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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<p><i>Bergen,</i> <i>Effex,</i> <i>Middlesex,</i> <i>Monmouth,</i> <i>Somerset,</i> <i>Burlington,</i> <i>Gloucester,</i> <i>Salem,</i> <i>Cape-May,</i> <i>Hunterdon,</i> <i>Morris,</i> <i>Cumberland,</i> <i>Suffex,</i></p>	<p>The Honourable</p>	<p>• Peter Haring, • John Peck, • Samuel Randolph, • Asher Holmes, • Ephraim Martin, • Joseph Smith, • Joseph Ellis, • John Mayhew, • Jeremiah Eldredge, • Robert-Lettis Hooper, <i>V. P.</i> • Abraham Kitchel, • Samuel Ogden, • Mark Thomson,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
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LIST of Persons returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

<p><i>Bergen,</i></p>	<p>{ Peter Wilson, Adam Boyd, John Outwater,</p>	<p>} Esquires.</p>
<p><i>Effex,</i></p>	<p>{ Henry Garritle, Jonathan Dayton, Jonas Wade,</p>	
<p><i>Middlesex,</i></p>	<p>{ John Combs, James Bonney, James Douglass,</p>	
<p><i>Monmouth,</i></p>	<p>{ Joseph Stillwell, Thomas Little, James Rogers,</p>	
<p><i>Somerset,</i></p>	<p>{ Edward Bunn, Robert Blair, David Kelley,</p>	
<p><i>Burlington,</i></p>	<p>{ Joseph Biddle, Richard S. Smith, Robert-Strettle Jones,</p>	
<p><i>Gloucester,</i></p>	<p>{ Thomas Clark, Franklin Davenport, Joseph Cooper,</p>	
<p><i>Salem,</i></p>	<p>{ Thomas Sinnickson, Edward Hall, Benjamin Holme,</p>	
<p><i>Cape-May,</i></p>	<p>{ Matthew Whilden, Elijah Townsend, Richard Townsend,</p>	
<p><i>Hunterdon,</i></p>	<p>{ Benjamin Van-Cleve, Joab Houghton, John Anderfon,</p>	
<p><i>Morris,</i></p>	<p>{ Ellis Cook, Aaron Kitchel, John Starke,</p>	
<p><i>Cumberland,</i></p>	<p>{ John Sheppard, Ephraim Harris, <i>Speaker,</i> John Burgin,</p>	
<p><i>Suffex,</i></p>	<p>{ Aaron Hankinson, Charles Beardflee, Christopher Longstreet,</p>	

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STATE OF NEW-JERSEY.

TRENTON, Tuesday, October 23, 1787.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. HOOPER,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. MARTIN,
Mr. PECK,	Mr. KITCHEL,
Mr. SMITH,	Mr. HARING.
Mr. MAYHEW,	

Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Hunterdon, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law before the Honourable Ephraim Martin, Esquire, one of the Members returned for this House, and took his Seat in Council.

John Peck, Ephraim Martin, John Mayhew, Peter Haring, Samuel Ogden, Abraham Kitchel, and Samuel Randolph, Esquires, severally produced Certificates of their being duly elected Members of this House, which were read; and they thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law before Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, and took their Seats in Council.

Joseph Smith, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Burlington, which was read; and he being one of the People called Quakers, took and subscribed the Affirmations required by Law, before the Honourable Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, and took his Seat in Council.

The Honourable Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esquire, was elected Vice-President of the Council, pursuant to the Constitution; whereupon he took the Oath of Office, and was seated in the Chair.

Bowes Reed was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council, and took the Oath of Office accordingly.

Asher Holmes, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council for the County of Monmouth, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Honourable the Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, elected the Honourable Robert-Lettis Hooper, Esq. Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, October 24, 1787.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. PECK,	Mr. MARTIN,
Mr. SMITH,	Mr. HARING,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. HOLMES.
Mr. KITCHEL,	

Joseph Ellis, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, for the County of Gloucester, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Honourable the Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Bonney, in the Words following:

Ordered,

THAT Mr. Bonney do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have met, elected the Honourable Ephraim Harris, Esquire, their Speaker, and proceeded to Business.'

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

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Salem, praying that the Legislature will immediately recommend a Convention for considering the Federal Constitution, lately recommended by the Federal Convention, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Three Messages from the House of Assembly by Mr. Dayton, in the Words following:

Ordered,

THAT Messrs. Blair, Anderson, Jones, Hankinson and Stillwell, or any three of them, be a Committee for the present Session to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; that the said Committees settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which when settled Provision is already made by Law; and that they deliver all others to the Committee of this House appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges; and that Mr. Dayton do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.'

Ordered,

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‘THAT Messrs. Smith, Sinnickson, Sheppard, Davenport and Dayton, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. Dayton do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.’

‘THE Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor of Accounts, setting forth Difficulties which have arisen on the Settlement of the Accounts between this State and the United States with the Commissioner appointed by Congress for that Purpose; and desiring that a Committee may be appointed to join a Committee of Council to confer with and assist him in the Statement and Settlement of the said Accounts; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. Van-Cleve, Blair and Sinnickson, be a Committee, and that Mr. Dayton do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the said Committee for that Purpose.’

