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PREFACE

The two volumes now issued form the Collections of the New York Historical Society for the years 1924 and 1925, and are composed of the "Minutes of the Committee and of the First Commission for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies" in the State of New York, from December 11, 1776 through September 23, 1778, the original of which is in the possession of the Society. To this is added, separately paged and indexed, the "Minutes of the Council of Appointment" in the State of New York, April 2, 1778 through May 3, 1779, a small original volume recently acquired by the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt by whose courtesy we print it. Both manuscripts, together with collateral material, were prepared for the press, edited and indexed by Miss Dorothy C. Barck of the Library Staff.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
AND OF THE
FIRST COMMISSION FOR DETECTING
AND DEFEATING CONSPIRACIES

INTRODUCTION

This volume adds to the printed sources for the history of New York, of the American Revolution and of Loyalism a little known record of great importance: the minutes of two New York boards "for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies" during the critical year 1777. Dr. Alexander C. Flick's excellent and pertinent study of *Loyalism in New York during the American Revolution*¹ makes any general discussion of the subject superfluous here, but as he did not, unfortunately, have access to these minutes, a more specific and accurate summary of the history of the two boards seems desirable.

When the first of these boards, the committee for detecting conspiracies, was created on September 21, 1776, there existed an organization for checking Tory hostilities in New York, with the Provincial Congress at the head, and a wide spreading foundation of county and district committees with their many functions in addition to this work. The only minutes of New York county committees in existence are those of Tryon and Albany, both of which are now available in print,² but the *Journals of the Provincial Congress* afford glimpses of local activities as well as a more complete picture of its own. The first important agency between the Congress and the local boards, was a committee which the Provincial Congress appointed to execute its resolutions of June 5, 1776. This long detailed resolution named one hundred inhabitants of New York City and its immediate vicinity who were suspected of being inimical

¹ Columbia University Studies in History, XIV, 1, (N. Y., 1901).

² *Minutes of the Albany Committee of Correspondence, 1775-1778*, edited by Dr. James Sullivan, State Historian, Albany, 1923.

The Minute Book of the Committee of Safety of Tryon County, N. Y., 1905.

to the revolutionary cause. The committee was empowered to summon and examine these men, who, if judged innocent of harming the colonies, were to be discharged with a certificate of acquittal, or, if guilty, were to be released on bail, imprisoned, or deported to a neighboring state. This committee was continued by the Provincial Convention and, upon the suggestion of General Washington, given additional powers with respect to removing prisoners from New York City to places farther from the British encampment on Staten Island. The minutes of the committee end the middle of July; on August 7 it was dissolved.³ Its successor was not appointed until six weeks later, when circumstances again demanded the undivided attention of a small group of men acting more speedily and secretly than the Convention itself could.

The British occupation of New York City shifted the seat of provisional government and the centre of Loyalist activity from the metropolis to the Hudson Highlands. The proximity of the British encouraged a more open expression of loyalty to the crown and made it easy for volunteers from the Hudson valley to slip through Westchester County and join the royal army on Long Island or Manhattan. Besides the enemy in the city and the enemy on the northern and western frontiers, the leaders of the revolution in New York feared an uprising of the Loyalists in their midst at a moment most favorable to the British cause.⁴ In this situation, the

³ *Journals, N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 456-560; *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 338-340; *Force, Amer. Arch.*, 4th ser., VI, 1706.

The original minutes, June 15 to July 12, 1776, were destroyed in the Capitol fire at Albany in 1911. There is a complete copy in the library of the N. Y. Historical Society made by Berthold Fernow. A comparison with this copy shows that all the proceedings, except an unimportant entry for July 12, are printed in the *Calendar of Revolutionary MSS.*, I, 340-372, and in the *American Archives*, 4th ser., VI, 1153-1183. In both printed texts there are several misleading mistakes in dates, and the interpolation of the examinations held by the secret sub-committee, appointed June 17, makes Fernow's copy a useful guide for an exact study of the committee of June 5.

⁴ *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 606; *Force*, 5th ser., II, 991, III, 238; *Writings of Washington*, W. C. Ford, ed., IV, 463; *Flick, Loyalism in N. Y.*, 105-109.

Convention felt "reduced by the great laws of self-preservation . . . to provide that no means in their power be left unessayed to defeat the barbarous machinations of their domestic, as well as external enemies," and to that end, on September 19, 1776, appointed a committee "to devise ways and means for preventing the dangers which may arise from the disaffected in this State." A report was made the same day and in connection with the ensuing debate, the former resolutions concerning county committees and the committee of June 5 were read, by request from the floor.⁵ On September 21, 1776, the report was accepted, and the Convention passed a resolution creating a standing committee "for the express purpose of enquiring into, detecting and defeating all conspiracies which may be formed in this State, against the liberties of America."

The committee was empowered "to send for persons and papers; to call out such detachments of the militia, or troops in the different counties as they may, from time to time, deem necessary for suppressing insurrections; to apprehend, secure or remove such persons whom they shall judge dangerous to the safety of the State; to make drafts on the treasury for a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds; that they be empowered to enjoin secrecy upon their own members, and the persons employed by the committee, whenever they shall judge the same necessary; and in general to do every act and thing whatsoever which may be necessary to enable them to execute the trust hereby reposed in them." A company of thirty men, which the Convention had ordered Captain Samuel Delivan to raise in Westchester County was placed under the committee's direction, and in addition the committee was empowered to raise, officer and pay two hundred and twenty men. The Convention further ordered "that the several committees in this State, do, from time to time, transmit to the above mentioned committee all such information as they shall receive, relating to any machinations and conspiracies

⁵ *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 633-637.

against this State, and that copies of these resolutions be immediately sent by express to the chairmen of the county committees and to all the brigadier-generals or commanding officers of the militia in this State, that they may govern themselves accordingly." ⁶ On September 27, a resolution and order of the Committee of Safety added to these powers of the committee for conspiracies the authority "to place guards at such place or places as they may think proper, for apprehending deserters from the American army." ⁷

Six members of the Convention were elected to the committee at once: William Duer, Charles DeWitt, Leonard Gansevoort, John Jay, Zephaniah Platt and Nathaniel Sackett. On October 15, a seventh member, Colonel Pierre Van Cortlandt was added by resolution. Lewis Morris and John Ten Broeck also acted on the committee, but the record of their appointment has not been found. In January, 1777, four additional members were appointed at intervals to secure an attendance of the necessary quorum of three.⁸

The committee organized and began its work on September 28. From the beginning its members were constantly active in organizing a secret service, under the immediate supervision of Nathaniel Sackett, in directing the arrest of persons suspected of aiding or planning to aid the British, in holding daily sessions to examine their prisoners, and in arranging for their confinement at Fishkill, release on parole, or deportation to neighboring states. On February 11, 1777, immediately after deciding to remove to Kingston, the Convention dissolved the committee for detecting conspiracies so that its members might devote themselves entirely to legislative work and to the discussion of the state constitution. In place of the committee, a

⁶ *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 638; Force, 5th ser., II, 714-715, III, 466-467. These resolutions were printed on broadsides, one of which is in the library of the N. Y. Historical Society, and is reproduced in the Society's *Quarterly Bulletin*, vol. VI, no. 4, p. 112. (Jan. 1923)

⁷ *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 648; Force, 5th ser., II, 724.

