} this Day of all the Corporac'ons in England, so much as the great City of London

4 Wee must againe repeate as formerly vpon the Same occac'on, that it has been vsuall for Dispatch of busines in the gen'all Assembly—if one house has p'sented a Bill the other has offered amendm^{ts} to the w^{ch} if the other has not agreed a Conference has bin Desired and reasons offered for or ag^t the amendm^{ts}

5 In Case the Deputyes or Councill after a Bill p'sented by one house and amendm^{ts} offered by the other—Agrec not to Conferr but Draw new Bills and lay the former aside, it will p'vent all Dispatch of Busines, and allows vs to p'sent one Bill for an other and Dispatch none

6 It's the sence of this board that such p'ceedure is Con-
trary

trary to the Due Course of Law agst, the orders of gen'all Assemblys, And tends to Disorder and Confusion

7 This sitting of the Assembly is but a Continuance of our former Session by Adjournment and noe new Session, and the former Bill being in force wth the Deputyes this board desires their Concurrance thereto or a ffree conference in both houses freely to Debate the matters that it may come to a speedy and effectuall Determinac'on,—Benj^a Price is ordered to Carry this Message to the Deputyes

A Message from the Deputyes in writinge as followeth, viz^t

The house of Deputyes by their Messingers Do acquainte the Governor and Councill that they have appointed M^r Harts-horne M^r Moore Benj^a Parkis, Joseph Parker and Edward Slater to meete so many of the Councill as shall be appointed to meet them in a Com'ittee and are ready to waite upon them

May 14th 83|

p. order of the house
JOHN BOUND

John Gillman } Messingers
Elias Machielson }

It's ordered that Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Lawrence Andresse meete the Com'ittee of Deputyes upon a free Conference and to Conferr in such place as they see meete making a reporte to this board of the subject matter thereof

The Members of the Councill above named reporte that the Members from the house of Deputyes desire from this board the Bill for setling of ffees

2 The Bill for warr^{ts} from the County Courts

3 The Bill for locall and prudentiall orders—the former Bill extinct per their Answer the Charge to be more then the benefitt

4 The Desire of the Deputyes wth respect to Towne orders for fenceing and maintaining them,—Bridges high wayes, building
and

and repaireing Mills and suf. encouragm^t for killing of Woolves making rates for defraying of Charges of the above p'ticulars and for maintenance of the peace if need be to p'vent Damage by Geese, The Governor and Council to Draw up what they thinke fitt for the said p'ticular

Then Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 15th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Council
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Sandford	
	Lawrence Andresse & Benj ^a Price	

Vpon Considerac'on of the Report from the Com'ittee yesterday as to the first Article—It's the sence and appears to this board,—That by the Act for the establishing the Court of Com'on Right, the Members or Justices of that Court are to settle the ffees thereof, who are the most p'per p'sons and Judges in that concerne as it is in England and that there is no Bill before vs for that purpose neither any sent to vs from the Deputys

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth vizt

A Reply to the Governor and Councils message sent to us by Benj^a Price the 14th 3^m 1683

To the first It's the sence of this house the former Bill is sufficiently Answered as appears by the Governor and Council desireing a Conference upon the other Bill

To the Third wee say as before Towne orders are a thing verry Customary in such places as are of the same Constituc'on and as for London to be a p'sident for this place) can in reason be thought no farther a p'sident than it agrees wth the Constituc'on of this place as to ffences woolves Cattle and the like

To the ffourth it's the sence of this house, where there is not a Concurring by both houses it possibly may be a hindrance but both houses agreeing no Roome for objection, and So Consequently needs noe Answer to the application

To the ffifth wee ever looke as needing no Answer and So Consequently the 6th as being a Relative

To the 7th wee not Denying it a Continuance of the former Session

Session the assertion is uselesse (as to the former bill being in force wth the Deputyes) the Bill can be no more in force than a Bill fully answered and this house accepts of a free Conference wth the Councill as to the p^rmisses in our last Bill

Eliz Towne }
15 3-m 1683 }

p. order of the house
JOHN BOUND

Messingers Thomas Johnson
and Sam^l Moore

Vpon Considerac^on of the Deputyes reply this day sent by Thomas Johnson and Sam^l Moore to the Message from us yesterday,—This board cannot but be Senceable of the great Day-lay in Dispatch of busines in gen^l Assembly principally occasioned for want of a Daly ffree Conference by the whole Members of the gen^l Assembly w^{ch} practice in the former sitting of this Assembly was found not onely a meanes for a good vnderstanding but tended much to the Speedy Dispatch of business, the gen^l Assembly then passing more Acts wth full Consent in one Day, then now in a weeke—But the Deputyes seeing Cause to refuse the Request of the Governor and Councill in that p^ticular, This board is willing and Desireous in this way of writeing between both houses how delatory soever to give the Deputyes all possible satisfac^on say

As to the first Article of Reply viz^t the former Bill is Sufficiently Answered by the Governor and Councill's Desireing a free Conference upon the other Bill—w^{ch} the Deputyes say is the sence of their house—To w^{ch} the Governor and Councill say that it is their sence y^t y^e Deputyes are under a great mistake in the matter—And this board is fully satisfied that never any message was this Session sent to the Deputyes Desireing a p^ticular Conference on the 2^d Bill or a Conference on the 2^d Bill p^ticularly—The Messages hence have bin ffour—The ffirst of the 11th Instant Desired a free Conference on the subject matter expressed in excep^on w^{ch} was not to p^rceed on this Bill but on the former

The 2^d Message of the same Day was for a free Conference on all matters then Depending or to Depend w^{ch} can nowise bee Construed to exclude the ffirst Bill and p^rceed vpon the second.

The Third Message of the same Day is to desire a ffree Conference and refers to the former

The 4th Message of the 14th Desires a free Conference in the p^rmisses w^{ch} was on onr excep^on, whereof one is agst the Second Bill and p^rceeding on the ffirst

To

To the Deputyes 2^d Article of Reply it's the sence of this board that an except'on agst a p'ticular in the Bill sent wth Articles that excepts agst all the Bill is noe accepting the Bill or condiscending to it, but fortifyes our gen'all except'on,* wth Argum^{ts} is as if a man were Charged wth a Trespasse and felony—If I charge him wth trespasse he's innocent as to the higher Crime

As to the Deputyes 3, 4 & 5th Articles—it's the sence of this board that there needs no other Answer but referr them againe to those 3, 4, & 5th Articles, of ours, to w^{ch} their's is sent as reply—

As to the 7th If the former Bill be fully Answered soe are all the Matters therein contained but it's an argum^t the Bill is not fully Answered the 2^d Bill sent Desireing our Answer or Concurrence to the same matters—Againe if such answers as the Deputyes give to the former Bill or alledge they have given is legall, Customary usuall or according to the Custome of the gen'all Assembly wee desire p^rsidents in the Case—The Deputyes say they accept of a ffree Conference wth the Councill as to the p^rmises in the last Bill—To w^{ch} the Councill Answers that the never desired such a Conference but on the except'on w^{ch} are the p^rmisses and to Debate ffreely on all matters Depending before the gen'all Assembly and such Conference this board renews their desire to the Deputyes to Concurr in, for speedy Dispatch and for a fair vnderstanding of matters before the gen'all Assembly ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford carry up this Message

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth, viz^t

An Answer to an order from Governor and Councill brought to this house by Captn Palmer and Captn Berry

Whereas, those Concessions of New Jersey, or Nova Cesaria make mention concerneing the Constables gathering the p^rprietor^s Rents so likewise the [they] make mention that the gen'all Assembly shall p^rscribe the Quantities of Land w^{ch} Shall from tyme to tyme bee allotted to every head &c It is the sence of this house, that it's contrary to reason for any man to be an other mans Servant wthout his Consent, much more for any man to be Compelled to serve another man and the Master not to be Compelled to satisfie him for his Service

Benjⁿ Parkis & }
Elias Mekellson } Messingers

p order of the house
JOHN BOUND

Adjourned to 7 a Clock to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 16th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

pr'sent	The Deputy Governor & p'pr	} of the Councill
	Thomas Warne p'pr	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Sandford	
	Lawrence Andresse	
	Benj ^a Price	

Ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford goe to the Deputyes and acquaint them it's the desire of this board that the Deputyes forthwth attend this board

The Deputyes Came here wth whome wee had a free Debate for some tyme. And the Deputyes returned to their house

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth viz^t

This house desires by their Messengers Henry Lyon and Benj^a Parkis, That the Governor and Councill will appoint some of the Councill to meet ffour of this house in a Com[']ittee to Debate of affaires tending to a ffree Conference

May 16th 1683

p. order of the house

JO BOUND

Ordered that some Members of the Councill be appointed to meet 4 members of the house of Deputyes forthwth—agreed that Captn Berry Captn Sandford and Lawrence Andresse attend the same

Report made that at the Com[']ittee above agreed vpon it was Determined to have a ffree Conference between the Governor and Councill and the house of Deputyes, tomorrow morneing 8 A Clock

It being the sence of the Governor and Councill that at this Juncture of Tyme, there may be some matters of weight and Concerne for the good and welfare of this p[']vince w^{ch} may be Discoursed Setled and Determined in gen[']all Assembly but the said matters lying indigested and vnp[']pared for publick Debate and that a privat Conference wth a ffew p[']sons of both houses wherein Secrecy may be allowed and enjoyed to all partyes, save onely such matters as the said p[']sons shall agree to report to either house, it is p[']posed by the Governor and Councill to the Deputyes that such p[']sons may bee appointed by either house to meet together from tyme to tyme and in such place and tyme as they see meet, And as p[']sons who may vnderstand the Interest of the p[']prieto^rs and of the province
in

in gen'all, This board appoints the Deputy Governor and Captn Berry for the Governor and Council and p'pose that such a number of persons most knowing the Concernes and Interest of the province in gen'all, and of the planters and Inhabitants of the same in p'ticular may be Com'issionated by the Deputyes to joyne in the said Com'ittee, and that the matter by them p'posed and Debated shall not be Devulged or reported but as aforesaid, or advantage taken thereof ags^t any person or party. That a happy Conclusion may be made of all matters and all Controversies ended in the p'vince w^{ch} it's hoped by God's assistance may be Composed by this meanes

Then Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Council held the 17th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent The Deputy Governor & p ^r pr	}	p ^r pr
Sam ^l l Groome & Thomas Warne		
Captn Berry	}	of the Counc:
Captn Sandford		
Lawrence Adresse &		
Benj ^a Price		

The Deputyes came here in pursuance of the agreem^t yesterday and after the Deputy Governor had op'ned the p^rsent state of things in gen'all Communicated to them our agreem^t above and read the same to them, they desired a Cobby thereof, and that the [they] would returne to their house and Consider there of the same

It's ordered that a Cobby of the above p^rposition be made and sent to the Deputyes by Captn Sandford

A Message from the Deputyes in writing

In Answer to the Bill of the Governor & Council p^rposing for a private Conference sent to this house beareing Date the 16 3-m 1683 The Conference to bee wth the Deputy Governor and Captn Berry and two of the Deputyes, Wee the Deputyes Do Condiscond to the Contents of the Bill onely for this Day, that Clause of Secrecie onely excepted and have appointed Richard Harthorne and Sam^ll Moore for that Service

Eliz Towne
May 17, 1683

p. order of the house of Dep^{ts}
JOHN BOUND

Messingers Edw Slater
Jo^s Parker

Vpon

Vpon Consideration of the Message now sent by the Deputyes it's agreed that such Conference be had as is above p'posed and that such Answer bee given the Messingers and that p'sons meet here forthwth w^{ch} was done accordingly.

A Conference was had w^{ch} began about eleven A Clock forenoone—wherein was fully Debated the Matters of passing the Bill about the Townes making locall and prudentiall orders, After a Long Debate for 3 houres tyme in Discourse wee Came to this result—

1 That as well the ffirst Bill as the second are both before the Assembly, not rejected or expelled by the gen'all Assembly

2 That vntill by Some agreem^t of the Assembly, the ffirst Bill being framed and passed by the Deputyes and received and amended by the Governor and Councill, cannot be expelled the Assembly but by Consent of both houses

3 The ffirst Bill may yet bee p'ceeded on notwth Standing the Deputyes Answer to the Governor and Councill and notwth Standing the second Bill—But the second Bill cannot till the ffirst be expelled as above.

4 That if the Matters contained in the Bill bee not worth attending the Councill therewth, then not worth an act, much lesse worth Contention.

5 That it's a bill of that nature as for the Things to be Don as fenceing &c. That all Townes Doe themselves wth out act not onely in this p'vince but most part of America

6 but Enforceing the Doeing thereof & p'formeing those orders on paine of being sued & p'secuted at Law &c This is an Act of that nature that has neither bin in this p'vince or other parts of America

7 It seemed to be gen'ally Satisfactory to lay aside the Bills wholly and in the Townes to Do amicably and by voluntary Consent those things w^{ch} this Law would Enforce—w^{ch} matters the Deputy Governor as alwayes said and Did now Declare hee would Countenance and in his place Assist and thus the forenoone was Concluded

Afternoone wee Entred into Debate after some small Sum'ary of our forenoones Discourse about the Demands of Never
sinks,

sinkes, by Colour or virtue of Nichalls pattent, And after a long Debate for Tree or ffour houres came in our Discourse to this Result, That after the Duke of Yorke and the king by their Letters had required all p'sons to Submitt to the Government of S^r George Carterett &c and vpon this termes,—

And the province had knowledge Thereof viz^t in the Month of May Anno Dni 1673 John Bound and James Grover for and in the behalfe of the Two Townes of Neversinkes peti-c'oned the Governor and Councill that noe Conclusion should be made of their pattent rights till the [they] could make their Adresse to the proprieto^{rs} &c And that when the [they] had made Such Adresse, the [they] would acquiesse in the Lords proprieto^{rs} Determinac'on—to w^{ch} the Governor and Councill then agreed

That the said peti'oners in pursuance thereof sent a peti-c'on and Remonstrance to the then Lords proprieto^{rs} yielding all their p'tentions vp to the Lords proprietors w^{ch} peti-c'on was read by the Lords proprieto^{rs} 5th Sept 1673, After this resignation the Lords p'rietors by their grant vnder their hands and Seales ordered and granted vnto the pattentees 500 Acres of Land apeece, The pattentees accepted of the same and peti-c'oned to have the same laid out—warr^{ts} were granted for the same—some Surveyed and pattented p'ticularly that of Richard Hartshornes, w^{ch} appeared to bee a full Conclusion, of that affaire vnlesse it were made appeare such peti-c'ons and p'ceedure were not by Consent or approbac'on of the Townes—They being Don by approbac'on, of some who Subscribed to that purpose—Ric: Hartshorne, Declared as for his owne part he believed that all p'sons would pay for their pattented Land in those Two Townes, and for his owne part hee would—but the Matters being transacted by John Bound now speaker of the house of Deputyes it was p'posed that hee and Joseph Parker now Deputyes for those Two Townes should debate the p'misses further tomorrow and soe the Debate wth night Concluded

Adjourned to 7 a Clock to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 18th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} p ^r	} of the Councill
	Sam ^l Groome		
	Thomas Warne		
	Captn Berry		
	Captn Sandford		
	Lawrence Andresse & Benj ^a Price		
			John

John Bound Richard Hartshorne and Joseph Parker came here and in open Councill—A Sumary Discourse was wth them of all matters passed yesterday—And after a Serious Debate vpon the agreem^{ts} and settlem^t made wth the late Lords proprietor^s wth the Two Townes of Neversinkes Debated yesterday wee Inquired into the truth of those petic^{ions} and Addresses the submission and resignae^{on} of their p^tended pattent Rights to the late Lords proprio^rs And they were all owned and agreed to be true—but alleged that the same was for feare—It was answered that the like allegac^{on} may ever be made—but as an Evidence to the Contrary the petic^{one}r^s themselves Demonstrate besides that the pattentees had after the Lords proprio^rs grace and ffavour granted them 500 Acres of Land apeece the [they] returned a letter of acknowledgem^t and thanks—And their Associates in Compliance therewth all pattented their Lands according to Concessions none excepted—continued ever afterward satisfied therewth, All Contented wth what was don, made noe Demonstra^eon of the least Disseatisfac^{on} w^{ch} Evidented a voluntary and Satisfactory agreem^t, Inspee^eon was made of the bookes and therein was view^d their Severall warr^{ts} for Lands to the pattentees severall whereof Enjoy them to this Day.

The pattentees alleged they were to have their Land Rent free—It was Answered no for that grants of that nature was no otherwise but by Rent as the late Governor and others, as also Richard Hartshorne who has his pattent he Declared hee would pay his rent and beleiv^d all the Inhabitants of these Two Townes would Doe the same—An Authority vnder all the peoples hands was p^{duced} and things left to the p^{sons} above and Three more w^{ch} three others were not here—however they alleged they had full power in themselves to End all p^tent^eons wth vs—Then was inspected the Late Lords p^{prio}r^{rs} Resolve wherein they give 500 Acres of Land a peece to the pattentees and order allowance for Barrens to all other the Associates—Then it was offered that such allowanee was given as p^tieularly to R Hartshorne Three Acres for one in respect of Barrens—and others in p^{portion} to the barrenesse of the Soyle,—But if any Complain^d of Due allowance we were ready to make a Resurvey for further Allowance—w^{ch} seem^d to Conclud the busines wthout further Difficulty—But Richard Hartshorne Joseph Parker and John Bound Consulting privatly together told vs they were Limited by the Towne what Termes to make notwthStanding under their hands they had given them full power, w^{ch} was to Demand to have all their Land at halfe a bushill of wheate a 100 Acres—

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This we told them we hoped they would show vs such Limitation as well as the other full Authority—Their Lymitation they alledged they had not in writing but by word of mouth, that we tould theme was vnfaire to have one Authority to p'duce in order to treat and another Secrett w^{ch} they told vs not of when we entred into treaty—And such Com'issions and Authorityes wise and honest men have frequently refused as not fitt for honest men to execute—Soe this being their Termes and now haveing their words for it and nothing vnder hand, besides the unreasonablenes of the Demand—we found Cause to Dicent from further Debate—They then Alledged as for all Quit Rents for Lands pattented they would pay and other p'tentions leave till it Could be otherwise Composed,—wee then p'posed to them that the Case should be fairely from first to Last from the pattent of Governor Richard Nicholls to this Day—be stated wthout a Com'ent and to Leave the whole to any Lawyers Judges honest men or king and Councill for a finall End—or if they had any other wayes to p'pose, Wee Desired them to offer it—vpon w^{ch} they not seemeing to Encline to any ffriendly End neither accepted nor rejected our p'position nor offered any other wayes or meanes to End or Determine the same but left vs, w^{ch} is the sume of o^r Conference.

In the afternoone the members of Elizabeth Towne came here in Councill, viz^t Henry Lyon Benj^a Parkis and Isaac Whitehead and p'duced their Towne Booke—and showed how in the year 1666 they had agreed and appointed p'sons to make and settle 1^t 2^d & 3^d Lott men^{ts} for the equall and orderly Disposall of Lands w^{ch} Lotts soe settled were then ordered to be p'sent to the next Towne meeting for approbation by Search of the books, the next or after Towne meeting there is noe Report of the Alottm^{ts} settled or Confirmed

As for their p'ceedure that or any other way so that it might be equally Just wthall wee were ready not onely to Consent but Countenance and should allwayes be ready soe to doe—Inquiry was if they had any greevance wee weare ready to heare it haveing already redressed all they fformerly complained of—They alledged the [they] wanted a townes meeting in order to it, The Governor Answered that the [they] should have them as frequently as they Desired—in all other p'ts of the p'vince the Justices of peace gave out warr^{ts} for the same—and so the Governor expected the [they] should Doe here—That the Assembly had Enacted how Justices of peace should be Com'issionated in pu'sance thereof by order of Councill, I made a Com'ission for Justices by their appointm^t, the p'sons now here, p'sons who made the Law, p'sons of most repute

repute ability and Integrity I know in the Towne and that their Com'ission was long since published and that they have not yet quallified themselves according to Act of gen'all Assembly, what ever is wanteing for Townes meetings or other matters where the people are Agrieved they takeing vpon them their office may remedy, And till then the fault lyes at their owne Dores not mine

Adjourned to 7 a Cloek to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 19th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent The Deputy Governor	} p ^r pr	} of the Council
Sam ^l Groome		
Thomas Warne		
Captn Berry		
Captn Sandford		
Benj ⁿ Price & Lawrence Andresse		

A Message from the Deputyes in writing

This house by their Messingers Elias Makeellson and John Curtis moves for a Cobby of the fees of the Court of Com'on Right, And also for the Bill for setleing the Train'd Bands or Militia that was p^rsented to the Governor and Councill the last Sessions of this Assembly

Eliz Towne } 1683
19th May }

p. order of the house
JOHN BOUND

In Answer to the Deputyes Message now sent by Elias Mekeellson and John Courtis in reference to the fees of the Court of Com'on Right, It's the sence of this board that the Justices or Members of the said Court are to sett & appoint the fees thereof according to Act of gen'all Assembly, And that the power of setleing such fees is neither in the Governor and Councill nor the Deputyes apart but in the Court only— And the members of the Councill who are part of the Judges or Justices of that Court every one here p^rsent Declare they know not of any fees yet taken or paid in that Court

The Bill for setleing the Train'd bands or the Militia read, some Additions and amendm^{ts} made thereto and oreded to be Transcribed in order to be sent up to the Deputyes, sent up by Captn Sandford

The petie'on of John Marsh for the grant of 800 Acres of Land to lye on Raway River. It's ordered that the Deputy Governor

Governor issue out a warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out the same to him and make returne thereof to the Council

The petic'on of Dedrick Corneliesson for to have a pattend of Land he has lately purchased of the Indians lyeing neere Cheesquakes, It's ordered that it be left to Sam^l Groome and Thomas Warne Two of the proprieto^rs to Confur wth the said Dedrick about his Indian purchase and make report thereof to the Governor and Council for their further Consideration thereof

Vpon Reading of Sam^l Moores petic'on, And by the inspec'on of the warr^t and order of the Late Governor and Council for his takeing vp of meadow Land agst Amboy point; It is as formerly ferr'd to the Surveyor gen'all who wth Thomas Warne one of the p'rieto^rs shall view the Land and returne whether the vpland is Capable of Improvem^t and settlem^t w^{ch} lyes Adjacent to the Meadow Land lately laid out or p'posed to be laid out to Sam^l Moore, That the Council may make such further order therein as is Consistant to Justice and Equity

Ordered that Lawrence Andresse have Lib'ty to goe home returneing here next 2^d Day morneing

A Message from the Deputyes in writing

Considering the season of the yeare and the State of affaires at this Juncture of tyme being such That the publick busines of the p'vince seemes to be obstructed wherefore the rep'sentatives p'poses to the Governor and Council for an Adjournm^t of this Assembly vntill the Third Tuesday in October next

p. order of the house

Eliz Towne }
May 19th 1683 }

JOHN BOUND.

Mess: Thomas Johnson }
Benj^a Parkis }

The Governor and Council takeing into their weighty Consideration the Message now sent from the Deputyes wherein it's Insinuated that the publick busines of the p'vince Seemes to be obstructed, vpon w^{ch} account they p'pose an Adjournm^t, wee cannot but Declare our Sence that there Seemes not the Least Colour of obstruc'on to p'ceed or Arise from the Governor and Council or by or from any in publick Authority wthin this p'vince, And in asmuch such obstrucc'ons are seene by or in the house of Deputyes of w^{ch} wee are strangers It's the Desire of this board the Deputyes would explaine themselves, That such obstrucc'ons may be removed, It being Dishonorable

Dishonorable to the Govern^t, that there should be obstruc^ons in the publick busines of the p^vince. And that the Gen^l Assembly w^{ch} is Composed of the Authority and Compact body of the peoples representitives Should Desert the publick Service of the p^vince in p^sence of obstruc^ons and not by their power and Authority remove their obstruc^ons, w^{ch} may (in the sence of this board) may most Tend to the Honour of the Govern^t, and best Answer the Duty of the peoples rep^sentitives of this p^vince. Ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford Carry this Message to the Deputyes

The Request of Richard Hartshorne being here read, And the reason therein offerd wherefore he would bee excused for beareing the office of Sheriffe, being Duely weiged and Considered, It is the sence of the governor and Councill, That the like or more weighty reasons may be offerd by any p^son appointed for that office, and that noe p^son in that County is more Capable in respect of Estate or Capacity in vnderstanding fitter to vnder goe and execute the same. Therefore it's the sence of this board that according to Act of gen^l Assembly and in pursuance of his Com^ssion hee take vpon him the execuc^on of high Sheriffe of the County of Monmouth

Adjourned to 7 a clock next 2^d Day morneing.

Att a Council held the 21st Day of May Anno Dni 1683,

P ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} p ^r	} of the Councill
	Thomas Warne		
	Captn Berry		
	Captn Sandford &		
	Benj ^a Price		

In answer to the Governor and Councill 19th 3^d mo 1683, in saying (it's Insinuated) is a mistake for that w^{ch} is reall, is no Insinuac^on for we are really satisfied that the Governor and Councill have made severall offers that they would be willing to Condiscend to the Doing of those things w^{ch} appeare reasonable in answer to satisfieing the Country but there hath been much tyme spent in Debates but nothing Don but what really seemes to vs rather an obstrucc^on then satisfacc^on, And therefore this house Doth againe move for an Adjournm^t as before

Eliz: Towne	} p. order of the house
May 21 1683	

JOHN BOUND

Messengers Thomas Johnson
John Curtis—

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The Governor and Council taking into Considerac'on the Message this Day sent here from the Deputyes by Two of their Members, vizt Thomas Johnson and John Curtis—Cannot but Declare that as they have ever Endeavored so they still Desire there may bee a good vnderstanding and Correspondence kept between them and the Deputyes, And as Conducing thereunto this board has rather Condescended to such words and termes (in passing of Acts) w^{ch} the Deputyes have vsed, then to Contest for other words or Termes more p'per, yet we have had from the Deputyes many reflecc'ons about words and wth too small reason, of w^{ch} this last Message gives further Instance Those who vnderstand English words Know that Insinuac'on and Intimac'on are Synanymous Termes & Contrary to yo^r Centiment, what ever is reall, is p'perly said to be Insinuated or Intimated, And it's the Desire of this board that the gravity of the gen'all Assembly may not be soe Debaced as to Contest needlesly about words, The Deputyes say that the Governor and Council have made severall offers that they would bee willing to Condiscend to the Doeing of those things w^{ch} appeare reasonable in Answer to the satisfieing of the Country, w^{ch} allegation as this board acknowledge to be a great truth so it's the sence of this board that it has bin as faithfully p'formed—And as a Demonstrac'on thereof

1 There as not one Bill bin sent from the Deputyes to the Governor and Council this or the late Session of the Assembly but has bin by vs accorded unto or our reasonable Amendm^{ts} or excepc'ons made and returned to the Deputyes

2 Altho there are now sev'all Bills sent hence to the Deputyes for the gen'all good of the p'vince and they neither Concurr wth nor offer exceptions ags^t the same, There is not one such before the Governor and Council

3 There's not any greevance gen'all or p'ticular vnder w^{ch} the people of this p'vince laboured, duering the Govern^t of the late Governor Deceased, and Addressed to the p'prietors for Redresse, but wee have either most effectually Redressed the same, or Com'issionated legall Courts according to Act of Assembly for their Reliefe

4 As the Governor and Council are a part of the gen'all Assembly of this p'vince they Do Declare that now and at all tymes they are and shall be ready according to the accustomed Regular and Legall p'ceedings in Assembly to joyne in the
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Enacting and passing any reasonable Act or Acts of Assembly for the good and welfare of this p'vince and the people thereof

5 That after the Deputyes Allegac'on that there has bin much tyme spent in Debates and nothing Don but what really seemes to the Deputyes—rather an obstruc'on than satisfacc'on It tends much to the Quiet and Satisfacc'on of the Governor and Councill that hither to, they have not bin in the least oecac'one's of such obstructions, And are fully satisfied that Justly they Merritt not the least Imputac'on of that nature but Evident Demonstrac'on to the Contrary, therefore cannot but againe recomend it to the house of Deputyes to Joyne wth the Governor and Councill in a due p'ceedure in gen'all Assembly to remove these obstrucc'ons, w^{ch} when effectually Don the season of the yeare may be taken into Considerac'on in order to an adjournm^t as Desired

Therefore as wee are members of one body wee Earnestly Desire what ever passeth between vs for the future may not bee Construed to the worst sence but that we may amicably lay all misapp'henc'ons aside and what remains yet to be Don Either for the further p'secution of the affaires of this p'vince or for Adjourn^t to a future meeting may be Don wth a ffreindly Correspondency, Ordered That Captn Berry and Benj^a Price carry up this message

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

At a Councill held the 22th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent The Deputy Governor and p ^r pr	}	of the Councill
Cap ^t Berry		
Cap ^t Sandford		
Benj ^a Price		

A Bill Drawn Here Intituled an Act for the Due Regulac'on of Executions Drawn, w^{ch} being read it's ordered that the same be Signed by the Deputy Governor and sent to the Deputyes, And that Captn Berry carry up the same

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entitled an Act for the Melitia w^{ch} being read, It appears to Containe the substance of a former Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entitled an Act for the Militia, to w^{ch} wee made our amendm^{ts}, and returned the same Bill, This latter Bill excluding some part of our amendm^{ts} and altering other p^t thereof wthout reasons given for the same—This board adheres to the former Bill and amendm^{ts}, sent to the Deputyes, And agree not to the last bill
sent

sent here from the Deputyes, And this board is ready according to the orderly p'ceedure of the gen'all Assembly to heare in Conference or otherwise such reasons w^{ch} the Deputyes may offer agst these amendm^{ts} made by vs & sent wth the former Bill to the house of Deputyes, ordered, that Captn Berry and Benj^a Price carry vp this Message

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes ags^t the sale of strong Liquors to the Indians w^{ch} being read some amendm^{ts} were made therein, And ordered that the same be transcribed wth the amendm^{ts} and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrence, and that Captn Berry and Captn Sandford carry vp this Bill

The bill Entitled an Act for the Due Regulac'on of Execuc'ons—sent here from the Deputyes wth an amendm^t of these words viz^t (men of good reputac'on) to w^{ch} amendm^t this board agreed

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing viz^t

Considering the season of the yeare and the necessity of the Representitives of this p'vince to bee at their habitations the wether being so wett by w^{ch} reason their Cropps of Corn may be in much Danger to their great Damage and Losse w^{ch} possibly may be p'vented by their Speedy repaireing home wherefore the Deputyes mooves for an Adjournm^t of this Assembly till the Third Tusday in October next

Eliz : Towne }
May 22th 1683 }

p. order of the house
JOHN BOUND

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held the 23th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p^rsent The Deputy Governor & p^rpr
Sam^{ll} Groome p^rpr
Captn Berry
Captn Sandford
Captn Palmer
Benj^a Price } of the Councill

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing to The Governor and Councill—

w^{ch} being read and the Messengers viz^t Richard Hartshorne Sam^{ll} Moore and four more being here Supposeing the same not admitting of the Councills Concurrence or opposition or reasons

reasons to the Contrary, therefore the Messingers carryed back the said Message

A Bill to Regulate Treaties wth the Indians read and agreed the same be signed and sent up to the Deputyes by Captn Berry and Captn Sandford

A Bill Entitled an Act ags^t tradeing wth negro Slaves being read agreed the same be Transcribed and sent up to the Deputyes by Captn Sandford and Benj^a Price

A message from the Deputyes in writing viz^t

To the Governor and Council

This house Desires that there may be an amicable Concurrance between the Governor Council and Deputyes for an Adjournm^t to the 3^d Tuesday in October next, and that the Deputyes of Each respective Towne at the publicac^on of the Laws may give notice to the Inhabitants of Each Towne that if any Debts be oweing to them from the Country they may bring in their accompts to this Assembly at the next Sessions

Mess: M^r Hartshorne & } p. order of the house
M^r Moore }

Eliz: Towne } JOHN BOUND
May 23th 1683 }

The Governor and Council having Considered of the Message in writing this Day sent from the Deputyes by Richard Hartshorne and Sam^l Moore Do Declare that they are and ever shall bee ready Amicably to Concurr wth the Deputyes for an Adjournm^t of the gen^l Assembly according as is p^rscribed in the gen^l Concessions of this p^rvince, w^{ch} Directs the same. But the Deputyes intimateing the publicac^on of the Lawes now made it's the sense of this board, That for the tyme the gen^l Assembly have now sate Dureing the last Session or meeting (w^{ch} is but a continuance of the fformer) there has been so few Bills passed into Acts, That the publicac^on thereof must rather occac^on misapp^rhenc^ons amongst the people then satisfac^on, And in as much as there are sev^l necessary Bills now Depending in the gen^l Assembly w^{ch} are not yet Concluded and passed into Acts, Altho of p^rsent necessity for the good of this p^rvince, ffor want of w^{ch} this board is senceable, occasion has been taken to Reflect (dureing the late Recess) upon the Governm^t and p^rticularly vpon the Governor and Council, Therefore to remove all just occasion to be taken ags^t us

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or the house of Deputyes we cannot but p^rpose it as our sence, that it's verry necessary that in gen^l Assembly we either passe those Bills into Acts wh^{ch} lye before vs before our Adjournm^t or otherwise agree in an amicable way to satisfie the Country wee will not at all medle wth the same as not of Service to the Country and o^r Duty therein, And so soone as in gen^l Assembly we have Duly Dispatched the same, the Governour and Councill are and shall be willing (no Inevitable accident p^rventing) Amicably to Concurr wth the Deputyes in the adjournm^t p^rposed and as they have Desired in their Message now sent vs, ordered that Captn Berry and Benj^a Price carry this Message to the Deputyes

A Bill Entitled an Act ags^t tradeing wth Negro Slaves this Day sent to the Deputyes was sent back wth their Concurrence thereto wth out any amendm^{ts}.

The petic^on of Sam^l Moore late p^rvost Marshall of this p^rvince now high Sheriffe of the County of Middx and the keeper of the Com^on Goale for this p^rvince being read, therein setting forth his former great Cost and Charge in keeping and maintaineing the prisoners wth out any allowance for the same w^{ch} charge is yet Continued upon him there being noe p^rvision to this Day made for him, It is the sence of this board as well his former as his latter Charge expended is p^rvinciall and ought to be borne by the Country for wose service it is, Therefore it is ordered that his Case bee recommended to the Deputyes now assembled that they may Consider of some effectual way for his redresse, And it's further p^rposed that the petic^oner being in a p^rticular of his Charge that some Due Course may be taken to settle by Act of Assembly or otherwise such a Sallary on that office or other p^rvision that the office w^{ch} is so necessary may not onely be borne wthout Cost or Charge to the officer but a due Encouragem^t for such who undertake the same, it's ordered that Captn Berry and Cap^t Palmer carry vp our sence to the Deputyes

Adjourned to 7 A Cloek to morrow morneing

At a Councill held the 24th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governour	} of the Councill
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Benj ^a Price	

A Message left here last night after the Adjourn^t of the Council & is in writeing viz^t

This house desires such a number of the Com[']itte as the Governor and Council will please to appoint may meet five of this house in a Com[']itte to morrow morneing about 8 A Clock to Debate the Bills concerneing the militia and the p[']bihiting of selling of Drinke to the Indians

p. order of the house

Eliz: Towne }
May 23th 1683 }

JOHN BOUND.

Ordered that a Com[']itte be appointed by this board to Con-fir^r wth the Deputyes as in their message is directed

Ordered that Captn Berry Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford go to the hovse of Deputyes and acquaint them therewth and that they also attend that service, and make report of what they Doe therein to this board.

Captn Berry reports from the Com[']itte appointed that their Debate was onely on the two Bills above menc[']oned, And first as to the Militia,—they Debated as to that Claus wherein by the second bill sent from the Deputyes the Townes are to nominate and appoint their own officers whom the Governor and Council should Com[']issionate, The Deputyes said that the would bee thankful if it would be granted, and if not they would not contend for itt

As to the Claus being the p[']amble setting forth that by the Concessions the gen[']all Assembly should by Act Constitute Train[']d bands &c—to this the Deputyes objected that Such Claus was a Confirmac[']on of the Concessions w^{ch} the would not.—It was offered by the members of the Council that wth out the Claus of the Concessions they have no power to concerne themselves about the Militia for that it is a p[']rogative due to the Governor and so is in all Govern[']ts in America and it was replyed that they did as respecting naturall Safety w^{ch} all were concern[']d in—to w^{ch} they were answered that then they ought by Adresse or petic[']on to have made their Desire Knowne to the Governor and Council and not by Bill

Vpon Considerac[']on of the force of the matters Debated about the Bill for setling the Militia it is the sence of this board that the recitall of the Claus of the Concessions is a truth and plainely and genuinely recited, and to sett forth in a Bill of gen[']all Assembly the reason wherefore a matter comes in Act before the Assembly is necessary espetially in setleing the Militia w^{ch} is a p[']rogative and right in the Governor and Council

Councill if the Concessions gave not the priviledge thereof to the gen'all Assembly—Therefore it is the sence of this board that the Governor and Councill ought not to Condescend to passe that Act of the Militia wthout that p'amble—the Gen'all Assembly having no power to settle the same but by the Concessions, And the Governor and Councill are of opinion that al'tho the settling of the Militia bee a matter requisite for the quiet peace and safety of the p'vince yet wth respect to the Concessions will not Doe it by their owne Authority untill there has been tyme and opp'tunity given to the gen'all Assembly to settle the same according to the Concessions. And the Governor and Councill Do adhere to their Amendm^{ts} of the said Bill in all parts as they amended the same and cannot p'ceed vpon the second Bill sent here from the house of Deputyes, however the Governor and Councill are willing and shall agree to a ffree debate wth both houses, if the Deputyes have reasonable Exceptc'ons agst the Bill as it was sent up from this board to them desire the same

Captn Berry reports from the Com'ittee meet this Day about the Bill to p'hibitt the sale of strong liquors to the Indians—The Members of the Deputyes insisted to have the Bill of p'hibition to passe wthout any the p'visoes here inserted by the Governor and Councill vpon, Consideration thereof it is agreed that the Latter p'visoe shall bee waved and not insisted vpon by us, but the former wee adhere vnto and are ready to allow a ffree Conference of both houses to hear their reasonable exceptc'ons, agst the same, if they have anything to offer agst the same

Adjourned to 7 A Clock to morrow morneing

At a Councill held 25th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor	}
Capt Berry	
Captn Palmer	
Captn Sandford & Benj ^a Price	

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entitled an Act concerning Juryes w^{ch} being read and Considering that the Bill p'vides for greivous punishm^t of Sheriffes for misbehaviour in their office before any p'vission made by Act of Assembly sufficiently to punish such p'sons as shall not take vpon them the office of Sheriffe when Com'issionated which p'vission in the latter before the former is to Deter p'sons from beareing that office and obstinately to refuse the same. Therefore it's the sence of
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this board that a short Bill be drawne up by the Governor and Council to punish such as shall refuse to execute the Sheriffes office when Com'issionated, and send to the Deputyes for their Concurrence, that the same being passed into Act wee may consider of the Latter in it's due place and order of tyme,—ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Palmer carry this Message to the Deputyes

A petic'on from Marie Pope for meadow to be laid out wth her Land, agreed that the same be read when Sam¹¹ Groome is here

A petic'on from the Deputyes for piscattaway Desiring a grant of all the Lands wth in the Indian purchase for ffourteen pounds p. Ann: was here read—And Edw: Slater and John Gillman being then p'sent, they were Answered that their request was not intelligeable, the quantity of Lands wth in those bounds being vncertaine. That if the Land were Surveyed that we might know the number of Acres and they then desired a Charter for the same, wee would inquire into their p'posall and give o^r Answer, for these reasons at p'sent wee could not

Adjourned to 7 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Council held the 26th Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p'sent	The Deputy Governor	
	Sam ¹¹ Groome	} of the Councill
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer &	
	Captn Sandford	

A Message left here last night from the Deputyes wth the Bill Intituled an Act to punish such who take not vpon them the office of Sheriffe when Com'issionated wth the Deputyes amendm^{ts}, The Message as followeth

The reasons why the house of Deputyes cannot submit to the Bill sent from the Governor and Council as it is there stated about the Sheriffs refusing their office when Com'issionated is, That the p^cvince being as yet in his minority and most of the ffreeholders of this p^cvince being but men of meane Estates, This house thinkes that such a fine may tend to the great impoverishing of the families of some that are or may be Chosen to the office of Sheriffe and therefore Doth humbly offer this their Bill

May 25th 1683

p. order of the house
JOHN ROUND

Vpon

Vpon reading and Considering the Message yesterday sent from the Deputyes relating to the Bill to punish such who take not upon them the office of Sheriffe when Com'issionated, and the Deputyes Alterac'ons or Amendmen^{ts} of that Bill It's the sence of this board

1st That the gen'all Assembly having passed a Bill that in Each County of this p'vince there should be a Sheriffe, and for that for the necessity of it, w^{ch} they Declare their Reasons for that Bill

2 That insomuch as the office of Sheriffe is one of the greatest office of Trust and power in Each County in this p'vince, And therefore ought to be of persons of most ability in Estates and Capacity in understanding

3 In that it is judged that their Miscarriage in office ought to be grievously punished not onely to answer for their Miscarriages to the king, but to satisfie all p'sons who shall suffer p'judice by their Misdoeings

4 That Considering the Cost and Charges of calling Councills for Chooseing and Com'issionateing such officers from tyme to tyme hath hither to bin and must be boorne by the Governor and Govern^t and not by the p'ticular Countys till it's otherwise p'vided

5 And the amendm^{ts} the Deputyes have made to the Bill, will rather Encourage p'sons of Estate Ability and Capacity obstinately to refuse then to take vpon them the office of Sheriffe

It's the sence of this board that for these reasons and what other is contained in the said Bill by vs sent vp That we cannot in Justice or honour to the Govern^t condiscend to the amendm^{ts} made by the Deputyes to the said Bill but for the said Reasons Do adhere to the bill as the same was sent vp, And Desire the Deputyes Concurrance thereto—otherwise the Governor and Councill shall be ready in a ffree Debate of both houses if the Deputyes agree, there to, vindicate the same or receive any matter or thing the Deputyes shall offer ags^t the said Reasons

And this board takeing into Consideration the Bill yesterday sent from the Deputyes Entituled an Act concerneing Jurys, Do Declare as their sence that every false and malicious act or thing Don by a Sheriffe or Bayliffe, they are punishable for the same wthout any Act made, but it seems unreasonable to this board 1st That the Deputyes should offer a Bill to Inflict
grievous

greivous punishm^{ts} vpon an officer Com'issionated before any p'vission is made for Sallery or Reward for such officer for the Doing of his office

2 That whilst the Deputyes p'pose an inconsiderable ffine to be imposed on an officer for wholly refusing an office w^{ch} is Declared of necessity—They should appoint greivous punishm^t for a Miseriage in that office, and for Acts that are neither maliciously or knowingly Don, The Consequence of w^{ch} is rather to Deter and discourage p'sons from beareing office than officiateing such as are Declared by Act of Assembly to be of necessity in this p'vinee

All w^{ch} the Governor and Council are ready to maintaine in a ffriendly Debate wth the house of Deputyes, if these our reasons in writeing give them not plenary Satisfac'on

ordered and Agreed That Captn Berry and Captn palmer carry up the said Message and call of the Deputyes for their Concurrence to Gen'all Bills sent to them from the Governor and Council now remaineing wth them, to w^{ch} the Deputyes haveing not returned Answer, according to the Rule and Custome of gen'all Assembly's, viz^t, The Bill Entitled an Act for the Militia, The Bill Entitled an Act to p'vent the Sale of Strong Ligno's to the Indians, The Bill to Regulate Treaties wth the Indians, The Bill for makeing and settling of high wayes, passages bridges and fferryes wthin this p'vinee

Vpon Consideration of the Bill this Day sent from the Deputyes to p'vent the raiseing or imposeing any tax &c, upon the people of this p'vinee but by Act of gen'all Assembly, —It's the sence of this board that all the matters to be p'vided for in the said Bill are already sufficiently p'vided for and the lib'ty of the ffree people of this p'vinee amongst other things fully secured by the gen'all Concessions of this p'vinee,

The petic'on of Mary Pope to have a p'portion of Meadow to 100 acres of upland alread laid out—vpon Inspection of the Booke of Record of this p'vinee it appeares that the 28th of Mareh 1676 there is a warr^t to lay out for John Pope a 100 acres of vpland and meadow in p'portion It's ordered that vpon the petic'o^{rs} paym^t of the arrearages of Quit Rents and taking a pattent she may have a warr^t to lay out the Meadow Desired, and it's referr'd to the Deputy Governor and Surveyor gen'all to see the same effected

The petic'on of Jane Ogden for 300 acres of Land in Elizabeth Towne for her husbands rights according to Concessions It's ordered that it be referred to the Deputy Governor and Surveyor

Surveyor gen'all to examine what Lands have bin laid out or taken vp by the husband in his life tyme—That according to Concessions she may have her just rights

The petition of Robt Stivers Blacksmith of Elizabeth Towne for Lands according to the published Concessions of the p'sent Lords p'prietors—It's ordered that the Surveyor gen'all lay out such p'portion wth in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to the Tenor of the said Commissions and that the Deputy Governor issue out a warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all Accordingly

The petition of Benj^a Price Jun^r of Elizabeth Towne setting forth that in the yeare 1676 he had a warr^t from the late Governor and Council to the then Surveyor gene'all to layout for him 90 acres of vpland and meadow in p'portion w^{ch} hitherto hee Could not p'cure to be laid out for him—It's ordered that the Deputy Governor issue out his warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out the said Lands wth in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to Concessions.