Ordered, That Mr. Smith and Mr. Holmes, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer; and that Mr. Ogden and Mr. Martin, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to settle the public Accounts; and that Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel and Mr. Ellis, or either of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to confer with and assist the Auditor in the Statement and Settlement of the Accounts between this State and the United States; and that Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Peck reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, October 25, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, October 26, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

His Excellency William Livingston, the Honourable David Brearley, and Jonathan Dayton, Esquires, Commissioners to the late Federal Convention, came into Council, and made the following Report:

‘THE Commissioners appointed by Joint-Meeting of the Legislature to meet Commissioners of the other States in the Union, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Month of May last, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the State of the Union, &c. beg Leave to report to this Honourable House, that, in Pursuance of their Appointment, they met the Commissioners of eleven of the other States in the Union at Philadelphia, and thereupon entered upon the Business of their Appointment.

‘That

‘ That the Commissioners so convened, did, after long and serious Deliberation, and with no small Difficulty, finally agree upon a Plan for the Government of the said United States, which, together with the other Acts of the Convention, were by them transmitted to the Honourable the Congress of the United States, Copies of the same are hereunto annexed.

‘ All which are by your Commissioners most humbly submitted to this Honourable House.

‘ WIL. LIVINGSTON,
 ‘ DAVID BREARLEY,
 ‘ WILLIAM C. HOUSTON,
 ‘ JONA. DAYTON.’

‘ Trenton, October 25, 1787.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Outwater, in the Words following :

‘ *Ordered,*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Outwater do wait on the Council, and inform them that this House are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to elect a Governor and other Officers of the State for the ensuing Year, and do propose that the Council appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.’

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Wednesday next, at three o’Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Witt.

Mr. Kitchel, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend the fifth Section of an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debt due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof, passed June seventh, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-seven;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Holmes, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal Part of the first Section of the Act for recovering of Damages for Trespasses done by Swine, passed December sixth, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-nine;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, October 27, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend the fifth Section of an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debt due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof, passed June seventh, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-seven,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Garritse, from the House of Assembly; presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the South Branch of Dennis’s Creek, commonly called Mill Creek, in the County of Cape-May, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam, Sluice and other necessary Waterworks,

‘ to

‘ to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, for the Purpose of draining said Marsh :’
 A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to
 empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Newtown, in the County of
 Gloucester, to repair their publick Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for
 that Purpose ;’ which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, October 29, 1787.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,
 His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
 The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. PECK,	Mr. OGDEN,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. KITCHEL,
Mr. ELLIS,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. SMITH.

Mark Thomson, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected
 from the County of Suffex, a Member of this House, which was read ; and he
 thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, before the Ho-
 nourable the Vice-President, and took his Seat in Council.

The Honourable Mark Thomson, Esquire, having given his Reasons for
 his Non-Attendance until this Day,

Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Stillwell, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House for Con-
 currence, the following Resolutions :

‘ Whereas the Commissioners from this State have reported a Constitution
 for the future Government of the United States, agreed upon by the Ge-
 neral Convention lately held for that Purpose, in the City of Philadelphia,
 accompanied by a Resolution, that it be submitted to a Convention of De-
 legates chosen in each State by the People thereof, under the Recommendati-
 on of its Legislature, for their Assent and Ratification : And whereas Congress
 have unanimously resolved, that the said Constitution be transmitted to the
 Legislatures of the several States to the Intent aforesaid ; and it appearing to
 be the earnest Wish of the good People of this State, that early and immediate
 Measures be taken to assemble a Convention within the same, for the Purpose
 of deliberating and determining on the said Constitution ;

‘ *Resolved unanimously,* That it be recommended to such of the Inhabitants of
 this State as are entitled to vote for Representatives in General Assembly, to
 meet in their Counties on the fourth Tuesday in November next, at the se-
 veral Places fixed by Law for holding the annual Elections, to choose three
 suitable Persons to serve as Delegates from each County in a State Convention,
 for the Purposes herein before mentioned, and that the same be conducted
 agreeably to the Mode, and conformably with the Rules and Regulations
 prescribed for conducting such Elections.

‘ *Resolved unanimously,* That the Persons so elected to serve in State Convention,
 do assemble and meet together on the second Tuesday in December next, at
 Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, then and there to take into Considerati-
 on the aforesaid Constitution ; and if approved of by them, finally to ratify the
 same in Behalf and on the Part of this State ; and make Report thereof to the
 United States in Congress assembled, in Conformity with the Resolution there-
 to annexed.

Resolved, That the Sheriffs in the respective Counties of this State shall be, and they are hereby required to give as timely Notice as may be, by Advertisements, to the People of their Counties of the Time, Place and Purpose of holding Elections as aforesaid.

The foregoing Resolutions were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to amend the fifth Section of an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debt due from this State to the Inhabitants thereof, passed June seventh, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-seven,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

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

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Resolutions from the House of Assembly, relative to recommending to the Inhabitants of this State to choose Delegates to meet in Convention, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Federal Constitution, &c. was read a second Time; whereupon,

The Council having taken into Consideration the said Resolutions,

Resolved, That the House do unanimously concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. Bunn, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town Meetings in the Township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the South Branch of Dennis's Creek, commonly called Mill Creek, in the County of Cape-May, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam, Sluice and other necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, for the Purpose of draining said Marsh,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, October 30, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, lying on the South Branch of Dennis's Creek, commonly called Mill Creek, in the County of Cape-May, to make and maintain a Bank, Dam, Sluice and other necessary Waterworks, to stop the Tide out of the said Creek, for the Purpose of draining said Marsh,' was read a third Time; on the Question,

Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Newtown, in the County of Gloucester, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the two foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution:

'*Resolved*, That Isaac Collins be directed to print or strike off 500 Copies of the Resolutions of the Legislature of October 29, 1787, recommending to the People of the State to meet by their Delegates in Convention, for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Constitution of the Federal Government, proposed by the late General Convention.'