⁸ *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 639, 676, 774, 784, 794.

commission for detecting conspiracies was appointed, consisting of Egbert Benson, Jacobus Swartwout and Melancton Smith,⁹ men who had had experience with Loyalists, and were familiar with the methods and policies of the committee, which they continued. According to the resolution of the Convention, the committee did not have to dissolve until February 27, but it did so on the fifteenth, and urged the commissioners to take up their work at once, although the committee had not drawn up the instructions for its successor which the Convention had requested it to compile. The three commissioners held a short preliminary meeting on February 15, and the following Monday the detection of conspiracies continued as before, with Egbert Benson acting as chairman of the new board. The commission met almost daily, from then until the middle of August, first at Fishkill, then at Poughkeepsie and later at various places in what is now Columbia County and the northern part of Dutchess County. Peter Cantine, Jr. and Joseph Strang were appointed commissioners on March 7, 1777, after the Convention had added to the work of the commission the task of recalling all the deported Loyalists and tendering them an oath of allegiance to the Continental cause. On leaving Poughkeepsie, August 9, the commissioners appointed as assistants to act for them during their absence John and Paul Schenk, Andrew Billings and Peter Tappen. This appointment was later confirmed by the Council of Safety.¹⁰

The commission for detecting conspiracies ended on September 10, 1777, when the Convention which had appointed it ceased to exist, and the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York convened at Kingston. The minutes of that date record their last decision in a new case. During the remainder of the month and the first days of October, they were winding up their affairs by paying bills, releasing some prisoners on bond or parole,

⁹ *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 803. The Convention replaced other committees by commissions. *Ibid.*, I, 811, 835.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, I, 827, 1050.

and discharging those who took the oath of allegiance. Two weeks after the ending of the commission, Egbert Benson, who had been elected to the Assembly, took the first step toward creating its successor. On the twenty fourth of September, 1777, by virtue of permission received the day before, he introduced a bill "for appointing Commissioners for Conspiracies etc. and declaring their powers." This bill was passed by the Assembly, amended and passed by the Senate, and referred back to the lower house on October 6. On the following day the news reached Kingston that the British had captured Fort Montgomery and won the Highlands.¹¹ Upon the consequent scattering of their members on various urgent duties, the two houses met in Convention, on October 7, 1777, and immediately revived the commission for detecting conspiracies, vesting it "with all and singular the powers and authorities which . . . the said commissioners have heretofore used and exercised."¹²

The following day, October 8, the commission was made responsible for the removal of prisoners from Kingston, out of the enemy's path, to Connecticut.¹³ Peter Cantine was the commissioner who accompanied the guards and prisoners to Hartford. On his return in November, he made a report and entered it in the minutes. No subsequent activities of the commissioners for conspiracies are recorded in their own minutes, and there are few references to them elsewhere, although their authority was still acknowledged, and they were called upon to deal with prisoners.¹⁴ Their continued official existence was recognized for the last time on January 14, 1778, when the New York Senate and Assembly, sitting together in Convention, authorized the five commissioners "to discharge the parols of the several persons

¹¹ *Votes and Proceedings of the Senate of the State of New York, First Session, (Fishkill, 1777)* pp. 18, 23-26; *Votes and Proceedings of the Assembly, (Kingston, 1777)* pp. 17-20, 28.

¹² *Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 1061.*

¹³ *Ibid., I, 1064, 1067; II, 487.*

¹⁴ *Ibid., I, 1104, 1114, 1106, 1116.* For the assistant commissioners, see *Ibid., I, 1093, 1097; II, 354, 355.*

confined on parol by order of the late Council of Safety."¹⁵

Two weeks later, on January 28, when the state legislature was again sitting in two separate houses, the Assembly began to consider the amended bill "for appointing commissioners for detecting and defeating conspiracies" which the Senate had referred back to it on October sixth of the previous year.¹⁶ This bill became a law on February 5, 1778, and as amended by the act of April 3, provided for thirty commissioners, with duties and powers similar to those of the committee for conspiracies appointed September 21, 1776. Quorums of not less than three commissioners could sit simultaneously at different places, and act with all the authority vested in the commission as a whole.¹⁷ The only minutes of this commission in existence are the records of that part which met in Albany County. These have been printed by the State of New York, edited by the then State Historian, Victor Hugo Paltsits.

The first commission for conspiracies continued to meet irregularly during the year 1778 to pay bills, and kept a careful record of expenditures in their book of minutes. Their last meeting was held on September 23, 1778, when their accounts were closed, their books audited, and the balance of their money was returned to the State Treasurer.

The extant original minutes of the committee and of the first commission for detecting and defeating conspiracies were presented to the New York Historical Society by Elisha Jenkins.¹⁸ In a letter¹⁹ to De Witt

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, I, 1116.

¹⁶ *Notes and Proceedings of the Senate*, 44; *Notes and Proceedings of the Assembly*, 38, 44.

¹⁷ *Laws of N. Y.*, (Poughkeepsie, 1782), pp. 6-7, 30-31, first session, ch. 3 and 31.

¹⁸ Elisha Jenkins (c. 1772-1849) of Hudson, N. Y., held several important state offices under the Democratic party. At the time the minutes were presented, he was mayor of Albany.

¹⁹ In the correspondence files of the Society.

Clinton, dated at Albany, November 14, 1816, he wrote that "having accidentally obtained possession" of the minutes, he "could not better dispose of them, than to consign them to the archives of the Historical Society of this State," of which Clinton was then vice-president. They were deposited with the Society in May, 1817.

The manuscript comprises four hundred and forty pages, divided into four sections of unequal length, now bound together in one thick folio volume. Each section has a contemporary title page, (which the printed text follows exactly) containing a number, the name of the board and the inclusive dates. The volume begins with section A. No. 2, which contains the minutes from December 11, 1776 through part of the record for December 31. Section A. No. 3 continues the minutes of December 31 and ends with those of January 21, 1777. The first part of book A is gone, and so is the fourth and last part, from January 22 until the committee was succeeded by the commission. The minutes of the commissioners are complete in two parts: B. No. 1, covering the period from February 15 through March 7, 1777, and B. No. 2, (comprising one half of the entire volume) from March 8, 1777 through September 23, 1778.

The manuscript was copied by Peter Force prior to 1853. His transcript, not entirely accurate, is now in the Library of Congress. The portion for 1776 was printed in the *American Archives*, fifth series, III, 1539-1558.

The fire in the State Capitol at Albany in 1911 consumed "a bundle of papers," beginning September 28, 1777, which was, according to a note made by George R. Howell, state archivist, "apparently volume I of the 'Journal of Proceedings of the committee for detecting and defeating conspiracies': of which we have the Journal of Proceedings of this committee for 1777."²⁰ These were probably the two sections which the Society's volume lacks. This loss has been repaired to a slight

²⁰ First Report of the Public Archives Commission in the *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for 1900*, II, 96.

extent by reprinting, in chronological order, official extracts from the minutes sent by the committee for conspiracies to Colonel Henry Ludington, the General Court of New Hampshire and the New York Provincial Convention, and preserved and printed among their papers.