The petic'on of Daniel Hoop to have the Land ordered him in March last vpon the Raritan River to bee Survey'd It's ordered that the Deputy Governor issue out his warr^t to the Surveyor Gen'all to Survey the Same Land in order to the p'attenting the same.

The petic'on of Joseph Ogden Son of John Ogden deceased of Elizabeth Towne to have 90 acres of vpland and meadow in p'portion wth in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to a warr^t formerly granted by the late Governor Phill Carteret Esq^r and to have the same laid out as hee has formerly pitch't vpon It's referred to the Surveyor gen'all to Inquire of the same land by him pitch't vpon be not in p'indice of any others right, and report thereof to the Deputy Governor, it's referred to him to issue out a warr^t to survey the same in order to the p'attenting thereof according to Concessions

A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth

The House of Deputyes takeing into their Serious Considerac'on, The weight of some Bills lyeing before them sent from the Governor and Council to this house Desires that they may first have tyme allowed them to acquaint the Inhabitants of this p'vince that hath Delegated them, wth the Contents thereof their Advice and orders in the p'misses, And to that End Doth humbly offer for an Adjourn^t to the Third Tuesday in October

p: order of the house

May 26th 1683

JOHN BOUND.
Ordered

Ordered that Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford forthwth go to the Deputyes and acquaint them that vpon Consideration of their Message this board agrees that they im'ediately Attend the Governor and Council to Consider the subject matter of their Message in order to an Adjournm^t

A Conference had wth the Deputyes wherein after many things was p'posed to Confirme, make voy'd or Review the gen'all Concessions of the p'vince, That the p'vince might bee at some certaintie of the Ground & foundac'on on w^{ch} we stand, after some further Debate and the Deputyes Consulteing apart, The speaker returned Answer that the Deputyes next second Day morneing 6 A Clock would meet and Conferr wth the Governor and Council about the Concessions

Adjourned 6 A Clock nex 2^d Day morneing

Att a Council held the 28th Day of may Anno Dni 1683

p'sent The Deputy Governor
 Captn Berry
 Captn Palmer
 Benj^a Price

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing as followeth

To the Governor and Council

This house according to the Debate on Saterdag the 26th instant hath appointed ffour of their Members to meet such a number of the Council as the Governor and Council shall see meet

p: order of the house

May 28th 1683

JOHN BOUND

Benj^a Parkis & } Mess:
 John Gillman }

The Governor and Council vpon Considerac'on of the message now sent from the Deputyes It's ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Palmer forthwth repaire to the Deputyes and acquaint them that the Governor and Council Do Concurr wth their p'position and have agreed that the Governor and all the Council now in Towne meete wth the Deputyes in the p'posed Conference, onely this is the further sence of this board, that the Conference be ffree and before all the Deputyes
 new

now in Towne that all p'sons Concern'd may have a full and Cleare vnderstanding of the matters in Debate, And no opportunity given of misreporteing the matters Debated And that the Conference be forthwth in the Councill Chamber

A Message from the Deputyes in writeing viz^t

To the Governor and Councill According to our Message this^e morneing this house has Chosen four of their Members to meete as many of the Councill as the Governor and Councill shall see good to appoint wth said members are ready to attend

p. Order of the house

Joseph Parker & } Mess :
Henry Lyon }
May the 28th 1683

JOHN BOUND

It's agreed that Such Conference as is p'posed be ffree and wth Such Members ss the Deputyes by their Message say the have appointed and that the Governor and Councill lay aside all other matters and give way to the said Conference

Richard Hartshorne, Edward Slater, Thomas Johnson and John Gillman came here in pursuance of the Message, Sev'all people came in wherein was related our former p'ceedure wth the Deputyes,—and some p'ticulars relateing to the Concessions —Richard Hartshorne alledged hee was to meet a Com'ittee of the Councill and not the Governor in Councill—it was Answered that our Message was to acquaint them the Governor and all those of the Councill in Towne should meet them and their Answer to o's did not oppose it—soe wee desired a free Conerence wth both houses,—After a long stay till past Twelve A Clock It was agreed and ordered that the further p'ceedure on such Conference as p'posed should be Deferr'd till Wednesday morrow morneing 7 A Clock, To wth tyme the Councill Adjourn'd accordingly

Adjourn'd to 7 A Clock wednesday morneing

Att a Councill held the 30th Day of May Anno Dnⁱ 1683

Prsent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc:
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Lawrence Andresse	
	Banj ^a Price	

A message from the Deputyes in writing

To the Governor and Council

The house of Deputyes haveing some things in Considerac'on at this p'sent, Crave the patience of the Governor and Council awhile for the Deputyes waiteing vpon them and they will attend as soone as possible

Answer was given them the Governor and Council were ready when the Deputyes would Come here and that they might take their owne tyme

In the afternoone the Deputyes came Downe and Delivered in this paper following viz^t

Whereas on the 26th instant the Governor and Council vrged the Deputyes for an Answer either to owne the Concessions or Deny them our possitive Answer is wee Disowne them

May 30th 1683 .

p: order of the house

JOHN BOUND.

The Governor and Council then taking the same into Debate in Free Conference wth the Deputyes—acquainted the Deputyes, first that owneing or Disowneing was not a terme vsed by the Governor and Council but the p'position was the 26th to Confirme make voyd or review the Concessions of w^{ch} this is not or p'posed in words of Act of gen'all Assembly

2 That the making voyd of our fundamentall of foundac'on of Governm^t was not like ministers of State or gen'all Assembly but to p'pose something in the place of that made voy'd, Considering that the priviledges of gen'all Assembly Depends thereon.

3 That if he had anything to p'pose in order to Confirme or make voyd the gen'all Concessions by way of Act p'pose it and as pt of gen'all Assembly wee are ready to Answer the same

The Deputyes made Answer that they could not Determine any such matter untill they Considered thereof amongst themselves and thereupon wthdrew from the Council

Adjourn'd till 7 A Clock to morrow morneing

Att

Att a Councill held the 31st Day of May Anno Dni 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor Thomas Warne Captn Berry Captn Palmer Lawrence Andresse & Benj ^a Price	}	p ^r pr of the Councill
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A message from the Deputyes in writing

The house of Deputyes desire the Assent of the Governor and Councill for an Adjournm^t of this gen'all Assembly to the 3^d Tuesday in october next

May 31st 1683 p. order of the house of Deputyes
JOHN BOUND.

Ordered that Captn Berry and Captn Palmer forthwth goe to the Deputyes and acquaint them that he attend this board—ordered that the Governor and Councill Concurr wth the Deputyes for an Adjournm^t to the 3^d Tusday in November next

The Deputyes Attending this board by mutuall agreem^t of the Governor Councill and Deputyes, in gen'all Assembly mett and Assembled agreed to Adjourne the said Gen'all Assembly to the 3^d Tuesday in November next to w^{ch} tyme the said gen'all Assembly Adjourned accordingly

The petic'on of William Broadwell of Elizabeth Towne Setting forth that he had a warr^t from the late Governor and Councill 26 ffeb 1679 to lay for him in Right of his wife 60 Acres of Land, Agreed that in Case hee make his rights to appeare to the Deputy Governor and Surveyor gen'all, that then the Deputy Governor, Issue out his warr^t to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out the same according to the petic'on

The petic'on of Robert Travis Blacksmith of Elizabeth Towne setting forth that in the yeare 1679 as a free man he Came into this p^vince and has been ever since here resident Desires Land according to the now Lords p^rprietor's published Concessions, Agreed and Ordered that this matter be left to the Deputy Governor and p^rprietors now in this p^vince to search into the Truth of the Allegac'on—and if They see cause that the Deputy Governor issue out his warr^t to survey and lay out the same as Desired

The petic'on of ffrancis Drake of piscattaway seting forth that 28th ffeb 1681, hee had a warr^t from the Late Governor
for

for 120 Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Piscattaway—vpon examination it appeares not wherefore the same was granted—and that his p^rtence is Convey'd or Assigned to Daniel Hooper, The Substance of the same petition is left to the Considerac^on and Determinac^on of the p^rsent p^rrieto's and if they see cause the Governor to issue out his warr^t for laying out the same as Desired

The petic^on of Richard Clarke of Elizabeth Towne for 300 Acres of Land for head rights according to the Concessions, Agreed and ordered that he making his rights appeare to the Governor that then a warr^t be issued out by the Governor to the Surveyor Gen^l for laying out the same according to the Tenor and effect of the petic^on

The petic^on of Gersham Bowne by Joseph Bonbridge his Attorney to have a pattent for 500 Acres of land according to the order of Councill the second of March last at $\frac{1}{2}$ p Acre, and the Addition of 120 Acres att such rent as the p^rrietors and the petic^oner cann agree—It's ordered the matter of the petic^on be left to the p^rsent Deputy Governor and Surveyor gen^l to Determine and Agree wth the petic^oner to make a pattent for part or all as they see meet

The petic^on of Joseph Bainbridge for the like quantity of Land upon the termes above expressed, it's ordered and agreed that the like reference bee as in the petic^on last above mentioned.

The petic^on of Jeremy Markham read—Desireing that land may be laid out for him wthin the bounds of This Towne, according to the p^rportion expressed in the now p^rrieto's Concessions—It's ordered and agreed that he making his right appeare the Deputy Governor issue out his warr^t for the laying out the same as is petitioned

Vpon the Inspection of the gen^l Concessions of this p^rvince, And vpon Consideration of the Absolute necessity of Laying out of Lands (Agreed and Ordered by the Governor and Councill to bee laid out and Survey'd) to sev^lall p^rsons, who have petic^oned to have the same in pursuance of their respective Rights granted by the said gen^l Concessions—

It is Agreed and Ordered that the Surveyor gen^l Do not onely make such Subscribe^on for the faithful p^rformance and Execuc^on of his office but also p^rsent vnto the Deputy Governor, Two or more Deputy Surveyors for the more effectuall p^rformance of that office of Surveyor who may make such subscripc^on for the ffaithfull p^rformance of their respective Dutyes in that behalfe, And in Case the surveyor gen^l shall not p^rsent such p^rsons for Deputyes vnto the
Deputy

Deputy Governor wthin the space of ffourteen Dayes now next Ensueing, That then the Deputy Governor appoint and Com'issionate Two or more p'sons skillfull in Surveying Causing the said p'sons to make such Subscripc'ons as aforesaid w^{ch} said p'sons so p'sented appointed and Com'issionated and Subscribing as aforesaid shall and may execute all warr^{ts} given out vnto them for Survey and make returns thereof, in order to the pattering of Lands, that right may be Don vnto all p'sons and Justice neither Deny'd or Delay'd to be Don vnto every one The want whereof heretofore Dureing the late Govern^t vnder the late Lords p'prieto's has bin the occasion of many Contentions Quarrells and offences taken ag^t the Govern^t w^{ch} we finde is not to bee wthout trouble and Difficulty Allayed.

Ordered and Agreed that Eliakin Wardell of Shresburey in the County of Monmouth gent bee High Sheriffe of the said County, and that the Deputy Governor issue out his Com'ission to him vnder the Seale of the p'vince

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 14th Day of August Anno Dni 1683

p'sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc:
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Benj ^a Price	

It's ordered and agreed that a new Com'ission be forthwth issued out under the seale of this province for the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right, And that the Justices to bee Commissionated vntill the Governor and Councill otherwise Doe order shall bee Coll Lewis Morris, Captn John Berry Captn Palmer Captn William Sandford Benj^a Price, Members of the Governors Councill, Thomas Warne Captn John Baker Sam^l Dennes Benja Parkis Thomas Codrington M'chant, Daniell Hooper M'chant, and Lieueten^t John Ward

Att a Councill held the 15th August 1683 att Elizabeth Towne

p'sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc:
	Coll Morris	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford	
	Lawrence Andress &	
	Benj ^a Price	

George

George Heatcott and Captn vicars being here p^rsent it was inquired of Geo. Heatcott whether hee upon any discourse wth Governor Carteret Deceased, or wth Captn Vicars before the Comeing of the proprieto^{rs} in this province viz^t ag^t the last winter, Ever tooke and agreed to take the house where the p^rsent Governor now lives for winter onely or that the proprieto^{rs} should come in here as Ten^{ts} for winter onely—

George Heathcott affirms that hee spoke to the late Governor ag^t the last winter and his words were to him—That hee vnderstood that his father Groom and some other of the proprieto^{rs} were then coming over vnto this province And said to the Governor, that it would bee well if hee would repaire the old house for them ag^t winter for their winter Quarters,—But Denyes that he either tooke the same or Discoursed to take the same for any tyme, (as for the winter) or as to take it as a Tenant, or looked vpon the house as such

Lawrence Address being desired to appeare as a wisse for Captn Vicars, who had alleged that the house was taken by the proprieto^{rs} for the winter onely and that the proprietors came into the same as Tenants—The said Lawrence being Desired to express his sence and knowledge thereof saith—That he was p^rsent when George Heathcott Discoursed with the late Governor Carteret towards the last winter, some tyme before the Comeing of proprietors, And that George Heathcott Did then tell the Governor that hee vnderstood that his father Groom and some other of the proprietors were then Comeing over into this province, And said to the Governor that it would Doe well if he would repaire the old house ag^t winter for their winter quarters—That there was then menc^{on} made that the proprietors were to build att Amboy point—but that noe menc^{on} made as if the proprietors were to come in as Ten^{ts} or that they were to live in the house as Tenants for the winter onely or that they were to Remove from the house when the winter was over, or when they had built att Ambo poynt—noe menc^{on} or Discourse thereof to the best of my memory Lawrence Address

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 16th Day of August Dni 1683

p^rsent

The Deputy Governor }
 Thomas Warne }
 Coll Lewis Morris }
 Capt John Palmer }
 Captu W^m Sandford }
 Lawrence Address & }
 Benj^s Price }

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of the Counc:

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The petition of Captn John Palmer and Tho: Codrington here p^resented, w^{ch} settts forth that they have formerly had by order of this board A warrant issued out according to Custome for the survey of a Tract of Land belonging to them and their Associates att the Raritan, That the warr^t has bin Delivered to the now Surveyor Generall who refuses to survey the same untill the L^{ds} Proprieto^rs sevenths bee sett out to them according to the Concessions—And further setting forth that the late Governor Carteret who well knew and was instructed wth the proprieto^rs Intrest here, refused to Consent that the Land should bee laid out to them before hee had reserved to himselfe in his owne name and Ga: Mienvell the 4th p^t thereof w^{ch} they Conceive was or ought to bee for the proprietors sevenths Captn Palmer wth Drawing and the same comeing in Debate and Consideration of this board it's agreed and Declared to bee the sence of the Governor and Council p^resent And is given under their hands in writeing as followeth viz^t—Vpon the petition of Captn John Palmer and M^r Tho. Codrington my sence is that Governor Carteret reserved the fourth part of the purchase to himselfe as he was then a full Authorized p^rison to secure the proprieto^rs seventh p^t and therefore out of that fourth part the proprieto^rs Rights is to bee required, This is the sence of me William Sandford, This above written is the sence of vs vnderwritten Lewis Morris Lawrence Andress Benj^a Price

Vpon the petition of Captn John Palmer and Tho: Codrington my sence is that a seventh p^t of that whole Tract of Land bee laid out for the proprieto^rs and then their other proportions to bee laid out to them and not otherwise Thomas Warne

Then the further resoluc^on at that tyme was suspended to the next meeting of the Council

Att a Council held at Elizabeth Towne the 30th of August 1683

p ^r esent	The Deputy Governor	} p ^r pr
	Sam ^l Groome	
	Tho: Warne	
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Captn Sandford & Benj ^a Price	
		} of the Counc:

Then was againe Read over the petition of Captn Palmer & Tho: Codrington, And in writeing Captn Berry gave in his sence viz^t Governor Carteret having formerly taken

taken up farr more Land to his p'ticular than was Due to him by Concessions or grant of the L^ds proprietors my sence is that the proprietors seventh p't ought to bee taken out of the ffourth p't of the above s^d Land next to the piscataway bounds and the rest to bee Devided amongst the purchasers,—Then Sam^{ll} Groome saith hee shall not Survey nor set others to Survey such Large Tracts of Land as Captn John Palmer and Associates laid Claime vnto in East Jersey vnless the seventh or a Compensac'on for the same Reserved for the use of the proprietors in such manner as the Concessions Does Direct, East Jersey 30 6-mo Sam^{ll} Groome

After a Considerable Debate of the p'misses in Councill the Governor proprietors and Councill came to this Resolue'on viz^t—That a warr^t bee issued out by the Deputy Governor to the Surveyor Gen'all or Deputy Surveyor to Survey layout butt and bound the said Tract of Land in manner following viz^t—one ffourth p't next vnto the bounds of piscataway to bee reserved for the vses hereafter expressed,—And the other three ffourth p'ts thereof to bee Surveyed and laid out in six equall and proportionable parts to and for the use of Captn John Palmer, Thomas Codrington, John White, John Delevall, Richard Hall and John Royse, their heires and Assignes equally that the proprietors Seventh p't of the whole Tract of Land shall bee laid out and taken from and out of the above men-c'oned 4th p't next to Piscataway bounds and that y^e remainder of the s^d ffourth p't bee reserved to the order and Disposition of the Governor and Councill as they shall see Cause in Justice and equity, And that Captn Palmer Tho: Codrington &c givinge Accompt of the 4th p't of the Indian purchase of all the said Tract that Sam^{ll} Groome Emburse them the same or such p't thereof as they have not Received

The petic'on of Henry Greenland now read, the Contents whereof were to appeale to the Governor and Councill to Correct the Errors of a Judgm^t had ag^t him in the County Court of Essex at the suite of Edward Slater, vpon w^{ch} were a writt of Error into the Court of Com'on Right and Judgm^t there affirmed, Vpon Debate and Considerac'on thereof it's the sense of this board that the Governor and Councill cannot Judicially as Governor and Councill Correct the Errors of a Judgm^t affirmed in the Court of Com'on Right nor have power to Doe the same

A pap. brought here by the hands of Stephen Osborne and John Arent, Subscribed by Isaac Whitehead and by him writt by order of the Comi'tte of p'sons Deputed by the Towne w^{ch} pap. was as followeth viz^t—

Whereas

Whereas it's publickly knowne that Coll Richard Nicholls, Did by pattent give and grant unto John Baker John Ogden, Luke Watson and John Bayly and their Associates a certaine Tract of Land bounded as in the said pattent is fully specified— And in as much as the said pattentee's and their Associates hath to this Day by force been p'vented of the peaceable Injoyment planting settling and reapeing the benefit of the s^d grant and pattent afores^d the w^{re} forre wee hope Cannot Deprive us of the benefit freedomes and Im'unities intended vs by the s^d Grant but on the Contrary from henceforth Doe Desire and Expect a Removall of the afores^d force and obstruc'ons of a full and ffree Injoyment of the said pattent or grant wth all it's freedomes and Im'unities w^{ch} wee finde to bee the mindes of the most of the Towne wth vs, and w^{ch} will best tend to a peaceable and loveing settlem^t of the Inhabitants of the s^d Elizabeth Towne, and soe Doing will oblige vs to p'forme what is required of vs according to the true intent and meaneing of the s^d grant and pattent

Eliz Towne
Augt 3th 1683

by order of the Com'ittee or p'sons
Deputed by the Towne

ISAAC WHITEHEAD.

w^{ch} being Read and Considered the whole matters alledged being neither Matters of Record but meere Allegac'ons it's not knowne to the Governor and Councill, Therefore that a due Considerac'on may bee had to the matters offered and that the p'sons Addressing here are Interested therein It's the sence of the Governor and Councill That the Addressors here to this board Doe bring here the pattent of Governor Nicholls vnder the hand of the said Governor and the seale provintiall by w^{ch} he made such grant as is alledged, That then the matters further Alledged may bee taken into Due Considerac'on and such order and agreem^t made therein as may be Consistant to Justice and Equity

The petie'on of James Graham and Sam^l Winder in behalfe of themselves and Associates here Read, setting forth that the Governor and Councill Did formerly grant a warr^t Directed to the Surveyor Generall to Survey a Tract of Land mentioned in the s^d warr^t lyeing on the Raritan River w^{ch} warr^t was Delivered to the Surveyor generall and hee refused to yeild obedience thereunto—And Sam^l Groome the Surveyor Generall comeing here in Councill and being Desired to execute the same according to his Duty and his Com'ission either in his owne p'son or by a Lawful Deputy—And it being vrg'd to him

him that the warr^t of Survey was neither to Determine the proprietors Right unto the sevenths nor to Determine any other p[']sons rights or p[']tentions—And that neither by the Generall Concessions nor by the Governor, and Councils Com[']ission or Authority it lay in them to grant a warr^t to appropriate a Seventh to the proprietors by and in their warr^t of Survey but onely to grant warr^{ts} for survey, But that the Tract of Land being in the hands of the petic[']oners before the p[']sent proprietors Arivall here or Interest in this province it's necessary to know the quantity of Acres therein that the same may be appropriated wth Respect to the Interest of the petic[']oners proprietors and others concerned And it appeareing to this board that the s^d Sam^l Groome has not quallified himselfe or any Deputy Surveyor to Execute the Just warr^{ts} of this board—It's ordered by the Governor and Council that in pursuance of the order of this board of the 31 3-mo last Phillip Wells bee Deputed and appoint A Deputy Surveyor of this Province and that the Governor make him a Com[']ission for that purpose and that the s^d Deputy Surveyor being quallified according to the Concessions, That hee execute the Orders and warr^{ts} of the Governor and Council, the said Sam^l Groome p[']emptorily refusing the same in Contempt of this Board—It's therefore agreed and ordered by the Governor and Council that the Deputy Governor issue out his warr^t for survey of the said Tract of Land that the same may be disposed and pattented according to Justice and Equity to the Respective p[']sons haveing Right therevnto

The Deputy Governor proposed a matter to the Council for their Advice—viz^t—That in Conference wth Sam^l Groom about a Treaty wth the Indians for a Tract of Land on the Raritan—The D^t Governor alledged that it was most safe to make out Survey and know the quantities of Land before any Treaty for purchase Sam^l Groome alledged hee had seene the Land and would Treat Contract and agree before markeing or surveying out the Land, wherevpon the Council Advised vnanimously that in making any purchase of Indian Right the same should bee marked and Surveyed not onely before paym^t but alsoe before any Treaty Contract or Agreem^t wth the Natives

Agreed and ordered that the grant lately had from the Duke of yorke to the proprietors bee Entered upon Record

THO. RUDYARD
 JOHN BERRY
 J. PALMER
 W^m SANDFORD
 BENJ^a PRICE Att

Att a Council held att Elizabeth Towne 20th November 1683

p^rsent The Deputy Governor
 Captn Berry
 Captn Palmer
 Captn Sandford &
 Benj^a Price } of the Counc:

In pursuance of the Adjournm^t of the gen'all Assembly agreed upon the last Day of May last past the Major p^t of the Deputyes and Council met together in Elizabeth Towne and then Adjourned to the 23^d Day of November

Att a Council held at Elizabeth Towne the 23 November 1683

p^rsent The Deputy Governor
 Captn Berry
 Captn Palmer
 Benj^a Price } of the Counc:

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes by the hands of John Hans &c Entituled an Act for the makeing and setling of highways passages landings Bridges and fferryes wthin this province wth their Concurrance

Then Adjourned till 8 a Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Council held at Elizabeth Towne the 24th of November 1683

p^rsent The Deputy Governor
 Captn Berry
 Captn Palmer
 Captn Sandford
 Benj^a Price } of the Counc.

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Intituled a Bill for the more Regular ordering of fences w^{ch} being Read, Agreed that the Governor and Council, Concurr therewth and that the same bee signed by the Governor

A Bill sent from the Deputyes for the further Explenac'on of the Law in the Month called May 1683 concerneing swiue, agreed that the Consideration thereof be Defferd vntill the 26th Instant and that the Members of the Council take opportunity in the meane tyme to Confer with the members of the house of Deputyes about the same

Att

Att a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne the 26th Day of November 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor Captn Berry Benj ^a Price Capt Palmer	}	of the Councill
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A message from the Deputyes as followeth

The house of Deputyes have made Choyce of M^r Sam^{ll} Dennes and John Hans to Joyne wth a Com^{tee} from the Governor and Councill to Consider of the Bill concerning the prohibiteing the sale of strong Drinke to the Indians

By order of the house

JOHN BOUND.

Agreed that the Governor and Councill bee in a Com^{tee} to meete the Deputyes on the subject matter of the message above

The Com^{tee} mett and Considered of severall heads in order to draw up a Bill

Then Adjourned to 8 a Clocke tomorrow morneing.

Att a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne 27th Nov 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor Captn Berry Captn Palmer Benj ^a Price	}	of the Counc:
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Agreed that Captn Palmer Draw vp a Bill on the subject matter on w^{ch} the Com^{tee} yesterday Consulted

The Bill being drawne up and Read, agreed that the same bee Transcribed and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrence.

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Entitled an Act to p^rvent Tipling, read and ordered that the Governor signe the same

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Intituled an Act for Regulac^on of ordinaryes—read and Amended and ordered that the same be signed by the Governor and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrence

A Bill Intituled an Act for the more Regular ordering of ffences—order the Governor signe the same

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Intituled an Act to Incourage the killing of wolves, Read and ordered that the Governor signe the same

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The Bill for the explanac'on of the Act Conserneing swine, Amended read and agreed that the same bee signed by the Governor and sent to the Deputyes for their Concurrence—

Agreed that Captn Berry and Captn Palmer Carry vp all the Bills above menc'oned to the Deputyes

Adjourned to 8 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex Nov 28 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc:
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Benj ^a Price	

Adjourned to 8 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 29th Nov: 1683

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc:
	Captn Berry	
	Captn Palmer	
	Benj ^a Price	

A Bill Intituled an Act for the Regulac'on of makeing of Pattents for Land read and Ordered to bee signed by the Governor and sent vp to the Deputyes for their Concurrence by Captn Palmer & Captn Berry

A message from the Deputyes for a Com'ittee to Debate about horscs read and agreed that the members of the Com'ittee now p^resent meete the Deputyes in a Com^{ee}

The Bill for Regulac'on of Ordinaryes—The Bill for the Explanac'on of y^e Act about Swine—A Bill for Regulateing Trade wth the Indians sent by this Board to the Deputyes, Returned wth their Concurrence

The Com^{ee} meeting Drew vp some heads for a Bill to bee prepared—ordered that Captn Palmer Draw vp a Bill to bee sent to the Deputyes in order the same may bee passed into an Act

A petic'on of Cornelius Longfield setting forth that by Consent of the late Governor Carteret hee had purchased a Tract of Land of the Indians on the south side the Raritan River, had a warr^t granted him the 25th June 1681, for the survey thereof, That it was accordingly surveyed and Desires a patent thereof, vpon inspection of the warr^t for survey the Date appears to bee altered and the warr^t was made as appears by the

the Records the 25th of Oct 1681—and the survey thereof appears not to be the late surveyor Generalls hand writing nor his name thereto but by some other hand and the Indian Deed of Sale not Recorded, Its agreed that a warr^t be Issued out to the now Deputy Surveyor to survey the whole Tract of Land in the Indian purchase and that the quantity of Lands to be granted may be then Considered, according to Justice, and that the Indian Deed of Sale or prooffe thereof be Entred on Record

Adjourned to 8 a Clock tomorrow morneing

At a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex 30th Nov: Anno Dni 1683|

p ^r sent The Deputy Governor	
Captn Berry	} of the Counc
Captn Palmer	
Benj ^a Price	
Captn Sandford	

Ordered that Captn Palmer and Benj^a Price goe from this board to the Deputyes and Call of them for their Concurrence to the Bill for the Regular makeing of pattents for Land.

A Message from the Deputyes for a Com^{ee} of some number of p^rsons of the Councill and Deputyes about the publick Charge of the Country—Agreed that this board Concurr wth them therein, and that Captn Berry Captn Palmer Captn Sandford and Benj^a Price or any three of them Attend the same

A petic^on of Otto Laurence to have a Tract of Land in the south River hee had bought of the Indians by Bill of Sale Date 2 May 1681—the bill of sale being produced—hee was asked if hee had a warr^t from the Late Governor to purchase of the Indians hee Answered no, hee had often Desired but was refused—The Bill of Sale was of Edward Slaters writing—hee being p^rsent sayes hee knowes nothing of Otto Laurence buying it wthout warr^t being onely Employed in it to make the Bill of Sale

A Bill for Regulac^on of abuses in takeing vp horses, Transcribed Read and agreed to be signed by the Governor and sent vp to the Deputyes

A Bill Entituled an Act for the better Enabling of p^rsons in this province to Recover their Just Debts ag^t non Residents read and agreed to be signed by the Governor and sent vp to the Deputyes

The Two last bills to be sent vp by Captn Berry Captn Palmer and Captn Sandford

Ordered that they call on the Deputyes for their Concurrence to 2 Bills sent them the last Convenc'on—one Entituled an Act for the Malitia—the other to Regulate Treaties wth the Indians

A Bill sent from the Deputyes purporting a grant of a poll for the Governors Charge read and the Consideration thereof Defer'd till tomorrow

Adjourned to 8 a Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex—ffirst December 1683|

p ^r sent The Deputy Governor & p ^r pr	}
Captn Berry	
Captn Palmer	
Captn Sandford & Benj ^a Price	

Benjamin Price one of the Members of Counc. givinge the board to vnderstand that in pursuance of an Order of this Board that the Governor had issued out his warr^t of the 20th May last past for laying out and surveing to him 270 Acres of Land in the bounds of Elizabeth Towne wth meadow in proporc'on w^{ch} warrant was Delivered to Sam^l Groom the late surveyor Generall Deceased, and not Executed fully, vpon Considerac'on thereof the said Benj^a Price wth Drew out of Councill—It was resolved and Ordered that the Governor issue out his warr^t to Phillip Wells the Deputy Surveyor to survey and lay out the said 270 Acres of Land according to the warrant formerly granted and make returne thereof to the Secretaryes office

The Deputy Governor givinge the Councill to understand that after the Death of Captn Sam^l Groom the late Surveyor and Surveyor Generall the goods and Chattells wares and M^rchandies of and in the hands and Custody of the said Sam^l at the tyme of his Death hee had Caused (most whereof hee app^rhended belonged to the proprieto^rs of this province) to be app^rised and Inventoryed—by ffour Apprisers—had given accompt thereof to Geo: Heathcott Captn Grooms sonne in Law who absolutely refused to Concerne himselfe wth the Estate—That noe will appears to bee made by the Deceased—That the goods and m^rchandises in his hands will Dayly suffer losse if not Disposed off—That all the bookes and papers

of the Deceased are sealed up by the appraisers and now in the Deputy Governors house whereby all Recourse thereto is prohibited and thereby the Debts lyeing out cannot bee Received w^{ch} matters being proposed to the Councill for their advice it was advised agreed that—

That the Deputy Governor being the Ord'nary of this province and haveing power of Adm'istration may either take keepe or Dispose of the said goods as hee sees Causes—Hee being not onely a proprieto^r soc principall Creditor in the province to the Estate of the proprieto^rs in Captn Groomes hands—but as the proprieto^rs Estate was by Bill of Lading Consigned to him in Case of Captn Grooms Death—That as to the Bookes and pap's in Case that Garven Laurie the proposed Governor arive not heare by the 25th instant that then the appraisers of the Estate or such of them as Can Attend it takeing such to them as they shall see meet open and inspect his pap's and accompts and after Inventory thereof made Deliver the same to the Deputy Governor

A Message from the Deputyes Desireing somany of the Councill as this board shall see meete to Joyne wth ffour of the Deputyes as a Committee to Debate about Two Bills one to Regulate Treatyes wth the Indians and the other to Regulate the makeing of pattents for Land Ordered that the Councill here p^rsent forthwth attend the said serviee

An Act for the Malitia sent here by the Deputyes

An Act Entituled an Act to p^rvent strangers Com'eneeing vexatious suites ag^t the Inhabit: in this province also sent from the Deputyes

Agreed that the same bee passed and signed by the Governor

An Act for the making Rates for severall p^rsons as Deputyes Clarkes &c sent from the Deputyes

Agreed and Ordered that the members of this Councill also Debate in the Com^{ee} p^rposed the amendm^t of the Act for the Militia and the Act for makeing rates for severall p^rsons as Deputyes Clerkes &c and also y^e poll Act

The Com^{ee} mett together and Considered of severall matters to bee amended and Carryed vp the 4 Bills for Amendm^t

The poll Bill, some amendm^{ts} made, Transcribed and ordered to bee sent back to the Deputyes

A Bill Entituled an Act to build y^e Com'on Goales and pounds read—Agreed that the Governor signe the same and the same to bee Carryed to the Deputyes by Captn Palmer and Benj^a Price

A Bill sent here from y^e Deputyes for a poll Tax, Agreed that the Governor signe the same

A Bill sent here from the Deputyes Entituled An Act for the Regular making of pattents for Land wth some Amendm^{ts} Ordered the same bee agreed unto and signed by the Deputy Governor

A Bill Entituled An Act for building of Com'on Goales and sent from the Deputyes wth their Concurrence

A petic'on of Captn Palmer in behalfe of himselfe and Thomas Codrington John White and John Rice setting forth that they have had severall Tracts of Land Adjoyneing together and lyeing on the Raritan River lately surveyed to them by order and warrant from the Governor, Desireing pattents for the same It's ordered that pattents be forthwth made to them in pursuance of such surveyes

WHEREAS Dayly Complaints have bin made to the Governor of this province that many p'sons and Inhabitants of this province and others Doe p'sume to Cutt Downe and barke Trees for Taning, others Doe Cutt Downe Timber Trees for pipe staves, and other uses vpon any Lands wthout Leave had or obtained from the owners or proprieto's thereof to the great wast and Destruc'ion of the Timber and in wrong and abuse of the owners or proprieto's thereof in Contempt of the Law and Authority of this province ;—It is therefore Ordered that proclamac'ion bee forthwth made and issued out by the Governor to p'hibite all such felling and Distruction of Timber for the future, and that the same be sent into all Countyes in this province to bee published wth the Lawes of the gen'all Assembly —That all p'sons offending in the p'misses may be punished for the same According to Law

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke next 2 day morneing

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Town 3^d December 1683

p ^s ent The Deputy Governor	} of the Coune:
Captn Berry	
Captn Palmer	
Captn Sandford & Benj ^a Price	

Thomas Rudyard the Deputy Governor informeing this Board that at his Arrivall in this province in November 1682 hee Imported into the same Two daughters viz^t Anne and Margerett Rudyard, and six servants viz^t Isaac Smuton, Benj^a Griffith, Nathaniel Neale, Hanna Beamond and Jane Baynes for w^{ch} According to the proprieto's Concessions and Agree^{ts} hee

hee is to take vp and have and Enjoy to him and his heires in this province for himselfe as Master of a ffamily 50 Acres of Land, for every servant Imported Thirty Acres of Land apeece the whole Amounting to 230 Acres of Land and Desireing the same may bee laid out and Surveyed, It is agreed and Ordered that a warr^t bee made and Issued out under the hand of the Deputy Secretary to the Deputy Surveyor to lay out the said quantity of Land vpon the River called the South River lyeing or Leading into the Raritan River

A message from the Deputyes Desireing the Governor and Councill would be pleased to appoint so many of the Councill as they shall see goode to meete Two of the house of Deputyes in a Com^{ee} to Debate Concerning the Courts of Com'on Right and Courts of Sessions—The Governor and Councill takeing the same into their Considerac'on Doe order that all the Members of Councill here p^rsent Joyne in the same Com'ittee wth the Deputyes

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Entituled an Act to Rectifie some p^rceedings at Law read and orered that the same be signed by the Governor for Concurrence

A Bill from the Deputyes to Enable 2 Members onely to Determine Cases monthly in the Court for small Causes, Read and Ordered to bee signed by the Governor for Concurrence

An Address from the Deputyes as followeth

To The Governor and Councill

The Humble Adresse of the rep^rsentitives of the Inhabitants of this province p^rsent
Showeth

That whereas Captn Baker of Elizabeth Towne from the ffirst settling of this province to this Day hath approved himselfe to bee a man evill^lprincipled not onely to the Govern^t Established in this province but also in all other his Acc'ons w^{ch} as wee humbly concieve makes him verry vnfitt for any place of Trust either Military or Civill Doe request that the said Baker may bee Discharged from all and every such offices or places of Trust as hee the said Baker holds now in this province

December 3^d 1683|

p. order of the house

JOHN BOUND

After the Reading of the said Adresse and Debate thereof in Councill all and every the Members in Councill this day in Councill Did agree and Advise that this board Concurr wth the Deputyes

Deputyes in their Request—It is therefore Ordered that what ever Com'issions are made to the said Captn Baker that they bee Recalled and that the said Captn Baker bee Discharged from all offices of Trust in this province

Captn Berry informeing this Board that there will bee a necessity to have a Constable yearly Chosen by the Inhabitants of Hackinsacke and those Inhabitants lyeing and being above Bergen Bounds—It's ordered that the Governor issue out his warr^t for the Choyce of a Constable in those parts, The warr^t to bee sent to Captn Berry

It's further Ordered that the like warr^t be issued forth for the Choyce of a Constable by the Inhabitants at Aquaninoncke and New Barbadoes necke, the warr^t to bee sent to Captn Sandford

ffor the better setling and Exerciseing the Militia in every County wthin this province It is Ordered that there bee one Major and so many Captaines Com'issionated in Each County as there bee Inhabitants to make vp Companies

It's Ordered that Captn John Berry be Com'issionated Major for the County of Bergen—John De Macais Lievtenant—and Rouloft Vanderbrick Ensigne

ffor the County of Essex, Captn Will: Sandford to be Com'issionated maior—John Ward of Newarke Lievtenant—Joseph Johnson Ensigne—It's ordered that Maior Sandford appoint an officer to exercise the Inhabitants of Aquaninocke

ffor the Company in Elizabeth Towne, Justice Parker to bee Com'issionated Captn—George Rosse Lieutenant and John woodruffe sen^r Ensigne

ffor the County of Middx wthin the bounds of Pascataway, Justice Tyler to bee Com'issionated Maior Sam^l Dotey Lievtenant—and Jediah Higgins Ensigne

ffor the Inhabitants on Raritan River above Piscataway bounds Thomas Codrington Captn of horse John Rice Lievtenant and John White Cornett

ffor the Coporac'on of Woodbridge the Corp'ac'on by Charter may p^rsent and the Governor approve and Com'issionate

ffor the County of Monmouth Captn John Bound to bee Com'issionated Maior—ffor Middle towne James Grover Lievtenant—Safty Grover Ensigne

ffor Shresbury John Slocomb Captn—George Stowlett Lievtenant Lewis Morris Ensigne

It's also the priviledge for the Corp'ac'on of Bergen (as it's Alledg'd) to p^rsent and the Governor approve

It's Ordered that the Governor forthwth issue out Com'issions to the severall officers to bee Com'issionated as above, Agreed upon,

upon, As also to such as hee shall approve of those to bee p^resented by the Corporac^ons of Woodbridge and Bergen

Persons proposed and Agreed upon to be the Chiefe Rangers in and through out this province

ffor the County of Bergen and Corp^rac^on Maior John Berry

ffor the County of Essex James Emott

ffor the County of Middx Sam^l Dennis

ffor the County of Monmouth Captn John Slocomb

It's Ordered that Joseph Baker of Aquapoch bee high Sheriffe for the County of Bergen and Clais Arentson Toures—Coroner—Richard Berry high Sheriffe—Isaac Whitehead Coroner—for the County of Essex

Adjourned to 7 A Clocke tomorrow morneing

At a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex
4 Dec 1683|

p^resent The Deputy Governor

Maior Berry

Maior Sandford

Cap^t Palmer &

Benj^a Price

} of the Counc.

A Bill from the Deputyes to fine every member of the Deputyes 5^s p day for Absence from Generall Assembly read and agreed to be signed by the Governor for Concurrence

A Bill Entituled An Act for Defraying the publicke Charges of this Province being read in Councill and many things therein being (in the sence of this board) matter not prop^d to be Enacted wthout Considerable Amendm^{ts} Doe propose as the most expeditious way for a Right understanding to have some Members of the Councill to meete wth some members of the Deputyes in A Com^{ee} to meete this afternoone 2 A Clocke, And that a message bee sent to the Deputyes to that End, Benj^a Price to Carry that message

The Deputyes and Members of the Councill mett and after some Considerable Debate and Conference returned to their house

The petic^on of Elizabeth Carteret widd. setting forth That John Durham has Inveagled her neg Servant by w^{ch} shee has suffered wrong and Losse of her service—Desiring Justice ag^t him The Governor and Councill Considering thereof—And being senceable that there are Lawes ag^t such matters of w^{ch} shee Complaines—It's the sence of the Governor and Councill that shee take her Due Course at Law ag^t Durham for the same, if shee see Cause soe to Doe.