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution,

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. Clark, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the People of this State to meet in Convention, deliberate upon, agree to, and ratify the Constitution for the United States, proposed by the late General Convention;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met—The Governor absent.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, October 31, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

Two Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, setting forth, that at the late annual Election in the said County for Representatives, Sheriff and Coroners, they were deprived of certain Privileges, which they conceive they were entitled to, and praying for those Reasons that the said Election may be set aside, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the People of this State to meet in Convention, to deliberate upon, agree to, and ratify the Constitution for the United States, proposed by the late General Convention,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual Town-Meetings in the Township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading. The

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Jeremiah Eldredge, Esquire, produced a Certificate of his being duly elected a Member of Council, from the County of Cape-May, for this House, which was read; and he thereupon took and subscribed the Oaths required by Law, and took his Seat in Council.

The Honourable Jeremiah Eldredge having given his Reasons for Non-Attendance until this Day,

Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

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

Thursday, November 1, 1787.

The House met—Present as before, and his Excellency the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on fundry Articles retailed or consumed within 'this State, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the People of this State to meet in 'Convention, to deliberate upon, agree to, and ratify the Constitution for the 'United States, proposed by the late General Convention, was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

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

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for altering the Time of holding the annual 'Town-Meeting in the Township of Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yea.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Peck.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Thomson.	
Mr. Mayhew,		

Ordered, That Mr. Ellis do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. Whilden, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution:

'*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is directed to receive from 'Joseph Borden, Esquire, late Paymaster of Bounty Money for the County of 'Burlington, in any of the publick Securities of this State, the Sum of Three 'Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six-pence, being the 'Amount of a Judgment recovered against him at the Suit of the Treasurer, 'on Behalf of the State, in the Supreme Court, of the Term of September, '1786, with Interest from the 12th Day of September aforesaid; and that up- 'on the said Joseph Borden, his paying or discharging all Costs of Suit upon 'the said Prosecution against him, he be, and he hereby is fully released and 'acquitted from the said Judgment.'

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The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Ellis reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 2, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the three following Bills: A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1787, and to end the 12th Day of October 1788:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to extend and explain the Provisions already made by Law for the Payment of Interest on certain Certificates:' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors;' which three several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to suspend the Operation of an Act, intituled, 'An Act for laying an Excise on sundry Articles retailed or consumed within this State,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Eldredge.
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Mayhew,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thomson.	

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

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

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Morning.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,' was read a second Time, and an Amendment made thereto.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the Amendment be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to extend and explain the Provisions already made by Law for the Payment of Interest on certain Certificates,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1787, and to end the 12th Day of October 1788,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to receive from Joseph Borden, Esquire, in publick Securities of this State, the Sum of £. 351 11 6, in Discharge of a Judgment obtained against him at the Suit of the State,

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 3, 1787.

The House met—Present as before, except the Vice-President.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,' was read a third Time with the Amendment; on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Thomson.	Mr. Kitchel.

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do carry the said Bill and Amendment to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to extend and explain the Provisions already made by Law for the Payment of Interest on certain Certificates,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Kitchel reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. Smith has Leave of Absence the Remainder of the Sitting.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Cook, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Bill: A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to naturalize certain Persons therein mentioned;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cook also brought to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolutions:

'Whereas it is represented to the Legislature that sundry Persons have, on various Accounts, been prevented from laying their Certificates and Vouchers for Liquidation before the late Commissioner Silas Condict, Esquire, within the Time limited by Law;

'*Resolved*, That James Mott, Esquire, Treasurer of the State, be authorized and empowered to receive and liquidate all such proper Certificates and Vouchers as may be laid before him on or before the first Day of January next, and to issue State Notes to the Holders, in Manner directed in the Act, intituled, "An Act to call in all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, to issue State Notes to the Holders, and to procure a more accurate Estimate of the State Debt," and in the Act to revive certain Parts of the same; and that the said Treasurer do procure from the Auditor's Office a sufficient Number of blank Notes for the Purpose in this Resolution mentioned; and that he deliver into said Office a State of the Notes by him issued, their Amount, together with

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‘ the Margins, blank Notes, Certificates and Vouchers, in his Hands at the Expiration of the aforefaid Term, that the Auditor may be enabled to bring forward to Settlement fuch Part of the faid Accounts as may be chargeable againft the United States.

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer do publifh in each of the publick News-Papers of this State, the Purport of the aforefaid Refolution, immediately after paffing the fame; and that he lay an Account of the Expence thereby incurred before the Legiflature at their next Sitting for Allowance and Payment.

‘ *Resolved*, That, previoufly to the Payment of any Monies for Penfions to Officers in the Line of the late Army who may be entitled thereto, the Treasurer be directed in Future to require from fuch Officers a Certificate from the Commiffioner of Army Accounts, purporting that no Balance is due from the Claimant to the United States.

‘ *Resolved*, That James Ewing and Samuel Tucker, Efquires, be, and they are hereby appointed to inspect and burn the Bills of Credit that have been iffued on the Faith of this State, agreeably to the Act, intituled, “ An Act for eftablifhing a Fund for finking and redeeming the Proportion of the Bills of Credit of the United States, affigned as the Quota of this State,” and the Act, intituled, “ An Act for ftriking the Sum of Thirty Thoufand Pounds in Bills of Credit, of the Denomination of Seven Shillings and Six-pence and under, and for directing the Mode for redeeming the fame,” which may now be in the Treafury of this State, or that fhall be there received within one Year; and that the faid James Ewing and Samuel Tucker do lay an Account of the Number and Denomination of the Bills which they may inspect and burn, as herein directed, before the Legiflature at their next Sitting.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Refolutions into Confideration,

Resolved, That the Houfe do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Ogden do wait on the Houfe of Affembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Cook alfo brought the following Message :

‘ **T**HE Speaker laid before the Houfe a Bond given by James Mott, Efquire, as Treafurer, in the Sum of Twenty Thoufand Pounds, with Sureties for the faithful Difcharge of his Office.