It is probable that the Jay papers, still in the possession of the family, will give additional information about John Jay's activities as a member of the committee, but unfortunately these papers are not available as yet.

The minutes of the joint meeting of February 22, 1777, are closely written on both sides of a single sheet of paper, presented to the Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh, N. Y., by Colonel Isaiah Townsend, prior to 1858. They are printed here by permission of the Trustees of the New York State Museum at Newburgh, N. Y.

The manuscript has been followed exactly, human fallibility permitting, as to spelling, capitalization and punctuation, marginal notes and general arrangement. The usual abbreviated endings of words, consisting of one or two letters above a period or colon, have been represented by the superior letters alone, to avoid the expense of making special types. Words crossed out in the manuscript are printed in italics enclosed in square brackets.

DOROTHY C. BARCK.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

In Committee appointed by a Resolution of the Convention of the State of New York for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be form'd in the said State, against the Liberties of America. Fish Kill Oct^r 12, 1776.

This Committee taking into Consideration Coll. Ludingtons Letter respecting Thomas Menzes Esq^r receiv'd yesterday.

Ordered that Coll. Ludington, carry into Execution the former Orders of this Committee respecting Thomas Menzes Esq^r in such Manner as to him shall appear most prudent.

Ordered that the Secretary transmit to Coll. Ludington by Express a Copy of the above order.

Extract from the Minutes.

A. W. D. PEYSTER Sec^y ¹

FISHKILL, October 17, 1776: ²

Whereas divers treasonable conspiracies against this State and the liberties of America, have lately been discovered in several parts of the County of Dutchess, for seducing many of the inhabitants thereof from their allegiance to this State, and inlisting them in the service of the King of Great Britain: And whereas this Com-

¹ Facsimile in Johnson, *Colonel Henry Ludington*, (privately printed, N. Y., 1907) opp. p. 56.

² When this and following extracts appear in more than one printed source, the text cited first is the one followed; important variations found in the others are printed in italics enclosed in parentheses.

mittee, after diligent inquiry in the progress and cause of the said conspiracies, have the highest reason to believe that they were formed and promoted by certain notoriously disaffected persons of influence in the said County, at the instigation of William Tryon, Esquire, late Governour of the Colony of New-York: And whereas this Committee judge it absolutely necessary and expedient for the suppression of such conspiracies, and the prevention of them in future, as well as the restoration of good government and order in the said County, that such notoriously disaffected persons of influence in the said County should be immediately removed therefrom to one of the neighbouring States, till such times as proper courts shall be instituted in this State for the due trial and punishment of such treasonable practices: And whereas this Committee, in order to gain information respecting the most disaffected persons in the said County, have applied to persons of known probity and attachment to the American cause, who reside in and are well acquainted with the characters and conduct of the inhabitants thereof, the names of which persons the Committee forbear to mention, lest by the publication thereof they should be exposed to their malice and resentment: And whereas this Committee, from the intelligence and information in the manner aforesaid acquired, are fully convinced that the persons hereinafter named are notoriously disaffected to the American cause, and are very instrumental in seducing the inhabitants of the said County from the allegiance which they owe to this State: And whereas this State is now actually invaded by a powerful Army, now in possession of its capital, and who have effected a landing and are endeavouring to penetrate into the County of Westchester, and is also threatened with a formidable invasion on its northern frontier: And whereas the American cause greatly depends on the preservation of this State:

Therefore Resolved, That it hath become more particularly necessary and expedient to provide for the

internal peace and security of this State, by removing from it all persons who are notoriously disaffected and inimical to the measures pursuing for the safety and defence of the United States of America.

Resolved, That the persons hereinafter named be forthwith removed to the several places affixed to their respective names, there to remain at their own expense, under such restrictions as shall be enjoined them respectively by the Legislative authority, or by the Committees of the several States to which they may be so removed.

Resolved, That letters be written to the respective Legislatures or Committees aforesaid, enclosing them copies of the resolution of the Convention of this State appointing this Committee, together with the lists of the persons sent to the respective places, distinguishing such persons as this Committee deem most dangerous to the liberties of America by an asterism.

Ordered, That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be sent to the respective Legislatures or Committees of the several States to which the prisoners hereinafter named shall be removed.

The names of such prisoners as are sent to the town of Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire:

Samuel Sweet,	Silas Rushmore,*
Isaac Neal, (<i>Veal</i>)	Enoch Lester,*
John Tanner,* (killed,)	David Long,*
Peter Buyce, (<i>Boyce</i>)	Cornelius Lawrence,*
Area (<i>Asa</i>) De Long,	Nathaniel Thorn,*
James Gosling,	Moses Shaw,
Michael Vincent,	Daniel Southwick,*
Stephen Hunt,*	Daniel Doty, (<i>Doughty</i>) in
Robert Thorn,	jail
Leonard Vincent,	Samuel Mott,*
Daniel Beadle,	George Doty, (<i>Doughty</i>)
John Montgomerie,	in jail
Peter Shearer,*	Timothy Duel,
Joseph Tyce,	Laughlin Mc Intosh,

Robert Burdock,	John P. Low (<i>Row</i>)
Benjamin Chase,	Michael Smith,
Dirk Dutcher,	Henry Van Denbergh,
William Merritt,	Esq.,*
Moses Fowler,	R'd Snedecker, Esq.,
Joseph Gage,	(<i>Swedecker</i>)
Increase Jackson,*	Baltus Van Kleck,*
Elias Doty,	Peter J. Van Denbergh,
Jonathan Thorn,	John Van Denbergh,*
James Pettit,	Samuel Isaacs, (*) jail,
John Grant,	Alexander Hare, (*) jail
George Peters,*	Isaac J. (<i>T.</i>) Lassing,
Joshua Gidney,*	John Robinson,
Samuel Mabbit,*	Ricbell Williams,
John German,	Martin Dop,
John De Graaf,	Hugh Mashur,* (<i>Moshur</i>)
Jacob Bush,*	Gores Stone, (<i>Storm</i>)
Jacob Sharpstone,	Dirk Van Vleet,*
Elisha Powel,*	Robert Duell,
Silas Duel,*	Andries Pulver,
Aaron Haight, Jun.*	Wandall (<i>Wardall</i>) Pulver,
Abel Peters,*	Adam Weaver,
Mathias Cook,*	John Miller,*
John Cook,*	David Hoffman,
Stephen Thorn,*	James Parker,
Samuel Burdock,	Johannis Cole,
Jeremiah French,*	Timothy Doughty,*
Rev. M ^(r) Bryant,*	John Degraaf, (*)
Major Ross,*	Johannes Medlar,
Elkenah Briggs,*	William Doughty,
Griffin Marcy,	Mathias Leister,
Aggrippa Martin,*	Judah Swift,
John Wheeler,	Charles Vinsent,
Thomas Briggs, Jun.,*	Ephraim Wheeler,
Roger Cutler,	Wm. Cooper,
Peter Weaver,*	Asa Brown,
Coon Smith,	Anthony Carpenter,
James Bryant,*	Elisha Rose,
Joshua Dakins,*	Caleb Seamans, (<i>Seaman</i>)

Kendrick (*Hendrick*)
 Younkhangs,
 Jonathan Duell,
 Sylvester Stone,*
 Benjamin Trip,
 Mathias Cook,*

Joseph Hitchcock,
 Eli Crosby,
 Gilbert Dickeson,
 Ebenezer Rider,
 Jacob Lawrence, Jun.
 (*Joseph Mabbitt**)

Extract from the Minutes:

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Secretary.³

FISH KILL Oct^r 20, 1776

Whereas this Committee did on the 17th Inst. resolve that the following Persons, Inhabitants of South East and Frederick Precincts in the County of Dutchess, should forthwith be disarm'd apprehended and secured, to witt, Uriah Townsend, Ebenezer Rider, Charles Cullen*, Barns Hatfield, Uriah Wright, Joseph Hitchcock, Eli Crosby, D^r Daniel Bull*, Charles Theal, and Gilbert Dickson.