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att

Att a Councill held at Elz: Towne 5th Dec 1683|

p^rsent The Deputy Governor
 Maior Berry
 Maior Sandford
 Benj^a Price } of the Counc:

A Bill sent from the Deputyes Entituled An Act for Defraying the Publicke Charges of the province—read and ordered that the Governor for Concurrence signe the same

The Petic'on of John Gillman setting forth that hee was one of the first settlers in piscataway, brought in severall heads has not his Land laid out According to the Concessions—vpon Inquirey made it appeares by the bookes of Record that the 8th April 1676—a warr^t was issued out to the surveyor Generall then to survey and layout unto him 200 acres, some part thereof is Alledged to bee Allready Surveyed to him but not any Retorne thereof—It is therefore Ordered that the Land formerly laid out to him bee againe surveyed and somuch more as will make up the 200 Acres, all in the bounds of Piscataway—And that a warr^t bee issued forth to the Deputy Surveyor for that purpose

A Bill Entituled an Act to p^rvent vexatious Delays in Law sent from the Deputyes read and agreed that the same bee signed by the Governor for Concurrence

An Accompt of p^rsons and sumes of money to bee paid by Henry Lyon out of the moneys raised by the Bill Entituled an Act for Defraying the publicke Charges of the province, w^{ch} being read—ordered that the Governor signe the same

vpon Debate and Considerac'on of the Rangers ffees to bee paid and allowed by the Respective p^rsons Concerned or to bee Concerned in the Execution of the Bill Entituled an Act for the Regulateing abuses in takeing up horses,

That these Respective ffees and no other shall bee taken by the Chiefe Rangers in this province—viz^t

ffor every horse Mare or gelding or other beast Landed in this province, or to be Conveyed or Carryed through this province to west Jersey, for the Tolling and Certificate one shilling in silver money or the full value thereof

ffor the examining of a Certificate att piscataway, or in those parts or the supposed last place in the province when any horses Mares or geldings or other Cattle may bee Ridd Driven or Carryed, for every horse Mare gelding or other beast in silver one shilling or the value thereof

ffor

ffor the Tolling and Entring the marke of every horse &c to be marked by any p'son 3^d in money

A Bill Entituled an Act for the Regulac'on of markeing Cattle read and agreed to bee signed by the Governor and sent vp to the Deputyes by Benj^a Price

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Regulation of markeing of Cattle Delivered by the Deputyes wth their Concurrence

Ordered that a Com'ssion bee issued for holding a Towne Court in Bergen—Justices or Members Clais Arentson Toures p'sedent, Hans Dedricke & Enock Machielson—or Two of them

THO: RYDYARD
JOHN BERRY
W^m SANDFORD
BENJ^a PRICE

Att a Councill held at Eliz Towne in the County of Essex 28th Day of february 1683 |

p'sent The Deputy Governor	} of the Counc.
Major Berry	
Maioir Sandford	
Benj ^a Price	

Garven Lawrie Esq^r one of the Lords proprietors of the said province p'duced his Com'ission to bee Deputy Governor under Robert Berkley Esqr one other of the proprieto's thereof and Governor of the said province, w^{ch} being read it was agreed and Ordered that the same Com'ission bee Entered on Record and bee this Day published in the Court of Com'on Right and hee is hereby Recognized Deputy Governor of the province of East New Jersey

The Governor then Declared in Councill that as to the Members of Councill here p'sent, viz^t Major Berry, Major Sandford and Benj^a Price, that hee heareing soe good a Carrecter of their Integrity to the Government & province it was his will and Desire that they should Continue as Councillor's—And further that Captn Palmer of the late Councill by reason of his Public Employ in the province of New Yorke has Desired a Discharge from the service of this board—And that Co^{ll} Morris being also mostly Absent and Liveing in the province of New Yorke and Lawrence Andress mostly absent, it was necessary to appoint others as Addic'on to the former Councill viz^s Richard Hartshorne of Middletowne in the County of Monmouth Sam^{ll} Dennis of Woodbridge, Henry Lyon of Elizabeth

Elizabeth Towne and Captn Thomas Codrington of Racawackhacca on the Raritan River and that a Com'ission bee forthwth made for the Eight Members of Councill to Continue viz^t for Coll: Morris, Major Berry Major Sandford, Captn Codrington Benj^a Price Richard Hartshorne Sam^{ll} Dennis and Henry Lyon

It's agreed and Ordered that there bee made a new Com'ission for the Justices of the Court of Com'on Right and therein inserted all the Members of the Councill together wth David Barclay, Thomas Warne, Lievetenant John Ward and Tho. Johnson

Ordered and Agreed that a Declaration bee Drawne up setting forth the new Governor's Com'ission wth a Confirmac'on of all Com'issions—Magistrates and officers, Civill and Millitary in the province vntill further Order

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke tomorrow morneing

The Governor and proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey. To our Trusty and well beloved Collonell Lewis Morris of Shresbury in the County of Monmouth Esq^r Major John Berry of the Towne and County of Bergin Esq^r, Major William Sandford of New Barbadoes in the County of Essex Esq^r, Captn Thomas Codrington of Rackawackhacca in the County of Middx Esq^r Benj^a Price of Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex gent, Richard Hartshorne of Middletowne in the County of Monmouth gent, Sam^{ll} Dennis of Woodbridge in the County of Middx gent, and Henry Lyon of Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex gen^t, send, Greeting, wee being well assured of every of yo^r Capacity wisdome, p^rudence and integrity in the managm^t of the publicke affaires of the said Province, Have made Choyce off, Constituted and appointed, and by these p^rsent Doe make Choyce off yo^u the said Coll Lewis Morris, Major John Berry, Maior William Sandford Captn Thomas Codrington, Benj^a Price, Richard Hartshorne, Sam^{ll} Dennis and Henry Lyon and every of yo^u to bee of the Councill for the managm^t of the publicke affaires of this province and to bee Assistant to the Governor or Deputy Governor of this Province in all Debates Consultac'ons Reseluc'ons, and proceedings as well in the Councill as in the generall Assembly of this province and otherwise and in all Matters Causes Cases and things belonging to the office and place of a Councillor, yo^u and every of yo^u are to Doe and Act to the best of yo^r skill knowledge and Discretion, and According to our Instrucc'ons and the Lawes and Constituc'ons of this province, Given vnder the

seale

scale of the said province this Eight and Twentieth Day of february, And in the xxxvjth yeare of the Reigne of King Charles the second over England &c Garven Lawrie, By order of Councill Tho: Rudyard Secret^r

The subscription of the Councill this xxviith Day of february Anno Dni 1683|

~~Wee~~ and every of vs whose names are herevnder written Doc severly and each for himselfe solemnly promise to beare true allegiance to the king of England his heires and successors, and to bee true and faithfull to the Interest of the Lords Proprieto^rs of the said Province and to their heires Executo^rs and Assignes, & Endeavour the peace and welfare of the said province and that every of vs respectively now being of the Governors Councill, shall and will to the best of our Judgm^t and at all tymes freely and faithfully give our Advice to the Governor for the good managem^t of the publicke affaires of this province and shall not nor will not Revaile Directly or Indirectly to the Injury or p^rjudice of the Governor and Lords proprieto^rs any matters as shall bee Debated in Councill or Com^mitted by them to our Secrecy but in all things Doe and Act as true and faithfull Councillor^s when thereunto Required

JOHH BERRY
HENRY LYON
SAM^{ll} DENNIS
W^m SANDFORD
BENJ^a PRICE

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex 29th feb: 1683|

p ^r sent The Deputy Governor & p ^r pr	} Counc.
Tho: Rudyard Secret ^r & p ^r pr	
Major John Berry	
Major W ^m Sandford	
Lawrence Andresse	
Benj ^a Price	
Sam ^{ll} Dennis &	}
Henry Lyon	

The petic^on of Jonas Wood of Eliz^t Towne setting forth that vpon the Death of D^r W^m Taylor the Deceased was indebted to him, That he and W^m Broadwell Entred into bond

bond after Taylors Death to Admi'ster his Estate—but since no Admistration granted—but that Broadwell notwthstanding Receives the effects of Taylors Estate but gives noe Account thereof to the petic'o^r and prays Admi'stration—w^{ch} being read the petitioner and Will. Broadwell came before the board—Broadwell Denyes hee has rec^d anything—since Taylors Death, in his life tyme hee rec^d about 20^s and noe more—after hearing of both p'tyes it's ordered that Admi'stration be granted to the petic'o^r

The petic'on of Captn Palmer Captn Codrington John Rice & John White, setting forth that they have had severall Tracts of Land att Racawackhacca by Raritan River surveyed to them by warr^t from the late Governor—Desireing pattents for the same—It's agreed and Ordered that they have their Lands att Two pence an Acre, And have pattents made by the Secretary at one halfe penny an Acre, they purchaseing at Twelve yeares purchase the Tree halfe pence an Acre for the Lands they have Respectively pattented to them, to w^{ch} the peticio^{ts} agreed

The petic'on of James Grayham, Sam^l Winder John White and Cornelius Corson, to have a pattent of the Lands lately surveyed to them lyeing on the Raritan River. Agreed that they have their said Lands pattented they paying Two pence an Acre—viz^t—purchaseing at Three halfe pence an Acre att Twelve yeares purchase and paying by pattent $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d p Acre

The petic'on of Mary Mitichell widd, setting forth that by Articles of Agreem^t made by Arent Sonimans Deceased wth her Deceased husband, shee and her ffour young sons were by Articles Transported out of Scotland into this province at the Charge of the said Arent Sonimans, but since their Arrivall here no Care has bin taken for their Children they being all Arent Sonimans Servan^{ts} w^{ch} is to her great Charge and expence—Desireing Either that some p'son for Arent Sonimans may receive them or that they may bee Discharged from their obligation; vpon Reading the Articles of Agreem^t, and David Barclay one of the proprieto^{rs} and agent or m^rchant for Arent Sonimans being here present—It's agreed and Ordered that David Barclay reimburse the petic'o^r for her Charges expended in the Childrens maintenance—And that such Inhabitants of this province who will keepe the Children vnto seventeene yeares of Age & maintaine them may have them bound to them to that age

The petic'on of John Robinson W^m Pinhorne Ric: Jones and Mathew Taylor praying a Pattent for 2000 Acres of Land on the Raritan River wth lib'ty to Dispose of a Considerable parcell

parcell of Land Adjoyneing, or that the proprieto^{rs} take the said whole Tract of Land into their hands reemburseing the petic'o^{rs} their Indian purchase wth Costes and Charges—w^{ch} being read Agreed and Ordered that the petic'o^{rs} bring an Account of the Indian purchase and Costes to the Governor that then the petic'on may bee further Considered

The petic'on of John Robinson setting forth a Title hee holds of Lands from the purchase of Robert vanquellin of 700 Acres of Land on the Raritan River—500 thereof from a grant of S^r Geo Carteret and 200 Acres more for Servants Imported according to the Concessions prayes a pattent for the same. The matters Admitting of some Difficulty more then now to Determine the same, is referred to the Governor to receive further informac'on from the petic'o^r or his agent as they shall make applicac'on to him

The petic'on of Joseph Bainbridge setting forth that hee had a grant from the late Governor Rudyard and Councill for 500 acres of Land on Raritan at $\frac{1}{2}^d$ p Acre, and that one hundred and fifty Acres Adjoyneing should bee reserved to the Lords Proprieto^{rs}, and pray that hee may have the whole viz^t 500 Acres att $\frac{1}{2}^d$ p Acre and the 140 acres at the proprieto^rs Termes; after Considerable Debate and Considerac'on—It's ordered and agreed that the petitio^r have 500 Acres of Land att $\frac{1}{2}^d$ p Acre—but if the 640 Acres it must be at 2^d p Acre

The petic'on of Richard Jones for Land Adjacent to the last above mentioned being of the same Contents It's ordered and agreed as above

The like Petition of Grosham Bound for one other like Tract of Land ordered and agreed as above

Adjourned to 8 A Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne the 1st of March 1683|

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor & p ^r pr	} of y ^e Counc.
	Tho: Rudyard Secre ^{ty} & p ^r pr	
	Maio ^r Berry	
	Major Sandford	
	Sam ^l Dennis	
	Henry Lyon & Benj ^a Price	

Complaint being made to this board that many runaway servants and vagrants passe out and through this Province wthout examinac'on or Inquirey—Ordered and Agreed that there

there bee a warr^t issued out into Each County to the Sheriffs, Justices and Magistrates to p^rvent such vagrants and runaway servants wandring or passing through the province

The petic[']on of John Gillman setting forth hee was one of the ffirst Setlers in Piscataway had a warr^t to lay out Land from Major Berry when Deputy Governor and from Captn Carteret also a warr^t, but never had Land laid out to him, Desires Land—Ordered that hee have a warr^t for the Survey of 200 Acres according to the Order of the 2^d of December last past wth the further Addic[']on of 109 Acres in Right of Israel ffoulson wthin that Tract of Land called Piscataway Bounds.

A petic[']on of Sam^l Moore setting forth hee had 260 Acres of Land ag^t Ambo poynt survey[']d for w^{ch} hee Desires a pattent, and other Land Desires may be surveyed to Complaite 600 Acres for w^{ch} hee had the Order of the late Lords Proprieto[']s in the yeare 1672—vpon Considerac[']on and Debate of the p^rmises it was agreed and the Governor Declared that in some short tyme hee would accompany him to the Land surv[']ed and will Accomodate him wth the whole 600 Acres so soone as possible

Att a Councill held in Elizabeth Towne the 29th May 1684

P^rsent The Deputy Governor
 Tho: Rudyard prop^r & Secrety
 Major Berry
 Cap^t Codrington
 Benj^a Price &
 Henry Lyon

The Petition of Mary ffletcher setting forth that Seth ffletcher her late husband Deceased in his life tyme purchased 26 Acres of Land in Elizabeth Towne, neare Adjoyneing to the house now in the possession of David Barclay, w^{ch} house and Lott are p^t of the 26 Acres and four Acres of Meadow in Elizabeth Creeke,—w^{ch} Land was not held by pattent but by other p^rtences from Nichols pattent, and such pretences, That her Soune in Law Seth ffletcher hath acquitted his interest therein to her and requests a pattent thereof: shee being called in produced a gen[']all Release but not of Land—only of Ace[']ons &c, And after a full Debate and heareing of Henry Lyon of whom most of the land was purchased or Contracted to bee purchased—and Declared his vnwillingnesse that the Land should bee pattented vnto her wthout the Consent of Pembleton ffletcher the heire att Law of the said Sith ffletcher
 —It's

—It's agreed and Ordered that a Coppy of the petic'on bee sent to Pembleton ffletcher—And if Pem: ffletcher vnder the Petic'on Declare hee is willing that the Petic'o^r shall have a Pattent for the same and send his Assent Attested by the Authority of the province where hee Inhabites, then the Governor and Councill will take the petic'o^rs petic'on into further Considerac'on

A petic'on of Thomas Bartlet and Tho: Lawrie Desireing Each 60 Acres of Land on the west side of Raraton River ag^t Ambo poynt—It's ordered That warr^{ts} bee granted to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out to Each of them 60 Acres of Land, and that they have pattents for the same payeing the yearely Rent of 2^d p Acre

David Esmonds Requests to have fforty Acres of vpland and 6 Acres of meadow neare Cheesquace It's ordered that a warr^t bee granted to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out the same in order for a pattent

John Pearce Request for 500 Acres of Land by Stephen Osborns to Adjoyne to 20 Acres hee lately purchased of Benj^a Wades—It's referred to the Governor and Secretary to Discourse him, And as they see Cause, to grant him what hee petic'ons for, or as they see meet

The Petic'on of David De Maie & Sam^l De Maie setting forth that they have an Indian Deed of gift for a Tract of Land on Hackingsacke River, Containing 300 Acres or there aboutes—Desire lib'ty that they may have a Conveyance thereof—Agreed and Ordered that they have a Deed Drawn vp by the Secretary, a warr^t to Survey the same and after survey a pattent att a Certaine Rent to bee paid An'ually

The Petition of yougham Antonius Roberts a ffree borne Negro Desireing Liberty to purchase 200 Acres of Land of the Indians on Hackinsacke River, And it being for Land given him—It's ordered a Deed bee Drawne—a Survey thereof being made; that hee have a pattent for 100 Acres thereof att Rent Certaine.

The petic'on of Nicholas D Vow, David Rawford and Andrew Tebo sevr'ally to pnurchase Lands on the west side of Hackinsacke River—Nicholas D Vow to have 300 Acres —D Rawford 300 Acres and A Tebo 600 Acres—Read and Ordered—that the Governor appoint some p'son or p'sons to treat and agree wth the Indians for the Tract of Land, and purchase the Indian Right to the same and grant them to the petic'o^rs Respectively such p't and p'cells thereof w^{ch} may answer the heads or hands they have Respectively to improve the same.

The petic'on of william Broadwell for a p'cell of Sunken meadow

meadow on the South side of Eliz^a Creeke next Adjoyneing to the house and Lott Lately Benj^a wades—ordered that the same bee left to the Deputy Governor and that hee Dispose thereof as hee sees meet, and that hee grant a warr^t to Survey the same and lay it out to the petic'o's or some other as it may lye most Convenient for, that the same may bee kept from being a Nusance

The petic'on of Gabriell Monnell, setting forth that by order of the late Governor Carteret hee became Joynt purchaser of a Tract of Land on the North side the Rariton River wth Cap^t John Palmer and Associates, That a gen'all Survey was made thereof, and Request a warr^t to have his proportion Surveyed to him—Agreed and Ordered that the matter in the petic'on bee Referred to the Governor and Secretary, and if hee will settle in this province on their Termes they may agree wth him

A petic'on from John Bound setting forth his father John Bound Deceased had an Order to take vp and purchase of the Indians 500 Acres of Land granted by the Late Lords proprietors to him as a pattentee of Neversinks—That hee had purchased the Land of the Indians and request to have a warr^t to Survey the same to him—The matter being here fully Debated And Cap^t Bound, brother to the petitio's father, and the petitio^r being here p'sent and being Inquired whether the widd. Bound had Nicolls pattent, they Answered they believed not, but they believed Richard Hartshorne had the same;—The petic^r said his father some tyme past had it, that the last spring was 12^m it was sent for to these parts and his Mother Delivered the same to the Messenger—It appeareing that the 500 Acres granted to the Deceased was for the Surrender or resigneing of Governor Nicolls pattent of w^{ch} hee was one pattentee—It's ordered it bee referr'd to the Governor to Answer the petic'o's Request, who may grant a warr^t for Survey as hee sees meet and Just

A petic'on from Eliz^a Carteret widd: the Relict of the late Governor Carteret, setting forth hee had a grant for 2000 Acres of Land as the gift of the Late Lords proprietors to bee taken vp by him in any part of the province—That in Anno 1679 the late Governor Carteret in pursuance of such grant purchased an 8th p't of a Tract of Land on the Raraton wth Capt John Palmer and Associates—requests a warr^t to Survey the same—upon Inquiry and examination of the petic'on—It appeares not that this Land was taken up for him on such accompt as alledged—That by former Sence of Councill that 8th p't was Addjudged to belong to the proprietors
—vpon

—vpon Considerac^on of many Clamours that has made ag^t the proprietors and Late Governor on p^tence of Rong Don her— It's ordered that shee bee Desired to bring in the full and whole of her Claimes of the proprietors^s That the same being att one Considered, Justice and Right may bee Don her in all matters whatsoever wthout Delay.

Thomas Rudyard one of the proprietors^s of this province p^resented his Case here, setting forth that hec had noe Land yet laid out to him in the province altho his famely here. Desire an order to the Surveyor or Deputy Surveyor for a warr^t to Lay out and Survey vnto him the quantity of 5000 Acres of vpland and Meadow wthin this province or such other number of Acres as the Councill shall see meete to bee laid out in such p^rcells or places in the province as are apt and fitt for improvem^t and not appropriated or Legally vested in any othe p^rticular p^rson—w^{ch} being Read, the said Thomas Rudyard wth Drawing, The Councill Adjoured to 8 A Clock tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Eliz^a Towne the 30th May Anno Dni 1684|

p^resent The Deputy Governor
Tho: Rudyard prop^r & Sec
Major Berry
Cap^t Codrington
Benj^a Price &
Henry Lyon

A Large Letter of Instrucc^ons from the Lords proprietors in England Directed to Garven Lawrie &c ffellow proprietor, in Councill Dated in London 2^d January 1683 Subscribed by the Number of 16 of them w^{ch} being read amongst other things therein Contained was that they would not allow the Governor and Councill to grant any Land in the province wthout the Consent of the Major part of the proprietors or their proxes

To this I Thomas Rudyard as one of the proprietors of that s^d province Do Enter my Solemn protest, Declareing the same to bee ag^t my just Interest and Right and the knowne Rec^d practices and priviledges of the Governor and Councill of this province in whom is the Right of granteing Land by the gen^lall Concessions of this province

The Kings Proclamac^on to the proprietors planters and Inhabitants

habitants of this province being here Read, Ordered that the same bee sent and published to all the Inhabitan^{ts} in this province, and to that End that two of the printed proclamations bee sent to each Sheriff of a County that in Each Towne att some publicke assembly wthin tenn Dayes next after the [they] Come to hand they bee there publickly Read and after affixed vp att Each publicke meeting place in Each Towne

The Governor and every one of the Councill after Debate and serious Considerac'on of the Contents of the proprietors Lett^r above mentioned Doe app'hend, That as the Lett^r is not Directed to them they are not obliged to take notice thereof, and that the Rather for that the proprietors in England have not their p'ties here whereby they might lay out Land by the Major Assent of them here either to any proprietors or planter. And that vntil the Governor and Councill heare further from the proprietors they will lay out Land as formerly the Denyeing or forbearing whereof will bee of absolute losse and Damage to the province, not onely to Discourage planters here but to make provision here for such as are to bee Transported from Scotland or England into these parts.

The petic'on of Hans Dedricke Elias Mekellson and Adrian Post in behalfe of themselves and other Inhabitants of Aquaquanuncke setting forth they had purchased by order of the late Governor Carteret A Tract of Land Containeing 5520 Acres w^{ch} is to bee Devided amongst fourteen ffamelys of them, those settled pray they may have a gen'all Pattent for the same,—It's ordered that the Indian sale being Recorded—Arrerages of Rent paid, that a pattent bee made and granted them att one halfe penny p. Acre yearely Rent

The Petic'on of John Demarest for License to purchase 200 Acres of Land of the Indians at Kinderkamacke att Hackinsacke above the Mill in Order to the pattenting thereof, Ordered that hee have License granted him to purchase, makeing vse of such p'son as the Governor shall appoint for Nicholas D^evow and others who p'sented their petic'ons yesterday—And the Governor appoints J^o Demaree to Attend the same

The Petic'on of Peter Johnson Jacobus Johnson, Hendricke Tunison Vorther Tunison, Peter Tyson, Mathew Henderson, and John Tunison for 1000 Acres of Land att Chingaroras Creeke vpon the South west side of the said Creeke—It's ordered and agreed that the Petic'ors have warr^{ts} to lay out to Each of them, except John Tunison, 120 Acres of Land, and to John Tunison 200 Acres, Adjoyneing to the Land of Thomas Rudyard att an An'ual Rent

A paper brought in here as ffolloweth,—It's Desired by David

vid Barclay in behalfe of him selfe and the proprieto's belonging to Scotland,—That hee may have an Order to the Surveyor to sett out for Each proprieto's some Tract or Tracts of Land, That it may bee Ready surveyed before the Shippes Arive whereof Advice is Come that they were preparing

The Like is Desired by the order of W^m Dockura and Thomas Warne and other proprieto's of East Jersey—That they may have warr^{ts} to the Surveyor for setting them out Land to sette people vpon—It being proposed by the Governor that 2000 acres to Each of the proprieto's above mentioned might suffice at p'sent, It's ordered that warr^{ts} bee issued forth to survey to Each of the said proprieto's 2000 Acres of Land.

Vpon further Consideration of Thomas Rudyards, Case—It's agreed and Ordered that a warr^t or warr^{ts} bee made and Issued out to the Surveyor gen'all or his Deputy to lay out to him any Quantity or Quantities of Land not exceeding in all in the Number of Acres of Land Three Thousand Acres for the p'sent as hee has Desired.

Att a Councill held at Eliz^a Towne the 29th of August 1684|

p'sent The Deputy Governor
Major John Berry
Major W^m Sandford
Benj^a Price
Hen: Lyon &
Sam^{ll} Dennes

The petic'on of Cornelius Longfield setting forth that by virtue of a warr^t granted by the late Governor Carteret, hee had laid out to him a Tract of Land vpon the South side of the Raritan River Containeing 440 Acres of vpland—together wth 50 Acres of Meadow, praying a pattent for the same—Read and ordered That Cornelius Longfield attend the Councill the next sitting in order to have his Petic'on Answered

The Petition of Caspar Ianson and Alattys Ianson—setting forth that about seven yeares since the petic'oner obtain'd by gift from the Indians a parcell of Land lyeing att Hackinsacke on the North side of the Creeke—w^{ch} gift was then also Acknowledged by the said Indians before the late Governor Carteret, who promised the petic'o^r a Confirmac'on of the same, onely Delay'd the full grant or pattent till the adjoyneing Lands should bee purchased from the Indians and laid out in Lotts—And that since one Jacques La Row hath Entred vpon the said Lands and taken possession
of

of the same wthout having any Indian Deed of gift—The Petic'oners praying a warr^t to lay out the same Directed to the Surveyor gen'all in order for a pattent—w^{ch} being Read and the Petic'o's call'd in who brought wth them Two Indians that had formerly given the said Land to the petic'oners, and the Indians being Examined Concerning the p'misses Declared that they never made any Deed to Jacques Le Low of the said Lands but that the same Did belong to the Petic'oners, wherevpon it was Ordered that both p'tyes attend this board the 27th 9^{ber} next—that they bring wth them the Indians Concerned—And that Jacques La Row have notice thereof

The Peti'con of Rob^t Hamilton for a warr^t to lay out a peece of Land lyeing wthin the bounds of Midletowne Containeing about 50 Acres—Read and ordered that the s^d Rob^t Hamilton attend this board the next sitting of the Council to make his Right appeare to the s^d Land

The peti'con of John Lambert for 100 Acres of Land vpon Chesquakes side—Read and ordered that the petic'o^r have a warr^t granted him—Directed to the Surveyor gen'all or his Deputy to lay out to him 100 Acres as is pray'd

The peti'con of W^m Leets and Nathaniel Tuttle for Each of them 150 Acres vpon Chesquakes side—Read and ordered as above

The peti'con of Thomas Mathewes seting forth that whereas M^r John Injans purchased a tract of Land on the South side the Raraton River, and y^t the petico^r was Concerned & Included in the same in the Eleventh Lott for 500 Acres according to a grant—praying a pattent for the same, Read and ordered that a warr^t bee forthwth made out to the Surveyor gen'all to lay out to the petic'o^r 400 Acres of the said 500 the Remainder to bee to the proprieto^rs for the Arrerages of Quit Rents and in Discharge of 3½^d p Acre for the said 400 Acres, payeing for the future one ½^d p Acre onely for every of the said 400 Acres.

The peti'con of Tho: Whitelocke for 200 Acres of Land lyeing wthin the bounds of Middletowne att the Reare of Benj^a Burdens Land and between Swimming River and Jumpeing — Brooke not yet taken up; Read and Ordered that a warr^t be im'ediately made out to the surveyor gen'all to lay out the same to the petic'o^r

The peti'con of John Bray for a 100 Acres of Land lyeing wthin the bounds of Midletowne adjoyneing to the branch of Nutt swamp and bounded vpon the Land of Richard Gibbins—Read and Ordered That the petitio^r attend the Governor, who is left to Doe and order in the p'mises as he shall see meet

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The petic'on of W^m Sutton setting forth that hee had laid out to him by virtue of a warr^t, Granted by the Late Governor Phillip Carteret, Esq^r 100 Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Piscataway wth Meadow in proportion—Desireing a pattent—Read and ordered that hee have a pattent made out to him for the same according to his petic'on

The petition of Derrick Corneliason for a Tract of Land vpon Chesquakes according to an Indian Deed of Sale—Read and ordered that the same hee Deferr'd vntill the Governor and Council be further satisfied in the petic'o's Indian Deed of Sale.

A pap: brought here by Eliz^a Carteret widd: as ffolowes, viz^t

The Hon^{ble} Garvin Lawrie Esq^r Deputy Governor of the province of East New Jersey and his Council.

The Claime of Eliz^a Carteret widd: Relict and Executrix and the last will and Testament of Phillip Carteret Esq^r Deceased late Governor of the said province in Right of her said husband from the p'sent proprieto's pursuant to an order of Council—humbly p'sented

Impri's That my said husbands sallery for being Governor amounteing to the sume of 1000^l may be satisfied

2^{dly} That a pattent may be made to me for the 3596 Acres of Land wthin Eliz^a Towne Bounds, w^{ch} are expressed in Two pattents granted in the tyme that Rob^t Vicars was Secretary.

3^{dly} That a pattent may be made to me for a Lott of Land lyeing on the Raraton River, burchased by my Deceased husband of the Indians in Company wth Cap^t John Palmer and others.

4^{ly} That the house Lott and Orchard in Elizabeth Towne and farme Com'only Called the poynt part of the said 3596 Acres of Land now in the proprieto's possession, may bee Delivered vnto me to whom of Right it Doth belong.

w^{ch} was Answered by the Governor and Council as ffolowes
viz^t

1st As to the first Article it Doth not Come vnder the Considerac'on of this Board to make any Answer

2 As to the second Article or Claime for 3596 Acres of Land,

Land, to w^{ch} shee Claimes a Right by virtue of a p^{at}ent granted her in w^{ch} tyme Robert Vicars was Secretary w^{ch} p^{at}ents are since made voyd by Act of gen^l Assembly—That this board cannot Act in the p^{re}misses vntil shee make some other Right appeare

3 To the Third,—that Cap^t John Palmer saith—That her Deceased husband Did not pay any share in the Indian purchase—and that it was formerly the opinion of this board that the proprietors sevenths should bee taken out of it

4 The ffourth is Answered in the second

The subscription of M^r Isaac Kingsland who was Com^{is}sionated Councillor the 26th November 1684—

I Isaac Kingsland Doe solemnly promise to beare true Allegiance to the King of England his heires and Successors—and to bee true and faithfull to the Interest of the Lords Prop^{ri}eto^rs of this Province and to their heires and Assigns, and endeavour the peace and welfare of the said province, and that I will to the best of my Judgm^t and att all tymes ffreely and faithfully give my advice to the Gover^r for the good Manage^t of the publicke affaires of this Province and shall not nor will not Revaile Directly or Indirectly to the Injury or p^{re}judice of the Governor and Lords Proprieto^rs any matters as shall bee Debated in Councill or Com^{it}ted by them to my Secrecy but in all things Doe and Act as a true and ffathfull Councillor when therevnto Required, Dated this xxvijth Day of November Anno Dni 1684

ISAAC KINGSLAND

Att a Councill held att Eliz^a Towne this 27th Day of November Anno Dni one Thousand six hundred Eighty ffour

p ^{re} sented	The Dep ^t Governor	} Members of Counc.
	Major W ^m Sandford	
	Isaac Kingsland	
	Benj ^a Price & Henry Lyon	

The petic^on of Nathaniel Tuttell & al: being Read, therein setting forth that they (God willing) intend to settle in this Province vpon Chesquakes side desireing they may pay noe
Quit

Quit Rents for the first Three years the land there being very pore—And that the prises for making of Patents may be limited—Agreed and ordered that as to the paying of Quit Rent it being their own former agreement with the Dep^t Governor to pay 2^d p Acre—therefore this Board thinks not fitt to Act or order in the p^rmisses Contrary to that agreement—and as to prises for making of Patents that the same be deferr'd till the patent of such other fees as belong to the Secretaryes office

Petic^on of John Renn in behalfe of himselfe and one Thomas King now in Pensilvania Smith, for a Lott of Land lyeing over ag^t Amboy next to the Long Poole—Agreed and ordered the same be Left to the Dep^t Governor to answer the Petic^on's Request as hee shall see meete

The Request of W^m Ridford for 100 Acres of Land—Read and Ordered that a warr^t be granted to lay out to him one hundred Acres of Land in such place as is not yet appropriated to any other p^on—

Petic^on of Benj^a Ogden for 50 Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Eliz^a Towne wth Meadow in proportion—Read and ordered that hee have a warr^t granted him according to his petic^on

The petition of Isaac Whitehead Jun^r for 120 Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Eliz^a Towne according to a former warr^t granted him by the Late Governor Carterett—Read and ordered that have a warr^t granted him according as hee petic^on's

The petic^on of John Pearce for 100 Acres of Land for him and his famely—Read and Ordered that the petic^on have a warr^t granted him for 50 Acres of Land lyeing wthin the bounds of Eliz^a Towne in such place as the Governor shall appoint and not taken vp or appropriated to any p^ticular p^on—

One Korough an Indian Comeing in made his Complaint ag^t David De Mare sen^r for purchaeseing a Certaine p^ecell of Land lyeing on the west side of Hackinsaeke River, over ag^t the Mill—of one Mumshaw an Indian Sachim that had noe Right to the Same (as is p^tended) in wrong and Injury of the said Korough—And also of Some evill treatm^t of the Indians by the said David D^e Mare and his famely, and John D^e Mare his sonn and in makeing them Drinke—The said David De Mare sen^r and John D^e Mare his sonn being also here, and both sides being fully heard,—It's Agreed and Ordered that the said David D^e Mare Sen^r and John D^e Mare his sonn for their Evill practices towards the Indians in selling them Rum and makeing them Drunke—Doe Im^ediately give in Security for their good behaviour for one whole yeare before one of the Members of this Councill—and for want of better Security they being bound

bound Each for the other the same to bee sufficient—As to the Land, It's Agreed and Ordered by Consent of all p'tyes that Sam^l Edsall and William Lawrence is appointed to meete David D^e Mare & the Indians Concerned vpon the Land in Question and to Inspect the said Land and strictly to Examine as well the said Indians as others Concerned and to make their Report in the p'misses in writeing vnder their hands to this board att the next sitting of the Councill—that the truth of things may the better bee knowne in Order to a ffinall Determinac'on

The Petic'on of Cap^t John Baker of Elizabeth Towne being Read—therein setting forth that whereas hee not Rightly vnderstanding the true Extent and Meaneing of the Act of Assembly about the Converseing and Treateing wth the Indians and by Reason thereof being Justly Amerced by the Court of Com'on Right held in August Last past to pay by way of a fine the sume of Tenn pounds—and to give in Security for his good behaviour for whole yeare—Requesting his bound may be Cancelled—The said Petic'or alsoe Comeing in and makeing his p'sonall submission It's Agreed and Ordered Captaine John Baker have vp his bound for his good behaviour—w^{ch} was Delivered him accordingly

The humble Request of James Emott Dep^t Secretary of this Province being then Read, setting forth that whereas it has bin the Laudable Custome and practice as well in this Province as all other Neighbouring Adjacent provinces, that vpon applicac'on made for a License for Solemnizing Marriage the Secretary vpon taken Security of such p'sons as Request the same that they are vnder noe other obligac'on or p'contract of Marriage—im'ediately to make out a License p'cureing the same to bee signed by the Governor and given vnder the seale of the province—praying an Order of Councill may bee passed for the Continueing y^e said Cnstome—After the same were Considerably Debated the whole Councill was Consenting to passe an Order for the Continuac'on of the said Custome, but the Deputy Governor Desired that the same might be Deffer'd till the next sitting of this Councill

Att a Councill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex the xxvijth ffeb 1684—

p ^r sent	The Dep ^t Governor	}	Members of Counc:
	Major W ^m Sandford		
	Isaac Kingsland		
	Benj ^a Price		
	Henry Lyon &		
	Sam ⁱ l Dennes		Petic'on

Petic'on of Thomas Price of Eliz^a Towne setting forth that hee has bin for severall yeares settled in the said Towne and as yett has noe more Land wthin this province but a house Lott lyeing in the said Towne given him by his ffather,—Requesting as much Land as will make it fifty Acres wth Meadow in proportion—Read and ordered that a warr^t bee granted to lay out to him fforty ffour Acres of vpland wth meadow in proportion wthin the bounds of Eliz^a Towne afores^d

The petic'on of Captaine Thomas young for 120 Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Elizabeth Towne according to a former Order granted him by the Governor Carterett but as yett never laid out—Read and Ordered that the petic'or have a warr^t granted him for 120 Acres of Land to bee laid out to him wthin the bounds of the said Towne in order for a Pattent

Petic'on of John Pounds of the Towne of Piscataway for Eighty Acres of Land lyeing vpon the Reare of his owne Lott wthin the said Towne—Read and Ordered that a warr^t bee forthwth granted and made out for the layeing out of Eighty Acres of Land wthin the bounds of the said Towne to the petic'or att the Rear of his owne Lott as is Requested—

Petic'on of John Decent for Eighty Acres of vpland wth Meadow in proportion to bee laid out to him wthin the bounds of Piscataway—Read and ordered that a warr^t bee granted to the petic'or to layout to him Eighty Acres of vpland wth Meadow in proportion wthin the bounds of the said Towne as he has petitioned

Petic'on of Sam^l willes—setting forth that aboute two years agoe hee Transported himselfe and famely out of the Province of West Jersey into this Province to settle here, but hath not as yett any Land laid out or Enjoyeth any but what hee holdes by yearely Rent,—prayeing that [warrant] may bee granted him for one hundred Acres of vp Land wth Meadow in proportion wthin the bounds of the Towne of Newarke—Read and ordered that the petic'or have a warr^t granted him Directed to the Surveyor generall or his Dep^t to layout to him wthin the bounds of said Towne of Newarke one hundred Acres of vp Land wth Meadow in proportion

Petic'on of one W^m Johnson of Raraton for 100 Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Piscataway being Read—Johnson being a man wholly vnknowne to the Governor or any of the Members of this Councill and not appeareing or any one for him to satisfie this Board how hee intends to setle the same or vpon what termes,—It's therefore ordered that the same bee left to the Governor to Answer the petic'on, and to grant a warr^t as hee

hee shall see Cause—vpon further application to bee made to his honor by the petic'o^r

Petic'on of Mathew Gyles of Raraton for one hundred and Twenty Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Piscataway—Read and Ordered that a warr^t bee granted Directed to the Surveyor generall or his Dep^t to lay out to the Petic'o^r one hundred and Twenty Acres of Land wthin the bounds of Piscataway

Att a Conncill held at Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex this xxixth Day of Aprill Anno Dni 1685

p ^r sent	The Dep ^t Governor	} Members of Coune:
	Major W ^m Sandford	
	Isaac Kingsland	
	Benj ^a Price	
	Henry Lyon & Sam ^l Dennes	

A Proclamae'on by the Governor and Council wth the principall officers and Inhabitants of this Province, for the publishing and Proclameing James Duke of yorke and Albany (by the Death of our Late Sovereigne Lord Charles the second of happy memory) King of England Scotland ffrence and Ireland—and snpraine Lord of this Collony of East New Jersey &c—being Read—And also the kings Proclamae'on for the Continueing of all officers till his Ma^{ties} pleasure bee further knowne—Agreed and ordered that both the said Proclamae'ons bee im'ediately published and proclaimed att the publicke meeting house Dore wthin this Towne, to w^{ch} End all or great p^t of the Inhabitants and Traine Bands of this County are there already Convin'd—And that Duplicates thereof bee forthwth made and sent to the Sheriff of Each County wthin this Province to bee there also publickly Proclaimed wthin their Respective Countyes—

In pursuance of this order the Goveor and Council together wth all or a great p^t of the Majestates and principall officers of this County im'e-diately Repaired to the publick meeting-house where they were meet by the Traine bands and other the Inhabitants, where both the said Proclamae'ons were orderly published

post Meridiem

Then was Read in Councill, Major W^m Dyer's Com'ission Date 4th January 1682 ffor Coll. of his Ma^{ties} Customs as well of this Province of East New Jersey or Sezaria and Pensilvania—w^{ch} was Read, allowed and ordered to be recorded.

Att a Councill held att Eliz^a Towne in the County of Essex the 27th Day of May Anno Dni 1685—

p ^r sent	The Dep ^t Governor	} Memb of Counc:
	Major W ^m Sandford	
	Isaac Kingsland	
	Henry Lyon &	
	Sam ^l Dennes	

Severall Members or Justices of the Court of Com'on Right being Removed out of the Province or Attend not their service,—It's Agreed and ordered that a new Com'ission bee made, and that the Members or Justices of the said Court of Com'on Right bee as ffolloweth—Coll Lewis Morris,—Cap^t John Palmer Major W^m Sandford M^r Thomas Codrington M^r Isaac Kingsland M^r Richard Tormely M^r Benj^a Price M^r John Campbell M^r David Mudy M^r Thomas Johnson M^r Sam^l Dennes and M^r Henry Lyon

The petic'on of Albert Alberts & Jaques Curtilian in behalfe of them selves and Associates, setting forth they had a grant and Pattent of 5000 Acres of Land on passaicke River—that it was pattented by the late Governor Phillip Carterett—that the pattent was made voyd by Act of generall Assembly, but a Salvo of their Right—Desire to have a Pattent—Major Berry haveing formerly Entered a Caviat as p^ttending the Land to bee part or all of the Land granted to him—Agreed that Major Berry bee Called into Councill together with the petic'o^{rs}—and the Petic'o^{rs} and Major Berry being here in Councill—vpon Inquire and Examinac'on of the p^ttences of both p^tyes it appears that at the tyme of the Indian purchase Major Berry was one of the Councill, Hee never had a Survey of his Land nor purchased the same of the Indians—And vpon Inspection of Major Berrys Pattent it appears that his grant was of a Neck of Land It's Agreed that the Petic'o^{rs} have a pattent according to the Survey, paying their Arrears of Quit Rents.