‘ *Resolved*, That the fame is fatisfactory to the Houfe.

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. Cook do carry the faid Bond and Refolution to Council for Concurrence.’

The Council having taken the faid Bond into Confideration,

Resolved, That the Houfe approve of the fame.

Ordered, That Mr. Ogden do wait on the Houfe of Affembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Houfe adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, November 5, 1787.

The Houfe met.

P R E S E N T,
His Excellency the GOVERNOR,
The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. HARING,	Mr. THOMSON,
Mr. PECK,	Mr. RANDOLPH,
Mr. ELLIS,	Mr. MARTIN,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. ELDREDGE,	Mr. KITCHEL.
Mr. OGDEN,	

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Mr. Kitchel, from the Committee appointed on the 24th Ultimo, to confer with the Auditor, informed the House he was ready to make report whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the said Report be made immediately; whereupon Mr. Kitchel read the said Report in his Place, and delivered it in at the Table; which Report is in the Words following:

YOUR Committee, appointed to confer with the Auditor on the Subject of his Letter of the 24th Ultimo, beg Leave to report, that, in the Opinion of your Committee, it will be improper for the Legislature to give any Instructions to the Auditor which may clash with the Resolutions of Congress, relative to the general Settlement of the publick Accounts, where the Duties of the Commissioner, on the Part of the United States, are by the said Resolutions clearly defined; but would recommend to the Auditor, when any Case shall arise in the said Settlement in which Injustice may be done to the State by adhering to those general Directions, particularly to note those Cases, and to preserve all the Evidences which may be necessary to establish the Equity of the State Claim, in order that the same may be laid before the General Board of Commissioners, to the End that Justice finally may be done.

Your Committee are further of Opinion, that all Vouchers in the Hands of Mr. Stevens late Treasurer, and of Mr. Mott the present Treasurer, which are necessary to support any Charge against the United States, should be delivered to the Auditor for this Purpose, he giving them Receipts respectively for the same.

That in the specific Supplies of Cattle furnished by the Contractors, where the Weight has not been ascertained, we can recommend no better Method of coming at the Truth than by averaging the Weight of the Number of Cattle not weighed with the same Number which have been weighed.

And they are further of Opinion, that it is necessary to make Provision for another Clerk to assist the Auditor in bringing forward the publick Accounts in Time for Settlement.

By Order of the Committee,
ABRAHAM KITCHEL,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Which Report being again read,

Resolved, That the House do approve thereof.

Mr. Hankinson, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to amend the fifth Section of an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years,' &c. with sundry Amendments made thereto by the House of Assembly, and requested the Concurrence of this House to the said Amendments, which Amendments being read,

Resolved, That the House do disagree thereto and adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Ogden do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Hankinson also brought to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh, Meadow and Swamp, situate on Salem, alias Hollybourn, Creek, Keasbey's and Mill Creeks, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, necessary to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Ogden reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Saturday and this Day.

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The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to naturalize certain Persons therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh, Meadow and Swamp, situate on Salem, alias Hollybourn, Creek, Keaf-bey's and Mill Creeks, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, necessary to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, reported that the said Committee had met and stated the Accounts of the Treasurer, which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same;

Ordered, That the said Report be made immediately; whereupon Mr. Holmes exhibited the Accounts of the Treasurer as settled by the said Committee.

The Council having taken the said Accounts and Report of the Committee into Consideration,

Resolved, That the House do approve thereof.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to naturalize certain Persons therein mentioned,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Marsh, Meadow and Swamp, situate on Salem, alias Hollybourn, Creek, Keaf-bey's and Mill Creeks, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and other Waterworks, necessary to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the two foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 6, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the three following Resolutions:

'The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Auditor respecting Pay for the Hire of Clerks to assist him in settling the Accounts of the State with the United States; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor, or to his Order, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, for which he is to be accountable, for the Hire of Clerks to assist him in preparing the Accounts of this State for Settlement with the Commissioner appointed on Behalf of the United States; and that the Receipt of the said Aaron Dunham, or his Order, shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Resolved, That Isaac Collins be appointed to print the Acts of the Legislature of the present Session.

Resolved, That the Printer who shall from Time to Time be appointed to print the Laws of this State, the Votes of the Assembly, and Journals of Council, be directed to forward, by the most safe and speedy Conveyance, the

‘Proportion of each County, to the Clerk of the Pleas for such County, to be by him distributed to the several Officers and Persons entitled to receive the same; and that he lay the Expence thereby incurred before the Legislature at their next subsequent Sitting, for Allowance and Payment.’