Daniel Babbit
 Jeremiah Birch Jun^r
 David Nash
 Samuel Towner

William Merrit
 Thomas Carl *
 Daniel Brundage
 Moses Fowler

Ordered that Coll. Luddington do forthwith apprehend and bring before this Committee the above mentioned Persons, and that he secure the Papers of such whose Names are mark'd with an Asterisk in order that the same be examined by this Committee.

Ordered that Capt. Clarke detach Leut: Haight with a Party of 15 Men, to repair to Coll Luddington and to follow such Orders as they may receive from him.

Signed by Order of the Committee
 W^m DUER Chairman ⁴

³ Force, *American Archives*, 5th series, III, 467-468; *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 379-380.

⁴ Facsimile in Pelletreau, *History of Putnam Co.*, opp. p. 698; and in Johnson, *Henry Ludington*, opp. p. 58.

FISHKILL, October 22, 1776:

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee be directed to apply to the Committee of Safety for five hundred Pounds for the use of this Committee, for the Expenditure of which this Committee will be accountable to the Convention of this State.

Ordered, That the Secretary furnish the Chairman with a copy of this Resolution.

Extract from the Minutes:

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Secretary.⁵

FISHKILL, November (3), 1776:

Whereas * Stephen Baxter, John Stewart, * Stephen Baxter, Jun., Jonas Kaneff (*Kamiff*), Richard Jewel, Nathaniel Gildershue (*Gildershue*), are notoriously disaffected to the American cause:

Resolved, That they be forthwith removed under guard to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to remain under such restrictions as to the General Court, or Council, or Committee of Safety, shall seem most advisable.

Resolved, That those of the above-mentioned persons whose names are marked with an asterisk be closely confined in jail.

Whereas it would be inconsistent with the publick safety to suffer any persons who have been concerned in treasonable practices, or who are notoriously disaffected to the American cause, to remain confined in the jails of this State, during its present situation:

Resolved, That all the prisoners at present confined in the jails in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester, be forthwith removed to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to remain in jail till further orders from this Committee or the Legislature of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of law.

Resolved, That this Committee pledge the publick

⁵ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., II, 1189-1190. Cf. *Journals, N. Y. Provincial Congress*, I, 687.

faith of the State of New-York, for the subsistence of such prisoners as shall be confined in jail, and for all such others, who, either through illness or any other cause, shall be incapable of subsisting themselves by labour.

The following is a list of prisoners from White-Plains jail, in the County of Westchester, now sent to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire: James Boundage, Joseph Purdy, Levy Devoe, James Budd, Billy Sanders, Samuel Purdy, Azariah Whittemore (*Whitmore*), Captain Jagger.

The following is a list of the prisoners' names who were confined in Poughkeepsie jail, in the County of Dutchess, now sent to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire: Frederick Ham, Junr., James Lummary, (sick,) Edward Talbot, Lewis Hogg, Obediah Griffin, John Laurence (*Lawrence*), John Mc Donald, Thomas Barker, Samuel Glass. These persons were all more or less concerned in a late insurrection in Dutchess County, and the greatest part actually in arms.

George Browning (*Browing*), endeavouring to enlist men in the service of the enemy.

Adam Barrack, Christian Barrack, for notorious disaffection to the American cause, and for escaping from the jail at New-York, where they were confined by order of the Provincial Congress, being taken in supplying the enemy's ships with provisions.

John Hallock, for notorious disaffection, and for assisting the above-mentioned two persons, when pursued in order to be taken.

Extract from the Minutes:

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Secretary.⁶

FISHKILL, October 29, 1776:

Resolved, That all the prisoners who have been removed from the jail of the City and County of Albany,

⁶ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., III, 468-469; *N. H. State Papers*, VIII, 380-381.

pursuant to a resolution of the General Committee of the said County, of the 25th instant,⁷ be forthwith sent, under guard, to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire.

Whereas it appears to this Committee from the examinations transmitted by the Committee of Albany, in their letter to this Committee of the 25th instant, that the following persons have either been aiding, assisting, or abetting the enemy, in subverting the liberties of America, or are notoriously disaffected to the measures pursued for the establishment of American liberty, viz: Isaac Mann, John Hitchcock, Laughlin Mc Gaffin, Nathaniel Douglas alias Ruggles, James Waddell, Abraham North, to be in irons, Peter Brown, to be in irons, Joseph Tunnecliff (*Junnecliff*), William Burns, Alexander Anderson, John Feathers, Thomas Pearson:

Resolved, That they be closely confined in jail till further orders from this Committee or the Legislature of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of law.

Resolved, That a list of all the prisoners sent from the County of Albany, be transmitted to the General Court or Committee of Safety of the State of New-Hampshire, distinguishing by an asterism the names of such persons whom this Committee deem most dangerous to the publick safety, in order that they may be put under such restrictions as the General Court or Committee of Safety of the said State shall deem most proper.

The following is a list of the prisoners from Albany, including those mentioned in the last page:

Timothy Clossen,
Anthony Clossen,
Isaac Mann,
John Hitchcock,
Seth Chase
Alexander White,

Thomas Flood,
Wm. Tunnecliff,
William Duncan,
Major Snell,
Casper Bonwer,
Jary (*Jury*) Weaver,

⁷ Cf. *Minutes of the Albany Committee of Correspondence*, I, 587. Also *ibid.*, pp. 613, 621-622; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, II, 344.

Laughlin Mc Gaffin,	Coenrait Kelder,
Nathaniel Douglas	Peter Keller,
James Waddell,	William Marter,
Abraham Van North,	Alex. Boyd,
Jonathan Owen,	John Shufteet (<i>Sherfelt</i>),
John Mc Murphy	Peter Crawbergh (<i>Graw-</i>
(<i>Mc Murtrey</i>)	<i>bergh</i>),
Peter Brono,	James Sloan,
Peter Breesee (<i>Bresee</i>)	Gilbert Scharpe,
Peter Brasee, jun.,	Alex. Thompson,
Henry Brasee,	Joseph Tunnecliff,
Cornelius Brasee,	William Burn
John House,	Alexander Anderson,
John Livingston,	John Feather
	Thomas Pearson (<i>Pierson</i>),

Extract from the Minutes:

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Secretary.⁸

FISHKILL, November (3), 1776:

Whereas it appears to this Committee that Thomas Bullis was one of the persons concerned in an attempt, last summer, to disarm the friends to the American cause, and that there is reason to imagine that the said Bullis and a certain Johannis Van Tilen had intentions of joining the enemy:

Resolved, That they be forthwith moved to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to be closely confined in jail until further orders from this Committee or the Legislative authority of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of law. Thomas Bullis, Johannis Van Tilen.