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Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the 6th day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

p^rsent Garuon Lawrie Esq^r D Governor
 Major John Berry
 Major W^m Sandford
 M^r Benj^a Price &
 Henry Lyon
 M^r Sam^l Dennes } of the Councill

The writts for Electing of Deputyes in Each Respective Towne in this province to serve in the generall Assembly were Retoorned here by by the Respective Sheriffes of Each County —w^{ch} Election was as ffolowes viz^t—

Will: Pyles & } for Eliz^a } John Curtis } for Newarke
 John Parker } Towne }

Ric: Berry } for New Bar- } Eph: Andress }
 } badoes & } & } Woodbridge
 } aquickanunc } John Jerley }

Will: pinhorne } out planta- } W^m Haige } for Amboy
 } tions on both }
 } sides y^e }
 } Raraton }

Sam^l Edsall } old & New } Hans Dedricke } Towne of
 } Hackinsacke } & } Bergen
 } & out } Peter Hesells }

JudariahAllen } Ric: Harts- } MiddleTowne
 & } horne & }
 John Hanse } forShresberry } Benj^a Burden }

{ Isaac Smally } for piscataway

The house of Deputyes all appeared here as above according to the Election, Excepting M^r W^m pinhorne and W^m Haige, and being called out our Governor according to the vsual manner Directed them to make Choyse of their speker & Clerke and they wthdrew

Agreed

Agreed and ordered that a new Com'ission for the Justices of the Court of Sessions for the County of Bergen bee Issued out and that Major John Berry's name be Incerted w^{ch} through a mistake was left out and omitted in y^e last Com'ission--

The Councill haveing taken into Considerac'on the Removall of Thomas Rudyard Esqr to y^e Island of Barbadoes and that he has Deserted the office of Secretary of this province of East new yorke [sic]—It's therefore agreed and ordered that a Com'ission bee im'ediately made out to James Emott gent for the office of Chiefe Secretary, of whose skill prudence and integrity in the managem^t of the s^d office this Councill is verry well satisfied—and that in the meane tyme hee act as such

a Coppy of the Com'ission of Coll Thomas Dongan for the office of Vice Admerall of new yorke &c was translated into English by James Emott and here Read—and also Co^{ll} Dongans writt of Admiralty Directed to our Govenor to take the boddy of Ric: Hartshorne &c and the Considerac'on thereof Differd till next Councill

The house of Deputyes Came here and nominated Ric: Hartshorne for their speaker and Benj^a Griffith for their Clarke—as to y^e speaker this board was well satisfied but the Govenor Excepted ag^t the Clarke as being his servant &c

Adjourned till 8 A Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the seventh day of April Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor	} Council
	Major John Berry	
	Major w ^m Sandford	
M ^r	{ Benj ^a Price	
	{ Henry Lyon & Sam ^l Dennes	

A message from the house of Deputyes brought here by M^r Sam^l Edsall John Hanse John Curtis and Isaac Smally—acquainteing this Board of their want of a Deputy for the Towne of Newarke, and also one more for the piscataway—the Councill Did propose to them to take into Considerac'on as well the want of a Deputy for this Towne of Amboy and vpon the Result of both houses to have writts issued out accordingly—the Messingers wth drew and againe Comeing in acquainted this Board that it was the vote of their house that Two Deputyes
bee

bee Chosen for the Towne of Amboy to serve in the generall assembly, to w^{ch} this Councill agreed

Coll Dongans Com'ission for Vice Admerall &c came againe in Debate—and being Read and well considered—It's Agreed, and ordered that a Letter bee Drawne vp in order to bee sent to y^e Governor of new yorke vpon the subject matter of the Com'ission, and also touching an Admeralty writt formerly sent Directed to our Governor &c

Agreed and ordered that a new writt for y^e electing one other Deputy to serve in this p^sent general assembly for the Towne of piscataway and out plantations bee issued out and that the Inhabitants bee summoned to meete vpon the 9th Instant in order thereto—also a writt to the sheriffe of this County to sumon the Inhabitants of this Towne for Electing of two Deputyes &c

a Bill of Costs wherein this province of East Jersey is Debtor to the Secretarys office for sundry Com'issions &c for y^e Justices and other officers necessary for Govern^t wherein noe p^rvision is made for paym^t—being here Read—Agreed and ordered that major Sandford and Benj^a price carry the same to the house of Deputyes to the ende they may Consider of a way of paym^t.

a Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes—That the Deputyes for the Respective Townes shall bee p^d by the Respective bounds where they have bin Elected—Three shillings p. day, to bee p^d in money porke or Corne att money price for this p^sent yeare—w^{ch} was here Read—Considerac'on Differ'd

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m'idiem—

a Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes for the forme of an Engagem^t for Jury men, who for Contience sake cannot take an oath in the forme vsed—w^{ch} being Read, after some amendm^{ts} the same was againe sent backe to the house of Deputyes

The Bill for Establishing the sallery for the Deputyes being againe Read out—amended—and sent to the house of Deputyes by M^r Sam^l Dennes

Agreed and ordered that major John Berry, Major W^m Sandford and Benj^a Price bee appointed for the more Dispatch of businesse to meete the like number of the house of Deputyes this Evening to Conferr together about the p^sent businesse of this Assembly—and that M^r Sam^l Dennes Carry this message to the house of Deputyes to acquaint them therewth

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(1) The Bill from the Deputyes for the forme of an Ingagem^t for such p^rsons as cannot take an oath &c w^{ch} was this day here Read—amended and againe sett backe, was brought here fairly transcribed—Agreed & ordered that the Governor signe the same for this Boards Concurrence &c—w^{ch} was done accordingly

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the Eight day of Aprill 1686

p ^r sent	The Dep ^t Governor	} Council &c
	Major w ^m Sandford	
	Major John Berry	
	Isaac Kingsland	
	Sam ^l Dennes	
	Benj ^a Price & Henry Lyon	

The Sheriffe of this County of Middx brought here a Returne of his writt, w^{ch} yesterday was issued out for Electing 2 Deputyes for the Towne of Amboy perth to serve in this p^rsent generall Assembly, w^{ch} were John Campbell and Benj^a Clarke

2 Bill for the Deputyes Sallery being againe brought here, Transcribed by them according to the severall amendm^{ts} formerly made by this Board being Read—agreed and ordered that the same bee signed by the Governor for this Boards Concurrence &c

A Bill being brought here from the house of Deputyes for the punishm^t of Adultry and ffornication—Read and amended—and sent to the Deputyes &c

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m^ridiem

The aboves^d Bill for punishm^t of adultery and ffornicac^on being againe Read—Agreed and ordered that m^r Sam^l Dennes and Major Berry bee appointed im^ediately to Confer wth the like Number or Committee of the house of Deputyes vpon the subject matter of the s^d Bill

Whereas Collonell Thomas Dongan Governor of new yorke hath lately sent into this province a writt of Admeralty beareing date the 27th feb: last past, Thereby Comanding our Governor,

Governor, Justices and all other officers to arrest the boddy of Richard Hartshorne and him to keepe in safe Custody, that his boddy might bee brought before the Judges of the Court of Admeralty in new yorke afores^d the first Munday in this p^rsent Month of Aprill—and this Board haveing viewed and duely Considered y^e Com'ission granted to y^e s^d Governor Dongan for Vice Admerall &c—Doe not app^rhend that the s^d Com'ission doth give any power or Authority to the s^d Governor Dongan thereby to Comand the Governor Justices and other officers of this Province to arrest the boddy of the s^d Ric. Hartshorne and him to Convey to the City of new yorke before the s^d Judge in order to a Tryall, as in the s^d writt is suggested and Comanded—and therefore doe not app^rhend that the Governor Justices or other officers of this province may wth safety put the s^d writt in Execution &c

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes that all acc'ons may bee tryed by a Jury of the Neighbourhood where the fact Realy arises—w^{ch} Read—agreed that Two of this house meete the like number of the Deputyes to Confer about the subject matter of the Bill—and that M^r Sam^{ll} Dennes and Major Sandford attend the same

A message from the house of Deputyes for a ffree Conferance wth this house—Agreed they have the same &c

3 A Bill from the house of Deputyes for the punishm^t of Adultrey and fornicac'on fairely Transcribed being againe Read—Agreed and ordered that the Governor signe the same for this Boards Concurance, w^{ch} was Done accordingly and sent backe to the house of Deputyes by m^r Sam^{ll} Dennes &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth the Ninth day of Aprill 1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	}	Councill
Major John Berry		
Major w ^m Sandford		
Benj ^a Price		
Henry Lyon		
Sam ^{ll} Dennes		

A message from the Deputyes Desireing a Retorne of their Bill yesterday sent here, for the trying of all actions by a Jury of the neighborhood where the fact realy arises—agreed the same bee Returned by m^r Sam^{ll} Dennes one of the Members of this Councill

A Bill brought here from the Deputyes, for prohibiteing the Removall of all Causes and Cases before tryall out of the Courts of Sessions where the Debt or Damages amounts not to the sum'e of Twenty pounds—w^{ch} being Read and amended was againe sent to the house of Deputyes by m^r Sam^l Dennes &c

Agreed and ordered that 2 of this Council be appointed to meete the like number of the house of Deputyes to Conferr vpon the subject matter of the last Bill, the house of Deputyes Desiring a ffree Conferance—the same was agreed vnto by this Board and the Deputyes Comeing in the s^d Conferance was had accordingly

Adjourned till 3 Clocke afternoone

post M'idiem

The High Sheriffe of this County brought here the Retorne of the writt of Elecc'on issued out vpon the seventh Instant for the Chooseing one other Deputy for the Towne of Piscataway and out plantations—which was George Drake

A Bill for the Raiseing the value of silver money passing in this province brought from the Deputyes, was here Read, amended, and againe sent them by Henry Lyon and Benj^a Price &c

4 The above s^d Bill for Raiseing the value of money &c was againe brought here fairely Transcribed according to the amendm^{ts} And the same was signed by the Governor for this Boards Concurance

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Council held att the Towne of Amboy perth in East New Jersey the Tenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	} Conneill
Major John Berry	
Major Wi ^l Sandford	
M ^r Benj ^a Price	
M ^r Henry Lyon & M ^r Sam ^l Dennes	

A new Bill Touching and Concerneing the Courts of Sessions being brought here from the Deputyes—was Read, amended, and sent backe by m^r Benj^a Price &c

The Com'ission w^{ch} was ordered to bee made out vpon the

6th Instant to James Emott gent, for the office of Chiefe Secretary and Register of this province was here Read and ordered to bee signed by the Members of this Councill, and that the broad seale of this Province bee affixed to the same, all w^{ch} were Done accordingly—

A Bill for the punishm^t of such p'son or p'sons as shall for the future Clandestinely take away from any Landing & Canoes or boates wthout Lieve &c, brought from the house of Deputyes and here Read, amended and againe sent to the house of Deputyes by Benj^a price and Henry Lyon.

The Bill touching y^e Court of Sessions being againe brought here, wth some alterac'ons, was againe Read

5 The Bill for the punishm^t of such p'sons as shall take away Clandestinely Canoes and boates w^{ch} was this day sent to y^e Deputyes wth sundry amendm^{ts}, being fairly Transcribed out, was signed by our Governor for Concurance &c—and by the Request of the Deputyes—It's Agreed that the same bee im'ediately published.

petie'on of Major w^m Sandford for a survey of his Lands att New Barbadoes in order to ascertain the bounds betwixt him and Major Kingsland—Agreed and ordered that Notice be given to M^r Isaac Kingsland that he is Desired to appeare att this Councill, being one of the Members thereof, to answer to the petie'on givain ag^t major Kingsland

Adjourned till 8 Clocke Munday morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the Twelfth day of Aprill 1686

p ^r sent	The Dep ^t Governor	}	Councill
	Major John Berry		
	Major w ^m Sandford		
	Benj ^a Price		
	Sam ^l Dennes		
	Henry Lyon		

A new Bill brought here from the Deputyes for a weekly markitt att Amboy, and Two ffaires in the yeare, w^{ch} was Read, amended, and sent backe by m^r Dennes and m^r Price

The Bill touching the County Courts being againe Read, amended and sent backe to the Deputyes by m^r Lyon

Governor Lawrie gave in here to bee Read a Scheme of Govern^t or ffundamentall Constitutions for this province of East new Jersey Drawne up by the proprieto's in England ;—
but

but it was the sense of this board that the same, Did not agree wth the Constitution of these American parts—It's ordered that the same bee sent to the Deputyes that they may here them Read
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m^ridiem

The Bill for a weekly markitt in the Towne of Amboy perth, and two faires yearely, was againe Read amended, and sent backe to the Deputyes.

A Bill that all writts of Debt accompt and such other acc'ons shalbe com'enced in the Countyes where the Contracts were made, w^{ch} being Read and fully Debated wth the whole house of Deputyes, the same was sent backe to them by m^r Price

[Original Concessions and other Books, &c. Burnt.] The secretary gave this board an Accompt that in the Dreadfull fire w^{ch} hap'ned in his house ypon Satterday last the originall Concessions of Lord Bareley and S^r George Carterett amongst severall other writeings bookes and papers was there burnt and consumed

6 The Bill for a weekly markitt in Amboy &c was brought here from the house of Deputyes fairely transcribed, and being againe Read, was ordered to bee signed &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morneing.

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the Thirteenth day of Aprill 1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	}	Councill
Major John Berry		
Major w ^m Sandford		
M ^r Isaac Kingsland		
Sam ^l Dennes		
Benj ^a Price & Henry Lyon		

A New Bill that writts of Debt accompt &c shalbe Com-menced in the Countyes where the Contracts were made, wth some Inlargem^t, being againe brought here from the house of Deputyes and Read,—Agreed and ordered that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputyes for a ffree Conference to Debate the subject matter of the s^d Bill—and that m^r Lyon carry the s^d message.—The Deputyes comcing in the same were fully and ffreely Debated.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

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A Bill touching hogs, brought here from the Deputyes, being Read amended and sent backe—

A Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right being here Drawne vp, was sent to the house of Deputyes by m^r Sam^l Dennes.

7 The Bill touching the keeping of hoggs being againe Read and signed by the Governor, by order of this board—and sent backe by m^r Henry Lyon.—

The Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right being againe brought here by two of the Deputyes—Informing this Council that the s^d Bill doth in noe wise answer their ende.

A Bill touching ffences and highwayes &c brought here from the Deputyes—was Read—and againe sent backe by m^r Dennis and m^r Price to Informe the house of Deputyes of the vncertainty of the s^d Bill.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Council held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the xiiijth day of April 1686

p ^r sent	The Deputy Governor Lawrie	} of the Council
	Major John Berry	
	Major w ^m Sandford	
	M ^r Isaac Kingsland	
m ^{rs} {	Sam ^l Dennes	
	Benj ^a Price and Henry Lyon	

It's Agreed that a message bee sent to the house of Deputyes to acquaint them to p^rpare the Bills ffollowing viz^t

1st ffor Impowering the Justices in Each County, to make Rates att their Quarter Sessions for Defraying the Charges of high wayes bridges and fferryes already made.

2 ffor Defrayeing the Charges of the Council Secretary and Messinger attending the Countryes service.

3 ffor maintenance of the Govern^t

4 For Reliefe of prisoners that have noe visable Estate &c—

5 ffor paym^t of sundry Com'issions writts and other writeings for the vse of the Country onely, due to the Secretaryes office, according to a p'ticular &c sent to y^e Deputyes by m^r Isaac Kingsland &c—this p^rsent Assembly,—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post

post m^ridiem

A new Bill touching the Court of Sessions was Drawne vp here, being very Long, and sent to y^e Deputyes &c
Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Council held att Amboj perth the ffifteenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

p ^r esent Governor Lawrie	} Council
major John Berry	
Major w ^m Sandford	
Isaac Kingsland	
Benj ^a Price & Sam ^l Dennes	

The Scheme of Govern^t or ffundamental Constitutions w^{ch} was Drawne vp by the proprieto^rs in England, and yesterday sent to the house of Deputyes, was againe brought here by two of their house wthout giveing any accompt of their like or Dislike to the same.

A Bill from the house of Deputyes for the settlem^t of ffees &c—was Read, amended and sent them backe by m^r Price &c—

A message from the house of Deputyes Desireing a ffree Conferance in the afternoone vpon the subject matter of the Bill yesterday sent them touching the Court of Sessions—Agreed a Conferance bee had as Desired—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m^ridiem

The house of Deputyes Came here vpon the Conferance w^{ch} was appointed this morneing touching the bill Relateing to y^e Courts of Sessions, and after a long Debate the Deputyes Departed, and the Bill was againe altered and sent to y^e Deputyes

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes for appointeing new Com^{issio}^{ns} in the County of monmouth for laying out of high wayes bridges landings and fferryes, in place of Coll Morris John Bowne and Joseph Parker; the two last being Dead and Coll morris left the Province.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing.

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Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the Sixteenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Major w ^m Sandford	
M ^r Isaac Kingsland	
M ^r Benj ^a Price	
M ^r Sam ^l Dennes	
Henry Lyon	

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes ffor the Tryall of all Causes and Cases in the Courts of Sessions—was here Read, amended, and sent to the Deputyes by m^r Sam^l Dennes &c—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post mⁱdiem

8 The Bill for appointing new Com[']issioners for laying out of high wayes &c in the County of Monmouth againe Read—and ordered to bee signed for the Concurrence of this Board—

The Bill touching the Court of Sessions being againe Read—

The house of Deputyes Retoorned here the Bill of Costs, for money due to the Secretarys office for y^e makeing out sundry Com[']issions &c (w^{ch} was formerly sent them)—sayeing they apprehended it Did noeise Concerne them—

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the seventeenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Major wm: Sandford	
Isaac Kingsland	
Benj ^a Price	
Sam ^l Dennes &	
Henry Lyon	

A Bill for maintenance of prisoners that have noe visible Estate brought here from y^e house of Deputyes—and Read, and being Drawne verry short and in many Cases insufficient,—a new Bill vpon the subject matter was againe Drawne up by
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the Secretary, and ordered to bee sent to the house of Deputyes &c

A message from the Deputyes Desireing that the Considerac'on for Defrayeing the maintenance of the Govern^t for the ffuture and such Charges as are by post—and a proviion for the Governor and Councill &c being in service of y^e Country as well as the Deputyes may bee Differ'd till next assembly.

9 A Bill from the house of Deputyes for p'hibiteing the weareing of swords daggers pistolls Dirks stilettoes &c by the Inhabitants of this province—was here Read—amended, and sent backe by m^r Sam^l Dennes,—and againe brought here and signed by the Governor &c

A Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right brought from the house of Deputyes, was here Read amended and sent them backe &c

10 The Bill for Maintenance of Prisoners &c, being againe brought from the house of Deputyes and signed by their speaker wthout any amendmen^{ts},—ordered that the same be signed by our Governor for this boards Concurrence &c—sent backe by M^r Dennes

11 Bill touching and Concerneing the taking vp of Runaway servants,—was here Read,—amended, and sent backe to y^e Deputyes by m^r Dennes, and againe brought here and signed by our Governor &c.—

12 The Bill touching the Court of Com'on Right to bee held att Amboy onely, and that Twise in Each yeare—was againe Read,—and signed by our Governor for this Boards Concurrence.

Adjourned till 4 Clocke afternoone

post m^ordiem

A ffree Conference was here held vpon the Bill for the settlem^t of the Secretaryes surveyo^{rs} and all other office^s fees in this province, vpon the Result it was Concluded that a Comittee of Each house bee appointed to settle the s^d fees and to meete vpon Munday morneing next &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke Munday morneing

Att a Councill begun and held at Amboy the 19th April
1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Major w ^m Sandford	
M ^r Isaac Kingsland	
M ^r Benj ^a Price—	

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desiring a ffree Conferance to Debate sundry affaires and in p^ticular the Bill for settlem^t of ffees—w^{ch} was granted them—and the house of Deputyes Coming in,—

1st The Governor made Inquirey of what answer they gave touching the scheme of Govern^t formerly Given them in—

[fundamental
Constitutions
not agreeable
&c] Answer, That they app^rhended the same Did not agree wth the Constitution of this province, and that they vnderstood that the same were noe wise bindeing Except past into a Lawe by the Generall Assembly

2^{dy} There Came in Debate how the Charges should bee Defraide for such publicke high wayes bridges and ferryes as are already made and to bee made,—after some Debate the house of Deputyes sayes they will take Care to Draw vp a Bill for that Ende.

3^{ly} proposed by the Governor, how the Councillo^{rs} and Secretary's Charges (who attend for the publicke servise in this Assembly) shall bee Defrai'd,—after a long Debate—the speaker sayes they see no Cause or Reason that the Country ought to Defray the same, being wthout p^rsident.

4^{ly} How y^e Secretaryes Bill of Charges for making out of writts for Elections of Deputyes Com[']issions for Justices of peace &c, shal bee Defraide:—Answer that they see no Reason that the Country ought to pay for the same, for that they have not Liberty or power to Choose such officers &c

5^{ly} Ques. who shall pay y^e Kings Attorneys ffees vpon Cryminall actions.—The speaker making Answer, says That the proprietor^s haveing all Royalties, waiths, straves, and fines ought to pay the same

6^{ly} proposed

6^{ly} proposed by the Governor, how they intend to Defray the Charges for the maintenance of the Governm^t; the house of Deputyes Desired some tyme to Confer amongst themselves vpon the subject matter and wth drew.

A Message from the Deputyes in writing as followeth &c viz^t

The house of Deputyes having a second tyme taken into their serious Considerac^on the Bill for maintenance of the Govern^t &c Desire Lieve, first to Confer wth their neighbours in Each Towne and County, and att the next meeting of the Assembly will Retorne an Answer &c

RIC: HARTSHORNE speaker.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post meridiem

A paper was given in here by Mr John Inynons, therein setting forth that he has bin att a Considerable Expense to accommodate the Country, in making out a Road to the ffalls from his house vpon the Raraton, w^{ch} is six miles shorter then formerly, and hath furnished himselfe wth all accomodac^on as boates Canoes &c fitting for fferrying over the Raraton River all Travelling wth horses and Catle &c—Desireing this Board will bee pleased to order its being a publicke Road for the use of the Country, and setle the Rates for the fferry &c, w^{ch} being Read, It's Agreed and ordered that the Com^{is}sio^{rs} appointed by Act of Generall Assembly for laying out of all High wayes Landings and fferryes, in some short tyme Repaire to the s^d fferry and there inspect the same and make their Retorne to the Secretaryes office; and as to the s^d fees and Rates for the fferry, the same must bee settled by Act of Generall Assembly, to w^{ch} end this Board will take Care to Recomend the same to the house of Deputyes

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes for the Inhabitants in Each Towne Respectively to meete and make Rates orders &c:—w^{ch} being Read,—this Board findeing the same not well model^d,—Agreed that the Secretary Im^{ed}iately draw vp a new Bill vpon the subject matter w^{ch} was done accordingly and sent to the house of Deputyes &c.

13 The above s^d Bill was againe brought here wthout any alterations signed by their speaker, and being Read the second tyme was ordered to bee signed by our Governor for this boards Concurrence

A message from the house of Deputyes as ffollowes
viz^t

The House of Deputyes haveing in Considerac'on the season of the yeare, and the Emergency of their oecas'ons Require a Respite it being planting and seede tyme, Doe propose to the Governor and Councill an adjournment of the house of Deputyes vntill the Third Tuesday in October next:—w^{ch} being Read,—Agreed and ordered that this Councill bee adjourned till the Third Tuesday in the Month of October next—and the whole house of Deputyes being p^rsent agreed to the saame

And this Councill adjourned accordingly &c—

Att a Councill begun and held att Elizabeth Towne in the County of Essex the fifth day of 8^{ber} Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent Governor Lawrie	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Major w ^m Sandford	
M ^r Isaac Kingsland	
Benj ^a Price	
Sam ^{ll} Dennes &	
Henry Lyon	

A Com'ission from Governor Barelay to Lord Neil Campbell for the office of Deputy Governor of this Province—was here Read; whereupon it was agreed and ordered that the same bee Recorded, and that his Lordship is Recognized by the Members of this Councill our Deputy Governor of this Province of East New Jersey, who Imediately tooke the Chaire &c.

It's Agreed and ordered that a Proclamac'on bee im'edately drawne vp and issued out into Each County in and through out this Province setting forth his Lord^{pps} Com'ission wth a Confirmation and Continuac'on of all Com'issions Magistrates and officers both Civill and Millitary in and throughout this province, till his Lord^{pps} pleasure bee further knowne &c

JA EMOTT Sec^y

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the 20th day of 8^{ber} Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent Lord Neil Campbell Gov ^r	} Councill
Cap ^t Andrew Hamilton	
Major John Berry	
M ^r Sam ^{ll} Winder	
M ^r David Mudy	
James Emott Sec.	

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The Com'ission of the Governours Council was Read whose names were as followes viz^t

Garven Lawrie Esq ^r Major John Berry Cap ^t And: Hamilton Cap ^t Tho: Codrington Cap ^t Ric: Tormley Sam ^{ll} Winder gent John Johnstone gent David Mudy gent James Emott Sec	}	Councillo ^{rs}
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The house of Deputyes sent here a Message that their Members Desired to see his Lords^{pp}s Com'ission for Dep^t Governor; w^{ch} was given to the Messingers, and after they had p^rused the same in their house againe Returned the s^d Com'ission.

The Members of Council made their vsuall subscription here in open Council &c—

A Bill for Repealeing of a late Act made for the Raizeing the value of money in this province, w^{ch} being Read, and the same being amended and Transcribed out, was againe sent to the house of Deputyes for their Concurrence &c.

A Message to y^e Deputyes was sent as ffollowes viz^t

Whereas att the gen^rall Assembly held att Amboy in the month of Aprill last past, it was proposed to the house of Deputyes by this board, That a Bill might bee Drawne by them for the Maintaineance of the Govern^t, and the Considerac^on thereof being by [them] Differ'd till the meeting of this p^rsent Assembly, This is againe to Renew the proposall to the s^d house of Deputyes, to the intent a Bill may bee Drawne vp to Defray the same &c

Bill for Repealeing of a late Act made for the Raiseing of the value of money in this province, being sent here fairely Transcribed according to the amendm^{ts} and signed by the speaker,—w^{ch} being Read,—It's Agreed and ordered that the same be signed by his Lords^{pp} for this boards Concurrence, and was againe sent backe by m^r Sam^{ll} Winder and major John Berry &c.—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post

post m^ridiem

A Bill for Enableing the ffreehold^rs in Each Respective Towne to meete, agree, and propose prudentiall orde^rs, and to Choose and Towne Clarke, w^{ch} being read the Considerac^on Differ'd till next morneing

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the Twenty first day of October Anno Dni 1686

p^rsent L^d Neil Campbell Governor

{	Garnon Lawrie Esq ^r Major John Berry Cap ^t And: Hamilton M ^r David Mudy M ^r Sam ^l Winder & James Emott Sec ^y	}	Councill
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A Bill touching y^e Court of Sessions for the County of Middx sent here from the house of Deputyes was Read—and some alterations being therein made, the same was againe Returned to the house of Deputyes.

The Bill w^{ch} last night was brought here from the house of Deputyes to impower the ffreeholders in Each Respective Towne to meete & make Locall and prudentiall Lawes &c, —was againe Read—and being taken into mature Considerac^on it's the sence of this Board, that the thing Desired in the s^d Bill is fully p^rvided for in a former Act made the last Assembly.

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

2 The above s^d Act touching the Court of Sessions in middx County was againe sent here, fairely Transcribed wth what amendm^{ts} was made by this Board and signed by the speaker to the house of Deputyes; w^{ch} being Read—Agreed and ordered that the same bee signed by his Lords^{pp} for this boards Concurrance, and to bee sent backe to the house of Deputyes by Major John Berry and James Emott w^{ch} was done accordingly

A Bill was sent here from the house of Deputyes for a penalty vpon such p^rsons as shall for the ffuture Continue in the office of sheriffe above one yeare; w^{ch} being Read, and some small amendm^{ts} being made, the same was Returned by m^r Mudy.

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desireing a free Conferance touching the subject matter of the aboves^d Bill Relateing to High Sheriffes. Agreed a free Conferance im'ediately bee had wth the house of Deputyes; and they Comeing before this board the same was freely debated. Whereupon it's was agreed and ordered by Consent of both houses, That the Secretary Im'ediately draw vp a new Bill, that noe Sheriffe shall Continue in the s^d office above one yeare and that they shall always bee Com'issionated vpon the first Tuesday in the month of January yearely, wth a penalty of Twenty pounds—that shall Refuse to accept of such Com'ission &c

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy the 22th day of 8^{ber} Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Governor	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Cap ^t And: Hamilton	
M ^r David Mudy & James Emott Sec.	

The Bill touching the office of Sheriffe was againe Drawne out by the Secretary, and here Read,—and ordered to bee sent to the house of Deputyes, w^{ch} was Done accordingly by Major John Berry.

A Bill touching the Courts of Sessions of this province in generall, w^{ch} was offered the last assembly, was sent here by the house of Deputyes,—and Read.

Agreed and ordered that the Message w^{ch} the first day of this Assembly was Drawne vp, touching the maintenance of the Govern^t bee sent to the house of Deputyes,—w^{ch} was done accordingly by major John Berry and Cap^t Andrew Hamilton.—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

A petic'on from the Inhabitants of the Towne of Amboy perth for a Com'ission for a Court of small Causes according to Aet of generall assembly;—w^{ch} being Read—Agreed they have a Com'ission granted them—and the Com'issioners be m^r Benj^a Griffith m^r James Armer and m^r Benj^a Clarke

3 The Bill touching sheriffes, was againe brought here from the house of Deputyes wthout any alteration, signed by their speaker;—and being Read and signed by his Lords^{pp} for this Boards Concurrance &c

a Conferance was had by a Com'ittee of the house of Deputyes and this Councill, touching the Bill for setlem^t of fees, w^{ch} was wholly agreed vp, and y^e same was Carried backe to the house of Deputyes to bee fairely Ingressed.

Adjourned till 8 Cloeke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held at Amboy Perth in the County of middx the 23^d day of October Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Governor	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Cap ^t Andrew Hamilton	
M ^r Ric: Tormely	
M ^r David Mudy	
M ^r John Johnstone & James Emott Sec.	

Agreed that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputyes, to Recomend to them the Act made in the last Assembly touching the weareing of Armes, to the end the same may bee either Repealed or such alterac'ons made therein as publieke Armes as swoards &c may not bee prohibited to any.—The Message sent by Cap^t Andrew Hamilton and Major John Berry.

The High Sheriffe of the County of Bergen brought here the boddyes of Rowley Vanderhide, Andresse Lawrenson, Lawrence Lawrenson, Dericke Eptkeyes, Cornelius Christian-son, Hans Christianson, Eptkey Jacobs and weart Eptkey—pursuant to a proclamac'on issued out to the s^d High Sheriffe for a Riote by them Comitted in the s^d County, and for Refusing to obey the Kings Authority there, and sundry Depositions being here Read, and also sundry warr^{ts}, and the Sheriffes Retorne therevpon, wherein appears the great insolency of the s^d p'sons in breach of the Kings peace, and Contempt of the Lawes of this province—the p^rmisses being duely Considered and vpon mature Considerac'on, It's vnanimously agreed and ordered that the aboves^d p'sons and every of them stand Close Comitted to ye Com'on Gaole of Woodbridge there to Remaine vntill they shall give good and sufficient security, and that in the sume of Each of them one Hundred pounds, before some Justice of peace of this County, for their p'sonall appearance att the next Court of Com'on Right to bee held att the Towne of Amboy perth the second Tuesday in the month of Aprill now next ensueing, to Answer the p^rmisses, and that in the meane tyme to bee of the good behaviour

behaviour &c;—and also that Im'ediately bee Comitted to the hands and Custody of the High Sheriffe of middx, who is hereby Required in the Kings name to take the said p'sons into his Custody and them safely keepe vntill the shall give such security as above, or bee Discharged by due Course of Law.

It's also agreed and ordered that Major John Berry issue, out his warr^t to the sheriffe of the County of Bergen, to take into his Custody the boddy of Lawrence Andress of Bergen and him safely keepe, soe that hee may have his boddy att the next Court of Com'on Right to bee held att Amboy the second Tuesday in the month of Aprill next, to Answer to such Articles and things as shall bee objected ag^t him vpon the p^t and behalfe of our Lord the King &c

The Bill touching the Secretaries and other fees was brought here from the house of Deputyes, fairely Transcribed according to the last nights settlem^t:—w^{ch} being Read agreed and ordered that the same bee signed by his Lords^{pp} for this boards Concurrence

Adjourned till Munday 2 Clocke afternoone

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the 25th day of October Anno Dnⁱ 1686

p ^{rsent}	Lord Neil Campbell Gov ^r	} Council
	Cap ^t And: Hamilton	
	M ^r David Mudy	
	M ^r Jchn stone	
	James Emott Sec:	

The Council being meet according to the Adjournment, and there being Litle businesse offering, the house of Deputyes not being all Convein'd, agreed that this Council bee adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morneing

And this Councill adjourned accordingly

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the 26th day of 8^{ber} Anno Dni 1686

p ^{resent}	L ^d neil Campbell Governor	} Council &c
	Major John Berry	
	Cap ^t Andrew Hamilton	
	M ^r John Johnstone	
	M ^r David Mudy	
	James Emott Sec	

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The Bill touching the Courts of Sessions for tryall of all acc'ons &c in the County where the ffact doth arise, was here Debated by a ffree Conferance of both houses, and many Inconveniencies being apparently sett forth to all or most p't of the Articles of the s^d Bill by the members of this Councill, the house of Deputyes Returned to their house seemeingly Contented:—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m^ridiem

One John Duty was brought here, before this Councill for speaking sundry words of Evell import ag^t his p^rsent ma^{tie} the King of England, and being Examined vtterly Denyed the same, and the Informer peter prew being also Examined, a message was sent to the house of Deputyes for a ffree Conferance vpon the subject matter of the Complaint, and to fall vpon a way whereby the s^d John Duty might bee brought to a Legall Tryall in some short tyme, and after some Debate wth the house of Deputyes touching and Concerneing the p^rmisses, It was agreed that the further Considerac'on thereof bee Differ'd till thursday morneing next, and that as well the s^d peter prew as the s^d John Duty in the meane tyme Remaine in the Sheriffes Custody. the s^d prew not haveing made his Complaint wthin Eight and fforty hours as the Law Directs but has Delayed the same for severall monthes

4 A new Bill touching the Courts of Sessions was againe Drawne vp by the Deputyes, That all Transitory Actions not Exceeding ffive pounds should be tryed in the Court of Sessions where the fact shall arise &c.—w^{ch} being Read and sent backe to the Deputyes after some small amendm^{ts}, the same againe was sent here fairely Ingrosed wth the amendm^{ts}—w^{ch} was ordered and Agreed to bee signed by his Lords^{pp} for Concurrance of this Board

Adjourned till 8 Clocke Thursday morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East Jersey the 28th day of October Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Gov ^r	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Cap ^t Andrew Hamilton	
M ^r Sam ^{ll} Winder	
M ^r David Mudy	
M ^r John Johnstone & James Emott Sec	

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The house of Deputyes Coming here, Delivered in their opinion that a spetiall Court ought not to bee granted for the Tryall of John Duty who was Examined vpon Tuesday last before this Council:—wherevpon it was agreed and ordered that the s^d Duty bee bound over to the next Court of sessions to bee held for this County, to Answer the p^rmisses and that also peter prew bee bound over to give his Evidence &c

The Act formerly made touching the Rangers office, came here in Debate as to severall Articles and things therein Contained and the Deputyes againe Retorned to their house &c—

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desireing a free Conferance touching a former message, sent from this Board, for Raiseing money for maintenance of the Govern^t; Agreed and ordered that To morrow morneing att nine Clocke bee the hour appointed for that service.

A Bill touching an Act formerly made for the office of Ranger being sent here from the house of Deputyes and Read, the Considerac^on Differ'd till next morneing

A Bill tonching servants, was Drawne vp by the Secretary and sent to the house of Deputyes by m^r Sam^l winder and James Emott.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Council held att Amboy perth in East New Jersey the 29th day of October Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent L ^d neil Campbell Gov ^r	} Council
Garuon Lawrie Esq ^r	
Major John Berry	
M ^r Sam ^l Winder	
Cap ^t And: Hamilton	
M ^r John Johnstone	
M ^r D Mudy &	
James Emott Sec,	

The whole house of Deputyes Came here, vpon the Conferance yesterday appointed for Raiseing a supply for support and maintenance of y^e Govern^t; The speaker m^r Hartshorne Delivered the sense of the house of Deputyes touching the subject matter of the Conferance, Declareing that the planters and Inhabitants of this Province have bin att Equall Charges wth the proprietors in England, in that they have made all High wayes bridges Landings and prisons &c,—and also it

was

was the Complaint of the House of Deputyes that great p't of their Land has bin lately granted to others to w^{ch} they had an vndoubted Right, and sundry other Evations,—w^{ch} was fully Answered them by our late Governor Garven Lawrie.—But after all, the house of Deputyes Desired tyme till the meeting of the next Assembly for a further Considerac'on, m^r Speaker Declareing amongst other things why they ought not grant a supply as above, was, for that they were not willing to maintaine a govern^t ag^t themselves &c

Agreed and ordered that a Com'ssion bee granted out by the Proprietors to m^r Sam^l Winder for the Kings Attorney Generall of this Province of East New Jersey.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East new Jersey the 30th 8^{ber} 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Gov ^r	}	Councill
Garven Lawrie Esq ^r		
Major John Berry		
Cap ^t A. Hamilton		
M ^r Sam ^l winder		
M ^r David Mudy		
James Emott Sec		

James Scott (sonn of George Scott of picklorkey late of the Kingdom of Scotland Deceased) came before this Councill being a Minor and made choyse off m^r John Johnstone and m^r George Willox to bee his Guardians—who were Admitted accordingly—They giveing in sufficient security to bee accomptable to the s^d James Scott when hee shall attaine to the age of one and Twenty yeares

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy the Tenth day of December Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Gov ^r	}	Councill
Garven Lawrie		
Cap ^t And: Hamilton		
M ^r Isaac Kingsland		
M ^r Ric. Tormely		
M ^r Sam ^l Winder		
M ^r John Johnstone & James Emott Sec		

Lord

Lord Neil Campbell gave the members of this Council an Accompt of the vessell, that was soe lately taken away from this port by order from the Governor of new yorke;—and alsoe his Lords^{pp} shewed a Cobby of a Letter hee sent to the Governor of New yorke Relateing to the takeing away of the s^d vessell, wth the Governours Lett^r to his Lords^{pp} in answer thereto;—w^{ch} being Read—vpon the whole matter his Lords^{pp} Desired advise in the p^rmisses, from the Members of this Council for a suitable addresse to his Ma^{tie} in Council—after some debate and mature Considerac^on, It's the sense of this Board that a Lett^r be Drawne vp by the the members of this Council and sent to the proprieto's in England, Dilateing the whole Case, and Leave the same to them to bee managed as in their great wisdomc they shall see meete

His Lords^{pp} alsoe gave this Board an accompt that some vrgent affaires called him for Britton, soe having power by virtue of his Com[']ission (w^{ch} was here Read) to appoint an Deputy, hee nominated Cap^t Andrew Hamilton one of the Members of this Council to supply his place of Deputy Governor till his Retorne,—Cap^t Hamilton Excused himselfe very much, but being prest vpon by his Lords^{pp} to accept thereof, Desired tyme till next morneing to advise about the same and to give this Board his answer, whether hee could wth Conve- niency accept thereof or not

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morneing

Att a Council begun and held att Amboy the Eleventh day of December Anno Dni 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Gov ^r	
{	} Councill
Garven Lawrie	
Cap ^t A Hamilton	
M ^r Kingsland	
M ^r R Tormely	
M ^r Sam ^l Winder	
{	
M ^r John Johnstone	
{	
James Emott Sec	

The Conccill being meet, Cap^t Hamilton againe Excused himselfe of what was proposed by his Lords^{pp} the last night, in taking vpon him the Governm^t as not agreeing wth the Exigency of his affaires &c.—But vpon the whole Cap^t Hamilton Consented to accept of the same, w^{ch} was to the good liking of the Members of this Council,—Excepting Garven Lawrie Esq^t, who Desired his p^rtest might bee Ented ag^t Cap^t Hamilton

Hamilton his being Governor, ffor that hee was already out of Esteeme wth the planters and Inhabitants of this Province, the w^{ch} would prove p^riudiciall to the proprieto^{rs} Interest &c

The Lett^r, w^{ch} yesterday was ordered to bee drawne vp was here Read, and signed by all the Members of this Councill.

It's Agreed and ordered that Im'ediately Com'issions bee granted out for malitia office^{rs} as ffollows, To M^r Ric: Tormely, for Cap^t of ffoot Company Consisting of the Inhabitants of Eliz^a Towne and out plantatious &c

To M^r Isaac Kingsland, for Cap^t of a ffoot Company Consisting of the Inhabitants of Aquickanic and new Barbadoes.

To M^r James Emott, ffor Captaine Lieu^t of a ffoot Company Consisting of the Inhabitants of Amboy perth, vnder the Comand of the Lord Neil Campbell

Agreed and ordered that a Com'ission bee im'ediately granted vnto James Emott for Clarke of the peace of the County of Middx &c

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 27th December 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Gov ^r	} Councill
Cap ^t A Hamilton	
Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland	
Cap ^t Ric: Tormly	
M ^r John Johnstone & James Emott Sec	

My Lord gave this Board an Accompt of the Transactions of the Justices of the County of Middx, in holding a Court att the Towne of piscataway, the 3^d Tuesday in this Instant month of December, Contrary to Act of General Assembly and the Governors p^rticular p^rclamation—

Whereupon it's Agreed and ordered that a warr^t bee issued out to the High Sheriffe of the County of Middx, Im'ediately to bring before this Councill on to morrow morneing by Eight of the Clocke, the boddy of M^r Sam^l Dennes of Woodbridge, who was p^rsident of that Court, to Answer to p^rmisses &c

Att a Councill held at Amboy perth in East New Jersey the 28th 10^{ber} 1686

p ^r sent L ^d Neil Campbell Gov ^r	} Councill	The
Cap ^t A Hamilton		
Cap ^t R Tormely		
Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland		
M ^r John Johnstone & James Emott Sec:		

The Councill being mett, the High Sheriffe of the County of Middx brought before this Board (pursuant to an order yesterday made) the boddy of M^r Sam^{ll} Dennes, ffor holding a Court att the Towne of Piscataway the Third Tuesday in this Instant month of December, Contrary to Law; vpon Examinae'on M^r Sam^{ll} Dennes Denyed not the matter of ffact, but alledged it was not Contrary to Law—and vpon the whole matter, It's Agreed and ordered that M^r Sam^{ll} Dennes have a weekes tyme granted him to ffind security, and that in the sum of 300^l for his p'sonall appearance att the next Court of Com'on Right, to bee held att the Towne of Amboy perth the second Tuesday in the Month of May now next ensuing, then and there to Answer the p'misses. and for want thereof, afterwards by warr^t to be issued out from some of the Members of this Councill, to stand Close Com'itted to the Gaole of woodbridge there to Remaine vntill hee shall be Discharged by due Course of Law—

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth the Twelfth day of March 168 $\frac{7}{8}$

p^rsent Andrew Hamilton Esq^r Gov^r
 Garven Lawrie Esq^r
 Cap^t Ric: Tormly
 M^r Sam^{ll} Winder
 M^r John Johnstone &
 James Emott Sec

Cap^t Andrew Hamilton p'duced here a Com'ission vnder the province seale and signed by L^d Neil Campbell, for the office of Deputy Governor of this province of East New Jersey vntill His Lords^{pp} Retorne from England, or the proprietors pleasure further Knowne; w^{ch} being Read—agreed and ordered that the s^d Com'ission bee Entred vpon the publieke Records, and also that p'clamac'ons bee issued out into Each County wthin this Province, signifieingg the same, and that all officers Civill and Millitary bee Continued in their Respective offices & places till further order.