The Council having taken the three foregoing Resolutions into Consideration, *Resolved*, That the House concur in the two first and disagree to the last.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and other contingent Expences thereof;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Boyd also brought back to this House the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to amend the fifth Section of an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of twenty-two Years,’ &c. and acquainted this House that the House of Assembly had receded from their Amendments made to the said Bill, and disagreed to by Council.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of New-Jersey for one Year, to commence the 12th Day of October 1787, and to end the 12th Day of October 1788,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

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

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and other contingent Expences thereof,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Wade, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to ascertain what shall be deemed a sufficient Discharge of Loan-Office Mortgages;’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise the Sum of Four Thousand Pounds for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and other contingent Expences thereof,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

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

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to ascertain what shall be deemed a sufficient Discharge of Loan-Office Mortgages,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The said Bill was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. Con.*

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

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

Mr. Little, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Anthony Broderick, out of the Arrearages of Taxes due from the County of Suffex before the present Year, as soon as the same shall be paid forward into the Treasury, one Year's Interest in Advance over and above the Interest payable by Law, on such of his Certificates for the Payment of the Interest on which Provision is made by Law, provided the Sum so advanced doth not exceed the Sum of £. 300, or give an Order on any of the Collectors of the said County of Suffex to the Amount aforesaid, to be discharged out of the Arrears of Taxes due from said County, within the above Description, endorsing the said Payment of Interest as the Law directs.

Resolved, That the Resolution of the Legislature of the 7th Day of June last, directing the Treasurer of the State to give a Draught in Favour of the Honourable Mark Thomson, for the Use of the said Anthony Broderick, for the Sum of £. 400, be, and the same is hereby made void.

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolutions into Consideration, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Blair, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That Maskell Ewing, junior, be appointed as Commissioner in the Place of James Mott, Esquire, for the Purpose mentioned in the Resolution of the Legislature of November 5, 1787; and that he lay an Account of his Time, and the Expence that may attend the aforesaid Service, before the Legislature at the next Sitting for Allowance and Payment.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay one Year's Interest to the Holders on the Notes given by the said Maskell Ewing, in Virtue of the before mentioned and recited Resolution, as the same becomes due, in like Manner as on the Notes issued by Silas Condict, late Commissioner, &c.

The Council having taken the foregoing Resolutions into Consideration, *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Peck reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

Mr. Jones, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intitled, 'An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The said Bill was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House approve of the Treasurer's Accounts, with the Report of the Committee thereon.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

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

Mr. Blair, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Report and Resolution :

‘ Mr. Blair, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council on such publick Accounts as should be referred to them during the present Session, reported as follows :

‘ **T**HAT there is due to the several Persons under written the Sums annexed to their respective Names, that is to say,

‘ To David Kelly, for the Use of Robert Dennis, for a Gun lost in the five Months Service, £. 2 10 0.

‘ To Peter Wilson, Esquire, for the Use of Abraham Devol, for Boarding and Nursing John Devol, a wounded Militia Soldier, in 1781, £. 6 4 0.

‘ To Ditto, for the Use of James Capple, for Nursing, Boarding and Attendance, whilst ill of his Wounds in 1780, £. 7 16 0.

‘ To Ditto, for the Use of John Van-Buren, for Medicine, Attendance and Nursing Peter Prindle, State Prisoner, in 1782, £. 3 0 0.

‘ To Samuel Stout, for Cash paid Mary M^cElroy and Robert Long, for nursing and attending John Stout, a Militia Soldier, who died with the Smallpox whilst in Service in 1777, £. 6 10 0.

‘ To Doctor James Newell, for Medicine and Attendance on Thomas Cook, Son of William Cook, who was wounded in an Action with the Enemy in 1782, £. 6 0 0.

‘ By Order of the Committee,
‘ SAMUEL OGDEN,
‘ ROBERT BLAIR.

‘ The House having considered the said Report,

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed and empowered to pay to the Persons therein named the Sums allowed to them respectively.’

The Council having taken the foregoing Report and Resolution into Consideration,

Resolved, That the House approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

Mr. Holme, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Warrant entitling Catharine Piatt to receive the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-pay.

The Council having taken the foregoing Warrant into Consideration,

Resolved, That the House disagree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until seven o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wednesday, November 7, 1787.

The House met—Present as before.

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

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

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The Honourable Ephraim Harris, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council, and acquainted the President that the House of Assembly had gone through their Business, and rose sine die.

Whereupon this House rose sine die also.

BY Virtue of an Order of Council, I do appoint Isaac Collins to print these Journals.

WIL. LIVINGSTON, President.



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TRENTON, *Wednesday, August 27, 1788.*

THE Council convened pursuant to special Notice from the Honourable Ephraim Harris, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

Mr. HARING,	Mr. ELLIS,
Mr. SMITH,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. PECK,
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. KITCHEL.
Mr. RANDOLPH,	

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a sufficient Number of Members of this House have met, and proceeded to Business.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, August 28, 1788.

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. Thompson.

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

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Wade, dated Yesterday, in the Words following:

Ordered,

‘ *Ordered,*
 ‘ THAT Mr. Wade do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the
 ‘ House of Assembly have this Day met, and proceeded to Business.’

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, August 29, 1788.

The House met—Present as before, and Mr. Holmes and Mr. Mayhew.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Vice-President came into Council.

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, August 30, 1788.

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Wilson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be directed to credit the Collector of the
 ‘ County of Essex for the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Six-
 ‘ pence, publick Money taken by Robbers from Hessel Peterse, Collector of Ac-
 ‘ quackanunck ; and that the County Collector do credit the said Hessel Peterse
 ‘ for the like Sum.’

Mr. Wilson also brought the following Message :

‘ *Ordered,* That the Papers which accompanied his Excellency’s Message of
 ‘ this Day, marked No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10,
 ‘ No. 11, No. 12, and No. 13, be delivered to the Council by Mr. Wilson.’

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, September 1, 1788.

The House met.