Whereas the following persons, inhabitants of this State, were lately taken in arms against the liberties of the United States, in a late skirmish between a detach-

⁸ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., III, 469-470; *N. H. State Papers*, VIII, 382.

ment of the Continental Army and a party under the command of the late Major Rogers,⁹ viz:

Joseph Dean,	Jacob Cadwell Burr,
Stephen Law (<i>Saw</i>),	Reuben Stives
Elijah Carle,	David Travis,
John Angevine,	Josiah (<i>Jonah</i>) Worden,
Joseph Carle,	Elijah Bartoe,
Walter Brown,	Jonathan Asten,
Gilbert Myers,	Francis Besly (<i>Berley</i>),
Frederick Devoe,	James Tharpe (<i>Thorpe</i>),
David Laurence * (<i>Law-</i>	Solomon Parent,
<i>rence</i>)	Jonathan Eely (<i>Eely</i>),
James Angevine,*	Stephen Travis,
Joseph Charlick,	James Canady,
Moses Travis,	Abraham Brown,
Elnathan Appleby,	Jedediah Davis,
	William Washburn:

Resolved, That they be forthwith marched to the town of Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire and that they be closely confined in jail, in such parts of the said State as by the General Court, or Council, or Committee of Safety of said State, shall be thought advisable.

Whereas Thomas Gonunck has been represented to this Committee, by the Committee of Dutchess County, as a person highly disaffected to the American cause, and whose residence in this State, at this juncture, is inconsistent with the safety thereof:

Resolved, That he be forthwith removed to the town of Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to remain under the same restrictions with the other prisoners destined to that place by a resolution of this Committee of the 17th day of October last.

Extract from the Minutes:

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Secretary.¹⁰

⁹ Near Mamaroneck, on October 21, 1776. Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., II, 1203; Dawson, *Westchester Co. during the American Revolution*, 252-253, text and note 14.

¹⁰ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., III, 470; *N. H. State Papers*, VIII, 383.

FISHKILL, November 8, 1776:

Whereas it appears clearly to this Committee that Jacob Deane, Solomon Haight, and Solomon Eltinger, are notoriously disaffected to the American cause, which they have evinced by refusing to receive in payment the Continental currency, and endeavouring to depreciate the same:

Resolved, That they be forthwith removed to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to remain, at their own expense, under such restrictions as to the General Court, or the Council, or Committee of Safety of the said State shall appear most advisable.

Whereas it appears to this Committee that Dr. [space left blank] Weeks has been engaged in a treasonable conspiracy against the liberties of America:

Resolved, That he be forthwith removed to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to be closely confined in jail until further orders from this Committee or the Legislative authority of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of law.

Whereas Richard Rodgers has been aiding, assisting, and abetting the enemy, in their attempts to subvert the liberties of America:

Resolved, That he forthwith be removed to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to remain in jail until further orders from this Committee or the Legislative authority of this State, unless sooner discharged by due course of law.

Whereas John Carpenter, of Huntingdon, in the County of Suffolk, on Long-Island, has been lately taken in arms against the United States of America:

Resolved, That he be forthwith removed to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, there to remain in jail until further order from this Committee, the Legislative authority of this State, or of the Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, unless sooner discharged by due course of law.

Whereas this Committee are clearly convinced that Jacob Russell, Daniel McGuinand (*Mc Guire*), and

Israel Tuttle, of Ulster County, have been traitorously concerned in inlisting men for the service of the enemy, and that Patrick Mc Donald, of Orange County, has harboured the said persons, knowing them to be traitors to this State:

Resolved, That they be forthwith removed to Exeter, in the State of New-Hampshire, and there to remain in jail, until further orders from this Committee, or the Legislature of the State, unless sooner discharged by due course of law.

Resolved, That the order of the 26th of October last, as far as it respects the confinement in jail of John Hallock and Lewis Hogg, be disannulled, and that the said persons remain at their own expense, at such place, and under such restrictions as to the General Court, or Council, or Committee of Safety, of the State of New-Hampshire, shall seem advisable.

Extract from the Minutes:

A. W. D. PEYSTER, Secretary.¹¹

CONNORS TAVERN FISHKILL: Tuesday November
the 19th 1776.

Present:

William Duer, Chairman.	Nathaniel Sackett,
John Jay, Esq.,	Coll De Witt

Whereas a number of Persons principal Inhabitants of this State who for some time affected a Neutrality of Conduct in the Present Contest have lately joined the Enemy's Army & have been privy to aiding or assisting in their wicked conspiracies against the libertys of the United States in violation of the sacred engagements which many of them had entered into to observe a peaceable & inoffensive conduct.

And whereas it appears unquestionably to this com-

¹¹ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., III, 470-471; *N. H. State Papers*, VIII, 384.

mitte that many companies of men in different counties of this state have actually enlisted in the Enemys Service many of which persons are intimately connected with or dependent on persons of suspicious or equivocal characters And whereas this state is at present invaded with a powerful army who have already penetrated into the County of Westchester and whose ships of War occupy the navigation of Hudsons River. Inasmuch therefore as it is reasonable to suppose that many persons who affect a similar neutrality of principal only wait an oppertunity of persuing a similar Conduct with those who have at length thrown off the mask and taken an active part with our open enemies and as it is inconsistent with the high trust reposed by the convention of this state in this committe to hazard the general liberties of America dependent in so high a degree on the preservation of this state by an Illtimed lenity to individuals who have either with artful & wicked designs or from interested motives shrunk from the duties they owe their country

Therefore Resolved that it is the duty of every virtuous citizen when a mortal blow is aimed at the liberties of his country to stand forth in an open & spirited manner & to assist by his example by his council or by his arms in vindicating and defending her cause.

Resolved that it would endanger the safety of the state & the general liberties of America to permit persons of influence & of equivocal characters to remain within it at this alarming Crisis, more pa[r]ticular on the Frontiers & in such other Counties where conspiracies are actually forming to aid & abett our open enemies & therefore that all such persons ought forthwith to be removed to one of the neighbouring states.¹²

¹² *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts relating to the Revolution*, (Albany, 1868) I, 660.

At a meeting of the committee at CONNOR'S TAVERN
the 25th of Nov. 1776.

Present:

W ^m Duer, Esq. Chairman	Nathaniel Sackett, Esq.,
John Jay, Esq.,	Zephaniah Platt, Esq.

Whereas Cadwallader Colden of Ulster Co Esq hath been represented to this committee as a person who hath long been notoriously disaffected to the American cause and who from his disposition & influence as well from his vicinity to the enemy may justly be considered as too dangerous to be permitted longer to remain at his present abode and the more so as this committee have reason to believe that he hath Countenanced and abetted measures predjudicial to the rights of America—Resolved therefore that he be forthwith apprehended & brought before this committee.