Agreed and ordered that a Com'ission bee granted to Robt: Hamilton of Middletowne, for office of Clarke of the peace of the County of Monmouth &c—

Att a Councill held att Amboy Perth in East New Jersey Jersey the 30th 9^{ber} 1687

p^rsent Governor Hamilton }
 Cap^t Ric: Tormly }
 M^r Sam^{ll} Winder & }
 James Emott Sec }

James

James Graham Esq^r, one of the Com[']issio^{rs} of his Ma[']ties Revenue of the Province of new yorke and Dependences, produced to this Board a Duplicate of an order from the Lords Com[']issio^{rs} of his Ma[']ties plantations in America, bearing date the xiiijth August last past, Directed to his Excellency Thomas Dongan Cap^t Generall and Governor in Chiefe of new yorke,—signifieing his ma[']ties pleasure that all shippes and vessells bound for new perth in this province of East New Jersey, shall have free liberty to goe Directly thither wthout touching att new yorke, Provided alwayes that this Govern^t of E new Jersey doe suffer such p[']son, as the Cap^t Generall of new yorke or the Receiver Generall of his ma[']ties Revenue there for the tyme being shall appoint, peaceably and quietly to Receive and Collect for his Ma[']ties use, all such Customes and impostes as are vsually paid att new yorke for such ships and their Lading as shall Enter there;—w^{ch} being Read,—and also a Com[']ission to Myles ffoster for the office of Collecto^r and Receiver of his Ma[']ties Revenue att new perth afores^d, beareing also Date the 26th 9^{ber} Instant and signed by the said James Graham and Stephamus Courtland Esq^r the other Com[']issioner of his ma[']ties Revenue att new yorke afores^d, to w^{ch} Com[']ission was annexed a schedule of the Customes and Impostes as are paid there, Certified vnder the hands of the s^d Com[']issio^{rs} and the seale of their office,—wherevpon it's agreed and ordered that the same bee Recorded in the publicke Records of this Province of East new Jersey,—and that fforthwth Proclamac[']ons bee issued to the High Sheriffe in Each County for the publicac[']on thereof,

JA^s EMOTT Secy

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth the ffourteenth day of may Anno Dnⁱ 1688

p ['] esent	Governor Hamilton	} Councill
	Major John Berry	
	Cap ^t Ric. Tormly	
	Cap ^t Thomas Codrington	
	M ^r Sam ^l i Winder	
	Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland & James Emott Sec—	

This being the first day of the Assembly the whole house of Deputyes came here and nominated m^r Ric Hartshorne their Speaker,—after w^{ch} the Governor gave them an accompt of the great Reason of their meeting at this tyme, w^{ch} was touching
the

the warr wth the french att Canade. Then was Read the Kings Letter to his Excellency the Governor of new yorke, to call for assistance from the Neighbouring Province if neede should Require: also his Excell. Letter to y^e Governor and Council of this Province for assistance in the warr was Read; and left to the Considerac'on of both houses for a suitable Answer, ad-journed till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

The names of the Deputyes for this p^rsent yeare are as folloves viz^t

John Parker & Jeffery Jones	} Eliza: Towne	{ John Curtis	} ffor Newarke
Richard Berry	} New Barbadoes	{ Peter Hestells & Enoche Machielson	} Bergen Corp ^a c'on
W ^m Lawrence	} ont Plantac'ons of Bergen	{ Sam ¹¹ Dennes Sam ¹¹ Moore	} Wood- bridge
John Langstaffe & Geo: Drake	} Piscataway	{ m ^r John White	} out Plan- tac'ons vpon Raraton
W ^m Haige & Benj ^a Griffith	} Amboy perth	{ Ric: Hartshorne & John Throgmorton	} Middle- towne
	{ Eliakin wardall & Judah Allen	{ shresberry	

Att a Council held att Amboy perth the 15th day of May
Anno Dni 1688

p^rsent Governor Hamilton
Major John Berry
Cap^t Ric: Tormly
Cap^t Isaac Kingsland
M^r Sam¹¹ Winder
Cap^t Tho: Codrington &
James Emott Sec

sundry

sundry orders and Instrucc'ons from his Ma^{tie}, touching the privaters &c and also, what plate &c, has bin lately taken vp neere Highspaniola &c was here Read; also sundry Transacc'ons by the proprieto's in England in the managem^t of the affairs of this province wth his Ma^{tie} &c, and also the proprieto's Lett^r to this Councill Dated the 20th August 1687
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m^rdiem

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message by six of their Number Desireing to see the Governors Com'ission, w^{ch} was sent to the house of Deputyes by the s^d p'sons—and after a verry short tyme the same was Returned by the Like number, who gave this Board to vnderstand that they well approved of the s^d Com'ission.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 16th day of may Anno Dni 1688

p ^r sent Governor Hamilton	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Cap ^t Tho: Codrington	
Cap ^t Ric: Tormely	
Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland	
M ^r Sam ^{ll} Winder & James Emott Sec	

The house of Deputyes not haveing offered anything to y^e Considerac'on of this Board touching the affaires of this Assembly, a Message was sent them from this Councill carryed by m^r Kingsland and Major Berry, Desireing as quicke a Dispatch as the weightinesse of the affaire will allowe, tyme being pretious by Reason of the season of the yeare

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m^ridiem

A Message from the house of Deputyes brought here by Eliakim wardall & Benj^a Griffith,—as followes &c

To

To the Hon^{ble} the Governor and his Council

Whereas att a generall Assembly begun and held att Amboy perth in the province of East New Jersey the Nineteenth day of 8^{ber} 1686, and there Continued by severall Adjournment^s vnto the 29th of the same Month, five Acts were past for the publicke weale of this province &c

wee the Rep^sentatives therefore Request yo^r Honor and Council would bee pleased to appoint some Members of yo^r house to Confer wth some of ours, for the Copying and Examining the s^d Acts, and then wee Desire publicac^on of the same, soe that wec may not onely Enjoy the benefitt arising thereby, but also gratefully acknowledge the Contentment this province will Receive

RIC. HARTSHORNE speaker

w^{ch} message being Read and Considered—It's agreed and ordered that m^r Sam^l Winder and Cap^t Ric: Tormely bee the p^rsons appointed to give the house of Deputyes an Answer to the aboves^d Message, and that there may bee a ffree Conferance vpon the subject matter of the s^d Message

The whole house of Deputyes Came here vpon the aboves^d Conferance—and vpon the whole matter, it was agreed by Consent of both houses, that the s^d original Lawes made as afores^d bee brought to this Council in order Coppys bee made thereof by the Secretary, and Examined by a Comⁱtee of both houses, in order to bee sent into Each County for publicac^on &c

The house of Deputyes sent here the said orignall Lawes by M^r John White and Benj^a Griffith, and Desired they might bee Recorded and Coppys made.—

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message for the King's Lett^r to y^e Governor of yorke, and alsoe his Lett^r to our Governor and Council touching the affairs of Albany &c, and the same were sent them

Adjourned till 8 A Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Council held at Amboy perth the seventeenth day of May Anno Dnⁱ 1688

p ^r sent	Goveruor	Hamilton	} Council
	Major	John Berry	
	Cap ^t	Isaac Kingsland	
	Cap ^t	Ric: Tormly	
	Cap ^t	Tho: Codrington	
	M ^r	Sam ^l Winder & James Emott Sec	

A message from the house of Deputyes Desiring a Committee of this Councill, to meet six of their house to Consult touching the Kings Letter or order, and also the Governor of yorkes Letter about the affaires of Albany;—wherevpon it's agreed and ordered that m^r Sam^l winder Cap^t Thomas Codrington and Major John Berry bee the p[']sons appointed to meete a Committee—of the house of Deputyes att 2 Clocke afternoone, touching the p[']misses and to make their Report to this Board.
Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post m[']idiem

Major John Berry Cap^t Thomas Codrington and M^r Sam^l Winder Returned here from the Comittee and made their Report, That the house of Deputyes Desired the sense of this board, whether it was fitt and necessary for this provinnee to allow any assistance to Governor Dongan touching the warr wth the ffrench, seing that the Kings order was not Come to hand &c;—wherevpon, Major John Berry &c gave them to vnderstand that it was the Cleare sense of this Councill, that neverthesse assistance ought to bee given by this provinnee, for that it was as well for the Defense and safty of vs here as them of the provinnee of New yorke

A Message from the house of Deputyes, brought here by m^r w^m Haige and M^r John white, signifieng that it was Agreed in their house that a supply bee given to the Governor of New yorke ffor the affaires of Albany, and that they Desire a Comittee from this Board may bee appointed to meete six of their house to agree vpon a sume to bee Raised, and the manner thereof,—It's Agreed that M^r Sam^l winder, Major John Berry and Cap^t Codrington bee the p[']sons appointed to attend the same

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 18th May 1688

p ['] sent Gov ^r Hamilton	}	Councill
Major John Berry		
Cap ^t Tormely		
Cap ^t Codrington		
Cap ^t Kingsland		
M ^r Sam ^l winder		
James Emott Sec		

Major John Berry M^r Sam^l Winder and Cap^t Thomas Codrington made their Report of the Debate the had wth the Comittee

Comittee of the house of Deputyes the last night, touching the Raiseing of a supply of money for his Ma^{ties} service for the affaires of Albany &c, and sayes that it was the opinion of the Deputyes, that the sume of 500^l^b bee a Competent supply of money to bee Raised for that service, the Country being pore.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill begun and held att Amboy perth 19th May 1688

p ^r sent Gov ^r Hamilton	} Councill
Major John Berry	
Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland	
Cap ^t Tho: Codrington	
Cap ^t Ric: Tormely	
M ^r Sam ^l Winder & James Emott Sec	

The house of Deputyes sent here by two of their Members, viz^t John Parker and John Curtis, the heads of a Bill for Raiseing a supply of money for the affaires of Albany &c,—w^{ch} being Read:—It's Agreed and ordered that a Message bee sent to the house of Deputyes Desireing a Comittee of both houses may Im[']ediately meete to Discourse vpon the matter of the heads of the s^d Bill.—The Message Carried by m^r Sam^l winder and Cap^t Thomas Codrington to w^{ch} the Deputyes Consented and to meete 2 Clocke afternoone.

Adjourned till 2 Cloeke afternoone

The house of Deputyes sent here a Message that 6 of their Number were Ready to attend a Comittee of this Councill touching the heads of the aboves^d Bill, and that they intended to adjourne their house till 2 Clocke munday afternoone:—and m^r Sam^l winder Cap^t Codrington and Major Berry were sent to attend the s^d Comittee, and this Councill

Adjourned till 2 Cloeke Munday afternoone

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the Twenty first day of May 1688

p ^r sent Governor Hamilton	} Councill
Major John Berry	
M ^r Sam ^l Dennes	
Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland	
James Emott Sec	

A Bill brought here from the house of Deputyes,—touching sumoning of Jury men by a summons Left att their house &c, w^{ch} was here Read,—amended, and new Transcribed over, was sent backe to the house of Deputyes.—

Another Act was brought here from the house of Deputyes —Desireing that all Errors Mistakes and Misunderstandings touching the late Acts of Generall Assembly made in the month of 8^{ber} 1686,—and all Differances touching or Concerneing the same, may bee buried in oblivion—w^{ch} act was here Read—amended—and sent backe to the house of Deputyes by m^r Sam^l Winder,

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy the Twenty second day of may Anno Dni 1688

p ^r sent	Governor Hamilton	} Councill
	Major John Berry	
	Cap ^t Tho Codrington	
	Cap ^t Isacc Kingsland	
	M ^r Sam ^l Winder	
	Cap ^t Ric. Tormely & James Emott Sec	

The Bill for sumoning Jury men was againe brought here, and vpon further Debate, this Board see Cause to make some alterac^ons in the s^d Bill, and againe sent it backe to the house of Deputyes.

A Bill was Drawne vp by this Board, for makeing the vpper p^t of both sides of the Raraton River above the Bound Brooke to bee a Distinct County &c, sent to the house of Deputyes by Major John Berry and Cap^t Kingsland

1 The Bill touching the sumoning of Jury men was againe brought here from the Deputyes and signed by their speaker,—w^{ch} being Read the Governor signed the same for this Boards Concurrence

a Bill was Drawne up by the Secretary for a Court of small Causes for the out plantations in Bergen County, and also for aquickenic and New Barbadoes in the County of Essex, and was sent to the house of Deputyes by major John Berry

petic^on of Joseph ffrazey,—was here Read,—wherein hee Desires this Board and house of Deputyes will bee pleased to order that the petic^oner may bee paid, for assisting the Com^{rs} in laying out and markeing the High wayes from Towne to Towne &c. Agreed the same may bee sent to the house of Deputyes to Consider of the petic^ons Request in order to his paym^t

2. The Bill touching a Court of small Causes in the out plantations of Bergen County and Aquickanne and New Barbadoes, was signed by our Governor

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

post meridiem

3 The Bill for makeing the vpper p't of the Raraton River a Distinct County from the County of Middx, and to bee called the County of Somerset, was againe brought here from the house of Deputyes wthout any amendm^t, signed by the speaker:—It's Agreed the Governor signe the same for this Boards Concurrence

A Message from the house of Deputyes Desireing a free Conferance touching Governor Dongans Lett^r &c; w^{ch} was Consented vnto by this Board—

The house of Deputyes, Comeing here vpon the s^d Conferance,—The Governor ffirst made Inquirey of the house of Deputyes what they ment by Taxing all Lands in this province according to the heads of a Bill sent here from their house;—wherevpon M^r Richard Hartshorne and sundry others of the house of Deputyes, Declared that their opinion were that all Lands, as well the proprieto^{rs} as others w^{ch} are purchased from the Indians, should be Rated,—notwthstanding that Clause of the Concessions was Read to them that positively says, that the proprieto^r's Land before setlm^t shall not bee subject to any Taxe—The w^{ch} was fully argued and the Deputyes Returned to their house to Consider thereof.—

The house of Deputyes Againe Came here vpon the free Conferance touching the aboves^d matter, and the Deputyes againe gave their opinionone That all Lands purchased from the Indians ought to bee Equally Rated whether proprieto^{rs} or planter.—vpon w^{ch} the Governor, after a Long and hott Debate, finding the Resoluc'on of the Deputyes to bee such as might if put in Execuc'on Destroy one of the ffundamentall Constituc'ons of this province, Did assume vpon his Honor to pay in behalfe of the Lords proprieto^r's of this province, their Equall Taxes for such of them as have p'ticular pattents for any Tract or Tracts of Land vnsettled and purchased of the Indians, but would not Consent that the same should bee past into an Act for the Reasons afores^d:—vpon w^{ch} the Deputyes was seemingly Contentent and went out to Consider thereof

Adjourned till 8 Clocke tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in the County of Middx the 23^d day of May anno Dni 1688

p^rsent Governor Hamilton
 m^r Sam^l Winder
 Major John Berry
 Cap^t Ric. Tormely
 Cap^t Thomas Codrington
 Cap^t Isaac Kingsland
 James Emott

A Message from the house of Deputyes brought here by m^r John White m^r w^m Haige m^r Ric: Berry m^r Benja Griffith & al. signifieing, that it was the vote of the house of Deputyes vpon mature Considerac'on, That the proprietors Land w^{ch} is vnsettled should not bee Rated or Taxed for the Raiseing a supply for his ma^{ties} service att Albany, and further they Desire that there might bee a Com'ittee of the house of Deputyes and this Councill im'ediately to meete to setle the Bill for Raiseing a supply as afores^d; to w^{ch} this house agreed —wherevpon it was ordered that major John Berry m^r Sam^l winder and Cap^t Thomas Codrington, bee the p^rsons appointed from this Board to attend the s^d Com'ittee &c.

The Bill w^{ch} formerly was brought here from the house of Deputyes touching the Court of Small Causes was againe Read over, and after some amendm^{ts} made by this Board, was Transcribed over and sent backe to y^e Deputyes &c

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

about seven att night, major John Berry Cap^t Thomas Codrington and m^r Sam^l winter Retorned from the Com'ittee appointed this morneing to meete touching the Raiseing of a supply for his Ma^{ties} service &c, and made their Reporte that the s^d Com'ittee had agree vpon the method for Raiseing the same, and had also Drawne vp the s^d Bill w^{ch} was here Read.

Adjourned till 8 Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth in East New Jersey xxiiijth May 1688

p ^r sent Governor Hamilton	}	Councill
Major John Berry		
M ^r Sam ^l Winder		
Cap ^t Thomas Codrington		
Cap ^t Isaac Kingsland		
Cap ^t Ric. Tormely		
M ^r John Johnstone & James Emott		

The house of Deputyes brought here the Bill w^{ch} yesterday by the Com^{it}tee was agreed vpon, touching the Raiseing of a supply for his ma^{ties} service &c for the affaires of Albany, w^{ch} they had past wthout any amendm^{ts};—and also signified to this Board, that it was the vote of the house of Deputyes that Governor Hamilton was Released from the p^{miss}e his Honor made for the paym^t of any s^{um}e or s^{um}es of money for such of the proprieto^s Land as is vnsetled;—wherevpon it's Agreed and ordered that the s^d Bill bee past by this Board, also wthout any amendm^t, and to that end it's ordered that the s^d Bill bee fairely Ingrosed:—w^{ch} was done accordingly and sent to the house of Deputyes by m^r winder and Cap^t Tormly &c—

5 The Bill touching Courts of Small Causes was againe brought here, and after an addition of another Clause, the same was againe sent backe to the Deputyes by Cap^t Isaac Kingsland,—and was againe brought here signed by the Deputyes.

6 An Act was brought here from the Deputyes by Ric. Berry, for building a pound for the out plantac^{ions} of New Barbadoes and Aquickanne, w^{ch} being Read,—the same was signed by our Governor and sent backe by Cap^t Townely and m^r Sam^l winder

Adjourned till 2 Clocke afternoone

7 An Act or Bill was brought here from the Deputyes, touching an Act of Assembly made in the yeare 1683 for prohibiteing the markeing of Catle by Cropeing of both their Eares:—w^{ch} Bill was here Read, and many alterac^{ions} made, and fairely Transcribed over, was againe sent backe and agreed vnto by the Deputyes

The whole house of Deputyes Came here and gave in to this Board all such Acts of this Assembly as were in their Cnstody in order to bee Recorded, to the end that Coppys thereof might bee made out by the Secretary and sent vnder the seale of the province into Each County for publicac^{ion}—after w^{ch} the house of Deputyes Desired an adjournm^t vntill the Latter end of the yeare:—and by Consent of both houses the Assembly amicably agreed, to adjourne vntill the Third Tuesday in the Month of October next, and both houses adjourned accordingly.—

Att a Councill held att Amboy perth the 19th day of June
1688

p^rsent Governor Hamilton
Cap^t Tormely
M^r Sam^l Winder
M^r John Johnstone
James Emott

Governor Hamilton produced here a new Com[']ission beare-
ing date att London the 18th August last, and to him Directed,
signed by Governor Barclay &c, and given vnder the seale of
the province for the office of Deputy Governor for the space
of two yeares:—w^{ch} being read—It's Agreed and ordered that
proclamac[']ons bee Issued out to publish the same, and to Con-
tinue all officers both Military and Civill in their Respective
offices and places vntill further order &c

JA: EMOTT Sec|

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy y^e 28th day of Sep-
tember anno Dom' i692

Present { Coll Andrew Hamilton Governour
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Councill
David Mudie }
James Dundas }

Co^l Andrew Hamilton produced here a Commission from
England for Chiefe Governour of this province w^{ch} was read
here, well accepted of, & he Reoognized by this board Chiefe
Governour of this province

The House of Deputyes being according to y^e writts Issued
out to y^t effect they appeared before this board, and y^e Gover^r
having made a short Speech to them they were desired
to withdraw and Choise their Speaker and after some short
time they Returned and presented Richard Hartshorne their
speaker who was well accepted of

Ordered y^t Cap^t Andrew Bowne one of the members of this
board do administer the usuall oaths to all y^e members of y^e
house of Deputyes which was done accordingly

A message sent y^e Deputyes by Cap^t Bowne, to deliver to
them a letter from y^e proprietors in England, directed to y^e
Generall assembly of this province.

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morning

Att

Att a Councill held a perth Amboy y^e 29 Sept anno Dom' 1692

present { Co^{ll} Andrew Hamilton Gover^r
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Councill
David Mudie
John Bishop
John Royse
James Dundas }

A Message from y^e house of Deputyes by Six of their members desireing to see y^e Gover^{rs} Commission for Cheife Governour of this province, w^{ch} was delivered to them and in a short time they returned & declared y^e Satisfaction of y^e whole house therewith and returned y^e thants of y^e house that y^e prop^{rs} had made Choise of a person so well known & acceptable to them & y^e whole Country

The whole house of Deputyes, after perusall of the prop^{rs} letter to y^e assembly, Came before this board & by their Speaker gave this board the Thanks of that house for y^e proprietors Care and kindness for this province.

Adjourned till 2 a Clocke afternoon

post meridiem

The house of Deputyes desire y^t his Ho^r y^e Gover^r would Issue out writts, for y^e Chouseing Representatives for y^e County of Bergen & y^e Town of acquicanum, w^{ch} they find wanting.

Ordered that this board do resolve into a Comittie, to Consider wth y^e house of Deputyes of a method for Confirmeing y^e Lawes of this province, y^e further Consideration thereof referred till to morrow morning

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke tomorrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 30th Sepr 1692

present { Co^{ll} Andrew Hamilton Gove^r
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Councill
David Mudie
John Bishop
John Royse
James Dundas }

A Message to y^e house of Deputyes for their Concurrence to an address or letter of thants to be sent to y^e prop^{rs} in England for their Care of this province.

A Message from y^e house of Deputyes for a Generall Conference Concerning y^e s^d address w^{ch} was granted, and being meet y^e Gover^r Council & deputyes agreed upon y^e s^d address & ordered y^e same to be Engrossed & signed by y^e Speaker in name of y^e house of Deputyes, & by y^e Secretary in behalfe of this board, w^{ch} was doon accordingly

Adjourned till 2 a Clocke afternoon

Postmeridiem

Thomas Gordon produced here a Commission to be Deputy Secretary of this province unter m^r Dockwra, who was admitted & Sworne here, and Recognized by this board Deputy Secretary of this province.

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morneing

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy y^e first day of October 1692

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		John Royse	
		James Dundas	

Two bills from y^e house of Deputyes for y^e Concurrence of this board, viz: one for repealing y^e money act for levying a tax made in May 1688, & for Confirming all y^e laws of this province &c, and another for repealing a former act touching a femme Covert, both past this board.

Adjourned till 2 a Clocke afternoon

A Conference of both houses about y^e passing a Certain bill but upon a full debate y^e bill was set aside

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy y^e third of Octr Anno Dom' 1692

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		John Bishop	
		John Royse	
		James Dundas	

A Bill for y^e house Deputyes Concer'ing markeing of Horses past that house, & desireing y^e Concurrence of this board, was past this board.

Adjourned till 2 Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

Postmeridiem

A Message from y^e house of Deputyes wth a bill for prohibiteing selling of Strong drink to y^e Indians, and a bill for declareing all Conveyances of lands made by vertue of letters of Attorney &c to be good in Law, both past this board.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy y^e 4th of Octr i692

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		John Bishop	
		John Royse	
		James Dundas	

A Committie of both houses appointed, to Confer upon y^e methode for raiseing a tax for helping to Carry on y^e warr agst y^e french.

A bill past both houses for moderateing y^e former Act Concerning markeing of horses.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

A Generall Conference of both houses about y^e money Act
Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 5 Octr i692

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		John Bishop	
		John Royse	
		James Dundas	

A bill for devideing each County into Townships past both houses

A bill past both houses for further Encurradgment for y^e killing of woodives

A bill past both houses for Regulateing of Ordinaries, and for raiseing an Excise upon strong drink & Liquors.

A bill past both houses for setting a standart of weights and measures.

A bill past both houses for raiseing 400^l for their Majesties service in Carrieng.

All y^e Acts past this Sessions of Assembly, being ten in number, were delivered in to this board & ordered y^e Secretary should record & publish y^e same, and the y^e Gover^r did dissolve y^e assembly, & y^e assembly was accordingly dissolved.

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy y^e 12th October anno Dom' i^e93

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Isaac Kingsland		
		Andrew Bowne		
		David Mudie		
		John Bishop		
		James Dundas		
		Lewis Morris		

The House of Deputyes being meet together Came before this board, & y^e Gover^r did desire them to wth draw & Choise their Speaker & present him to morrow morning & then he would lay before them such things as were for y^e generall good & welfear of y^e province.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 13 Octr i693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Isaac Kingsland		
		Andrew Bowne		
		David Mudie		
		Sam ^l Dennes		
		John Bishop		
		James Dundas		
		Lewis Morris		

The House of Deputyes being meet Came before this board & presented william Lawrance for their Speaker, who was received accordingly, and then y^e Gover^r told them that he had Called them together at this time to Consult & advise of severall things w^{ch} were for y^e Generall good Credit and welfear of this province, and seeing y^e warr agst y^e French still Continued, he desired they would fall upon some proper & good method for defence of y^e Country, & for y^e assisting y^e warrs & Continuing y^e Credit of y^e province, w^{ch} they had already acquired, by assisting of our neighbours of new yorke wth men & money for
defence

defence of y^e frontiers; and because y^e makeing of detachments is found to be very Inconvenient he desired they would fall upon some better method for raising of men & paying them for y^e future

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

Ordered that Isaac Kingsland & Thomas Gordon Dep^t Secretary & Clerk of this board Do take y^e usuall oathes of members of y^e house of Deputyes w^{ch} they did

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 14th October anno Dom: i693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne		
		David Mudie		
		John Bishop		
		Sam ^{ll} Dennes		
		Lewis Morris		

A Message to y^e house of Deputyes by Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, desireing them to fall Spedily upon y^e bussinese recomended to them yesterday by y^e Gover^r, and to Shew them a letter from his Ex^{ci}^e Benj^r fletcher Gover^r of new-york applauding & giving thanks in their Maj^{ties} names, for y^e Loyalty & assistance this province hath given towards y^e defence of y^e frontiers

A Message by John Reid & John Lyon, desired this board would appoint some of their number to meet a Committie of their house, to discourse of y^e bussinese in hand; this board did appoint Andrew Bowne & Sam^{ll} Dennes to meet John Bowne John White John Lyon & John pike, who meet accordingly

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy y^e 16th October anno Dom': i693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bonne		
		John Jnians		
		David Mudie		
		John Royse		
		Sam ^{ll} Dennes		
James Dundas				

A Message by John White and John Reid desiring a General Conference of this board, w^{ch} was granted presently, & being meet, y^e Speaker informed this board that y^e Country was much aggrieved by many ill and unaccountable practices don to y^e Inhabitants of this province by y^e Collector of New-Yorke, the Gover^r answered y^t he would willingly Joyn wth them to redress y^e same any way they thought fitt

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy y^e 17th Octr 1693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne		
		John Jnians		
		David Mudie		
		Sam ^l Dennes		
		John Bishop		
		John Royse		
James Dundas				

A Message by John Bowne & John Drake to Inform this board, that ye house of Deputyes have agreed to Levy fifteen men to be sent to albany for assisting in y^e defence of y^e frontiers, & to pay them for one yeare next Ensueing

Another Message by John Bowne & John pike, to Informe this board that they have aggreed to add five men more, w^{ch} makes twentie in all, for one year

A Message by Thomas Gordon to Informe y^e house of Deputyes that this house desires a Gen^r^l Conference of y^e whole house presently, & being meet, y^e Gover^r told them y^t they had received two Messages one Informing them that y^e house Deputyes had agreed to levy 15 men to be sent to y^e frontiers, & another that they had five men more w^{ch} seemed very strange that they should bargaine as if they were buying or selling a horse or a Cow, when their own safty & Credit Lyes at stake, and therefore he desired that this year they would agree to send 30 men w^{ch} would tend very much to their Safty & Credit, and would also be a leading Case & a good Example to y^e neighbourhood, and that he would Endeavour y^t 25 if not 20 men should be accepted of next year. The Governor also told them that there was an Express Messenger Come for him to go to west Jersey to y^e Assembly now sitting at Burlington, & therefore thought fitt that they would think of adjourning for some short time

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

A Message by Thomas Gordon to acquaint y^e house of Deputyes, that this board did desire they would Conclude upon what y^e Gover^r had recomended to them, that he might be Enabled to Improve to y^e best advantage in west Jersey, where he was now going, And also y^t he might writt to y^e Gover^r of New-Yorke, who is now at Connectecute, y^t he may Improve to y^e best advantage as a leading Case there, & also to desire them to Informe this board what time they desired to adjourn to.

A Message from y^e house of Deputyes by John Reid and Thomas Richards, to Inform this board that they Incline to adjourne to y^e 14th November next, & in y^e mean time, to Informe & advise wth their Neighbours if they Can give 30 men to be sent to ye frontiers as is proposed.

The Gover^r did Informe this board that being necessitate to go to burlington to y^e assembly now sitting there, who have sent for him, & not being resolved to stay above 3 or 4 dayes, upon Second thoughts he did not think fitt to adjourn y^e assembly, but that a Chairman might be appointed in his absence, and y^e Members of this board did recomend it to his Ho^r to appoint whom he thought fitt, Whereupon y^e Gover^r did name Cap^t Andrew Bowne to be Chairman dureing his absence, w^{ch} all y^e members of this board did well approve of.

A Message by Cap^t John Bishop to Informe y^e house of Deputyes, that this board desired a Generall Conference wth them presently, & being meet, y^e Gover^r did Informe them that upon Second thoughts, wth advise of y^e Councill, he thought fitt not adjourn because it would be a great truble & Charge to y^e Country to meet again, And therefore, wth y^e advice & approbation of y^e Councill, he had appointed Cap^t Andrew Bowne to be Chairman dureing his absence, w^{ch} should be very Short, & in y^e mean time they might be prepareing bills &c till his returne, and that he had now resolved wth advice of y^e Councill to accept of 25 men, w^{ch} was y^e lest w^{ch} is y^e least that they Can wth Credit offer or he accept of.

A Message by John Reid Sam^l Dennes & Thomas Richards pressing this board for an adjournment at least for tenn dayes

A Message by Thomas Gordon to Inform y^e house of Deputyes, that they desired they would appoint 4 of their house to meet 3 from this board to debate y^e reasons why they pressed for an adjournment: this board made Choice of Capt Andrew Bowne John Royse & Sam^l Dennes to meet Richard Harts-horne

horne Sam¹¹ Dennes John Lyon & Daniel Dod of y^e house of deputies, and after a full debate y^e Comittie agreed to Adjourn for 10 days and accordingly did

Adjourn till Thursday y^e 26 Instant Octr at 9 a Clock in y^e morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy y^e 26th Octr 1693

present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Inians
Sam¹¹ Dennis
James Dundas } of y^e Councill

The House of Deputyes Not being fully meet

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 27th Octr 1693

present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Inians
Sam¹¹ Dennes
John Bishop
James Dundas } of y^e Councill

A Message from Sam¹¹ Dennes & James Dundas to y^e house of Deputyes, to Informe them that this house desires they would finish y^e bill of supply for defence of y^e frontiers wth all Expedition, for two reasons, first y^t notice may be Sent to y^e proprietors in England that they may Improve our Loyalty to Our advantage there, & also that Notice may be Sent to y^e Gover^r of New-Yorke Now at Connecticut, that he may Improve it to our Credit there, & y^e forwarding their Maj^{ties} Interest there & elsewhere wthin their Maj^{ties} plantations.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

A Message by John Reid John pike & Sam¹¹ Dennes w^t a bill Concerning y^e Courts of Small Causes past that house, desiring y^e Concurrence of this board.

A Message by Sam¹¹ Dennes & James Dundas to y^e house of Deputyes proposing some Amendments of y^e s^d bill Concerning y^e Courts of Small Causes, And desiring An Answer of y^e Message sent them in y^e morning Concerning y^e Bill of Supply &c.

A Message by John White & John Drake wth y^e s^d Bill Concerning y^e Court of Small Causes amended, & a bill for y^e repealing of an act formerly made for regulateing of ordinances, & raising an Excise upon Strong liquors, both past that hous, for y^e Concurrence of this board

A Message by Sam^l Dennes & James Dundas desireing a generall Conference of y^e house of Deputyes presently, about y^e bill of Supply &c, Seeing they had returned no answer to y^e two last Messages, and being meet, y^e Gover^r did press y^e dispatch of y^e bill for Supply &c for y^e reasons afores^d. The Speaker did answer that they had Considered y^t bussinese, & y^t they thought they had made a great offer, & that Considering their own poverty 20 men is a great matter, & at their own Charge is as much as they Can well do & as farr as they Can well go

Att A Committie of two of this board viz Andrew Bowne & Sam^l Dennes & four of y^e house of Deputyes, to witt John pike John Lyon John Drake & John Fitzrandolph appointed to debate y^e reasons of repealing y^e act Concerning regulateing of ordinaries, upon full debate it was found that bill had proceeded upon a Mistake & therefore was set aside.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 28 Octr i693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		John Jnians	
		David Mudie	
		Sam ^l Dennes	
		James Dundas	

A Message by Richard Hartshorn John pike Sam^l Dennes & John Reid wth y^e bill Concerning y^e Court of small Causes amended & past that house, w^{ch} was read here & past this board, and they did also Inform this board that their house had fully debated and Considered y^e bill of Supply &c, And y^e poverty of y^e Country in Generall & of every County & town in particulare, & found 20 men, on their own Charge, y^e uttermost that they Could go

A Message by Thomas Gordon desireing a Generall Conference of y^e house of Deputyes presently, to Show some solid reasons why they Can do no more &c, w^{ch} they desired time to Consider upon & give their Answers.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Post

Post meridiem

Both houses being meet at y^e Generall Conference, Mr Speaker did still Insist upon y^e poverty of y^e Country, And long and much debate y^e Gover^r & Councill aggreed to y^e levying of 20 men, to be sent to albany to Joyn in y^e Common defence of y^e frontiers, & to be maintained for one whole year from & after y^e first of may next

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday Morning.

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 30th octr i693

present	{ Gover ^r Hamilton Andrew Bowne David Mudie John Bishop John Royse James Dundas }	of y ^e Councill	

A Message from y^e house of Deputyes wth two bills past y^e house, one Intitled a bill for setling a School & School Master in every town in & throughout y^e province, the other a bill for regulation of ordinaries

A Message by Thomas Gordon, wth two bills past this board to y^e house of Deputyes for their Concurrence, the one a bill for regulateing y^e proceedings of y^e Court of Common Right the other a bill for Establishing a Court of Oyer & terminer, also wth y^e bill Concerning y^e Court of Small Causes past this board, and also desireing they would appoint a Comittie to debate wth some of y^e members of this board about y^e bill Concerning School Masters & y^t about ordinaires. Andrew Bowne & David Mudie were named by this board to meet John Reid John Pike John Lyon & John Drake.

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridiem

A Message by John Barclay Thomas Fitzrandolph & Elias Michielson, wth a bill past that house for divideing each County into Townships, & desireing this board would appoint some of their number to meet Six of that house to debate upon y^e bill for y^e Court of Common Right, & y^e bill for a Court of Oyer & Terminer. Andrew Bowne John Bishop & James Dundas were appointed by this board to meet John Reid Sam^l Dennes Henry

Henry Norris John Lyon, Thomas Cooke & John Drake of y^e house of Deputyes to Conferr as afores^d

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes wth 3 bills past this board, viz: one Concerning selling strong drink to y^e Indians, one for establishing School masters wthin this province, & one for regulate of Lycences for publick houses & marriages & take off y^e Exeise &c.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 3i Octr 1693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of ye Councill
		Andrew Bowne		
		David Mudie		
		Sam ^{ll} Dennes		
		John Bishop		
		John Royse		

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes wth y^e bill for deviding each County into townships past this board
Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridieꝝ

A Message by John Reid & Sam^{ll} Dennes wth 2 bills past y^r house viz: a bill for regulateing of marriages, & another for takeing off y^e Excise & Impowering y^e Gover^r to grant lycences to ordinary keepers, & y^e Bill sent yesterday returned & by this devided into two—

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth amboy 1st nover^r i693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne		
		John Inians		
		David Mudie		
		John Royse		
		James Dundas		

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes, wth a letter from y^e proprietors in England giving Our Gover^r & y^e assembly, thanks for their prudent Care & Conduct in y^e management of y^e Government of y^e province &c, and a bill Concerning y^e Militia past this board.

Adjourned to 2 Clock afternoon

Postmeridieꝝ

Postmeridiem

A Message by John Drake wth a bill past y^t house, for aughmenting y^e Deputyes fees & fying y^e absents, w^{ch} being read here was returned again by Andrew Bowne & James Dundas, & to acquaint y^t house, that seeing they pleaded so much poverty this board thought y^e Salary allready allowed enuff, and that they should rather Consider y^e Gentlemen of y^e Gove^rs Councill who as yet had nothing allowed to them
Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy 2 Nover^r 1693

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne		
		John Jnians		
		Sam ^l Dennes		
		John Bishop		
		John Royse		

A Message by John White & John Lyon wth a letter signed by y^e Speaker, by order of that house, directed to y^e proprietors in England, giving them thanks for their Care over y^e province & Complaining of y^e hardships put upon y^e Inhabitants of this province by y^e Collector of New-Yorke, & Intreating their assistance for redress of y^e same &c; and also a bill Conserving John pike & his father past y^t house. The letter to y^e prop^rs being read here, Ordered y^t y^e same be signed by Thomas Gordon Dep^t Secretary & Clarke of this board w^{ch} was don.

A Message by Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board to y^e house of Deputyes, to Informe them y^t y^e bill for Regulateng of marriages, & the bill for Impowering y^e Gover^r to grant Licenses to ordinarie keepers & for takeing off y^e Excise, are past this board

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Post merediem

A Message by John Reid & John Lyon, wth a bill for Impowering Each County in and throughout y^e province to make rates to defray their debts, past y^e house.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes, to know what bills sent them from this board are past y^t house, who returned answe^r y^t y^e bill about Schoolmasters, y^e bill about

about selling strong drink to y^e Indians, & y^e bill about y^e Militia, are all past that house, & returned y^e bill about y^e Court of Common Right & y^e bill about y^e Court of Oyer & terminer past

A Message by John White & John Reid wth a p^rper signed by y^e Speaker by order of y^t house, recomending y^e putting in practise y^e former law about weights & measures, & wth them was returned y^e bill Conserving John pike Elder deceased & John pike, because this board did esteem any former disgrace &c, sufficiently taken of, by his being admitted a member of y^t house

A Message by John White John Reid Sam^l Dennes & John Drake wth y^e bill for Raiseing souldiers for y^e seafy of this province, & money for maintaining y^e same past that house, desireing y^e Concurrance of this board to y^e s^d bill, and also A Committie to be appointed to Conferr upon y^e bill about John pike &c. Ordered that Andrew Bowne John Royse & David Mudie do Conferr wth John Reid John pike John Lyon & Sam^l Dennes of y^e house of Deputyes upon y^e s^d bill Concerning John pike &c

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes Desiring a Conference of y^t whole house to discourse about y^e bill for raising men & money &c, for making some amendments of y^e same, & to acquaint them y^t y^e bill y^t Impowered y^e County Courts to make rates &c was past this board.

Adjourned till 8 a Cloek to Morrow Morning

Att A Councill held at perth Amboy 3^d Nover^r i693

present { Governour Hamilton
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Councill
John Inians
John Royse

The Bill for raising men & mo^e &c, wth the amendm^{ts}, past this board & sent to y^e house of Deputyes & past y^t house.

A Message to y^e house of Deputyes by Thomas Gordon desireing all y^e principall bills past both houses to be sent here, & desireing all y^e members of y^t house to attend y^e Gover^r & Councill presently, w^{ch} they did &c, Ordered that all y^e bill past both houses, being nine in number, be recorded by y^e Dep^t Sec^ry in y^e publick records of this province, & Copies sent to y^e severall Countyes, and then y^e Gover^r did dissolve y^e Assembly

THOMAS GORDON D Sec^ry & Reg^r

Att

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy in y^e County of Mid-
sex y^e Second Day of October anno Dom': 1694.

Present { Co^{ll} Andrew Hamilton Gover^r
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Councill
David Mudie
Sam^{ll} Deunes
James Dundas }

The Major part of y^e Deputyes being meet Came before this board. The Gover^r did desire them to withdraw & Choise their Speaker, & then he acquaint them wth such things as he Judged would tend to y^e Generall good welfear & Credit of y^e province.

The House of Deputyes Came before this board and presented John Harriman for Their Speaker, who was accepted & Received accordingly, and then y^e Gover^r told them y^t he had Called them together at this time to rectifie what is now found by experience to be formerly amiss, and to Consult & advise what may be further needfull for y^e Common good wealfear & seafy of y^e province, and as on y^e one part he is persuaded y^e Gover^r & Councill will Deny nothing that may Contribute to that End, So on y^e other side he desires that they would lay aside all factions & animosities, & Joyn Cordially in what May be for y^e Generall good & Common defence of this & y^e rest of their Maj^{ties} Colonyes.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 3^d October anno Dom':
1694

present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Councill
David Mudie
Sam^{ll} Dennes
James Dundas }

Adjourned till 8 a Clocke to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy y^e 4th of October 1694

present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne } of ye Councill
David Mudie
Sam^{ll} Dennes
James Dundas
Lewis Morris }

A Message by Elias Micheilson Edward Earle, John pike & Thomas Fitzrandolph, wth a bill Concerning Negroes past that house, desireing y^e Concurrance of this board

A Message by Sam^l Dennes, desireing y^e house of Deputyes to appoint some of their Number to meet some of y^e members of this board, to debate Concerning some amendmt^s to be made of y^e bill Concerning Negroes &c.

A Message by John Reid, Richard Hartshorn Sam^l Leonard & Jasper Craine, desireing a free Conference of Their whole house wth this board, w^{ch} was granted presently, & being meet, M^r Speaker did offer that they had some debate in their House Concerning y^e trade of this province, it's lying under severall very bad Circumstances at present, & therefore desired y^e Concurrance of This board to advyse & to assist how, & w^{ch} way, to Remove y^e Same.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy y^e 5th October i694

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		Sam ^l Dennes	
		James Dundas	
		Lewis Morris	

A Message by Richard Hartshorne, William Lawrence & Josias wood, Desireing this board would order y^e Secretary to lett their House have y^e peruseall of y^e booke of Records, Containing Commissions &c w^{ch} was granted by this board.

And also wth them was sent a letter from The Committe of y^e Kings Councill in England for trade &c, Directed to y^e Gover^r of y^e Jerseyes, Concerning y^e Regulateing y^e Trade of this province according to y^e act of Navigation &c, to be perused by y^e members of y^e house of Deputyes.

A Message by Edward Earle & Job Throckmorton to this board from y^e house of Deputyes, wth y^e act Concerning negroes amended &c & past that house.

A Petition from James Armour Complaining y^t y^e Constable of Perth Amboy, by a warrant from Two Justices of y^e peace, had Dispossessed him of some hay &c, which being read this board told him that they had Considered his petition, but Could do nothing in it, and that if he found himself any way aggrieved, he might seek for redress & remedie at y^e Common Law in a Regulare & Legall way.

A Message by Thomas Higgens Tho: Fitzrandolph will^m Laing & will^m Ridfoord, desiring this board would appoint some of their number to meet wth a Committie of 8 of Their House, to Conferr Conserving y^e Encurradgeing & Increaseing y^e Trade of this province &c.

Ordered that Andrew Bowne Sam^{ll} Dennes James Dundas & Lewis Morris be a Committie of this board, to meet Richard Hartshorne, Thomas Codrington John Reid Sam^{ll} Leonard, Jonas wood John pike, azariah Crain & will^m Lawrence, to Conferr Conserving y^e Encurradging & Increaseing y^e Trade of this province &c

A Message by Sam^{ll} Dennes & Lewis Morris desiring a Genr^{ll} Conference of y^t house presently, Conserving ye Encurradeing & Encreaseing y^e trade of this province &c, and being meet, the Gover^r told them That he understood y^e Committie had Concluded upon three things, to witt, first y^e settling of perth Amboy for a port &c, Secondly The Prohibiteing y^e Exportation of pipe staves &c both w^{ch} were very good but for y^e third y^e prohibiteing y^e Exportation of firewood &c he thought it were better to let it alone at this time &c

Adjourned till 8 Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 6th October i694

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton Andrew Bowne David Mudie Lewis Morris James Dundas	}	of y ^e Councill
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The Gover^r did propose to this board, that seeing y^e proprietors of this province, have been this 14 years at y^e Charge to maintain & Support y^e Govern^{mt} to their Expense, that now at length some way may be taken by y^e Country to raise a found for Supporting y^e Government for y^e future, being in vain to talk of trade unless y^e Govern^t be first Maintained Supported & Secured. Andrew Bowne & James Dundas were appointed by this board to propose to y^e house of Deputyes to frame a bill to this effect.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn & Thomas Codrington, desiring this board Would please send y^e peruseall of y^e letters directed to our Gover^r, from y^e Committee of Trade & plantations in England, & y^e other from M^r Powie, w^{ch} was doon accordingly.