P R E S E N T,

His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. HOLMES,
Mr. MARTIN,	Mr. PECK,
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. ELDREDGE,
Mr. HARING,	Mr. ELLIS,
Mr. MAYHEW,	Mr. SMITH,
Mr. THOMPSON,	Mr. KITCHEL.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House, for their Concurrence, the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor, the
 ‘ Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Seven Shillings and Six-pence, in full of his Ac-
 ‘ count for the Hire of Clerks ; and his Receipt for the same shall be a sufficient
 ‘ Voucher for the Payment of so much Money.’

The

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Aaron Dunham, Esquire, Auditor, the Sum of Twenty-six Pounds Seven Shillings and Six-pence, in full of his Account for the Hire of Clerks, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, September 2, 1788.

The House met—Present as before.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to credit the County Collector of the County of Essex for the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Six-pence, publick Money taken from Hessel Peterse by Robbers, &c.

Resolved, That the House disagree to the said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Kitchel, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Direction of Judges in taxing Costs for perpetuating Evidence, and to repeal the Act, intituled, ' An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law ;' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Combs, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the Warrants, entitling Hannah Cobb, Rebecca Murray and Sarah Far, to draw their late Husbands Half-pay from the Treasury.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wednesday, September 3, 1788.

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Stillwell, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution :

' *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to issue a Certificate, agreeably to the Act passed December 23, 1783, for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same unto Zachariah Price, for the Sum of Eighty Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight-pence, with Interest from this Day, being the Amount of the Debt, Interest and Costs, of what was recovered from the said Price upon a Bond given by him and Joseph Barton to Joseph Sharp, and assigned by the said Sharp to Simeon Phillips, upon which Bond the said Zachariah Price was Security for said Barton, if so much Money from the Sales of the confiscated

‘ Estate of the said Joseph Barton, a late Fugitive with the Enemy, remains in his Office, but if not, then as much of the said Estate as shall be in the Treasury.’

Mr. Bunn, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend an Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Bunn also brought the following Message :

‘ The House being informed that the Indisposition of the present Speaker renders it necessary that a new one shall be appointed ; whereupon,

‘ The Honourable John Sheppard, Esquire, was unanimously chosen.

‘ Ordered, That Mr. Bunn do wait upon Council, and inform them of the said Appointment.’

Mr. Bunn also brought to this House for Concurrence the following Resolution :

‘ Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to issue a Certificate, agreeably to the Act passed December 23, 1783, for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same, unto Joshua Winans, for the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Twelve Shillings and Two-pence, being the Amount of Debt, Interest and Costs, of what was recovered from the said Joshua Winans upon a Bond given by him to Samuel Wood, upon which Bond the said Joshua Winans was Security for David Oliver, if so much Money from the Sales of the confiscated Estate of the said David Oliver, a late Fugitive with the Enemy, remains in his Office, but if not, then as much of the said Estate as shall be in the Hands of the Treasurer.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Direction of Judges in taxing Costs for perpetuating Evidence,’ and to repeal the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate unto Zachariah Price, for the Sum of Eighty Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight-pence, &c.

Resolved, That the House do agree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Inhabitants of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to build a Market-House, in the main Street of the Town of Woodbury,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate unto Joshua Winans, for the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Twelve Shillings and Two-pence, &c.

Resolved, That the House agree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The engrossed Bill, intituled 'An Act for the Direction of Judges in taxing Costs for perpetuating Evidence,' and to repeal the Act, intituled, 'An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Mayhew;	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Holmes,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Thompson.	Mr. Martin.

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

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

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, September 4, 1788.

The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Holmes reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of Yesterday.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;' was read a second Time; whereupon Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Hooper, that the following Section be struck out of the said Bill, to wit,

'And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of the Money raised in Virtue of the Act, intituled, "An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the Eighteenth Day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, and for appropriating the same," as shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, of the Quota of the current Year, after discharging the fourth Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, and the third Year's Interest on Thompson's and Pierce's Notes, and completing the Payment of the second Year's Interest on State Securities, agreeably to the Act, intituled, "An Act to raise the Sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Pounds per Annum, for the Term of Twenty-two Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest on the Debt due from the State to the Inhabitants thereof," shall be in like Manner examined, cancelled and destroyed, by such Persons as shall be thereunto appointed by the Legislature, any Thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding;'

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Eldredge,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Thompson.	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Martin,			

Ordered, That the said Bill as amended be read a third Time.

Mr. Davenport, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain

‘ certain Meadows, lying on Salem Creek, in the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to make and maintain a Bank, Dams and other Waterworks, in Order to prevent the Tide from overflowing and to drain the same :’ A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on the River Passaick, Rockaway and Whippanung, between the Little Falls and Chatham, to remove the Obstructions therein :’ A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to vest in Major General Baron de Steuben a certain forfeited Estate, lying in the County of Bergen, and to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned :’ A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Governor of the State, for the Time being, to commission Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, in the respective Counties within the same :’ Which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hall, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to Hessel Peterse the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Six-pence, lawful Money, to compensate him for the Loss of publick Money he has sustained, and for his Diligence and Attention in taking up and bringing to a legal Trial Aaron Done, a notorious Horse Thief and Robber, who had robbed him of that Sum of publick Money ; and the Receipt of the said Hessel Peterse shall be a sufficient Voucher to the Treasurer for the Expenditure of so much Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.’

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

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

Friday, September 5, 1788.

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend an Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a third Time with the Amendments ; on the Question, Whether the said Bill as amended do pass ? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Warrants entitling Hannah Cobb, Rebecca Murray and Sarah Far, to draw their late Husbands Half-pay,

Resolved, That the House agree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Smith do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to Hessel Peterse, Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Six-pence, publick Money taken from him by Robbers ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Ogden.	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Mayhew,			

Ordered, That Mr. Smith do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House disagree thereto.