Ordered, That Capt Lush do forthwith apprehend the said Cadwallader Colden Esq., and bring him before this Committee, that he carefully and diligently examine all his papers, and that he secure all such as may have any reference to the Contest betwixt Great Britain & America in order that the same may be examined by this Committee.¹³

In Committee the 27th day of Nov. 1776.

Capt. Lush returned and brought to the Committee Cadwallader Colden, Esq., who was order'd to be apprehended on the 25th inst. On his giving his parole of honour that he will not depart this place, but appear before this Committee To-morrow morning he was permitted to seek for Lodgings. Capt. Lush delivered to the Committee a number of Letters & Papers which he found in Mr. Colden's custody, to wit:

A Letter signed I. Colden directed to Cadwallader Colden, Esq., at Coldenham, Dated at Long Island Feb^y 20th 1776.

¹³ *Ibid.*; also in *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 762-763.

A Letter signed Cha^s Ingliss, directed to Cadwallader Colden, dated at New York Feb^y 5th 1776.

A Letter signed Peter Dubois, directed Cadwallader Colden, Esq., at Coldenham, dated Monday noon.

A Letter signed Dubois, directed to Major Colden, dated Friday, P. M.

A note from Mr. Dubois to Major Colden.

A long letter from Peter Dubois, directed to Cadwallader Colden, Jun. Esq., in Ulster Co. This letter contains the intelligence & account of the movements and proceedings of the two Armies, beginning Monday morning Sept^r 16th 1776, and ending the Wednesday following, dated at Second river.

A note from some Scotch Gentleman at Esopus, directed to Mr. Colden, dated August the 3^d 1776.

A small paper containing notes of Mr. Anans Sermon on Politicks.

A paper containing a list of the Continental & Ministerial Fleets with their number of men and guns (this is supposed to be the Fleets on Lake Champlain).

A Copy of Lord Howe & General Howes declaration of the 19th of Sept. 1776.

A Protest against the measures of Congress neither dated or sign'd.

A manuscript piece of Poetry reflecting on the measures pursued by the Americans.¹⁴

In Committee &c FISHKILL the 28th Nov 1776.

Mr Colden appeared & being examined by the Committee said that he conceived the former oath of allegiance which he had taken to the King of Great Britain to be binding upon him & professed a desire of being permitted to observe a state of Neutrality,

Resolved that he be forthwith removed to the town of Boston in the State of Massachusetts Bay there to remain at his own expense on his parole of honour under

¹⁴ *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 661; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 763.

such restrictions as the Select men or Civil Authority of that Town shall prescribe.

Resolved, that the said Major Colden be permitted to return home in order to take leave of his family & to prepare for his Journey for the space of 10 days on his pledging his parole of Honour to appear before this committee at the expiration of the said term—

Major Colden appearing before the committee was asked whether the paper containing reflections on a Sermon preached by the Rev Mr Anan was his own hand writing—confessed it was. he further pledged his parole for his appearance at the time mentioned.

Extract from David Pembrooks examination

“And this deponent says that he used to hear James Robinson frequently talk of going to see Major Colden.”

(The James Robinson mentioned in the preceding abstract is a dangerous emissary from the enemy & hath industriously attempted to seduce divers of the Inhabitants of this State from their allegiance thereto and enlisted men in the Service of the enemy.)¹⁵

FISHKILL, December 4, 1776.

Resolved, That the Council and General Court of the State of New-Hampshire be authorized to permit the Prisoners who have been removed by this Committee to said State, to enter on board any of the Continental or private ships of war, excepting such persons who are confined in Jail in said State for treasonable practices against the State of New-York; and that Lieutenant-Colonel Welch be requested to coöperate with the said Council and General Court in executing this resolution.

Resolved, That a Letter be written to the Council and General Court of the State of New-Hampshire, transmitting them a copy of this resolution.

Extract from the Minutes:

ROB'T BENSON, *Secretary*.

¹⁵ *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 661; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 763.

FISHKILL, December 4, 1776.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that Lieutenant-Colonel Welch is entitled to the thanks of the Representatives of this State, for the attention he has shown in executing the orders of this Committee, as well as for the care he has taken to support good order and regularity amongst his troops whilst stationed at this place; and therefore, that the Chairman be requested, in the name of this Committee, to express their hearty approbation of his conduct; and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Council and General Court of the State of New-Hampshire.

WM. DUER, *Chairman*.

Attest: ROBERT BENSON, *Secretary*.¹⁶

¹⁶ Force, *Amer. Arch.*, 5th ser., III, 1075-1076.

For additional light on the activities of the Committee prior to December 11, 1776, consult the following: Appendixes I and II; *Journal, N. Y. Prov. Congress, etc.*, I, 662-698, 707-708, 743, 756, 1000; II, 269, 344; Force, *Amer. Archives*, 5th ser., II, 829, 979; III, 238, 466, 687, 705, 825; *Calendar N. Y. Revolutionary MSS.*, I, 515, 531, 642; *New Hampshire State Papers*, VIII, 387-389, 390, 393-394; *Papers of Geo. Clinton*, I, 383, 391, 404; *Writings of Geo. Washington*, (W. C. Ford, ed.) IV, 496-499; transcript of letters of William Duer to Tench Tilghman, Sept. 28-Oct. 18, 1776, in the N. Y. Historical Society, (copied by Robert Kelby, 1881, from the originals then the property of Oswald Tilghman of Easton, Maryland).

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE

FROM DECEMBER 11TH 1776

TO DECEMBER 31ST 1776

[MANUSCRIPT SECTION A No. 2.]

Dec. 11, 1776 to }
Dec. 31, 1776. }

A No 2

Wednesday 11 Dec^r 1776 The Com^e met
at CONNORS TAVERN

Present

M^r De Witt
Gen. Morris
M^r Jay

M^r Duer being absent M^r Jay was chosen Chairman
of this Committee.

M^r Jay communicated to the Com^e a Letter from Coll.
Huntington to this committee informing them that he
had sent several Prisoners whose Names & Crimes were
specified in a Paper enclosed, which is as follows

confined by

W^m & Jonⁿ Underhill. . . . Gen. Sullivan. . . for not signing
y^e Association
& swearing al-
legiance to his
britanic maj-
esty

John Beger & John Acker. Gen. Lee. on suspicion of
corresponding
with the En-
emy

Th^s Valentine Gen. Lee. an active Tory
Pebody Stanmore.

Jacob Jewel. Gen. Lee. an active Tory

Sam^l Miller John Prior }
Jam^s M^c Cord Elisha } Gen. Lee. suspected of
Merrit } aiding y^e En-
emy

A Letter was rec^d of the 11 Ins^t from Joh^s Hardenbergh Jun^r in Favor of Jos. Montgomery one of the Prisoners.

Petrus Rosen the officer of the Guard informs y^e Com^e that Pebody Stanmore and John Davis two of y^e prisoners are very sick. Ordered that Doct Graham be requested to examine them & report their Condition to y^e Com^e.

Gen. Morris informs the Com^e that he had permitted Th^s Valentine and [torn] [U]nderhill to go at large on their parole to appear every Day and that the others are in the Guard House except some who had escaped.