A bill for takeing y^e attainder off from John pike Elder & Jo:

Jo: pike his Son & their posteritie, past y^e house of Deputyes, was read here and past this board

A Bill Conserving Negroes wth y^e amendments past y^e house of Deputyes, was read here & past this board.

Being proposed here y^t y^e Court of Common Right being to Sitt on tuesday next y^e ninth of this Instant Month of October it will be fitt to adjourn till after y^e Court be over and accordingly

Adjourned till fridday y^e 12th Instant at 8 a Clock in y^e Morning

Att a Councill held at perth-amboy y^e 12th of october i694

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Isaac Kingsland		
		Andrew Bowne		
		David Mudie		
		John Bishop		
		James Dundas		

A Bill prohibiting y^e Exportation of pipe staves boards Shingles firewood & all kind of wood &c, past y^e house of Deputyes was read here.

A bill appointing all vessells Ships boats &c to Enter & Clear at Perth Amboy, past y^e house of Deputyes was read here.

A bill prohibiting all Justices Sheriffs, Clerks of Courts &c, to plead as attorneys in Any Court wthin y^e province, past y^e house of Deputyes, was read here.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy 13th octr anno Dom: i694

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
		Isaac Kingsland		
		Andrew Bowne		
		David Mudie		
		James Dundas		

A Message by David Mudie to y^e house of Deputyes to desire a Generall Conference presently, Concerning y^e three above s^d bills last sent from y^e house & read here, and being meet, the Gover^r proposed severall necessary amendments to be made in y^e s^d bills.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on Moonday Morning

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Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 15th Octr i694

Present { Govr^r Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas } of y^e Councill

A Message by Thomas Codrington & Sam^l Leonard, wth a bill Concerning Town meetings past that house, and another bill Concerning patents &c past that house, both w^{ch} bills was read here

A Message by Thomas Codrington Sam^l Leonard, will^m Lawrence and Azariah Craine, wth a bill Concerning County Courts past that house, and Wth y^e bill prohibiteing pipestaves &c amended, both w^{ch} were read here.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy 16 octr i694

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas } of y^e Councill

A Message by Isaac Kingsland to y^e house of Deputyes, wth y^e Lumber bill wth further amendments, The Bill Concerning Attorneys amended, and y^e bill Concerning Trade amended, and a bill Concerning y^e Court of Common Right past this board, and also desiring a generall Conference upon y^e bill Concerning town meetings, y^e bill Concerning patents, y^e bill Concerning County Courts, and being meet y^e Gover^r desired them to take Care to bring in y^e bill for the publick Subsidie, and also for Reimburseing himself what money he had layd out of his own estate upon accompt of y^e publick, an particular acc^pt of w^{ch} he had sent them, and then he Showed them Exceeding great Inconveniency of y^e 3 above s^d bills—viz

First, y^e bill about town meetings haveing unlimited power &c, what dangers might follow thereupon, but if they Name & Express particularly what powers & authorities the towns do want for y^e benefite of y^e Country, he was ready to grant them, as to y^e 2^d, y^e bill Concerning patents, it was a thing Could not be don by act of Generall assembly, w^{ch} Can make nothing Contrary to y^e Laws of England, w^{ch} this bill seems to Import,
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by Converting y^e word (or) assigns, w^{ch} makes an estate only for life, into y^e word (and) assigns, w^{ch} is an estate of Inheritance or freehold, and therefore Cannot be don By any assembly; & as to y^e 3^d, y^e bill about County Courts, it seems to Erect the County Courts into so many Courts of Chancery & to Occasion a great delay, being only two of them in a year, & therefore also very Inconvenient.

A Message by John pike will^m Lawrence & william Ridford, wth a bill Concerning ministers past that house.

A Message by Thomas Fitzrandolph & Job Throckmorton, wth bill Concerning trade wth further amendments past that house, w^{ch} being read here was also past this board

A petition by Isaac Lancer for liberty to Erect an oyl mill & to prohibite all others y^e Space of i7 years, being read here & being directed to y^e Generall assembly was sent to ye house of Deputyes.

A petition by Johannes Van Imberg & others for a high way upon new Barbadoes Neck, for goeing to A Religious meeting &c, being read here & directed to y^e Gen^l assembly, was sent to y^e house of Deputyes.

A Message by Thomas Fitzandolp Job Throckmorton & Azariah Crain, wth y^e bill Concerning Lumber, wth further amendments &c past that house.

A Message by Azariah Craine Will^m Laing & David Harriot, wth y^e bill Concerning County Courts amended & past that house

A Message by John Harriman Speaker Thomas Codrington and Richard Hartshorn, desireing his Hon^r y^e Governour would please to be more Carefull & warie, to appoint honest & substantiall men in Each County for Sheriffs, upon w^{ch} much of y^e welfear of y^e Country did depend, for Chooseing Jurys &c, w^{ch} y^e Gover^r told them he had doon to y^e best of knowledge & Information & would Continue so to do &c

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth Amboy 17 Octr i694

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of ye Councill
		Isaac Kingsland	
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		James Dundas	

A Message by Richard Hartshorn Azariah Craine & Edward Earle Junior, wth 3 bills past that house, viz: a bill Concerning attorneys,

attorneys, a bill about y^e Court of Common Right, and a bill Concerning Indictments & y^e Kings Attorney.

A Message from this board by Andrew Bowne & James Dundas, wth y^e bill Conserving attorneys past this board, and y^e bill Conserving lumber &c, y^e bill about ministers, & y^e bill about y^e County Courts amended.

A Message by Richard Hartsborn Thomas Codrington & Sam^{ll} Leonard wth y^e Lumber bill, & y^e bill about County Courts.

A Message by Isaac Kingsland, wth y^e bill Concerning County Courts & y^e bill Concerning y^e Court of Common Right & y^e bill Concerning appointing the Kings attorney in y^e County Courts, wth amendments.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att a Councill held at Perth-Amboy 18 Octr i694

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas } of y^e Council

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes, wth y^e bill prohibiteing Lumber &c past this board, & y^e bill Concerning Inditments & Kings Attorney past this board.

A Message by Thomas Codrington Richard Hartshorn Sam^{ll} Leonard Edward Earle Junior Job Throckmorton & Thomas Higgins, wth y^e bill about y^e Court of Common Right wth amendments, w^{ch} being read here was also past this board.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

Att A Councill held at Perth-Amboy 19th Octr anno Dom: i694

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
James Dundas } of y^e Council

A Message by Richard Hartshorn will^m Lawrance and Thomas Higgins, wth y^e bill Concerning County Courts further amended, past y^t house, a bill Concerning town meetings &c, a bill Concerning y^e militia, a bill Concerning Sheep, all past that house, & desiring a generall Conference upon y^e money bill & y^e

y^e Gover^r acc^p^t of disbursements, y^e bill Concerning Sheep was read here & past this board, & y^e bill Concerning y^e militia was read & amended, & past this board & sent to y^e house of Deputyes.

Att ye Conference of both houses upon Consideration of y^e Gover^rs acc^p^t of 160^l dispensed by him upon acc^p^t of y^e publick, y^e house of Deputyes seemed to allow of non of y^e articles save only y^e first of 21^l &c; & as to y^e subsidie for support of y^e warrs & defence of y^e frontiers, it is y^e sense of y^e whole house of Deputyes, y^t seeing y^e Supply last given doth Continue till May next it's time enuff between & y^t time to Consider of it

A Message by Andrew Bown & James Dundas to y^e house of Deputyes, to desire their possitive answer if they do Intend to raise any supply for y^e Common and publick defence, or not, & if they will re-Imburse y^e Gover^r of what he hath disbursed upon acc^p^t of y^e publick or not, & to send their answer before they adjurne.

A Message by Thomas Gordon, to acquaint y^e house of Deputyes y^t y^e Gover^r & Councill expected y^e answer of y^e Last message.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn & Thomas Fitzrandolph wth y^e house of Deputyes answer to y^e last message, w^{ch} was in writting to this effect, that there is Sufficient money raised till may next & then they will Consult what they Judge needfull to be done if Called thereto. and that they allow 67^l 1^s 00^½^d of y^e Gover^rs acc^p^t of disbursment upon acc^p^t y^e publick

A Message by Thomas Gordon desireing a Generall Conferenc of y^e house of Deputyes presently, & being meet, The Govr^r told them that by his information on their behalf, y^e proprietors in England had Supported and maintained y^e Government untill now, and therefore he desires their positive answer whither they will for y^e future Support & maintain y^e Government or not, & what they will allow, & what fund they will propose for that end.

A Message by Thomas Codrington Edward Eare Jun^r & azariah Craine wth an answer to y^e Gover^rs proposall to Witt, That they were Subjects of y^e Crown of England, & must be subject to what Governour Their maj^{ties} were pleased to set over them Whither y^e prop^{rs} or others. The Gover^r told them that that was no answer to y^e question proposed, w^{ch} was, whither they would raise a fund for y^e Support of y^e Government or not.

A Message by Thomas Gordon to y^e house of Deputyes in writting as followeth, viz: A Message from y^e Gover^r & Councill

cill to y^e house of Deputyes, to have their answer if they will Support y^e Charge of y^e Government, and to relieve y^e prop^rs of y^e vast Charge they have been at hitherto in y^e Support of it, that they aggree on y^e yearly sume & a Certain method of levieing it ; y^e answer is desired in writting Octr 19, 1694 by Consent of y^e Councill And: Hamilton

A Message by Richard Hartshorn will^m Lawrence Edward Earle & John pike, who a long discourse about y^e aboves^d message, telling y^e Gover^r that he had promised them to delay their Supporting of y^e Govern^t so long as y^e frontiers were helped to be Supported by them, w^{ch} y^e Gover^r did acknowledge & is still willing to do so, but being they do now reject it or delay it w^{ch} in effect is y^e same thing, it is now but just and reasonable that there be a fund & Support raised for y^e maintenance of y^e Government for y^e future &c

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon, requireing y^e Speaker and y^e whole house to attend y^e Gover^r & Councill presently. The Speaker answered that their house was adjourned till Moonday morning.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock Moonday morning

Att a Councill held at perth-amboy y^e 21st octr anno Dom^o: 1694

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of ye Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		Sam ^l Dennes	
		James Dundas	

A Message by Thomas Gordon, desireing y^e Speaker & y^e whol house to attend y^e Gover^r & Councill on a General Conference wth in an hour, & to bring wth them all y^e bills already past, & all y^t were at present under their Consideration, and being meet, m^r Speaker proposed that a petition was given In to their house by James armour &c, after long debate y^e Subject matter of the petition not being Cognossible by an Assembly, y^e petitioner was left to take his remedie as y^e Law directs. A bill was presented Concerning highwayes, returned wth amendments &c, a bill appointing officers for executeing y^e lumber Bill &c.

A Message from y^e house of Deputyes proposeing to raise y^e Sume of 30^l to prosecute y^e Co^{ll}r of new-yorke, for y^e abusses put upon y^e Inhabitants of this province in y^e free use of ports &c

A Message by Andrew Bowne & Sam^{ll} Dennes, proposing to accept of y^e s^d 30^{ll} for y^e end proposed provideing they would lay down Some methode for prosecuteing y^e appeal at home, w^{ch} must need follow upon y^e Suite w^{ch} ever party were Cast, for so long as they were out of their dutie to the Crown in not Joyning in y^e Common defence of y^e frontiers, nor yet Support y^e Charge of y^e Government, y^e Gover^r was robt of any arguments w^{ch} he could use wth y^e prop^rs in England, to appear upon y^e appeal, or in their behalf anyway at home.

A Message by Richard Hartshorn Sam^{ll} Leonard Edward Earle & Will^m Laing, wth y^e bill Concerning County Courts further amended, past that house and y^e bill Concerning high wayes past y^t house & a bill for County Treasurers past y^t house and y^e bill for raiseing 79^{ll} 12^s 9^d for repaying y^e Gover^r his publick disbursements.

A Bill Concerning County Courts further amended, & a bill about high wayes, were both read here and past this board.

A Bill Concerning y^e militia amended, & a bill about Treasurer amended, & A bill for executeing y^e lumber bill amended, & y^e Bill for repaying y^e Gover^r 79^b 12^s 9^d of publick disbursments, were all read here and past this board, and Sent to y^e house of Deputyes by Sam^{ll} Dennes & James Dundas, who required y^e Speaker and y^e whole house of Deputyes to attend y^e Gover^r & Council presently, w^{ch} they did, and did deliver all y^e bills past both houses at this assembly to y^e Secretary, being in number 14; and because Some of them wanted titles it was recomended to y^e Gover^r & Secretary to give proper titles to Such as wanted, Orderd by both houses that y^e Secretary do Record y^e Laws made at this assembly, and do transscribe 4 Copies & Send one to Each County, & that John pike do revise & Compare y^e Copies (when ready) wth y^e Secretary, & then y^e Governour dissolved y^e assembly & y^e assembly was accordingly dissolved.

THOMAS GORDON D Sec'y & Reg^r

Att a Council held at perth-Amboy y^e 25th day of Jully anno Dom: i695

Present { Gove^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne } of y^e Council
Lewis Morris }

The Members of y^e house of Deputyes being meet, Came before this board & Informed his Hon^r y^e Gover^r y^t y^e major part

part of them were Conveened & Came to know his Hon^{rs} pleasure, The Gover^r did desire them to withdraw and Choise their Speaker and present him, and they did withdraw and in a short time returned Richard Hartshorn for their Speaker, who was accordingly received, and then y^e Gover^r told them, That he had sent some proposalls to y^e severall townes of y^e whole province in writting, that y^e Country knowing what was to be effected, they might Come y^e better Instructed to give Satisfactory answers, w^{ch} proposalls if Complied with would Conduce to y^e generall good & welfear of y^e province and as he had proposed in writting, so he expected their answers in writting, & desired it be y^e first thing w^{ch} they would take into their Consideration :

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth—Amboy 26th Jully anno Domⁱ 1695

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
David Mudie
Sam^l Dennes
Lewis Morris } of y^e Councill

A Message by Sam^l Leonard Will^m Lawrance and Benjamin Burden, desireing y^e writts & returns of Deputyes to be sent them, w^{ch} was ordered & don accordingly

A Message by David mudie & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board to take y^e usuall oaths & Subscriptions of y^e members of y^e house of Deputyes, who returned & reported to this board, that they found a difference between y^e oath taken by y^e last assembly & y^e oathes of y^e preceeding former assemblys, by puting y^e word (Rights) in stead of (Interest) in y^e oath.

A Message by Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board to Informe y^e members of y^e house of Deputyes, that this board Could not admitt of any alteration in y^e Deputyes oath.

A Message by Sam^l Dennes Thomas Fitzrandolph & John Treat, desireing a Generall Conference about y^e oath used to be taken by y^e Deputyes, which was granted presently, and being meet, The Governour told them he Could not admitt of any alteration in y^e Deputyes oath, by changing any of y^e words thereof as it has been formerly taken and as it is prescribed by y^e Concessions and y^e Laws of y^e province, w^{ch} at last was agreed to

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

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Postmeridiem

A Message by David Mudie & Thomas Gordon, to administer y^e Usual oathes to y^e house of Deputyes & to see them Subscribe y^e Same in usuall forme, w^{ch} they did.

A Message by George Willocks George Harriman & Sam^l Leonard, desiring a Generall Conference Concerning some Reports Spread abroad as Come from England Concerning y^e Government, and being meet, The Governour did fully Satisfie all of them, that these Reports were altogether false & groundless & not worth noticing.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Councill held at Perth Amboy 27th July i695

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		John Jninians	
		David Mudie	
		John Bishop	
		James Dundas	
	}	Lewis Morris	

A Message of John Royse & Sam^l Leonard desiring a Generall Conference about y^e s^d article of y^e proposalls Concerning y^e quitrents

A Message by David Mudie, to Inform y^e house of Deputyes, that y^e Gover^r & Councill would attend y^e Conference w^{ch} they desired at y^e usuall place presently.

Att Which Generall Conference, being meet, M^r Speaker did propose that y^e paying of y^e quitrents was a Generall grievance to y^e Country and therefore did propose to buy them off, The Gover^r answered that he had no Instructions at present to dispose of them, but if they would send some person home to negotiate that affair wth y^e proprietors, He and y^e Councill of proprietors would send home another, and did not doubt but it might be so ordered and Concerted that the proprietors would Consent to sell off y^e quitrents on reasonable terms, they settling a fund for y^e future Support of y^e Government.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock on moouday morning

Att a Councill held at Perth-Amboy y^e 29th July anno Domⁱ: i695

Present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton	} of y ^e Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		David Mudie	
		James Dundas	
		Lewis Morris	

A Message by Richard Berry & Sam^{ll} Dennes, to Inform this board that some more of y^e members of y^t house were Come who had not yet taken y^e oath.

A Message by David Mudie & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, To administer y^e oath to those of y^t house who were lately Come, & to see them Subscribe y^e Same in usuall forme.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning.

Att A Councill held at Perth-Amboy 30th Jully anno Dom: 1695

{	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
	Andrew Bowne		
	John Jnians		
	David Mudie		
	John Bishop		
	James Dundas		
Lewis Morris			

A Message by John Royse John Reid-Sam^{ll} Leonard will^m. Lawrance & Edward Earle, wth a bill Concerning Attorneys at Law, prohibiting any to be Employed or to plead save such as live wthin the province, a bill Concerning y^e County of Sommersett, & a bill about y^e Towns defraying their publick Charges all past that house.

A Message from this board by Andrew Bowne & Lewis Morris, to acquaint y^e house of Deputyes that y^e Gover^r & Councill do Expect & desire that they would first setle y^e fundation, wthout w^{ch} y^e Superstructur would soon fall to y^e ground, first begine wth y^e proposalls made by y^e Gover^r and answer them, and that being once well settled, then they may do what may be found to be Convenient & for y^e General good of y^e Country

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning

Att a Councill held at perth-Amboy 31st Jully 1695

present {	Gover ^r Hamilton	}	of y ^e Councill
	Andrew Bowne		
	John Jnians		
	David Mudie		
	James Dundas		
	Lewis Morris		

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

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Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy y^e 1st August i695

present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Jnians
David Mudie
James Dundas
Lewis Morris } of ye Councill

A Message by Richard Berry & John Enslie, wth two bills Concerning y^e act prohibiteing y^e Exportation of pipe-staves & other lumber &c, made at y^e last assembly, both past that house.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held at perth-amboy 2^d August i695

present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Jnians
David Mudie
James Dundas
Lewis Morris } of ye Councill

A Message by John Royse Edward Earle Junior John Reid, william Lawrence Sam^l Dennes & Thomas Higgens, desireing a return of y^e bills sent to this board, & to know if they be past this board or not.

A Message by Lewis Morris & James Dundas to acquaint y^e house of Deputyes, that y^e Gover^r & Councill thought strange that they delayed y^e principall thing for w^{ch} they were meet together, and did desire they would first answer y^e proposalls & settle well y^e fundation & these things would follow of Course.

A Message by John Harriman & Benjamin Burden, wth a bill Concerning y^e ranging of a neck of land between Rariton river & South river, and also desireing a return of y^e bills sent to this board. The Gover^r answered that he desired they would send here all y^e bills w^{ch} they Intended this Sessions, and such of them as agreed wth y^e sence of this board they would pass them, & Such as did not agree therewith they would desire a Conference upon them.

A Message by Sam^l Leonard Elias Micheilson John Car-
rington will^m Laing & John Enslie, desireing a return of the
bills

bills sent to this board, & to know if they be past this board or not. The Gover^r returned answer as above

A Message by David Mudie & Lewis Morris desireing a Generall Conference presently, at y^e usuall place, Concerning y^e proposalls &c, and being meet, The Gover^r told them he was Intending wth advice of y^e Councill to writt to y^e proprietors, & Could not well do it till he had their answer to y^e proposalls made before y^e meeting of y^e assembly, & recomended to them particularly at y^e opening of this assembly. M^r Speaker answered it was their Custome to fall upon y^e money bill last &c. The Gover^r told them it was a very bad Custome, & therefore ought to be amended, and y^e most necessarie & weightie things on w^{ch} y^e well being of y^e province totally depended should first be don, and also because these proposalls were first tabled & y^e Cheife thing for w^{ch} this assembly was Called & now meet together, therefore they ought to be first fallen upon and answered &c

Adjourned to 2 a Clock afternoon

Postmeridien

A Message by will^m Laing John Treat & John Enslie with a bill for raising 150^{lb} for & towards y^e Suport of y^e Government, past that house, and a bill for translateing all deeds & Conveyances of lands made in Dutch or french into English, past that house.

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, desireing y^e house of Deputyes would wth all expedition send an answer to y^e rest of y^e proposalls &c

A Message by John Harriman John Reid Sam^l Leonard John Royse & John Treat, desireing y^e return of y^e bills sent to this board without w^{ch} they Could not proceed

A Message by Andrew Bowne & James Dundas, wth all y^e bill returned unpassed this board, being in number Eight, and to acquaint them that the Gover^r & Councill are not sensible of any Coherance between these bills & y^e rest of y^e proposalls, but yet at their desire they had returned y^e bills, w^{ch} they offered to y^e Speaker if he desired all or any part of them. M^r Speaker answered they might lay down y^e bills upon y^e table if they pleased. Andrew Bowne said no, they were ordered to deliver all or any of y^e bills that was desired, or w^{ch} they had occasion for, otherwayes he would Carry back the bills to y^e Gover^r & Councill w^{ch} he did—

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att

Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy 3^d august i695

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
Andrew Bowne
John Jnians
David Mudie
James Dundas } of y^e Councill

A Message by Sam^l Leonard Richard Berry, Benj: Burden, John Treat, Elias Michielson, Will^m Laing, & Thomas Higgens, To acquaint this board that Their house did Intend to writt to the proprietors in England about the opening y^e ports here, and their selling of the quitrents &c.

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, to Informe y^e house of Deputyes that y^e Gover^r & Councill expected their answer to y^e rest of y^e proposalls, and that they Intend to writt to y^e proprietors & Show y^e house y^e letters, & therefore they Expected that y^e house would Communicate to y^e Gover^r & Councill y^e letters w^{ch} they said they were writting to y^e prop^rs

A Message by David Mudie & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, to desire a Generall Conference of y^e house of Deputyes, at 2 a Clock in y^e afternoon, in y^e usuall place.

Adjourned to two a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

Att a Generall Conference of both houses, The Gover^r told The members of y^e house of Deputyes, that he & y^e Councill Expected to see the letters w^{ch} they said they were writting to y^e prop^rs, for if they be Concealled it seems to be because they Complain of y^e Government, or Else writts untrouths and mistakes, w^{ch} if they do not they ought to Communicate their letters, for he & y^e Councill are very ready & willing to Joyn in and assist in every thing w^{ch} may any way tend to y^e Generall good of y^e province, and unlesse they writt Joyntly to y^e prop^rs how Could they expect to effect any thing. M^r Speaker answered that they had nothing to Complaine of agst y^e Gover^r & Councill, nor would they willingly writt any thing but what was true, and if they should Complain of y^e prop^rs themselves they hoped it would wrong no body. The Gover^r desired an answer to y^e proposall in writting, w^{ch} M^r Speaker refused, but if the Gover^r & Councill pleased, he would speak what he had in Commission from y^e house upon that Subject, Viz:

i To y^e first article of y^e proposalls, (to witt y^e raiseing of a peice of money for Encurradging of y^e Souldiers, Come from England for defence of y^e frontiers) They say y^e Country is in great arrears of quitrents, & have done a great deal already, and y^e Gover^r of new-Yorke refused 500^l offered by that province w^{ch} had it been needfull they think he would not have denied it. The Gover^r answered y^t y^e Country may as well Complain of their particular debts as of y^e quitrents, y^e one being as truely due as y^e other, and y^e Gover^r of new-Yorke had refused y^e s^d 500^l Not because it was not needfull, but because that bill was burthened wth other things w^{ch} he Could not in honor Grant.

2. To y^e Second (to witt y^e raiseing a peice of money for Clearing of our ports at home) They Say that y^e Country have payed their quitrents, or are to pay them, and therefore y^e prop^{rs} ought to open y^e ports, and y^e Country have been at 800^l Charge to Support y^e frontiers & y^e prop^{rs} have don nothing, and if they were in a Capacity to raise a peice of money for this end, they are but tenants at will & ye prop^{rs} may Surrender y^e Government to y^e Crown when they please, they haveing no Certainty of y^e Government

3 To y^e Third (to witt The proposeing a method for Collecting y^e quitrents wthout truble & Charge to y^e prop^{rs}) they say if they Cannot Compell y^e master to pay, they cannot Compell y^e Servant to Serve. To y^e 2^d & 3^d The Gover^r answered y^t if y^e Country had alwayes payed their arrears of quitrents, as they ought to have doon, and Supported y^e Government, The prop^{rs} would never have desired their assistance on these two heads

4. To y^e fourth (to witt y^e proposeing a fund for y^e future Support of y^e Government) They say that they have taken care for one year, and they have no Certainty for any longer time of y^e Government. The Gover^r answered that they ought at least to have Continued it for so long time as y^e prop^{rs} keep y^e Government, it being their own Interest so to do, and as to y^e bills, y^e Gover^r told them, That he believed that about y^e Lumber act would amount to a Monopile & therefore Cannot pass it till he writt to y^e prop^{rs} & have their answer, as to y^t about Attorneys it would have a very ill aspect, & arraign y^e Ignorance & partiality of our Courts; as to y^e money bill of 150^l for Support of y^e Government, if they thought that he must pass all y^e rest only for y^e
Sake

Sake of that, he would return it also, tho he Judged it lame also, being only for one year w^{ch} ought to have Continued at least so long as y^e prop^{rs} keep y^e Goverment, and as to y^e rest he would Consider of them.

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, desireing a Comittie of that house to be appointed to meet two of y^e Councill, to Confer upon Some of y^e bills Sent this board, to witt Andrew Bowne & James Dundas from this board were appointed to meet Edward Earle, Richard Berry & John Enslie, and after a full debate they returned & reported to this board, That they had agreed on y^e amendments of y^e bill for translateing all Conveyances out of forraign Languages into English.

A bill for raiseing 150^{l^s} for Support of y^e Goverment was read here & past this board, & y^e bill for translateing Conveyances out of forraign Languages into English was read here & past this board,

A Message by James Dundas & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board, wth y^e Six bill w^{ch} are not past this board returned to y^e house of Deputyes, & to acquaint them y^t y^e money bill & y^e bill for translateing all Conveyances out of forraign Languages into English were both past this board, and also to Inform them that y^e Gover^r and Councill had writt to y^e prop^{rs} in England, w^{ch} letter they had ordered y^e Clerk of this house to read publicly in y^e house of Deputyes to Show them that this board are neither ashamed nor affrayed to own publicly what they do, notwithstanding y^t house had denied y^e like Civility to this board; w^{ch} letter y^e sd Thomas Gordon Clerk of this board did accordingly read publicly, and also acquainted them, that y^e Gover^r & Councill desired to know if they had any further business to do for y^e Country at this time, for if they had they should be adjourned for some Convenient time, otherwise they should be dissolved, and desired that whole house to attend y^e Gover^r & Councill presently.

The house of Deputyes attended y^e Gover^r & Councill, and M^r Speaker told y^t he was ordered to give y^e thanks of that house to y^e Gover^r & Councill for their favour in Causeing read to them y^e letter w^{ch} they had writt to y^e prop^{rs} in England, and said that they knew of no further bussiness w^{ch} y^e Country had at this time, and ordered y^t y^e Secretary do record the two laws that are now made & transcribe 4 Copies, viz: one for each County, & that John pike when ready do wth y^e Secretary revise & examine them, and then the Gover^r dissolved y^e assembly and y^e assembly was dissolved accordingly,

THOMAS GORDON D Secr'y & Regr'
Att

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy the 20th day of february 1695

Present { Governour Hamilton }
 { Andrew Bowne } of the Councill
 { James Dundas }

The Members of the house of Deputies being most of them mett, Came before this board, And told the Governour the Major part of them were conveened. And the Governour desired them to withdraw and choose their speaker, And present him Either to Night or to Morrow.

And In A short time presented & Returned Richard Harts-horne there Speaker, who was Accordingly Received, And the Governour told them he thought fitt to Acquaint them that the reason of Calling them together was to Informe them of Thomas Gordons goeing for England. And also he Acquainted them that the Proprietors had beene at A great charge In supporting the Government, And never Received any thing out of the Province, which he desired them to take Into their consideration

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock &c|

Att A Councill held ar Perth Amboy 25th febr: 1695

Present { Governour Hamilton }
 { Andrew Bowne } of the Councill
 { John Bishop }
 { James Dundas }

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by John Bishop & Thomas Gordon, to take the Oathes of the Deputies as is usuall, And In a Short time Returned gave Accp't to this board that they had done it

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock &c

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 26th febr: 1695|

Present { Governour Hamilton }
 { Isaac Kingsland } of the Concill
 { Andrew Bowne }
 { James Dundas }

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by John Barclay, Clerk of this board, with A bill for the tryall & Execution of Negros or other Slaves guiltie of murder or any other Capitall Crime.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock &c|

Att

Att a Councill held at Perth Amboy 27th febr: 1695

Present { Governour Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
James Dundas } of the Councill

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by John Royce, Benjamin Griffith & William Looker, with A bill concerning gaming and tipling In publick houses

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Isaac Kingsland one of the Members of this board, & John Barclay Clerk, with two bills passed this board (viz) one for Establishing of fees for the Members of this board, And an other for Regulating of ordinaries.

Adjourned till to morrow

Att A Councill held the 29th febr: 1695

Present { Governour Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
James Dundas } of the Councill

A Message from the house of Deputies to this board by John Royce, William Looker, Thomas Hilburne, Richard Salter, Jedediah Higgens, William Lawrence, Clause Janson, with five bills, (viz) A bill for opening our ports &c, A bill Impowering one Justice to sum'ons towne meetings, A bill oblidging Constables chosen to serve, A bill for killing of Woolves, A bill for punishing & Releiving Negros

Adjourned till monday at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held Perth Amboy 2^d March 169 $\frac{1}{2}$

Present { Governour Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
James Dundas } of the Councill

A Message from this board by Isaac Kingsland & Thomas Gordon to the house of Deputies, with two bills, (viz) one for Supporting the Government, And one concerning Negros, also three bills past both houses (viz) one concerning Woolves, one concerning constables, one concerning appoynting of towne meetings.

A Message from the house of Deputies by John Pike, John Browne, William Looker, Thomas Hillburne to this board, to desire a Conference concerning two bills (viz) that concerning the support of the Government, And that concerning Negroes which was Accordingly Granted

Att A Generall Conference of both houses, The Speaker first said as to the bill for the support of the Government, That Every Assembly will think it fitt what to offer for the Support of the Government, therefore they did not think it needefull at present to accertaine any thing. The Governour told them the reason of calling them now was to give them an Oppertunity to Lett the Proprietors know how farr they would encourage them to maintaine the Government, the speaker further said that the Deputies had Also promised In A Letter to the Proprietors, that they would do what they ought to do.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 3^d March 169⁴

Present { Governour Hamilton }
 { Isaac Kingsland }
 { Andrew Bowne }

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by Benjamin Burden, John Williams, John Pike, William Looker, with A bill concerning Schoolmasters, And the bill concerning Negroes, past both houses.

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by William Lawrence, John Pike, John Williams, Benjamine Burden, with A bill Entituled for raising £150 towards confirming our Government & clearing our ports.

A Message from this board by John Barclay Clerk, to the house of Deputies, with A bill for Maintaining the New Road to Burlington &c

A Message from this board by Isaac Kingsland to the House of Deputies, to desire A publick Conference of the whole house, who Returned for answeere they would come Im'ediately

Att a Generall Conference of both houses, The Governour acquainted them that the bill for opening our Ports they sent to him, was Inconsistant with it selfe because it Arraigned the Government

Adjourned till to Morrow at 8 a Clock

Att

Att A Councill held At Perth Amboy 4th March 169 $\frac{1}{2}$

Present { Governour Hamilton
Isaac Kingsland
Andrew Bowne
James Dundas } of the Councill

Att A publick Conference of both houses, A Petition of Complaint Against George Jewell the Clerk of the peace, & John Gardner High Sheriff for the Countie of Essex, signed by Benjamen Ogden, Jonathen Clements, Isaac Hatfield, which Petition being, And after A Long Debate it was found that their accusers could prove nothing of what they accerted against the said Clerk & Sherrife.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputyes by Isaac Kingsland, to Demand two bills passed this board (viz) one concerning ordinaries & an other concerning a high Road, Burlington.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputyes by John Barclay Clerk, with A bill for £200,— “ — “ — for supporting the frontiers

A Message to this board from the house of Deputyes to this board, by Jedediah Higgens, William Looker, Thomas Hilburne, and Albert Terhorne, to desire a Com'ittie with six of their number & some of the members of this board, to treat about the bills that are yet to be past

A Message from this board to the house of Deputyes, by John Barclay Clerk, to Acquaint the house, that some of the members of this board are ready to meete with six of their number Appoynted for A Conference with them.

Att A Private Conference of some of the Members of this board, (viz) Andrew Bowne, Isaac Kingsland James Dundas, And six of the Members of the house of Deputyes, (viz) John Royce, William Lawrence Benjamen Burden, Richard Salter, John Pike, John Williams, who returned five bills passed this board (viz) one for Regulating ordinaries, one for Appoynting the Councillors expences, one for A tax for defraying the charge of trying ffellons, one concerning the New Road to Burlington, one for raiseing £200 “ — “ — for the support of the frontiers.

To that concerning Ordinaries they answered there was already a Law for Regulating ordinaries, To that concerning the Councillors Expences, they answered since the Countrey did not chuse them they were of opinion it was not their concerne to pay them, To that concerning the charge
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of ffellons, they answered there was provision made by the Lawes of England to defray such charges. To that concerning the New Road, they answered they were writing an other bill over about it. To that for £200 “—“— for the support of the ffrontiers they answered, that the people were generally so poore they could not possibly raise so much monie this Spring, but they further said, they hoped the Governour would call another Assembly sometime next ffall, to which it was replied by some of the members of this board that if they would but raise but one halfe this spring, & the other halfe in the fall, to shew thaire readiness for his Majesties service as well as for thaire owne safety. And it was further told them, that if they would only raise £60 “—“— this Spring, and the rest In the fall that wee may shew our readiness to assist In what wee can.

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 5th March 1694

Present	}	Governour Hamilton Isaac Kingsland Andrew Bowne James Dundas	} of the Councill
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A Message to this board from the house of Deputies, by John Browne Jedediah Higgens, Richard Salter with a bill concerning the New Road to Burlington, Past both houses; they also Acquainted this board, that the whole house would waite on them presently, In order to A Publick conference.

Att A Publick Conference of both houses, the Governour desired to advise with the house of Deputies what he should do if Governour ffletcher should Demand Assistance from him for the support of the ffrontiers, whither they think fitt the Governour should Attach Men or not when he Demands, them. In Answer to the Governours proposall the Speaker Replied, they were Ignorant and did not well understand that matter; but only they are willing to raise £50 “—“— to the private Sentinalls at Albany to be payed next fall

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies, by Isaac Kingsland & Thomas Gordon, to know of them whither or not they have considered of a bigger sume, than what they before offered for the support of the ffrontiers, And to reade to them A Letter Intended to be sent to the Proprietors from the Members of this board.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies, by
 Andrew

Andrew Bowne & Thomas Gordon, to Acquaint them that the Governour has already been at A Considerable Charge to send Expresses concerning the publick Affaires, therefore he desires to know how he shall be paid for such Emargencies for time to come if any should happen, And Also to Acquaint them, that since there is an open warr against the french, It's thought needfull by this board, there be A Magazine of powder & Shott In Every Towne In this Province.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by William Lawrence, John Pike, Richard Salter, to desire the aforesaid Message from this board In writinge, which the Governour Accordingly did.

Adjourned till to Morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy 6th March 1694

Present	{	Governour Hamilton Isaac Kingsland Andrew Bowne James Dundas	}	of the Councill
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A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Thomas Gordon, to read A Letter signed by this board to the Proprietors In London

A Message from this board by John Barclay their Clerk to the House of Deputies, to Acquaint them that the Governour & Councill desired them to Attend this board with the bills that were finished, unless they had Either A bill for the support of the Government, or an other for support of the frontiers under consideration; to whom the speaker Answered the Clerk was busie writinge A bill for the safetie of the Province.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Thomas Gordon, to Acquaint them that the Governour & Councill desired them not to Adjourne untill they brought all the bills along with them, to which they answered their Clerk was busie about the bill for the Safetie of the Province, And as soone as that was ready they would wayte on the Governour & Councill if it were not too Late

Adjourned till to Morrow at 8 A Clock

Att a Councill held Att Perth Amboy 7th March 1694

Present	{	Governour Hamilton Isaac Kingsland Andrew Bowne James Dundas	}	of the Councill
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A Message to this board from the House of Deputies by William Lawrance, Jedediah Higgens, Richard Salter & Benjamin Burden, with A bill for the Safety of the Province, & defraying the Charge of Expresses In time of Warr.

A Message from this board to the house of Deputies by Thomas Gordon, to Acquaint them that the Governour cannot be answerable to signe the said bill, because he cannot Act safely, without the Advise of his Councill, who Returned for answere the house of Deputies would Attend this board presently.

Att A Publick Conference of both houses, The Speaker presented all the bills past. The Governour told them that In the beginning of the Assembly he Acquainted them that Thomas Gordon was going home, In order to prosecute some persones that had abused our Government. The Governour further Acquainted them if they had any thing to offer to the Proprietors he should be no Insendarie against them, And he should be glade that they convince the Proprietors they have beene ready to serve them According to their Ability.

And also the Governour told them he knew of no other business at this time, And so dissolved them

JOHN BARCLAY Dp^t Sc^{tr} & Rg^{str}.

Att A Councill held At Perth Amboy 2^d June 1696|

Present	{	Governour Hamilton	} of the Councill
		Andrew Bowne	
		Samnell Dennis	
		John Bishop	
		James Dundas	

The Governor Informed this board that he Received A Packett dated at the Councill Chamber of White Hall the 10th March 1696, signed by tenn of the Members of his Majesties Privie Council, Wherein they Informe him of A Horrid Plott against his Majesties sacred person, And an Invasiou by the ffrensh, wherein they also Informe him they doe it by his Majesties Express Com'and, And hopes that all his Majesties Loveing subjects In that Province, will Joyne in giving thanks to Almighty God for such A wonderful deliverence.

Accordingly the Governour with consent of his Councill Issued out A Proclamation for A Solemne day of thanks giving to bee Religiously kept through out this Province upon the 11th day of this Instant.

And

And it was Concluded by this board that A Letter bee writt by the Governour to Mr Povey Clerk to the Plantation Office, giving him an Accept: of the Receipt of the said Packett which was Accordingly done In these words.

S^r

The Express from the Right Honourable the Lords of his Majesties Most Honourable privie Councill, bearing date from the Councill Chamber at White Hall the 10th day of March 169 $\frac{1}{2}$, came to my hands via. Virginia upon the 22^d of May, I called, A Councill In Each Province, & produced their Lordsp^s Letter together with the papers Inclosed.

As the Barbarous & wicked designes against the sacred person of A prince who so often shews himselfe at the head of his Armies, The only oppertunitie A generous Enemie could desire, created detestation & Abhorrence. So the happy disapoyntment of it by the good providence of God, And the defeat of the Enemies Attempts against his Majesties Kingdomes & Government, was a matter of great Joy. I have therefore with Advice of councill of both East & west Jersey, Appoynted a Solemn day of thanks giving In Each Province, upon which I am well Assured the unfeigned thanks of All the Inhabitants will bee offered up to Almighty God for so great A deliverance, & all imagineable Expressions of Joy upon so solemn an occasion

AND: HAMILTON

Perth Amboy 2^d June 1696|

Att A Councill of Generall Assembly begun and held at Perth Amboy the 16th day of March Anno Dom: 169 $\frac{1}{2}$

present	{	Coll: Andrew Hamilton Governour	} of the Councill
		Capt: Andrew Bowne	
		John Inians	
		James Dundas	

The Members of the house of Deputies being most of them mett, came before this board, and told the Governour the Major part of them were convene'd & the Governour desired them to withdraw & chuse their speaker & present him.

And In A short time they returned & presented Samuell Denniss their Speaker.

The Governour told them, hee would have called them together Last yeare, as hee has yearly done since hee came Into the Government, but the reason (why hee did it not) was because Mr Gordon was sent home on the publick Accept: and was unwilling to putt the Countrie to the charge of A Generall Assembly

Assembly till his returne, but the reasone why they were now called together was because the Justices & severall others of the Inhabitants of the Province had Addressed him to call an Assembly, And hee was willing to heare what they had to offer

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A Clock

Att A Councill of Generall Assembly the 17th of March 169 $\frac{1}{2}$

Present { Governour Hamilton
Cap^t: Andrew Bowne
John Inians
James Dundas } of the Councill

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by Lewis Morris & William Sandfoord, to desire one of the Members of this board to take the Deputies oathes—And Accordingly James Dundas & John Barclay Clerk to this board went to doe the same,—& In a short time Returned & gave an Accept, they had done it.

A Message to this board from the house of Deputies by Lewis Morris & William Loveridge, Acquainting this board that they see not cause to Admitt Thomas Warne to bee one of their Members, therefore desires A New writt may be Issued out to chuse an other In his Roome

Adjourned till to morrow at 8 A clock in the morning

The 18th of Aprill
present As Above

A Message to this board from the House of Deputies by Richard Hartshorne & Cornelius Longfield, to Intreate the Governour to Issue out his writt to chuse an other Deputy for Perth Amboy In the Roome of Thomas Warne.

Adjourned till morrow morning at 8 A Clock

The 19th day present As Above

Adjourned till monday at 10 A Clock In the morning

The 21st day present As Above

A Message to this board from the House of Deputies by John Pike & Lewis Morris, to Acquaint this board that their House had Adjourned themselves untill the 17th day of May next

JOHN BARCLAY Dep^t Sc^{tr} & Rgstr^r
Att

Att a Councill held At Perth Amboy In the Countie of Middx: the 7th day of Aprill Anno Dom 1698

{ Coll: Andrew Hamilton Governour Capt: Andrew Bowne Samuell Dennis Capt: John Bishop James Dundas	} of the Councill
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Jeremiah Basse Esq^r produced to this board A Com'ission to bee Governour and Com'ander In Cheeffe of this Province of East New Jersey, given under the Seale of the sayd Province In London, & signed by the Proprietors there bearing date the 15th day of July 1697

Hee Also produced here A Com'ission given under the broad Seale of England by order of the Lords Justices, bearing date the thirtieth day of Aprill Anno Dom': 1697 (directed to Edward Randolph Esq^r & severall others, In All Eight In Number, or any five of them, or In case of their Absence by death or otherwise, then to five of the Councill And In case of any of their Absence, then to three of the Councill), to take the oath (of the Governour or Com'ander In Cheeffe of this Province of East & west New Jersey for the time being) Appoynted by the Act of trade & Navigation &c: to bee taken by the Respective Governours of his Majesties Plantations.

Hee Also produced here A Certificate (given under the hand & Seale of his Excellency Richard Earle of Bellamont Cap^t: Generall & Governour In Cheefe of the Province of New Yorke &c: dated 5th Aprill 1698) therein setting forth (that before his sayd Excellencie) hee had taken the oathes Appoynted by Act of Parliment to bee taken Instead of the oathes of Alleadgiance & supremacie, both which Com'issiones & Certificate were here read In Councill, And then hee Im'ediately tooke the oath of Aleadgiance to the King & fidelity to the Interest of the Proprietors of the sayd Province As Governour thereof.