Mr. Smith reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this Day.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to vest in Major General Baron de Steuben a certain forfeited Estate, lying in the County of Bergen, and to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize the Inhabitants of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to build a Market-House in the main Street of the Town of Woodbury,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize the Governor of the State, for the Time being, to commission Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, in the respective Counties within the same,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The House adjourned until three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Whilden, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Warrant entitling the Child of Lambert Johnson to draw its Father's Half-pay.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to vest in Major General Baron de Steuben a certain forfeited Estate, lying in the County of Bergen, and to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Kitchel,	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Thompson.	
Mr. Martin,			

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize the Inhabitants of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to build a Market-House in the main Street of the Town of Woodbury,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize the Governor of the State, for the Time being, to commission Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, in the respective Counties within the same;' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Mayhew do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the three foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Warrant entitling the Child of Lambert Johnson to draw its Father's Half-pay,

Resolved, That the House do disagree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Eldredge do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

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

Saturday, September 6, 1788.

The House met—Present as before.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, lying on Salem Creek, in the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to make and maintain a Bank, Dams and other Waterworks, in Order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamp, lying on the Rivers Passaick, Rockaway and Whippanung, between the Little Falls and Chatham, to remove the Obstructions therein,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution :

' *Resolved*, That in all future Payments on the Arrearages of Taxes, levied in Continental Money, which are liquidated to Specie, the Treasurer and Collectors be authorized and directed to receive the Bills of Credit of this State, emitted under Acts of the ninth of June 1780, and of the ninth of January 1781, at the Rate of three for one.'

The Council having taken into Consideration the foregoing Resolution,

Resolved, That the House do agree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Kitchel do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith

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

Mr. Kitchel, with Leave of the House, brought in a Bill, intituled, ' An Act ceding to Congress a District of Land, not exceeding ten Miles square, and Powers of exercising a Jurisdiction over the same, for the Seat of the Federal Government,' which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

The House adjourned until ten o'Clock Monday Morning.

Monday, September 8, 1788.

The House met.

P R E S E N T.

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. ELDREDGE,	Mr. MAYHEW,
Mr. KITCHEL,	Mr. HARING,
Mr. RANDOLPH,	Mr. ELLIS,
Mr. OGDEN,	Mr. THOMPSON,
Mr. HOLMES,	Mr. MARTIN,
Mr. SMITH,	Mr. PECK.

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The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of certain Meadows, lying on Salem Creek, in the Township of Mannington, in the County of Salem, to make and maintain a Bank, Dams and other Waterworks, in Order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamp lying on the Rivers Passaick, Rockaway and Whippanung, between the Little Falls and Chatham, to remove the Obstructions therein,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the Vice-President do sign the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Ogden do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the two foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

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

Mr. Cook, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent Rams from running at Large at certain Seasons of the Year:’ A Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to incorporate within this State the Minister, Elders and Deacons, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of the Town of Orange, in Orange County;’ which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cook also brought to this House the Re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend an Act for striking and making current One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be let out on Loan, and directing the Mode for sinking the same, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ and acquainted this House, that the same was passed by the House of Assembly, with the Amendments made thereto by this House; which Re-engrossed Bill having been read and compared,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Vice-President do sign the same.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Mr. Burgin, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Resolutions:

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to issue a Certificate agreeably to the Act passed December 23, 1783, for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same, unto Peter Salmon, for Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings and Nine-pence, on Interest from this Date, being the Amount of Debt and Interest due from the Estate of Allen Wager, a Fugitive with the Enemy, if so much of the Sales of the Estate of the said Wager shall be in the Treasury.’

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the State be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to stay any Prosecution or Suit that he, on Behalf of the State, may have commenced against Philip Plotts, the Owner or Possessor of the Ferry from Philipsburgh across to Easttown, for not obtaining a License for keeping the said Ferry, pursuant to the Directions of the Act, intituled, “ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,” until the further Order of the Legislature, he the said Philip paying and discharging all Costs that may have accrued on the said Prosecution.’

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Mr. Hankinson, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Resolutions :

‘Whereas by a Resolution of the Legislature, passed the Twenty-third of November 1786, the Treasurer was directed to give a Certificate to Thomas Kinney, late Sheriff of the County of Morris, for the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds, without mentioning Interest for the same, it being for the Value of a Sum of Money paid by the said Thomas Kinney on the 24th of March 1781, to one of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of Morris, and by him paid into the Treasury, the said Thomas Kinney not having as yet received the Certificate, but prays that Interest may be allowed him thereon.’

‘Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to give a Certificate to the said Thomas Kinney, for the said Sum of One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds, payable with Interest at Six per Cent from the said 24th Day of March 1781.’

‘Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized to issue a Certificate, agreeably to an Act passed the 23d November 1785, to Archibald Mercer, Assignee of Paul Schenck, for the Sum of Eight Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Six Shillings, with Interest from the 24th Day of August 1784.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act ceding to Congress a District of Land not exceeding ten Miles square, and Powers of exercising a Jurisdiction over the same, for the Seat of the Federal Government,’ was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to Peter Salmon, for Sixteen Pounds Two Shillings and Nine-pence, on Interest, &c.

Resolved, That the House disagree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to stay Prosecution against Philip Plotts, &c.

Resolved, That the House agree thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to give a Certificate to Thomas Kinney, for the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds, payable with Interest, &c.

Resolved, That the House agree thereto,

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘An Act ceding to Congress a District of Land not exceeding ten Miles square, and Powers of exercising a Jurisdiction over the same, for the Seat of the Federal Government,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

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

The House adjourned until ten o’Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tuesday, September 9, 1788.