Charles Haight Jun^r of North Castle being examined on Oath saith that he was sent here by the Com^e of Bedford. That about two months ago he was enticed by Caleb Fowler Jun^r to go with him to Long Island, the said Fowler telling him that if he staid he would be taken up. That they went together to Byram. That they communicated their Design to Stephen Lyon a son of John Lyon at that Place. That the s^t Lyons Negroes carried them over to Musquetoe Cove, from whence he again came over to Memaroneck at the time the Enemy were there. That Fowler went to the Enemy on Long Island. That on their way to Byram they staid a night at Jonathan Millers in Kings Street and the next night at James Brundiges who both entertained them & knew where they were going. That Stephen Lyon looked out for a Canoe for them. That he saw Roger's Rangers at Memaroneck. That William Underhill Jun^r of Cortland Manor was a Cap^t among them & had brought several men with him as he understood among them, & that Underhill told him he was going home. That he also saw among them Samuel Kip of North Castle, who told the Ex^t that he was a Leu^t and was going home also.

CHARLES HAIGHT

Sworn 11 Dec^r 1776

JOHN JAY

Ordered That Cap^t Townsend forthwith apprehend a[nd] bring before this Com^e Stephen Lyon, Jonathan

Charles
Haight's
Examinat^o

Caleb
Fowler
with the
Enemy, also
Stephen
Lyon

Jonathan
Miller &
James
Brundige
entertain
Tories

William
Underhill
and Samuel
Kip with
Rogers's
Rangers

[Lyon,
Miller

Mill[er], James Brundige William Underhill Jun^r & Samuel [Kip]

[Br]undige
[U]nderhil
& Kip to be
[ap]pre-
hended

Whereas the said Charles Haight Jun^r has offered to assist Cap^t Townsend in apprehending the af^d Persons

Ordered that he be the Bearer of a Letter for that Purpose to Cap^t Townsend and return with him to this Committee

The Rev^d Doct^r Graham reports that he has examined John Davis and Pebody Stanmore agreeable to the order of this Committee. That the former is ill of a Pox & may with safety remain where he is. That the latter has a Fever and ought to be removed.

D^r Graham reports on the Case of Stanmore and Davis who are to be removed to the Hospital

Ordered that the Rev^d Doct^r Graham be requested to see John Davis removed to the Hospital and attend them both.

CONNOR'S TAVERN AT FISH KILL 13 Dec^r 1776

The Committee met

Pres^t

M^r Jay Chairman

M^r De Wit

M^r Duer

Gen. Morris

M^r Jay informs y^e Com^e that he last Evening released Anthony Alair one of the Prisoners from the Custody of the Guard, on his Brother Peter Alair's becoming Surety for his appearance.

Anth^y Alair released

M^r Duer communicated to the Com^e a Letter from Egb. Benson Esq^r of the 11th Inst. enclosing Papers containing Information ag^t and concerning sundry Persons

Letter from E Benson

Also a Letter from Maurice Pleas respecting Ch^s Vincent who had escaped from Exeter—of the 9th Inst. 1776.

Cha^s Vincent escaped from Exeter

Also a Letter from Coll. Th^s Thomas of the 11 Dec^r Inst. enclosing a Letter from Gen. Wadsworth to Gen. Spencer relative to a Number of Tories he had apprehended by order of Gen. Lee.

The Prisoners referred to by Gen. Wadsworth are

Caleb Archer
 Isaac Lawrence
 Paul Graham
 Joshua Odell
 Samuel Dean
 Benjⁿ Booth
 Elbert Arsen
 Thomas Ellis
 Amos Le Fergue
 John Dickson
 Peter Dobbs
 Henry Fowler

Isaac Tomkins
 Edward Odell
 Henry Le Fergue
 John Shute
 James Tomkins
 John Mc Cord
 Edw. Drake
 John Vermiljea
 Anthony Alair
 Isaac Arsen
 W^m Paterson
 Benj. Vermiljea Cap^t

Gen. Morris informs the Com^e that Israel Honeywell and John Youngs two of the Com^e of W Chester County told him all the above named Persons were notoriously disaffected to the American Cause & in their opinion ought to be removed to one of the neighbouring States.

M^r Duer also communicated to the Com^e a Certificate of John Baker a Serjeant in y^e 4th Reg^t certifying certain Matters ag^t W^m Underhill—at the foot of w^h Certificate is another of Coll. Nixon of the Character of Baker

A Letter from Isaac Everit Chairman of the Com^e of Fredericksburgh of the 10 Dec^r 1776 respecting Stephen Booth sent Prisoner to the Com^e was read

M^r Duer also communicated to the Com^e a Letter from Leonard Gansevoort Esq^r of 21 Nov. last respecting Henry Cuyler, Major Edmunston & Leiu^t Hugh Frazier three half pay officers disaffected to the Am. Cause

M^r Duer informed the Com^e that the Mayor of Albany who had been committed to the Custody of Leu^t Schoonmaker had escaped and that he had put the Leiu^t under arrest.

Whereas Henry Cuyler, Major Edmundston and Lieutenant Hugh Frazier are officers on half Pay in the Service of the King of Great Britain and Whereas this Committee are well informed that the s^d Gentlemen are notoriously disaffected to the American Cause

Resolved that they be forthwith removed to the town

William
Underhill

Stephen
Booth

Hen^y
Cuyler
Maj^r
Edmunston
Hugh
Frazier

Abraham
C Cuyler

Cuyler
Edmunston
& Frazier
sent to
Boston

of Boston & remain there at their own Expence on the Parole directed for Prisoners of War, and that the Committee of Albany be requested to execute this Resolution.

M^r Duer again attending the Committee & having compleated the Business for which he left it, M^r Jay resigned the Chair & M^r Duer was again unanimously appointed Chairman to this Com^e.

M^r Duer
rechosen
Chairman

P. M.

Present

William Duer Esq^r Chairman
Gen^l Morris

CONNORS TAVERN FISH KILL Dec^r 15th

Present W^m Duer Chairman

Captain Silas Purdy brought in Humphry Merrit, Elisha Purdy and Lodowick Millar, three Tories from the Precinct of New Marlborough who had been privy to a treasonable Conspiracy form'd by James Robinson, Jacob Russell and others against the Liberties of the United States.

Merrit,
Purdy &
Millar
appreh^d

Order'd that Captⁿ Purdy deliver these Persons to the officer of Guard, who is hereby order'd to keep them in safe Custody till further Orders from the Committee.

Henry Brandt and John Niles were discharged on taking the Oath of Allegiance to the State.

Brandt
& Niles
discharged

Coll. Drake applied for Leave to take Isaac Tomkins his Wifes Brother to his own home, and promis'd to return him on Wednesday next.

Tomkins
released

Order'd that the Officer of the Guard deliver s^d Isaac Tomkins to Col^o Drake.

CONNORS TAVERN FISH KILL Dec^r 16th 1776

Pres^t

M^r Duer Chairman
M^r Jay
M^r Gansevoort
Col^o De Witt

A Letter from Joshua Draper one of the Committee of Spencer in the State of Massachusetts Bay in favor of

Ralph
Phillips

Ralph Phillips one of the Persons who was sent by this Committee to that Place was laid before the Convention and referred to this Committee.