And it was then ordered by this board that Proclamations should bee Issued out to Each Countie throughout this Province, setting forth the New Governours Com'ission, And ordering All officers both civill & Militarie to continue In their severall offices & places till further order.

Adjourned till to morrow morning Att 8 a Clock

Att A Councill Held Att Perth Amboy the 8th of Aprill 1698|

present { Jeremiah Basse Esq^r Governour
 Capt: Andrew Bowne } of ye Councill
 Samuell Dennis
 James Dundas }

Agreed & ordered by this board that A proclamation bee Issued, for All Magistrates & other officers to put the Lawes In Executione strickly Against im'oderate drinking swearing & other vices & the breach of the sabbath day.

Agreed & ordered Also that an other Proclamation bee Issued out, setting forth that the Com'issioners of his Majesties Customes in England Have Allowed Perth Amboy to bec a free Port.

Agreed & ordered by this board that the peace bee proclaimed here the first day of the next Court of Com'on Right.

The Governour Requested the members of this board to Administer the Oath (to him) Appoynted by the Act of trade & Navigation, According to the Com'ission under the broad Seale of England by him here produced, And this board were of opinion (at present) that they had not power to Administer sd oath, because there are severall other persones Nominated In the sayd Com'ission to Administer the same.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill held att Perth Amboy the 20th day of Aprill Anno Dom: 1698

Present { Jeremiah Basse Esq^r Governour
 Capt: Andrew Bowne } of the Councill
 Samuell Dennis
 Cap^t John Bishop
 John Royce
 Richard Hartshorne
 Thomas Codrington }

This day the Members of this board Administered the oath to the Governour (Appoynted by the Act of trade & Navigation &c) According to the Com'ission under the broad Seale of England, here in Councill produced.

All the Members of this board here present, tooke this day the oathes Appoynted by Act of Parliment to bee taken, Instead of the oathes of Aleagiance & supremacie, (Except Richard Hartshorne) who scruples swearing After the usuall forme
 Agreed

Agreed & ordered by this board, that A writt bee directed to the Sheriffe of the Countie of Bergen to sum'ons the Justices of the sayd Countie to Appeare before the Justices of the next Court of Com'on Right to render there reasons why they refused to obey A writt of Habeas Corpus directed to them.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill Held Att Perth Amboy The 12th day of May Anno Dom: 1698|

present { Capt Andrew Bowne
Samnel Dennis
Capt: John Bishop
Thomas Warne
Richard Hartshorne } of the Council

It's Agreed by this board that the Letter directed to Coll: And: Hamilton & the Council of this Province from the Proprietors dated 12th of October 1697, bee Recorded In the publick Records of this Province, & safely kept In the Secretaries office.

It's Also Agreed by this board, that notice bee given to the severall members of the present Generall Assemble of this Province, that they doe not meete here According to there owne Adjournment the 17th day of this Month, but that they delay there meeting untill they have further order by Proclamation from the Governour.

Att A Councill held att Perth Amboy 30th May Anno Dom: 1698

present { Jeremiah Basse Esq^r: Governour
Cap^t Andrew Bowne
Samuell Dennis
John Royce
Thomas Codrington
Cap^t John Bishop
Thomas Warne
Richard Hartshorne } of the Council

The Governour Administered an oath of Secraeie to John Tatham Esq^r bee not being of the Council of this Province, but of West New Jersey, who was Accordingly Admitted by this board to Assist them with his Advice,

After the reading of A Late Proclamation signed by Bellamont Governour of New Yorke the 24th of this Month, This board

board were of opinion that M^r James Dundas should bee sent for, to Acquaint them what hee knew of any order Lately come from England to Bellamont concerning our Port, who Accordingly came.

And it was Agreed by this board that there should bee A Proclamation Issued out Asserting the Authoritie of our Port.

And there bee A Letter writt to the Proprietors giving them An Accept thereof & also of Bellamonts Proclamation, with Coppies of them both, which was Accordingly done.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill held at Perth Amboy: 16th June 1698|

present	{ Jeremiah Basse Esqr Governour Cap ^t Andrew Bowne Samnell Dennis Thomas Codrington John Royse Cap ^t Thomas Bishop Thomas Warne }	of the Councill
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The Governour Informed this board that hee received A precept, directed to him from the Earle of Bellamont, As vice Admirall of the Province, wherein hee requires him to send (two prisoners together with their Effects, Accused of Piracie) to New Yorke, to bee tryed there at the Court of Admiraltie.

And it's the opinion of this board that the Governour ought not to send said prisoners as desired, untill my Lord Bellamonts Com[']issione for vice Admirall of this Province bee published here.

And its Also the opinion of this board that A letter bee writt to My Lord, giving him an Accept, why the prisoners are not sent According to his desire.

Adjourned till further order

Att A Councill at Perth Amboy for y^e province of East—new—Jersey the 15th day of July, 1698

Present	{ Jeremiah Basse Esqr Governour Capt Andrew Bowne Tho: Codrington John Royse Tho: Warn Capt Jo ⁿ Bishop Sam ^l Dennes }	of the Councill
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Thomas

Thomas Gordon Presented to this board a Deputation for Secr'y & Regr' of this province & the Gover^r Did Satisfie this board that he did see y^e s^d Deputation Signed Sealed & delivered by y^e s^d M^r Dockwra to y^e s^d Tho: Gordon who was accordingly Recognized by this board & and took y^e Oaths in usuall forme

The Governour did present to this board a Letter from y^e King and Councill, with a proclamation prohibiting his Maj^{ties} Subjects to Enter into y^e service of forraign princes Estates &c, directed to the Proprietors of East-New Jersey, w^{ch} this board ordered to be published in y^e severall Countyes of this province According to y^e usuall forme.

The Petition of Robert Cole Deputy Collector, Complaining ags^t George Jewell & his wife for rescueing some goods seized by him, belonging to Thomas Webster of Elizabeth town, & also ags^t Isaac Whitehead & Benjamin pryce for refusing to take Cognizance of y^e Same was read here, & y^e opinion of this board is that this bussinese doth not ly properly before this board & therefore doe referr him to a due Course of Law, & in Relation to any weshells or sloops seized by the s^d Rob^t Cole, It is y^e opinion of this board y^t y^e s^d weshells or sloops with all their tackle & furniture &c be Inventaried & apprizd, & Security taken to produce y^e same at y^e next Court, or pay y^e apprizd value in Case they be lost &c

The petition of M^r George Willocks being read & Considered, its the advice of this board that y^e s^d willoks do bring y^e s^d Ship Called y^e Dispatch & Cargo to perth-Amboy, & this board in behalf of y^e proprietors and the Councill do promise to Indemnifie y^e s^d Willocks & his Employers from all Customes of y^e s^d Cargo, (w^{ch} Cargo s^d willoks sayes is about 800^l ster: first Cost) in Case s^d Ship shall be forcibly Carried up to New-York & forced to pay Customes there.

Adjourned till further order

Att a Councill held for the Province of East New Jersey att Perth Amboy y^e 1st of Aug^r 1698

Present	{ Govern ^r Basse Cap ^t Andrew Bowne Tho: Codrington John Royse Sam: Dennis Tho: Warne }	all of the Councill

M^r George Willoks did propose to this Board that the Ship dispatch being now at New York, did propose to the Lieu^t Govern^r & Council there, that if they would permit the said Ship to come here to Perth Amboy to unload, the goods bound hither by bills of Loading, they would give Bond to Stand tryall for the Dutyes payable by New York Laws at Westminster hall, & if cast there to pay the same &c; and in case this proposal be rejected, he desires the advice of this Board, in case he be forced to a Law Suit, & an appeal &c (by bringing down the Ship & goods here) how the charges &c Shall be defrayed, being hard for him & his Employers as private persons to bear So great charges & Expences, being designed for the benefit & good of the publick &c. It is the Opinion of this Board that it will be very much for the good of this Province & the Interest of the Proprietors that M^r Willoks do endeavour, by all ways & means by Law or otherwise to bring the Said Ship & goods here, & what charges &c he Shall be at, this Board will use their utmost Endeavours with the next assembly to assist towards the reimbursing the Said charges & Expences.

Adjourned till further order

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 26th of November 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
John Royse
John Bishop
Sam^l Dennes }

The Govern^r did Inform this Board that yesterday in the afternoon Cap^t Mathews & M^r Hungerford with between fifty & Sixty men in Arms did come from New York & by Surprise forcibly entr'd the Ship Hester & forcibly detain'd her, & also forcibly do keep & detain Capt Richard Wise Com'ander of the sd Ship & all the Seamen & Marriners, (to her belonging) prisoners aboard the Said Ship, and have hurt & wounded Several of the sd Marriners: His Honour the Govern^r doth desire the Opinion & advice of this Board, whether he shall convene the Country & forcibly retake the Said Ship, or forbear & Suffer those people to do what they please.

It is the positive & unanimous Opinion of this Board that there be no force used to retake the Said Ship Hester.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 12th of December 1698

Present	}	Govern ^r Basse
		John Royse
		Richd. Hartshorne
		John Bishop
		Sam ^l Dennes
		Tho: Warne

There was read before this Board a Letter from M^r Cousens Clerk of the Council of New York dated the 25th of November, writt to Govr^r Basse by order of the Govern^r and Council of New York, concerning the Ship Hester, It is the Opinion of this Board that they have no need to return any answer to the said Letter.

The Govern^r desir'd the Opinion of this Board what is fit now to be done concerning the Ship Hester, being appointed by the proprietors Instructions to take the advice of this Board in that affaire

It is the positive and unanious Opinion of this Board, the Governor do not medle or concern any further with the Ship Hester any manner of way, in Compliance with the Govern^r or Govern^t of New York.

Cap^t Andrew Bowne & Thomas Codrington by their Letters are of the same Opinion.

It is the Opinion of this Board that an Assembly be called to meet at Perth Amboy the 21st of february next.

There was Read before this Board a letter from the Proprietors in England, directed to the Govern^r & Council, dated the 27th of August 1695 the Clark of this Board is order'd to draw up the minutes in answer thereunto against to morrow morning.

Adjourned till to morrow morning

at a Council held at Perth Amboy the 13th December 1698

Present	}	Govern ^r Basse
		John Royse
		Richard Hartshorne
		John Bishop
		Sam ^l Dennes
		Tho: Warne

There was drawn up the Scroll of a Letter to the proprietors in answer to theirs of the 27th of August, which the Clark was ordered to write, out fair against to morrow morning

Adjourned till to morrow morning

At

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 14th of December 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
John Royse
Richd: Hartshorne
Sam^l Dennes
John Bishop
Tho: Warne }

The Letter to the Proprietors being writt out fair by the Clerk of this Board, was here read & approved of & Signed by the Govern^r & all the members of this Board now present, & recommended to the Govern^r to be carefully conveyed to the Proprietors in England by a Ship Cap^t Bradford Com'ander now bound from New York to England, & then
Adjourned till further Occasion

Att a Council held for the General Assembly at Perth Amboy the 21st of february 1698

Present { Jeremiah Basse Esq^r Gover^r & Prop^r
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
Will: Pinhorne }

The Representatives being met did come before this Board, & did acquaint this Board that they were now met in Obedience to the Govern^r's writts, & desired therefore now to know his pleasure, & then the Govern^r did acquaint them that he was glad of this Opportunitie to meet them here & Spoke to them in this manner (viz^t)

Gentlemen

“The first work of the learned Phisician when called for
“the curing of a distemper'd body is to remove & repell
“all venomous humours from y^e heart, because a disease once
“Seated in this Metropolis, is rarely curable. This deserves
“imitation by you who are the carefull Phisicians of our
“State, & the healers of our body poblick: It is easily per-
“ceivable what wounds this Province has of late received &
“by what hands; It remains then with you to consider the
“most proper, Speedy & effectual remedies in which I dare
“assure you of my utmost concurrence & assistance

“ We

“ We may attribute our misfortunes not only to the invasion
 “ of our just rights by Some from another Province but in part
 “ to our Intestine differences & interests: could there be more
 “ of unanimity amongst our Selves, & all the different interests
 “ reconcil'd, or at least not in this juncture agitated, we might
 “ y^e less be lyable to fear our Success against any others that
 “ Should attempt to hurt us. Scierus his Arrows, whilst
 “ they were bound in a bundle together, could neither
 “ be broken nor bowed, but being divided were easily Snapped
 “ assunder; So will it fare with us, whose happiness chiefly
 “ depends on unity & mutual conjunction amongst our Selves,
 “ & nothing can be of more dangerous Consequence to us,
 “ then discords, or divided Interests. It is an excellent Motto
 “ on the coin of y^e united Provinces, that have from poor dis-
 “ tressed States in a little time raised themselves to be the
 “ Companions of the ancientest Monarchies, Concordia parva
 “ rescrescent; & the Same in practice may in time render us
 “ not the Scorn but the envy of our Neighbours, whilst they
 “ by their mutual jarrs shall, tho' unwillingly largely con-
 “ tribute to our prosperity.

“ Let us then resolve to be unanimous in Seeking out what is
 “ for our generall Interest at this juncture, & both Speedy &
 “ resolute in y^e accomplishment of it. Nothing being more
 “ commendable in a Sate, then constancie to their resolutions,
 “ & celerity in all their Actions; by the one they disanimate
 “ & by the other they prevent the very designes of their
 “ Enemies.

“ In our Search then after that which may tend to the Inter-
 “ est & honour of this Province, I must commend to you, the
 “ removing those obstructions that hinder the trade thereof, this
 “ being the Source & Original of almost all our other mis-
 “ fortunes, for as nothing can more tend to the enriching a
 “ people & province, then trade, So nothing can more impoverish
 “ & debilitate it, then those Obstructions that are layd in y^e
 “ way of it; the growth of Amsterdam is only to be attri-
 “ buted to y^e trade thereof, & that Philadelphia hath grown
 “ to So great a height in less than half the time that this Pro-
 “ vince hath been Settled, is easily to be accounted for: God &
 “ Nature have done their partes in giving you (I may Say)
 “ almost an unparalell'd advantage over the last in respect of
 “ Situation, & it is not to be question'd but your growth would
 “ be proportionable, would you Sedulously apply your Selves
 “ to the removals of our unhapy hinderances; And in this
 “ give me leave to tell you, that this business well timed &
 “ begun is half ended and if I am not mistaken, we can never
 “ propose

“ propose to have a more happy juncture, a more critical time
 “ wherein to prosecute to advantage this great affair; Your re-
 “ Solutions & Zealous Espousal of this cause will greatly ad-
 “ vance the main of it & prove a disanimating circumstance
 “ to your opposers, neither shall I doubt of Success, Since
 “ we are to make our application to those Laws for our relief,
 “ whose chief Minister is so far from wresting them to the
 “ disadvantage of the Subject that he hath given us the most
 “ noble testimonies of a firm reSolution to hazard a life of in-
 “ valuable worth to preserve us from tyranny, & an arbitrary
 “ construction of them.

“ Some things are necessary to be consider'd in order to y^e
 “ well doing of this work, Justice, as the first mover &
 “ efficient facility, as the instrumentes & profit as the final
 “ cause. The first of these hardly admits of a dispute from
 “ our Opposers, It is Excellence in that very proclamation
 “ which Seems to Strike at our trade, givinge the cause away
 “ to us in ascribing the legal Establishment of ports to be in
 “ y^e Commissioners of the Customs under the direction of the
 “ Lords of the Trea'ry, which establishment we have an un-
 “ doubted and undeniable proof of, not only in instructions to
 “ that purpose but in their placing an officer to collect the
 “ Kings Revenue, in whose Commission the direction of y^e
 “ Lords of the Trea'ry to ye Com^{rs} of y^e Customs per their
 “ warrant is recited: but indeed the Law of Nature &
 “ Nations Seems to argue Strongly for our right, it being no
 “ less than imprisoning of us in our habitations, if denyed our
 “ Egress to or our regress from them; & how unreasonable this
 “ must be to be punished when inocent will be evident to
 “ every unbiassed person

“ Having then justice as the basis & foundation of our
 “ design, tho' we Shou'd be forc'd to wade through Some diffi-
 “ culties for y^e obtaining of it, the Profit in y^e Conclusion
 “ would abundantly over ballance the charge, but I see no in-
 “ superable difficulties to contest withall: The path to our
 “ desir'd Port is already trodden & none I hope will be so
 “ Slothfull to desist, from the fears of there being a Lion in
 “ y^e way.

“ We have some of us long wished for an opportunity
 “ of trying this contest by a due Course of Law, you
 “ have now Such an oportunity put into your hands, that
 “ if once Slipped may perhaps never be again retrieved,
 “ a Ship Loaden for an Outward bound Voyage against
 “ whom our Enemies themselves cou'd have no pretence, hav-
 “ ing if I err not, three times tryed heriu their own Courts,
 “ where

“ where they might justly be said to be both Judges & party
 “ & yet too clear evidences of her freedom appeared that con-
 “ trary to their interest & inclination, They were forced to
 “ clear her; Yet this very Ship, loaded with wood and water
 “ & necessary provisions that we wou’d allow to a Turk or In-
 “ fidel, is by a Commission from his Ex’cly forcibly carried
 “ away tried, condemn’d, & Sold by them for not entering &
 “ clearing at y^e Port of New York; True it is, She was Soon
 “ after her capture profered to me again on the payment of an
 “ inconsiderable charge, which occasioned me to consult both
 “ the Council of y^e Province & the Council of Proprietors
 “ about that proposall, & they are my Evidences that in it I
 “ never consulted my own, but your Interest, never inquired
 “ what wou’d conduce most to my private advantage, but what
 “ might tend to the benefit & advantage of the Province,
 “ which according to their Opinion I pursued, leaving both
 “ Ship & Cargo in the hands of the Captors, to be proceeded
 “ wth as they thought fit. Now having my recourse to you,
 “ for your Assistance in y^e recovery of my right, unjustly &
 “ violently carried away, & after by me neglected or rather
 “ Sacrificed to your Interest, by which you will not only en-
 “ engage the endeavours of one that looks on nothing more
 “ dear to him, then the Interest of his Countrey, & hath in this
 “ given no mean Instance of his resolutions to Serve you; But
 “ you have the fairest prospect of attaining your desired end,
 “ the clearing your trade from its hindrance & Obstructions, &
 “ given the greatest encouragement to other Merchants to ven-
 “ ture their Stocks in Trade amongst you, when they See you
 “ generously defending of them.

The Representatives in a Short time returned & presented
 M^r John Harriman as their Speaker, upon which y^e Govern^r
 Spoke to them to this effect, Gent, That the House of Repre-
 sentatives have the choice of their Speaker is a thing I Shall
 not bring into question, but before my acceptance of y^e person
 you have chosen, give me leave to Inform you that I have re-
 ceived Information that Some of y^r house have Petic’oned our
 Neighbour Govern^r to take them under his protection, which if
 true, seems to me to destroy those Libertyes that ought to be
 near & dear to us. Some of your house are not unacquainted
 with it, I must therefore beg of you, to retire & consult what
 may be necessary to be done in this affair, & then present the
 person you Shall conclude on to me.

A Message from the house of representatives that they had
 adjourned till eight a clock to morrow morning & this Board

Adjourned till 8 a clock to morrow morning

At

At a Council held for y^e Generall Assembly the 22th february 1698

Present	Govern ^r Basse Andrew Bowne John Royse Will ^m Pinhorne
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A Message from the house of Representatives desireing the returns of the writts of y^e Election of Deputys to be Sent them, & accordingly there was delivered to John Reid the writts for y^e Countys of Essex, Midlesex, Monmonth, & Bergen.

Adjourned till four a Clock after noon

Post meridiem

Present as above & Thomas Warne

A Message from y^e house of Representatives to this Board desireing this Board would please to Send Some of their members to administer the usual Oaths to the members of the house of Representatives, & accordingly John Royse & Thomas Gordon Clark of this Board were Sent to the house of Representatives & being returned did Inform this Board that they administred the usual Oaths to the house of Representatives

A Message from the house of Representatives to Inform this Board that the house of Representatives were adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning & this Board also

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for y^e Generall Assembly &c february y^e 23rd 1698

Present	Govern ^r Basse Andrew Bowne John Royse Will: Pinhorne Tho: Warne
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A Message from the house of Representatives Informing this Board that they had received a Letter from the Proprietors in England telling them that according to their desire the Government was now authorized & acknowledged under the broad Seal of England, & their Ports fully cleared, the Instructions

structions of which they desired this Board would please to Send them, together with a Copy of his Hon^{rs} the Govern^{rs} Speech made at the opening of the Assembly, all which the Govern^r promised to Send them, as soon as his Hon^{rs} Speech was copied out which was now a doing

Ordered that William Pinhorne one of the Members of this Board, do return the thanks of this Board to the Reverend M^r Edward Portlock Authorized Pastor of the Jerseys, for the Sermon he preached before the General Assembly Yesterday afternoon.

A Message from the House of Representatives to Inform this Board, that the Representatives for y^e County of Bergen were come, desiring this Board would Send some of their Members to administer the usual Oaths to them, & accordingly John Royse & the Clark of this Board were Sent to administer the said Oaths, who being returned did inform this Board that they had administered the usual Oaths to the Bergen Representatives.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

Present as above

Ordered that Thomas Warne & Tho: Gordon, Clark of this Board, do carry the Dedimus Potestatem under the broad Seal of England, (to the House of Representatives) for administering the Oaths concerning trade & Navigation to y^e Govern^r or Com'ander in Chief of East & West Jersey concerning Trade & Navigation &c Supr'scribed by the Lords Justices & Subscribed by the Lords of the Trea^{ry}, as also a Copy of his Hon^{rs} the Govern^{rs} Speech which accordingly they carried, & being returned did Inform this Board that they read the Dedimus Potestatem publickly in the House of Representatives, & had Shewn them the Instructions &c, & had left with them the copy of his Hon^{rs} the Govern^{rs} Speech, & that the whole house of Representatives did Seem very well Satisfied that the Dedimus Potestatem &c was an acknowledgment & Confirmation of our Government under the broad Seal of England, in pursuance of an Act of Parliment &c, & that the Instructions &c, was a Sufficient confirmation of our free Ports & trade &c.

A Message from the House of Representatives that they had adjourned till to morrow morning at 8 a Clock & then this Board

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At

At a Council for y^e General Assembly &c the 24th february
1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
W^m Pinhorne
Tho: Warne }

Thomas Gordon Clark of this Board was sent to the House of Representatives with the Act ag^t Pyrates mentioned in his Hon^{rs} the Govern^{rs} Speech, and a Letter from the Lords of Trade & Plantations to the Proprietors of the Jerseys concerning the Same.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above

A Message from the House of Deputyes that they had adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning and then this Board Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning

At a Council for the General Assembly the 25th of february
1698

Present as Above

A Message from the House of Deputyes that they had adjourned till Munday at 2 a Clock afternoon & then this Board Adjourned till Munday at 2 a clock afternoon

At a Council held for y^e General Assembly &c 27th february
1698

Post Meridiem

Present { Govern^r Basse
Andr. Bowne
Joⁿ Royse
W^m Pinhorne }

A Message from the House of Deputyes that they had Adjourned to eight a clock to morrow morning and then this Board, Adjourned
till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At

At a Council held for the General Assembly &c 28th
February 1699

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives that they had
Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon, & then this Board
Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives Informing
this Board that the House of Representatives had Adjourned
till to morrow morning at eight a Clock & this Board Ad-
journed
till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for the General Assembly y^e first of March
1698

Present as above

George Willoks Agent for y^e Propr's did desire of this
Board that if any bills were presented to this Board from the
House of Representatives of this General Assembly for y^e
Concurrence of this Board, to be past into a Law, which
Should any way touch y^e private Interest or Estates of the
Proprietors of this Province, that this Board would please not
to pass any such Bills until he as the Proprietors Agent were
called & heard thereupon in behalf of y^e Proprietors.

A Message from the house of Representatives that they had
adjourned till to morrow morning at 8 a clock & this Board
Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for y^e General Assembly &c y^e 2^d March 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
Andrew Bowne
John Royse
Will^m Pinhorne }

A Message from the House of Deputyes with a Bill concerning patents &c which was read The first time

And M^r Willocks having formerly desired that no bills which Seemed to touch Any thing relating to the Proprietors Interests Should pass this Board till he by himself & Council Should be heard in behalf of the Propr's as their Agent,

Ordered that Capt Bowne & M^r Royse desire a General Conferēce of the whole House upon the Subject Matter of y^e said Bill, at 4 a clock afternoon, & that M^r Willocks have notice to attend in behalf of y^e Proprietors.

Ordered that Thomas Gordon Clark of this Board do give M^r Willocks notice to attend with his Council at the above Conference in behalf of y^e Proprietors & then this Board

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

A Message from the house of Deputyes by Edward Earle & John Pike with a Petic'on &c from Major Berry which was read & ordered to lye on y^e table

At a General Conference of both Houses the said Bill being read, after much debate on all Sides, M^r Willocks did offer that he as Agent to y^e Proprietors would consent to y^e Said Bill, provided they on the other hand would Secure the Propr's rents according to the true & real Intent & meaning of the said grants, or else he did here offer in behalf of the Proprietors that the Proprietors, at their own cost & charges, would give New Pattents to all Such as had Such old pattents & who desired new pattents; to which it was answered that they did desire to know what Power M^r Willocks had as Agent for the Proprietors, & that he as being a member of their House, could not appear against them; in answer to which he said that he did not appear as one of their members but as Agent for y^e Proprietors as above, & as a Member of y^e Proprietors Council, & desired time to bring Council in their behalf, & produced his Commission from the Propr's which was read here, & also desired the Comission for the Council of Proprietors, whereof he was a Member, might be read which was done, to all which it was reply'd that they did think M^r Willocks had not Sufficient power from y^e Proprietors as their Agent in this affair, & So were not concerned to enter into any further debate with him after Some debate by the members of this House concerning the said Bill Ordered that the Bill concerning pattents be read a 2^d time to morrow ten a Clock in y^e forenoon

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

At a Council for y^e General Assembly the 3^d of March 1698

Present as above

The Bill concerning pattents was read a 2^d time

A Message from the House of Representatives by William Lawrance & John Williams desiring a return of the above Bill

Ordered that John Royse & Thomas Gordon do carry y^e said Bill to y^e House of Representatives & leave it wth them, & desire that it may be Ingrossed fair without Interlinings

A Message by John Pike & another, to acquaint this Board that they were adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon & then this Board

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above

The above said bill being returned by W^m Lawrence John Pike & two others, fair Ingrossed & past the House of Representatives, was here read & past this Board, & they also delivered in to this Board a bill concerning privateers and Pyrates past that House w^{ch} was here read.

Ordered that Capt Bowne desire a general Conference of the House of Representatives presently, upon the Said two Bills, & to desire the Copy of the Act made in Jamacia concerning Pyrates to be returned; & being met his Hon^r y^e Govern^r did acquaint them that he had pass'd the above said Bill concerning Patents &c, & delivered it to y^e Speaker, & told them there wanted Some Small amendments in the Bill concerning Pyrates &c, with w^{ch} he would acquaint them, & they returned back the Copie of the Jamacia Act, & the Council of trade & plantations Lett^r to the Proprietors of East & West Jersey

Ordered that John Royse carry the bill concerning Pyrates &c with the amendmen^{ts} to the House of Representatives to be fair Ingrossed.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

At a Council for y^e General Assembly &c 4th March 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
And^r. Bowne
John Royse
Will. Pinhorne }

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A Message from the House of Representatives by Samuel Walker & Judiah Higgins, with a paper in writing, Signed by John Harriman Speaker by order of that House, requesting the Govern^r to Issue out his warrant to the town of Perth Amboy to choose another representative for y^e Said Town instead of Mr. George Willocks, which was accordingly done & directed to the Constable of y^e said Town.

A Message by John Reid to desire this Board to appoint Some of their Number to confer with five of their Number about amendments of the Bill Concerning Privateers & pyrates,

Ordered that Cap^t Bowne & William Pinhorne do meet Richard Hartshorne Thomas Codrington, Samuel Dennes John Reid & Samuel Walker, to conferr ab^t the Said Bill presently, & be being returned, Informed this Board that they had agreed on the amendments of y^e Said Bill.

Adjourned till Munday morning 9 a Clock

At a Council 6th of March 1698

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives by Thomas Codrington & Samuel Walker, to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned till to morrow morning at 8 a Clock & then this Board, Adjourned

till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Council held &c y^e 7th March 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
And^r Bowne
John Royse
Will: Pinhorne }

Petition of Grimstone Bonde against John Mathie Clerk of y^e Court of Small causes, was read here, complaining of Several misdemeanours committed by y^e said Mathie in y^e Execution of his Office, & both parties being called and fully heard, & the Petition^r producing no Evidence to prove the facts alleadged, Save the offer of his own Oath, & the Said John Mathie denying all the facts alleadged & offering to make Oath to y^e contrary, This Board thought fit to take neither of their Oaths, & ordered to dismiss the Petic'on & the Petition is hereby dismissed accordingly

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Att

Att a Councill &c held y^e 8th of March 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
Andr. Bowne
John Royse
Will. Pinhorne }

The whole House of Representatives came before this Board, & presented M^r Earle for their Speaker, in place of M^r Harri- man who is ill, & he was received accordingly.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above & Joⁿ Inians

A Message from the House of representatives with a Bill declaring the Rights & priviledges of his Ma'ties Subjects within this Province of East New Jersey, & another Bill for Establishing y^e Several Courts of Judicature within this Province, both past that House, were read here the first, & ordered a Second reading to morrow morning.

The Govern^r & Members of this Board did here Subscribe the test & association.

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Councill held &c 9th March 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
Andr. Bowne
John Jnians
John Royse
Will. Pinhorne }

The Bill concerning Rights &c was read a Second time, & ordered to be read the third time to morrow morning.

A Message from the House of Representatives with a Bill past that House concerning the chief ranger of this Province was read here, Ordered M^r George Willoks, therein named do attend this Board at 3 a clock to make his Objections against the same, & that Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board do give him Notice thereof.

A Message from the House of representatives with a Bill past that House concerning y^e Sec'y's Office was read here, ordered that it be read to morrow afternoon.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post

Post Meridiem

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives with a Bill concerning Towns making rates &c past that House, was read here, & ordered a Second reading to morrow morning

Ordered that John Royse go to the House of Representatives & desire them to Send Some of their Members to be present here, to hear what Objections M^r George Willocks doth make against the Bill concerning the chief rangers place &c ; accordingly there came from the House Samuel Dennes, Richard Hartshorne, William Lawrence, Samuel Walker, John Treat, John Pike, & Jediah Higgins, before this Board, & M^r Willocks being also present, the said bill was here read, & M^r Willocks did desire a Copie of the said Bill & time to consider & give in his Objections.

Ordered M^r Willocks have a Copie of s^d Bill, & make his Objections against it to morrow morning 10 a Clock.

A Message from the House of Representatives, desiring that this Board would appoint Some of their members to meet a Committee of 8 of their House, to draw up Instructions for disposing of the money agreed to be raised.

Ordered Cap^t Bowne M^r Inians M^r Royse & M^r Pinhorne presently to meet the said committee to witt Richard Hartshorne, Thomas Codrington Samuel Walker, John Pike, Jediah Higgins, John Treat & William Lawrence.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a Clock

Att a Councill &c y^e 10th of March 1698

Present	{	Govern ^r Basse
		Andr. Bowne
		John Inians
		John Royse
		Will ^m Pinhorne

A Message from the House of Representatives by John Reid, Tho: Codrington & others, with the Names of those that they have chosen viz^t, Edward Earle Jun^r, John Cooper, William Lawrence Jun^r, Samuel Walker, & Peter Vannest for a Comittee to joyne Such as Should be named by this Board, for managem^t of the instructions concerning y^e money bill

Ordered that Cap^t Bowne & John Royse do carry the Names of those named by this Board, viz^t, Andrew Bowne,
John

John Royse, Sam^l Dennes, Richard Hartshorne, & William Lawrance to joyne with those by them named as above.

The Committee which came before this Board Yesterday, about the chief rangers Bill to answer M^r Willocks objections ag^t it, came again before this Board according to Yesterdays order, & M^r Willocks not being here present they returned again.

A Message by John Pike & Jediah Higgins to acquaint this Board that they had attended the time appointed to hear Willocks Objections, & he not being p^rsent, they thought themselves no further obliged to attend y^t matter

A message by Richard Hartshorne & William Lawrance to acquaint this Board, that they did not think fit that any who are now members of their House Should be named by this Board to be of the aboveSaid Committee, concerning the money bill & desire this Board would name Such others as they think fit.

Ordered that John Royse & William Pinhorne do carry to the House the Names following, Cap^t Andrew Bowne, John Royse, William Pinhorne, John Bishop, & Thomas Warne, all of the Councill, in place of those formerly named as above, who returned again without delivering the Message, that House being busie.

The Bill concerning Rights &c was here again read &c. M^r George Willocks came before this Board & gave in his reasons in writing ag^t y^e chief Rangers Bill which were read here.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post Meridiem

Present as above

A Message by John Barclay & another, to Inform this Board that their House was met & was ready to receive their Message

William Pinhorne & John Royse did carry the Names of y^e s^d persons as p. above Order.

A Message by Thomas Codrington William Lawrance & Samuel Walker, desiring to know whether this Board had yet passed the Bills Sent them; to which the Govern^r returned answer, that this Board was as busie as could be, but the Bills being very long they take up much time to consider them.

Ordered that John Royse & William Pinhorne do desire the House of Representatives, to Send Some of their House to confer with Andrew Bowne, John Royse & William Pinhorne
about

about the Bill of rights &c, & accordingly came Richard Hartshorne, John Reid, John Pike, Samuel Walker, Samuel Dennes, & William Lawrance, being a Committee of their House, to confer about the said Bill of rights &c

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning

Att a Council &c 11th March 1698

Present { Govern^r Basse
Andr: Bowne
John Jnians
John Royse
Will: Pinhorne }

A Message by Jediah Higgins & another, desiring this Board would appoint a time to conferr about the Bill concerning Courts, this Board did desire it to be done presently, then came Richard Hartshorne, Will^m Lawrance, John Reid, John Pike, & Sam^l Walker, members of that House, a Committee to meet Andrew Bowne, John Inians John Royse & William Pinhorne to conferr upon the said Bill concerning Courts &c; after much Debate this Bill is referr'd till next Sessions of Assembly

The Bill about making Town rates & taxes &c was again read here, & Some amendments made for allowance for the members of the Govern^r's Council. Ordered that M^r Royse & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board do carrie the said Bill with y^e Amendments to y^e House of Deputyes for their Approbation.

Cap^t Richard Wyse late Master of the Ship Hester came before this Board, & made affidavit in writing concerning the forcible Seisure & carrying away of the Said Ship Hester from the Harbour of Perth Amboy to New York.

A Message from the House of Representatives with a Bill concerning Deputyes past that House, & the Bill concerning rights &c, & the Bill concerning Pyrates &c, both amended & past that House.

Adjourned till munday at 8 a Clock in y^e morning

Att a Councill for the General Assembly held the 13th March 1698^½

Present { The Hon^{ble} Jer Basse Esq^r Govern^r & Prop^r
Cap^t Andrew Bowne
John Royse
William Pinhorne }

The Bill for declaring the Rights & Priviledges of his Ma'ties Subjects &c read, & a message ordered to the Lower House to desire a Conference of Some of their members, who may have full Power to amend, alter, eraze out, those things that in this Bill are added or altered, from the amendments agreed on by the former Committee of both Houses, & that they bring up the former Bill & amendments & that Cap^t Andrew Bowne & John Royse do carrie the same.

The Act for y^e restraining & punishing Privateers, & Pyrates read & Signed p. the Govern^r & Sent to the House of representatives.

The Act declaring what persons are disabled to Sit in Assembly read, & Ordered that it be read a Second time,

M^r Hartshorne & M^r Burden Sent from the House for a Conference of a Com'ittee for amendm^t of the Bill of rights &c, At said Conference, were, Richard Hartshorne, William Lawrence John Pike, John Reid & Samuel Walker, with Andrew Bowne John Royse & William Pinhorne, members of this Board, who agreed on Some further Amendments of the sd Bill of rights & priviledges &c

A Message by Richard Hartshorne & Elias Mackilson, with the Bill about making Town rates &c amended & past that House.

Adjourned till 2 a Clock afternoon

Post meridiem.

Present as above

Ordered that M^r Royse & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board do carry the Bill concerning Town rates past this Board to y^e House of representatives, & y^e Bill concerning Elections &c, also past this Board.

A Message by Richard Hartshorne & Andrew Hampton, with Some amendment of the Bill concerning Election of Deputies, which was consented to by this Board.

A Message by Richard Hartshorne & Another, wth a Bill concerning the Explaining of a former Act concerning Cap^t John Pike and John Pike his Son, which being read here a first & Second time was past this Board.

Ordered that Cap^t Andrew Bowne & Thomas Gordon Clerk of this Board, do carry back y^e said Bill concerning John Pike eld^r. & Jun^r. with order to desire y^e House to make Some amendments on the said Bill, which the House consented to, & accordingly the amendments were made in the presence of the
said

said Cap^t Bowne & Thomas Gordon by the Clerk of that House by order of the said House.

The whole House of Representatives came before this Board and gave in the Bill of rights, with the Amendments &c past their House, which was read here & past this Board, and they also gave in the Bill for raising 671^l for redressing a force of our Neighboring Province, past that House, which was read here & past this Board, & delivered back again to the Speaker, both which Bills, were delivered back to the Speaker, & then was given in an address to his Hon^r the Govern^r craving his assistance for redressing the Said Grievance which was also read here &c.

The whole House came before this Board, and delivered up all the Laws made this Session &c, being Seven in Number, & delivered to the Sec^y who was ordered to cause write four fair copies of them, viz^t, one for every County, and to Send them to y^e Several & respective Sherriffs of each County to be published with all Expedition, & then both Houses agreed to adjourn this Assembly until the third Munday in May next ensuing, & accordingly the Assembly was Adjourned till the third Munday in May next.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 9th day of May for the Province of East New Jersey 1699

Present	}	His Hon ^r Jeremiah Basse Govern ^r
		Cap ^t Andrew Bowne
		John Roysc
		John Bishop
		Tho: Warne
		Sam ^{ll} Dennis
	}	Rich: Hartshorne

The Govern^r & Council Seeing cause to Suspend Thomas Gordon, have thought fit to constitute in his place Charles Goodman Clark of the Council for the time being, who has taken his Oath accordingly

Ordered that M^r Charles Goodman be made Clark of the Chancery instead of John Barclay, & that a Commission be drawn accordingly.

The Govern^r acquainting this Board of the Necessity of his absence, proposed the making a Deputy Govern^r to Act in his absence, it was allowed, & Accordingly Cap^t Andrew Bowne was chosen Deputy Govern^r, & it was ordered that a Commission be drawn for the Same.

• Adjourned till to morrow

At

At a Council held the tenth of May &c

Present as above

The Govern^r produced a blank writ, which Lewis Morris Gent, demanded to be Signed against Obadiah Holmes Sheriff of the County of Monmouth, the Council were of opinion Nemine Contradicente that it ought not to be Signed during the Sessions of the Court, they not remembering any Such practice in this Province, & knowing the Said Holmes to be a Sufficient man & easy to be come at, any time.

Ordered that Lewis Morris & George Willocks be brought before the Council.

Ordered that they Give Security for their appearance to answer at the Court of com'on right, the Second Tuesday in October, & to be of the good behaviour, otherwise a mittimus to be directed to the Sheriff to convey them to Goal till they Should find Security as afores^d, on which M^r Morris, desired an hour or two to consider of it, w^{ch} was granted.

M^r Morris & Willocks were again Sent for, & the Govern^r & Council proposed to them to give Security for their good behaviour, & to appear at the Court of com'on right on the Second Tuesday in October next, the absence of witnesses not appearing at y^e Subpœna's, hindring y^e present prosecution this Court; on which both M^r Morris & Willocks desiring to know the Sum required for their Security, the Council ordered three hundred pounds, w^{ch} they refused, & Said they wou'd not give especially for the good behaviour, Mr Morris asserting that by no overt Act he had any way given occasion to them to Suspect it

Permitted their Liberty till to morrow morning upon their parole

Ordered that Henry Kimbell & Patrick Murdo be Sent for by a Messenger of the Council

Adjourned till to morrow morning

Att a Council held for the General Assembly at Perth Amboy the 15th day of May 1699

Present { Cap^t Andrew Bowne Deputy Govern^r
John Royse
Cap^t John Bishop }
Tho: Warne }

Cap^t

Cap^t Andrew Bowne being Elected Deputy Govern^r to act in the absence of the Govern^r, took the Oath usual, in Such cases, viz^t:

I Andrew Bowne underwritten do Solemnly Swear to bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord William the Third of England &c, and to his Successors, and to be true & faithfull to y^e Interest of the Lords Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey in America, & to their Heirs Exec^{trs} & Assigns, & Shall endeavour the peace and welfare of the Said Province, & shall & will discharge the trust in me reposed as Deputy Govern^r of the Said Province, & do equal justice unto all men according to the best of my Skill & Judgment without favour or affection. Wittness my hand the 15th day of May in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Third over England &c King, anno. Dⁿⁱ. 1699

Signed ANDREW BOWNE

The Sheriff of y^e County of Middx made a return of Lewis Morris to Serve in the present General Assembly for the Town of Perth Amboy, & Peter Vannesse for the County of Somerset in the room of Thomas Codrington, pursuant to a writt und^r the Seale of the said Province to him directed

The Representatives being met, did come before this Board & acquainted them they were met according to their last adjournm^t, & desired to know the pleasure of this Board, & then the Deputy Govern^r told them he had not much to Say, but if there were any thing they cou^d think of, for the good of the Province, he hop^d they wou^d take it into their Consideration

A Message from the House of Representatives to the desire the return of the writt for the Election of one Deputy for Perth Amboy, & Another for the County of Somerset, & accordingly the Said writ was delivered to Jediah Higgins one of the Said House.

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow Morning & then this Board

Adjourned till 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning

At a Council held the 16th of May &c

Present { The Deputy Govern^r
John Royse }
{ Tho: Warne }
{ Cap^t Jn^o Bishop }

A Message from the House of Representatives by John Royse & John Hanse, to desire this Board would Send Some of their Members to administer the usual Oath to a member chosen to Serve in Assembly for the County of Somerset in the room of Thomas Codrington.

John Royse & Charles Goodman Clark of this Board were Sent to administer the Said Oath, who being returned informed this Board that they had administered the usual Oath to Peter Van Este.

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned till 2 a Clock, & then this Board Adjourned

till 2 a Clock

Post Meridiem

Present as above

There was Delivered by M^r Willocks a Lett^r which was read here directed to Cap^t Andrew Bowne M^r John Royse M^r Thomas Warne & Comp^a &c in these words.

S^{rs}

We are now able (God be thank'd) to treat with you any way you think fit ; if you had valued either your own or the Welfare of y^e Government, your procedures had been more calme, Your day is not yet out, & it is yet in your Power to follow the things that make for peace, & if you do not at your door lye the Consequence, Our friends will not Suffer us to be put upon

ffarewell

May 16 One afternoon
1699

{ LEWIS MORRIS
{ GEOR. WILLOKS

Ordered that One of the Members of this Board be Sent to desire a Conference with the House of Representatives thereupon,

Accordingly Thomas Warne & the Clark of this Board were Sent, & the whole House of Representatives came before this Board, the Deputy Govern^r represented to them that he had received a Lett^r from George Willocks & Lewis Morris which was read, & the House of representatives desired time to peruse & consider of the Same, which was Sent them by John Royse.