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The House met—Present as before.

Mr. Thompson reported, that he had obeyed the Orders of the House of Yesterday.

Mr. Garritte, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to ratify and confirm the Proceedings of Samuel Hays, Esq. late Loan-Officer of the County of Essex,’ which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Garritte also brought to this House for Concurrence Warrants entitling Lois Herriman, late Lois Talmage, to draw her former Husband’s Half-pay; and Doctor James Hubbard to draw the Half-pay of Lambert Johnson, for the Benefit of the Estate of his Widow Charity Johnson, during her Widowhood.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the House agree to the Resolution relative to authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to Archibald Mercer, Assignee of Paul Schenck, for Eight Hundred and Thirty-seven Pounds Six Shillings, &c.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, brought to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be directed to give a Draught or Order in Favour of Anthony Broderick, upon any one or more of the Collectors of Suffolk County, for so much of the Arrears of Taxes due in said County previous to the Year 1784 as will amount to One Thousand Pounds, upon his depositing in the Treasury for such Draught Loan-Office Certificates or Notes signed by Benjamin Thompson, Commissioner, to the Amount of the said Sum, and also upon the said Anthony Broderick’s giving a Receipt to the Treasurer on Account of the above mentioned Order or Draught.’

Mr. Outwater, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this House, that the House of Assembly had rejected the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Direction of Judges in taxing Costs for perpetuating Evidence,’ and to repeal the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law.’

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent Rams from running at Large at certain Seasons of the Year,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to incorporate within this State the Minister, Elders and Deacons, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of the Town of Orange, in the County of Orange,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

‘ *Ordered,* That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House agree to the Warrants entitling Lois Herriman, late Lois Talmage, to draw her former Husband’s Half-pay; and Doctor James Hubbard to draw the Half-pay of Lambert Johnson, for the Benefit of the Estate of his Widow Charity Johnson, during her Widowhood.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House agree to the Resolution relative to directing the Treasurer to give an Order in Favour of Anthony Broderick, upon any of the Collectors of Suffolk, for so much of the Arrears of Taxes as will Amount to One Thousand Pounds, &c.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent Rams from running at Large at certain Seasons of the Year,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Eldredge,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ogden.
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Kitchel,		
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thompson.		

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to incorporate within this State the Minister, Elders and Deacons, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of the Town of Orange, in the County of Orange,’ was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the two foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the several Orders of the House of this day.

Mr. Condict, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the State be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to stay any Prosecution or Suit that he, on Behalf of the State, may have commenced against John Noe, the Owner and Possessor of the New Blazing Star Ferry, for not obtaining a License for keeping the said Ferry, pursuant to the Direction of the Act, intituled, “ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages, Ferries and Taverns,” until the further Order of the Legislature, he the said John Noe paying and discharging all Costs that may have accrued by the said Prosecution.’

Mr. Condict also brought to this House the following Report and Resolution for Concurrence :

THE Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council on such publick Accounts as should be referred to them during the present Session, beg Leave to report, that there is due to Doctor William Little, for Medicine and Attendance on Captain Stillwell, a wounded Officer, and Captain Covenhoven, who was sick in the Month of June 1777, in the Service of the United States, the Sum of Eight Pounds.

By Order of the Committees,
EPHRAIM MARTIN,
ROBERT BLAIR.

The House having taken the said Report into Consideration,

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to the Person therein named the Sum of Eight Pounds.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. Peck do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House agree to the Resolution relative to authorizing the Treasurer to stay any Prosecution he, on Behalf of the State, may have commenced against John Noe, the Owner and Possessor of the New Blazing Star Ferry, &c.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to ratify and confirm the Proceedings of Samuel Hays, Esq. late Loan-Officer of the County of Essex,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The said Bill was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the same.

Ordered,

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

Mr. Peck reported, that he had obeyed the Orders of the House.

Mr. Bonney, from the House of Assembly, presented to this House, for Concurrence, the two following Bills: A Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges;' A Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Tenants in Possession of the Meadow Ground, lying on the lower Side of Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem, between the fast Land of William Hancock and Joseph Stretch, both deceased, and extending back from the said Creek to a Bank called Moore's Bank, running from a Point of Land of said Hancock to a Point of Mary Moore's Land, to rebuild, repair and maintain, the Banks, Dams, Sluices and other Waterworks thereof, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned;' which several Bills were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The last foregoing Bill was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Bonney also brought to this House the Bill, intituled, 'An Act ceding to Congress a District of Land not exceeding ten Miles square, and Powers of exercising a Jurisdiction over the same, for the Seat of the Federal Government,' and acquainted this House that the same was passed by the House of Assembly without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Tenants in Possession of the Meadow Ground, lying on the lower Side of Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem, &c. to rebuild, repair and maintain, the Banks, Dams, Sluices and other Waterworks thereof, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same, and to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned;' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative; Nem. Con.

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,' was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the said Bill do pass? It passed in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Hooper.	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Ogden,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Kitchel.
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Thompson.	Mr. Martin,	
Mr. Ellis,			

Ordered, That the President do sign the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the two foregoing Bills are passed by this House without Amendment.

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

The Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee on publick Accounts, with the Resolution from the House of Assembly accompanying the same,

Resolved, That the House do approve of the said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

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

The Honourable John Sheppard, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council, and acquainted the President, that the House of Assembly had gone through their Business, and rose sine die.

Whereupon this House rose also sine die.

BY Virtue of an Order of Council, I do appoint Isaac Collins to print these Journals.

WIL. LIVINGSTON, President.

V John Wetterspoon Doct.