The said Lett^r was returned to this Board by John Pike & Benjamin Burden members of the House of Representatives.

A Message from the House of Representatives by Peter Van Este & Elias Mackeelson desiring that this Board would appoint

appoint Some of their Members to meet a Committee of Seven of their house, to come to Some reSolution upon the Said Lett^r, Accordingly Thomas Warne was Sent by this Board to acquaint the House of Representatives, that they were ready to meet the Said Committee in the Chamber where the Council was held, upon which Richard Hartshorne, Samuel Dennes, Samuel Walker, Benjamin Burden, John Pike, John Treat & Jediah Higgins came to meet the Members of this Board, being Thomas Warne, John Royse & John Bishop, & thereupon the Deputy Govern^r withdrew.

The Deputy Govern^r returning, the Members of this Board who had met the Committee acquainted this Board that they had agreed that an Act should be prepared to morrow to Suppress any Insurrection,

Ordered that a writ of Inquiry be Issued out to the Sherriff of the County of Monmouth to return a Jury upon the riot comitted at Woodbridge

Adjourned till 7 a Clock to morrow Morning

At a Council held &c the 17th of May

Present { The Depty Govern^r
John Royse
Cap^t John Bishop
Tho: Warne

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had adjourned to two of the Clock, & then this Board

Adjourned till 2 a Clock

Post Meridiem

Present as above

Samuel Dennes, Sam^l Walker Jediah Higgins & Benjamin Burden were Sent to this Board from the House of Representatives, to acquaint this Board, that they had considered of the Lett^r Sent from Lewis Morris & George Willocks, but did wholly leave it to this Board, & desired they would take Such measures as they Should Judge most conducive to the Welfare & Safety of the Province

A Message from the House of representatives to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned till 8 to morrow morning, & then this Board

Adjourned till 8 to morrow morning

At

At a Council held &c y^e 18th of May

Present { The Depty Govern^r
John Royse
Tho: Warne
Cap^t Jn^o Bishop

A Message from the House of Representatives by John Barclay, John Pike, John Williams & Crayne to desire a Conference with this Board in order to an Adjournment

M^r Warne was sent from this Board to the House of Representatives to desire them to appoint a Com[']ittee of the said House to conferr with the Depty Govern^r & Council upon the matter of the last Message.

Thomas Warne returning, acquainted the Board he had delivered the Said Message.

A Message by John Williams & Benjamin Burden from the House of representatives, to desire that this Board would appoint Some of their members to meet the Said Com[']ittee

The Deputy Govern^r told them they were ready to meet them immediatly.

Richard Hartshorne, John Barclay John Treat, John Pike, John Reid & M^r Harryman, came before this Board. M^r Royse acquainted them that the Depty Govern^r & Council had desired a Committee to debate the matter of Adjournment with them, Richard Hartshorne told this Board, that they had no order from the House to debate, & desired a Hours time to conferr with the House thereupon, He, John Barclay & John Reid withdrew.

Richard Hartshorne John Barclay and John Reid returning from the House of Representatives, the Depty Govern^r told them now they were met he desired to know the reasons of their proposing an Adjournment. Richard Hartshorne told him that the House of Representatives differed in their Opinions concerning the money Act &c.

After a long Debate and reasons given by this Board ag^t the Adjournment the Deputy Govern^r desired the Com[']ittee impartially to represent what Had been offered by this Board (in answer to their reasons) to the House of Representatives, & that they might hear from them concerning the Same. This Board likewise told the Comittee that if there were any thing in the Act that wanted an Amendment they Should consider of it, & this Board would consent thereunto if found reasonable, & then the Comittee of y^e House of Representatives returned.

Adjourned till ½ a Clock afternoon.

Post

Post Meridiem

Present as above

A Message from the House of Representatives to acquaint this Board that they had Adjourned to 8 a Clock to morrow morning, & then this Board

Adjourned to 8 a Clock to morrow Morning.

At a Counsel held &c y^e 19th May

Present { The Depty Govern^r
Tho: Warne
Cap^t John Bishop
John Royse

This Board being informed that the Speaker & Several of y^e Members of the House of Representatives had departed without giving notice, thought fit to adjourn till further Occasion, having heard nothing from them Since their Message of Adjournment last night, the Speaker went away early in the morning with Seven of the members of the House, Johannes Stinmates having acquainted the Depty Govern^r & Council, that he was advised by Some persons to go away with them & they would give him a Bond to Secure him, or Save him harmless.

Att a Council held at Perth Amboy for the province of East New Jersey June the 6th 1699

Present { Cap^t Andrew Bowne Depty Govern^r
Richard Hartshorne
Tho: Warne
John Royse
Cap^t John Bishop
Sam^l Dennes

Ordered that an acc^t of .all the transactions of the Assembly be drawn up & Sent to the Proprietors in England.

Ordered that Mr Gordon be Sent for & bring with him a Letter from the Propr's directed to Coll Hamilton & Council &c in 8ber 1697, which was accordingly done, the Dep^{ty} Govern^r kept the Lett^r & gave Mr Gordon a receipt for y^e Same

Ordered that Mr Gordon read the Govern^rs Commission as recorded in the book of Records, which was done.

Mr Gordon was ordered to bring his Com'ission for attorney Generall in the afternoon, of which he was desired to leave a Copy, which was also done.

At a Council &c June 7th 1699

Present as above

A Letter being drawn up pursuant to the above ord^r & fairly ingrossed by the Clerk, was Signed by the Council & delivered into the hands of Mr Royse to Send by the first & best Conveyance to England.

The Deputy Govern^r took the Oath for observing the Acts of Trade & Navigation &c, in form following viz^t

I Doe Solemnly Swear in the presence of Almighty God that I will do my utmost that all clauses matters & things contained in the Several Acts of Parliament heretofore pass'd & now in force relating to trade & Navigation, & also the Act for preventing frauds &c made 7th & 8th William the third, be punctually & bona fide observed according to the true intent & meaning of them & each of them respectively. So help me God.

Mr Royse Mr Warne &
M^r Dennes present—

Ordered that M^r Gordon draw Com'issions of the peace for William Looker & Henry Norris in the room of Isaac Whitehead & Benjamin Price Jun^r for Elizabeth Town
Adjourned till further Occasion

At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey August the first 1699

Present	{	The Hon ^r ble Govern ^r Basse
		Cap ^t Andrew Bowne
		Richard Hartshorne
		John Royse
		Thomas Warne

The Govern^r read several Memorials & papers relating to the Proprietors proceedings in England, about the Port of Perth Amboy, which he had received from M^r Dockwra by Cap^t Jefferys

Ordered that a Letter be drawn up & Sent to the Proprietors, to give them an account of y^e present State of Affairs.

Ordered that the Council be Summoned to meet at Amboy the 22th Instant on Earnest Occasion

Adjourned till 22 Instant

At

At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey the 23th of Aug^t 1699

present { The Hon^{ble} Govern^r Basse
 Cap^t Andrew Bowne
 John Royse
 Cap^t William Lawrance
 Thomas Warne
 Richard Hartshorne
 Samuel Dennes

THE GOVERNOUR communicated to the Council Some Letters he had received from England relating to our Port & Government.

Ordered that the business of Woodbridge, about the Kings Store being robb'd, be prosecuted with all Severity.

Ordered that Nathaniel f^z Randal high Sherriff of the County of Middx be Sent for to attend this Board, to Shew reason why the Proclamation against the Scots at Caledonia is not published, which was accordingly done.

Ordered that the Messenger of this Board be Sent for Mr Gordon the Attorney Generall, to draw up a Proclamation requiring all persons to Seize & Secure Cap^t Kids men if found within the Province, & forbiding any to, assist or entertain them, pursuant to an Order from Whitehall of ye 23th of November 1698

Adjourned till 8 to morrow Morning

At A Council held &c the 24th Aug^t 1699

Present { The Hon^{ble} the Govern^r
 Cap^t Andrew Bowne
 John Royse
 Cap^t John Bishop
 Richard Hartshorne
 Samuel Dennes
 Cap^t William Lawrance
 Thomas Warne

The Question being put whether M^r Gordon was a fit person to be made use of as Attorney Generall, in the case of Morris & Willoks upon tryall at the next Court of Common right, 'twas carried in y^e Negative; & resolved Another person be employed to prosecute for the King in that behalf

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The Letter ordered to be Sent to the Proprietors was drawn up & fairly ingrossed by the Clark, & order'd to be Sent by the first Ship under a Cover to S^r Thomas Lane.

Adjourned till further Occasion

At a Council held at perth Amboy for the province of East New Jersey 23^d Apprill 1700

Present	{	Gouverneur Hamilton	} of y ^e Council &c
		Sam ^l Dennes	
		John Bishop	
		Sam ^l Leonard	
		Sam ^l Hale	
		William Sandford	
		Benjamin Griffith	

The Gouverneur & all y^e members of this board, & Thomas Gordon the Clerk of this board, took y^e Usual oaths appointed by Law &c.

The Gover^r produced here a Letter from Esq^r pinhorn, another of Members of y^e Council of this province, wherein he desires his absence may be Excused having been Ill for some weeks past.

This Board having been Informed, that some of y^e people of Elizabeth Town & piscataway are sending home petitions agst y^e Government &c, It is Resolved by this board, that y^e Council writt to y^e proprietors on y^t Subject, And a Letter was written Read & approved of, & Signed accordingly.

Aggreed & Ordered y^t writts be Issued out to Such Townships as have not Chosen Representatives According to y^e Late act of generall Assembly.

Aggreed & Ordered y^t proclamations be Issued out to Conveen y^e generall assembly on y^e Last thursday of may Next, according to sd act of gen^l assembly.

Aggreed y^t y^e Court of Common Right be adjourned to y^e 2^d tuesday in Junn next.

Charles Goodman Esq^r, Came before this board, and took y^e oaths appointed by Act of parliament in place of y^e oaths of alleidgeance & Supremacie, & an oath to be true & faithfull in y^e Execution & discharge of y^e office of Collector of his Maj^{ty}'s Customs in y^e province of East New Jersey, according to his Com^{ssn} & Instructions &c.

Adjourned till further occasion

Att a Council held for y^e province of East New Jersey at perth-Amboy y^e 30th day of May anno Dom': i700

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
William Pinhon
Sam^{ll} Leonard
William Sandford
Sam^{ll} Hale
Benjamin Griffith } of y^e Council

William pinhorn one of y^e members of this board took y^e usuall oaths appointed by Law &c.

The Hon^{ble} Coll^l Andrew Hamilton Governour of this province, did before this board take y^e Oaths by vertue of a Dedimus potestatem under y^e broad Seal of England, bearing date y^e 30th day of Apprill in y^e 9th year of his present Maj^{ties} Reign, appointed to be taken by y^e Severall acts of parlament of England &c.

The house of Representatives being meet, they Came before this board, and Cap^t Andrew Bowne said that in obedience to his Ho^r the Governours proclamation, they were Come here, & further said y^t at y^e desire of y^e Rest he was desired to ask his Ho; y^e Gover^r to know by what authoritie he acted as Governour, & y^t he had nothing more in Charge save y^t one question. Then his ho; y^e Gover^r Answered y^t true it was y^t it had been usuall for y^e House of Representatives, To desire a seight of y^e Gover^{rs} Commission, & if y^t was what they desired they should be satisfied, & accordingly y^e Gover^{rs} Commission was Read, and then y^e Gover^r gave them a full account of all y^e Steps y^t had been made towards an approbation &c, and after some debate they did all with draw &c

Adjourned till further occasion

Att A Council held at perth Amboy 15th August i700

Present { Gover^r Hamilton
Sam^{ll} Dennes
Sam^{ll} Leonard
John Bishop
Benj Griffith } of y^e Council

His Ho: y^e Gover^r proposed to this board y^t for preventing

ing tumults & disorders within this province for y^e future, a proclamation may be drawn up & published &c.

Ordered y^t a proclamation be forth with drawn up, forbidding all his ma:^{ty}s good subjects to hold any tumultuous or Seditious or unlawfull assemblies or meetings within this Province, & Commanding all Magistrates & officers to Suppress all Such, & Commanding and Requiring all his Ma:^{ty}s Leidge Subjects to be aiding & assisting in suppressing y^e same, &c. which proclamation was accordingly drawn up, Read and approved of by this board, & ordered to be published in Every town within this province, & a Copie thereof to be affixed upon y^e most publick place in Every of y^e s^d towns, in and through out the province &c.

Adjourned till further Order

Att a Councill held at Perth-Amboy, for y^e province of East New Jersey 20th Dece'r anno Dom: i700

present	{	Gover ^r Hamilton Sam ^l Dennes John Bishop Sam ^l Hale Benjamin Griffith	}	of y ^e Councill
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Aggreed & Ordered y^t a petition be drawn by this board to y^e Kings Most Excellent Maj^{ty}e, which was accordingly don, & being Read here was approved of & signed by this board.

George Willoks Came before this board, and Exhibited an Information against William Dockwra Esq^r Cheife Secretary & Register of this province, as an unjust and Corrupt Man & unfit for an office of so great trust, and desired this board would be pleased to appoint him atime to hear him prove the sd Charge. The sd Information being read before this board, aggreed & ordered that y^e said George Willoks do appear before this board on the third tuesday in march next, to prove & make good his sd Information & Charge agst sd w^m Dockwra. And also aggreed & ordered y^t in y^e mean time Thomas Gordon present Deputy Sec^ry & Reg^r Do Safely keep all y^e Records & papers belonging to y^e sd office, & not deliver them to y^e sd w^m Dockwra nor to any other by his order untill further order of this board.

Adjourned till y^e 3^d tuesday in March next

At

At A Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey upon the 17th Day of June Anno Dⁿⁱ 1701

Present	{	Coll ^t : Andrew Hamilton Gover ^r	} of y ^e Council
		William Pinhorne	
		Samuel Dennis	
		Samuel Leonard	
		John Bishop	
		Samuel Hale	
		William Sandford	
Benjamin Griffith			

Cap^t Andrew Bowne came before this board, and acquainted the Governour, that he had a Commission from the proprietors in England to be Governour of this Province of East New Jersey.

The Governour acquainted him that he had a Letter from the Proprietors residing in this Province & Neighbourhood, whereby they desired to be present at the opening of the Commission, And they were accordingly called in.

David Lyal one of the Proprietors Acquainted this Board, that he had seen said Bownes Com[']ission a few dayes before, and that he perceived it was Defective, as not being Signed by so many hands as make a Majority even of the Proprietors that reside in and about London, that he therefore had good reason to Suspect it to be Surreptitious & without the knowledge of the other Proprietors, and that it was a juggle, put upon most of those unwary Proprietors that signed this Com[']ission by one Salter, that he had acquainted his fellow Proprietors residing in this Province of it, & that they had formed a protest against it under their hands, which he gave in at the Table, and desired in behalf of himself and the rest his Fellow Proprietors, that the same might be read and Entred, which was read Accordingly

Cap^t Bowne desired a Copy of the Protest which was ordered to be given him

The Governour told Cap^t Bowne that he had heard y^e Protest read, & desired to know what he had to Answer to it.

He Replied he would answer no Questions, If the Proprietors in England had sent him a lame Commission let them see to it, But that he was resolved to publish it.

The Governour told him that, As the Government of the Jerseys was not so desirable a thing as to be Courted, yet that since the Commission appeared Insufficient for said Bowne to Act by, he could not warrantably Surrender it, which would be

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to leave the people without Government, & by Consequence to fall into disorder & Confusion

That he had received lately a Letter from M^r Secretary Vernon (which was produced at the Board) Signifying the Kings Pleasure that he should know of the Motion of a French Squadron of Men of Warr, bound for the Spanish West Indies, & that he take all Necessary care for the defence of the Provinces under his Command in Case of any Attempt to be made upon them, That if he Surrendered the Government, He was disabled of Executing the Kings Commands by the Secretary of State, & that Cap^t Bowne was not qualified by this defective Commission to execute them. That since the Publication of this Commission (Though he did not apprehend it would supersede his Commission, Since no Commission could supersede his, but such a one as was Sufficient to Act by) might be a handle to licentious people to cavil at, he advised him not to publish it. Notwithstanding, the said Cap^t Bowne went out & Said he was resolved to publish his Commission. The Governour & Council went also out, & the Governour protested against the publication of it, & if he would pretend to publish it, he would declare it a Riot. Said Bowne bid him punish him then. The Governour Replied he questioned not to find a Time to do it, tho he now valued himself upon the Mobb at his heels. The said Bowne caused read off his Commission. The Gover^r & Council went away.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning

At a Council held at Perth Amboy for the Province of East New Jersey upon the 18th day of June Anno Domini 1701

Present	{	Collonel Andrew Hamilton Governour	} of the Council
		William Pinhorne	
		Samuel Hale	
		Samuel Leonard	
		John Bishop	
		Samuel Hale	
		William Sandford	
{	Benjamin Griffith	}	

Ordered that Proclamations be Issued out, to Acquaint the People of Cap^t Bownes Defective Commission that no body pay Obedience thereto. That the Governour would still Continue his care over them. And Commanding them to have their Arms fixt, And Ammunition provided, that they may be in a Posture of Defence (in Obedience to his Majestie's Commands,

mands, Signified to the Governour by M^r Secretary Vernon) In Case of any Descent &c, Which were Accordingly Drawn and Signed by the Governour, under the Seal of y^e Province, & sent to the Several Counties to be forthwith published

ORDERED That a Letter be written to the Proprietors in England Acquainting them of the Reason why they advised the Governour against Surrendring the Government, viz^t: that the Commission Appeared defective, & that several of them selves had heard M^r Roysse & M^r Walkker say they did not value Cap^t Bownes Commission of a Farthing, or such like words, but that it answered their End, if it Superseded Coll^l Hamiltons, by which in probability it appeared that the use of the Commission to Cap^t Bowne, was only to Supersede Coll^l Hamiltons, & then to throw up his own Commission as defective, & to lodge the Gover[']ment in the People, for want of necessary powers from the proprietors in the Province to^t appoint a Governour.

Ordered that the protest which was yesterday given in by the Proprietors, residing in and about this Province, & Read before this Board against Cap^t Bownes Commission, &c Be entred by the Secretary upon the publick Records of this Province &c

Adjourned till further Occasion

Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy for y^e Province of East New Jersey y^e 12th of August Anno Dom[']: 1701

{	Coll ^l Andrew Hamilton Gover ^r	}	of y ^e Councill &c
	Sam ^l Dennes		
	Sam ^l Leonard		
	John Bishop		
	Sam ^l Hale		
	Benj: Griffith		

The Gover^r Informed this board y^t he had Rece[']d a Letter from England Signed by w^m Dockwra Thomas Cooper, Tho: Hart Tho: Barker Clem^t Plumstead & Peter Sonmans dated 27th March last, w^{ch} was now read before this board, & to which an Answer was written & Signed by y^e members of this board.

A PETITION by George Willocks was read here praying, y^t Seeing y^e Councill did not meet in March last according to an Order made in Decer^r preceeding, to hear him make good his Information Against M^r Dockwra, y^t this board would now please to appoint a time to hear him make good his sd Charge
ag[']st

ag'st sd Dockwra ; Ordered y^t M^r Willoks do appear to morrow morning before this board, in order to be heard Concerning sd Information & y^t y^e Clerk of this board do give him notice thereof

Adjourned till to morow morning

Att a Council held at Perth-Amboy for y^e sd Province of East New Jersey y^e 13th August anno Domⁱ: 1701

Present	{	Coll ^l Andrew Hamilton Gover ^r	} Of y ^e Council
		Sam ^l Dennes	
		Sam ^l Leonard	
		John Bishop	
		Sam ^l Hale	
		Benj ^a Griffith	

It being moved to this board, y^t Severall of y^e proprietors of this Province being in town desired to be present Att y^e hearing of M^r Willoks make good his Charge & Information Agst M^r Dockwra, being they are very much Conserved in sd business, w^{ch} was Consented to & they were Called in accordingly.

M^r Willoks being Called appeared & his Information agst M^r Dockwra being read as followeth

Province of To the Hon^{ble} Coll: Hamilton, Governour
East New Jersey & Council of sd Province

THE INFORMATION OF GEORGE WILLOKS

HUMBLY SHEWETH

That the proprietors of sd province Residing in & about London, by Commission under their hands and provinciall Seal, have Constituted William Dockwra of sd London Merch^t Sec^ry & Reg^rr of the aforesd province of East New Jersey as may appear by y^e publick Records of y^e Same.

And y^e sd office of Sec^ry & Reg^rr being a place of great trust to whose Custodie y^e publick Seal, Books of Records, Laws, Instruments, Charters, Patents, Wills, Testaments, Deeds, & writings whatsoever, touching & Concerning y^e province in Generall the propr's planters & Inhabitants of y^e Same & others in particular.

And

And whereas y^e publick welfare of y^e sd province as well as of private persons Concerned in ye Same very much depend upon y^e faithfull discharge of y^e office of Secr'y & Rg'r & on y^e Contrarie by means, Contrivance assistance aid Connivence Or permission of wicked Corrupt Covetous Malitious Or mercinarie Officer in y^t place, may tend to y^e hurt & dishonour of the Govern^t, & to y^e lose detriment or utter ruin of private persons

And whereas y^e sd w^m Dockwra is a person of Evill fame, & hath perpetrated divers unjust & wicked actions, & lyeth under no ty or Restraint to obleidge him to a faith full discharge of y^e Trust reposed in him, and probably may Embrace any opportunity whereby he may attain his Covetous Corrupt or Malitious ends, Either by himself or Deputy, to Raze viciate falsifie withdraw or destroy the publick Records Instruments or writtings Committed to his Charge, & leave those so Injured wthout hopes of any futur Remedie; For preventing of w^{ch} y^e sd George Willocks doth Informe your Hon^{rs} y^t sd w^m Dockwra is Guilty of y^e Enormous actions underwritten

1^d Hath sent an Instrument under y^e Seal of y^e sd province, Signed only by himself as Agent, that whatever orders & Instructions Should be Sent from him under y^e sd Seal Signed as aforesd, be as authentick orders to y^e Gover^r &c here, as if Signed by y^e Major part of all y^e propr's of sd province.

2^d Hath under his hand & seal aforesd Imposed grivous mulcts fynes or ameracements, (after a most arbitrary manner wthout any tryall hearing of partyes or Legall Conviction of any Crime Committed) upon Gent^{l^{rs}} Estates in sd province

3^d Hath under his hand and seal aforesd, Sent orders & Instructions to y^e Gover^r &c appointed & Constituted by sd propr's &c, for unjust & unequall dividends of land disproportionable to the Interests of those Conserved.

4^d Hath under his hand & seal aforesd, sent orders & Instructions to y^e Gover^r to Call in patents divest persons of their Estates & to deface y^e publick Records.

5th Hath under his hand & Seal aforesd, sent Instructions & orders to y^e Gover^r &c, to Insert into particular grants or patents unjust Clauses for making voyd y^e Estates of y^e Grantees

6th Hath

6th Hath under his hand & Seal aforesd, sent orders & Instructions to y^e Gover^r &c, prohibiting to grant land to some propr's of sd prov: according to their proportions, notwithstanding they were sufficiently Entitled by Law to Demand y^e Same

7th The sd Dockwra hath out of a wicked & Corrupt design, refused to do justice himself & hath obstructed others, till y^e party Injured was under a necessity to brib him before his bussinese Could be accomplished.

8th The sd Dockwra hath for his self Ends ordered his agent or Servant, (tho Sufficiently plain to be understood but in Indirect words) to Corrupt y^e Surveyor of this province.

9th It hath been y^e practice of sd Dockwra to alter y^e minutts of sd propr's after agreed on by them, at their meetings, and afterwards Endeavor to obstruct his alterations on them.

10th The sd Dockwra wth a wicked & malicious design, wthout y^e propr's orders Consent or privity, hath written in y^e sd propr's minut book Shamful opprob'us and Scandalous lyball agst one of his fellow propr's, to Leave an odium to posterity upon y^e Reputation of his Just opposer.

The sd George Willoks prayes yo^r hon^{rs} will take the premisses into Consideration, and to Assigne y^e Informer a time to prove his Charge Exhibited, w^{ch} if made good agst y^e sd w^m Dockwra, y^e sd willoks further prayes yo^r hon^{rs} will take Such proper & Requisite measures for y^e publick welfear honour Reputation & peace of y^e Government, & y^e Security of all private persons Conserved, as in ye^r wisdoms shall be thought fitt.

All w^{ch} is humbly Submitted to yo^r Hon^{rs}

September 20th

pr GEO: WILLOKS

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M^r Willoks to prove y^e first article produced an Instrument under y^e Seal of y^e province, and Signed by order of y^e propr's Will^m Dockwra Agent, being a true Copie of y^e originall bearing date of 29th apprill 1686 ; purporting as in sd article is set forth, but no names of y^e propr's y^t Signed sd order is therein Recited.

To prove y^e 2^d article M^r Willoks produced an Instrum^t under

under y^e Seal of y^e sd province, & Signed by order of y^e propr's in London, Will: Dockwra Agent, bearing date Eleventh Janr'y anno Dom: 1686—a paragraph of w^{ch} is as followeth, “ Provided alwayes nevertheless y^t for y^e thousand
 “ acres of Land at Chengaroras taken by Garven Lawrie^e there
 “ be three thousand taken off from his Share of the first
 “ division of tenn thousand to a whole propriety, & for the
 “ thousand acres taken there by Thomas Rudyard, there be
 “ four thousand taken off & discounted from his Share as
 “ aforesd, according to y^e propr's Order of y^e 3^d July 1685, w^{ch}
 “ shall be an Effectuall discharge for so much in part of their
 “ severall & Respective Interest in y^e first division appointed
 “ as abovesd, And in another paragraph, But to non y^t holds
 “ under a forth part of a propriety is this priviledge to be
 “ allowed of haveing land layd out to them wth out setling
 “ families thereon.

To prove y^e 3^d article M^r Willocks produced y^e abovesd Instrument bearing date y^e Eleventh Janr'y 1686 a paragraph of w^{ch} is as followeth, “ And they do hereby order & ap-
 “ point y^t after such lands are set out & patented, as are
 “ already directed p. their former orders, (whither Generall or
 “ Speciall) to Sundry persons who have stock & servants already
 “ in y^e sd province, That then they Cause to be set out &
 “ patented to Robert Barclay of Ury Esq^r y^e Gover^r, as much
 “ land as he shall want to make up his first dividend of ten
 “ thousand acres for himself, or any other y^t is or shall be Con-
 “ serned under him in y^t propriety.

To prove y^e 4th article M^r Willocks produced an Instrument under y^e Seal of sd province, Signed by order of y^e propr's Will Dockwra Agent, dated 14th Sept^r Anno Dom: 1686. The purport of w^{ch} is, That where any prop^r or sharer in a propriety has taken up land Exceeding 2000 acres to a whole propriety, & so pro rata to Sharers in a propriety according to some former Instructions, then & in y^t Case, the sd Instrument doth order & appoint The Deputy Gover^r & Council of propr's y^t y^e overplus shall Immediately be taken away, y^e patents Called in to be Surrendered, and are thereby declared null & voyd to all Intents Constructions & purposes, & new patents to be granted for y^e same to others wth a non ostante to any other former patents, wth w^{ch}, if y^e party Concerned do not Comply, they shall be totally divested of y^e whole tracts of land mentioned in sd patents & y^e same given to others, And then folowes this paragraph “ And the proprietors Do hereby further
 “ order that the Record or Registry of Every Such Irregular
 “ & Illegall patent, be forthwith Defaced in the books of
 “ Registry,

“ Registry, so soon as any second patent be past in pursuance to this order.”

To prove y^e 5th article M^r Willoks produced an Instrument under y^e province seal, & signed order of y^e propr's w^m Dockwra Agent, dated y^e 15th Septr^r 1686, a paragraph of w^{ch} is as followeth “ And that a Clause be Inserted in y^e patent to y^e purpose following, viz^t In Case y^e sd Kildin or his family Do not Come into East Jersey before y^e month of Decer^t 1687 y^e sd patent to be null and void, as if it never had been, & y^e land to be disposed of to any other proprietor any order Instruction or Instrument to y^e Contrary, of any part of the premisses in any Wise notwithstanding. Also another Instrument, Signed & sealed as abovesd, dated 21th Junn 1687, to the Same purpose, Concerning Sam^l Stancliffe of London &c

To prove y^e 6th Article M^r Willoks produced one of y^e abovesd Instruments, signed & sealed as abovesd, dated 11th Janr'y 1686, a paragraph of w^{ch} is as followeth “ All proprietors or Sharers in a proprietie Whatsoever, who owe any money to y^e publick stock for y^e Respective rates layd on Every propriety here in London, towards defraying y^e publick Charges of y^e bussinese of y^e province, shall be barred & Excluded from having any Land &c

To prove y^e 7th article M^r Willoks produced y^e affidavits of himself & Thomas Gordon taken before the Members of this board viz :

East New Jersey By y^e Gover^r & Councill

George Willoks of y^e sd province, Aged about forty years, being Sworn upon y^e holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Saith, That y^e s^d Deponent in y^e year 1696, or thereabouts, did make application to y^e Gover^r & Councill of propr's in s^d province Concerning a tract of Land y^t y^e sd willoks held by mean Conveyances from Garvine Lawrie decs'd w^{ch} sd tract of Land was layd out by y^e Surveyors of sd province to sd Lawrie for 1000 acres, but Either through mistake or Ignorance of y^e Surveyors, was found upon a Resurvey to Contain (to y^e best of y^e deponents knowledge) but about 300 acres ; & ye sd Deponent prayed y^e Gover^r & Councill aforesd would make up y^e Deponents quantity of 1000 acres out of y^e adjacent Land, but ye Gover^r & Councill was unwilling to grant the Depon't his quantity out of y^e adjacent land, some of y^e proprs in England
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Having a pretention to y^e same, & y^e Gover^r advised y^e Deponent since he was bound for England to address y^e proprs there, & accordingly writt to y^e propr's Concerning y^e same upon y^e sd George Willocks arrivall in England he applyed himself to y^e propr's there seting forth y^e Equity of his Demand, & the great Charge y^t had been Expended upon Improving y^e aforesd tract of Land, w^{ch} would be an Extraordinary loss to y^e Deponent unlesse y^e propr's would make up his Complement out of y^e adjacent land, and y^e Deponent urged, y^t by Councill learned in y^e Law was advised his grant would Entitle him y^e full quantity of 1000 acres, notwithstanding of w^{ch} y^e Deponent was opposed by w^m Dockwra of London Secr^t & Regr^r of sd province, & y^t y^e Deponent Spoke to y^e sd Dockwra in private, & urged y^e Equity of his Case & y^e great loss it would be to him if his Complement were not made up as aforesd, y^e sd Dockwra gave y^e Deponent to understand y^t y^e Deponent had a tract of Land upon y^e Rariton & milston Rivers in sd East Jersey, adjoining to land of sd Dockwra y^t y^e sd Dockwra was very desirous to have, w^{ch} y^e sd willocks perceiving, & y^t wthout y^e Deponent should gratifie his Covetous desire y^e sd Dockwra would obstruct his just demands, told y^e sd w^m Dockwra, y^t provideing he would gett him y^e adjacent land aforesd layd out to y^e Deponents Satisfaction he would give y^e sd Dockwra y^e sd 850 acres of Land, w^{ch} y^e sd Dockwra willingly Embraced & in a feew dayes after y^e sd Dockwra sent for y^e Deponent & had a paper written, purporting y^t on Condition of his Endeavours to have y^e Deponents Complement^{of} Land made up as aforesd, y^e sd Deponent should make a Conveyance of y^e 850 acres of land aforesd to sd Dockwra, w^{ch} y^e Deponent refused to signe, but told him y^t he would performe what he had promised, after w^{ch} wth great facility y^e Deponent obtained his desire, & when the deponent signed y^e deeds for sd 850 acres of land y^e sd Dockwra urged to have a receipt from y^e Deponent for 150 pounds as the Consideration of s^d 850 Acres of Land, w^{ch} y^e deponent positively refused, & would only sign a Receipt for five Shillings, but never received any Consideration for y^e Same but what is above written. And the Deponent further saith y^t y^e sd Dockwra at Sundry times when y^e Deponent was in England, after y^e Propr's aforesd had agreed upon Sundry matters and things, & y^e same minutt^d down, y^t y^e sd Dockwra used to alter add or deminish from sd minutts as he thought fitt, & Endeavour to Obtrude y^e Same at next meeting with his alterations upon y^e sd propr's. And Lastly y^e sd Deponent Saith y^t y^e sd Dockwra wrott in y^e sd

sd propr's minutt book (wherein they Entred divers publick transactions) Secretly a most Scandalous Lybell against Joseph Ormston, one of the propr's aforesd, because he generally found fault wth y^e actings of sd Dockwra, w^{ch} y^e sd Ormston in presence of y^e Deponent did Sharply reprove y^e sd Dockwra for, & did tear y^e Same out of y^e book aforesd, & further y^e Deponent saith not.

GEO: WILLOKS

Jurat: i3^d Die Augusti anno Dom: i70i Coram

And: Hamilton
Sam^l Dennes
John Bishop
Sam^l Leonard
Sam^l Hale

East New Jersey, By y^e Gover^r & Councill of sd Province

Thomas Gordon Aged about 47 years maketh oath y^t he was present at London, wth w^m Dockwra & Geo: Willocks, when sd Dockwra desired sd willocks to sign a receipt & discharge for 150^l as Consideration money of 850 acres of Land made over by sd willocks to sd Dockwra, w^{ch} m^r willocks refused to Do becaus he sd he had never rece'd a farthing from sd Dockwra, & further told sd Dockwra you know you had it on another acc'pt (or words to y^t purpose) & then the sd willocks & his wife signed a receipt to sd Dockwra for 5 Shillings, w^{ch} other acc'pt I believe by what I have heard from sd Dockwra & willocks, was a brib to said Dockwra to get his land made up at Chesquacks &c, by y^e propr's in England, w^{ch} sd Dockwra obstructed untill sd willocks gave him sd land at milston river &c: sd Thomas Gordon doth further make oath, y^t when sd Gordon was in England sd Dockwra did alter the minutts of ye propr's orders Concerning their Instructions to Gover^r Basse &c, & yt sd Dockwra did Insert in y^e propr's minut book a Shamfull opproprious Story Conserning M^r Ormston, laying a wadger with him &c, which was Afterwards torn out of y^e minutt book &c: & further Saith not

Jurat, 13^d die augusti anno Dom : i70i. Coram

And: Hamilton
Sam^l Dennes
Sam^l Leonard
Sam^l Hale
John Bishop
Benjamin Griffith

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To prove y^e 8th article M^r Willocks produced a letter to John Canington dated 11th Nover^r 1690 Signed Will: Dockwra a paragraph of "w^{ch} is as followeth, Above all y^t you Joyn on all " occasions wth such other friends y^t may assist & give their " advice about getting out orders for all y^e remaining land y^t " is due to me, & in Cheife good tracts, and that the Surveyor " be made a fast friend.

To prove y^e 9th & 10th articles M^r Willocks produced y^e affidavitts of Thomas Gordon & himself taken before this board as is above written.

Then all persons who were not members of this board were ordered To withdraw, And upon Mature Consideration of y^e premisses It is y^e Opinion of this board that M^r Willocks has made good y^e Severall articles of his Charge Against sd w^m Dockwra, partly by Instruments under his hand & Seal of y^e province, & partly by oath of wittnesses. Ordered that y^e Clerk of this board do draw up a Copie of y^e abovesd Information & Charge agst sd Dockwra & y^e proof of Every article at Large wth all Convenient Speed, to be sent to y^e propr's in England, under y^e province Seal &c, that said Mr Dockwra may have opportunity to make his defence &c.

A petition was presented and Read before this board from y^e propr's Residing in and about this province, praying that seeing it appears y^t M^r Dockwra is a man not fitt for so great a trust, y^t this board would suspend him from his office of Chiefe Secretary & Reg^rr & from y^e perquissitts & profitts thereof untill ye propr's in England be acquainted & their minds known therein ; and y^t in y^e mean time he y^t shall be put into sd office may be obleidged to find security for his faithfull discharge of sd office. In answer to w^{ch} petition, it is y^e opinion of this board y^t if y^e Instrument w^{ch} was produced under y^e hand of sd Dockwra & Seal of y^e province be genuin, there Can remain no doubt of y^e Reasonableness of Suspending him, thereby directing y^e Records to be defaced, yet being willing to give him an opportunity to make his defence, wee have forborn Suspending him, Recomending to y^e propr's in England y^t unless he make appear y^t y^e sd Instrument dated y^e 14th Sept^r 1686, be fictitious & false, they dismiss him of y^e sd office of Secr'y & Reg^rr: The Estates of the Inhabitants & others Conserved being very precarious under y^e Custodie of a person Who has made so unjustifiable a step, And in y^e mean time, Ordered, that the Records of all publick papers & Instruments, be kept in ye Custodie of Thomas Gordon,

don, y^e present Deput Secretary, untill y^e sd Dockwra acquitt himself of y^e above Charge.

Adjourned till further Occasion

Att A Councill held at perth-Amboy for y^e sd province of East New Jersey y^e 29th of Aprill anno Dom : 1703.

Present	{	Lewis Morris pr ^t W ^m Pinhorn Sam ^{ll} Dennis John Bishop W ^m Sandford Sam ^{ll} Hale	}	of y ^e Councill
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Ordered y^t a Letter be written to his Excellencie Lord Cornbury, Gover^r of new york, acquaintting him wth y^e death of Co^{ll} Hamilton Late Governour of this province &c; which was accordingly done & being Read here was approved of, & Signed by this board &c as followeth Viz

May it please your Excellencie

To y^e great greife of us & of y^e better part of this province it Pleased Almighty GOD to take to himself Our Late Worthy Governour Co^{ll} Andrew Hamilton who departed this life On y^e 26th of this Instant: A person whose good Charracter is not unknown to your Excellencie. Wee being of y^e Councill of this province do (as in duty bound) humbly Represent the same to your Excellencie. Hoping y^t your Excellencies favourable assistance & support for y^e preservation of the publick peace will not be wanting to us, untill your Excellencies Commission do arrive which wee do heartily desire may be Spediely; Your Excellencies prudent administration in your Government of New-york giving us assurance of happiness under your Excellencies Conduct.

Wee are

May it please your Excellencie

Your Excellencies most obedient Servants

East New Jersey
Perth-Amboy 29th Aprill 1703

LEWIS MORRIS Pr^t.
 W^m PINHORN
 SAM^{ll} DENNES
 JOHN BISHOP
 W^m SANDFORD
 SAM^{ll} HALE

For his Excellencie Edward Lord Viscount Cornbury Governour of Her Maj^{ties} province of New-York and Dependancies

Adjourned till further Occasion

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[The following forms are in the back of the Book form from which the foregoing records are taken.]

I A B Profess faith in God the father and in Jesus Christ his Eternall son the true God and the holy Spirit one God blessed for Evermore & I doe Acknowledg the Scriptures of the ould & new Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.

The Declaration of fidelity & Subscription on as profession of the Christian Believe to be Described by Dissenters Consonant to the Statute Prim: Gut: & Mar:

I A B Do sincerely Promise & Sollemnly Declare before God and the World That I will be true & faithfull To Kinge William And I doe Sollemnly Profess & Declare That I doe from my heart detest & abhor & Renounce as impious & Heriticall that Damnable Doctrine & Profession That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any authority of the sea of Rome may be deposed or marthered by their Subjects or any other whatever, & I doe Declare that no foreigne Power princes person Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any power Jurisdiction Superiority Preemmenence Authority Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall within this Realm

The forme of the Declaration directed by The Statut 30th Car 2^d Cap 1st To be Subscribed by all Peers or members of the House of Lords & members of the house of Commons before they vote in any of the saide houses:

I, A, B, doe Sollemnly & sincerely in the presence of God profes testify & declare that I doe believe that in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper thear is not any transubstantion of the elements .of bread & wine into the Body & Blood of Christ at or after the Consecration thereof by any persons whatsoever & that the Invocation or adoration of the virgin Mary or any other Saint & the Sacrifice of the Mass as they are now used in the Church of Rome are Superstitious & Idolatrous & I doe Solemnly in the presence of God profess Testifie & declare that I doe make this declaration & every part thereof in the plaine & ordinary Sence of the words read onto me as they are commonly vnderstood by English Protestants, without any Evation Equivocation or mentall Reservation whatsoever & without any dispensation already

already granted me for this purpose by the Pope or any other authority or Person Whatsoever or without any hope of any such Dispensation from any person or authority Whatsoever or without thinkinge that I am or can be acquitted before God or man or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof altho the Pope or any other persons or power whatsoever should dispen-
 pence with or annull the same or Declare that it was null & voide from the begininge

J BASSE

ANDREW BOWNE
 JOHN JNANS
 JOHN ROYSE
 W^m PINHORNE
 W^m LAWRENCE

I A B do sencerely Promise & Swear that I will be faithfull & bear true allegeance to his Majesty King William, So help me God

J BASSE

ANDREW BOWNE
 JOHN INIANS
 JOHN ROYSE
 W^m PINHORNE
 W^m LAWRENCE

I A B Do Swear That I doe from my heart Abhor detest & Abjure as impious & heriticall that damnable doctrine & Position that Princes Excomunicated or deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the Sea of Rome may be deposed or Murdered by their Subjects or any other Whatsoever, & I doe declare no Foreign Princee person Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction Power Superiority Preeminence or Authority Eelesenacticall or Civill within this Realm.
 So help me God

J. BASSE

ANDREW BOWNE
 JOHN INIANS
 JOHN ROYSE
 W^m PINHORNE
 W^m LAWRENCE

Wee Underwritten Do sencirly promiss & Solemnly declare as in y^e presence of God that wee bear true alledgiance to his Maj^{tie} William y^e third King of England &c, And that wee
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from Our hearts abhorre & detest as Impious & hereticall y^t Damnable Doctrine & position y^t princes Excom'unicated or deprived by y^e pope Or any authoritie of y^e Sea of Rome may be deposed or Murthered by their Subjects or any other Whatsoever, & Wee do declare No forraign prince person prelate State or potentate hath or Ought to have any Jurisdiction Power Superioritie Preheminance Or authority Eccleseasticall or Civill wthin this Realme and that wee will well & faithfully discharge y^e trust reposed in us & Each of us as members of the Governour's Councill of this province of East New Jersey in America. So help us God &c dated this 23d of aprill anno Dom': 1700

AND: HAMILTON

May 30,

W^m PINHORNE

SAM^l DENNES

JOHN BISHOP

SAM^l LEONARD JR

SAM^l HALE

W^m SANDFORD

BENJ^a GRIFFITH

I Underwritten Do Sincerly promise & Solemnly declare as in y^e pressence of God that I bear true Alledgiance to his Maj^{tie} W^m y^e 3^d King of England &c, And y^t from my heart Abhorre & detest as Impious & hereticall y^t Damnable Doctrine & position y^t princes Excommunicated Or deprived by y^e Pope or any authoritie of y^e Sea of Rome may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or any other Whatsoever, & I do declare No forraign prince prelate State or potentate hath or Ought to have Any Jurisdiction power Superioritie prehemenance or authoritie Ecclesiactical or Civill wthin this Realme and that I will well & faithfully performe & discharge y^e trust Reposed in me as Clerk of y^e Councill of y^e province of East New Jirsey in America, So help me God, &c, date this 23^d of aprill anno Dom': 1700

THOMAS GORDON