The Reverend M^r Rysdorp appeared before the Convention, and informd them that the said Ralph Phillips was a Person of good Moral Character and very useful to the Community—with Respect to his Political Character he does not pretend to determine.

A Letter from Lawrence Fonda Chairman of the Committee of Claverack enclosing certain Affidavits against divers disaffected Persons was read, and is in the words following (prou) Letter from Com^e of Claverack

Orderd that the Committee of Claverack be requested to removed George Clapper, Frederick Clapper, Petrus Clapper, and Jacob Anderson who are charged with treasonable Practices against this State to the Jail at Poughkeepsie; and that they inform the Keeper of the said Jail w^h of the said Persons are able to maintain themselves; and if any of them should be unable that in such Case the Keeper of the s^d Goal afford them reasonable subsistance at the Expençe of this Committee. Geo: Clapper
Fred^l
Clapper
Pet^s Clapper
Jac:
Anderson
sent to
Poughkeepsie
Goal

Order'd that the Keeper of the said Jail receive the above mentioned Persons, and them safely keep till further Orders from this Committee, the Convention, or future Legislature of this State.

Resolved, that the Committee of Claverack District be inform'd that it is the Intention of this Committee to apply to the Convention of this State to enact an Ordinance for Establishing a general Oath of Allegiance to be administer'd to all the Subjects of this State; a Copy of which will be transmitted to them as soon as possible. Committee of Claverack

Orderd that the Expençe of the Express from the Committee of Claverack amou^s to [space left blank] be paid by this Committee and that the Chairman be requested to advance the same.

A Letter from Peter Corne dated Dec^r 6th begging an Enlargement of his Parole; likewise a Certificate of Gen^l Peter Corne

Parsons. The Letters being read, are in the words following—(prou))

Resolved that M^r Peter Corne be permitted to remain under his former Restrictions to his House and Farm at Peek's Kills on his Parole of Honor so long as Gen^l Parsons shall lodge at his House, and that Gen^l Parsons be requested to take his Parole in the same Manner as the former one.

M^r Hazard informs that there are three Girls near this Place who have come lately from New York—the Name of one is Henning who has a Brother sick in the Barracks—that he has understood that she and her Mother either lived with Gen^l Howe, or the Hessian General.

Three Girls
from New
York

CONNORS TAVERN Dec^r 17th 1776

Present

M^r Duer Chairman

Col^o De Witt

M^r Gansevoort

Col^o Cortlandt

The Examination of Enoch Crosby was read and is in the Words following—(Viz^t)

Resolved that Walter Dubois, Alexander Millner, William Brown, and James Harden Near Shawgenck in Ulster County be forthwith apprehended and brought before this Committee.

Du Bois,
Millner,
Brown,
Harden
to be
apprehen^d

Resolved that Captain Clark be requested to execute this Resolution, and that the Chairman be requested to desire his Attendance on this Committee.

Resolved that Uriah Townsend, Adonais Manuel, Jacob Seedsmans, and James Carman be discharged on their taking the Oath of Allegiance.

Townsend,
Manuel,
Seedsmans,
Carman,
discharged

The above mention'd Persons attending the Chairman by order of the Committee gave them Permission of either joining the Enemy, or of taking the Oath of Allegiance. They all declar'd their Determination to fight for their Country and voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance.

Letter from
Com of
Tryon

A Letter from the Committee of Tryon County signed Isaac Paris Chairman dated Nov^r 28th 1776 was taken up and consider'd, and is in the Words following—

Resolved that M^r Harper one of the Members for Tryon County be requested to attend this Committee.

M^r Harper attending inform'd the Committee that he was present when the above Persons were examin'd before the Committee of Tryon County. That Hough and Ramsey were in particular dangerous, and desperate fellows and, that they whole of them were so notoriously disaffected that they ought in his Opinion to be prevented from going at large.

Tryon
County
Tories to
be appre-
hended

Resolved that Francis Prime, George Ramsey, William C: Bowing, John Gibson, Melon Kni[ght] and Henry Hoff be forthwith convey'd to Poughkepsie there to be confined in Jail 'till further Orders from this Committee, the Convention, or future Legislature of this State.

Gilroberts
to be sent
to Pough-
keepsie

Resolved that William Gilroberts who has been sent to this Place by the Committee of Westchester, and who stands charged with horse stealing be forthwith sent to Pougkepsie, there to be confin'd in Jail till further Orders from this Committee, the Convention, or future Legisla-
ture of this State unless sooner discharged by due Course of Law.

Charles
Haight

The Chairman laid before the Committee a charge against a Charles Haight who had been sent to this Place by the Committee of Bedford in Westchester County, w^h being read is in the words following—

Dec^r 18th 1776.

Present

W^m Duer Chairman

Gen^l Morris

Col^o De Witt

Captⁿ Platt

[Gen^l Clinton informs the Committee that a Quantity of Butter was deposited, at Fort Montgomery, w^h had been taken from a certain Brian Connor, who had in-

tended to carry it to the Enemy, and had been sent a Prisoner to Fort Constitution, and begged to know what should be done with it.]

Josiah Berkely appear'd before the Committee and inform'd them that he had left Long Island last Monday Sennight at the Request of M^r Baltus Vankleek of New York—that he had sent him to M^r Joshua Carman his Son in Law to enquire after his Children—that by what he could learn there was only 14 of the Enemies Light Horse upon Long Iland—that it was said that Captain Wooley had enlisted one Hundred Men in the Service of the Enemy—that he had not taken the Oath of allegiance—that he was never askd to take it—that he understood several Persons in the Island had not taken the Oath of Allegiance—that the Continental Money does not pass amongst them: but only Gold Silver, New York Bills of the old Emission, and the Money struck by the Corporation for erecting Water Works—that he had come immediately to M^r Carmans, who had carried him to two Members of the Committee of Rumbout Precinct, who had examined him.

Berkely's
Examina-
tion

Captⁿ Platt says that Baltus Vankleek with whom the Examinant lives is an equivocal character—that all the Connections are equivocal—that at an Election for a Committee in Dutchess County, where the Question was whether there should be a Committee or not, the Examinant was of that Party which voted against the Committee.

Baltus
Van Kleek

John Slegell late of the City of New York Tanner & Currier Saith that his Fathers Family & his own moved from the Bowery Lane near N York shortly before the Enemy landed in the City to New Rochell. That after the Enemy came to New Rochell they were turned out of Doors by a Hessian Officer and again went to New York. That after the Enemy left N Rochell the Ex^t went there to see for his Family. That he found them gone. That he waited a Day & half for an opportunity of sending to N York for his Cloaths. That his Wife came there by Water with Design of enquiring for him.

John
Slegell

That they concluded she sh^d return & endeavour to send out his Cloaths & come out as soon as possible. That she accordingly wen[t] on Board Peter Schencks Boat at New Rochelle. That Schenk persuaded him to go along promising to see him safe back. That he went with them, landed near the Ship Yards at N York & went to his Fathers House staid there a night, got his Cloaths & sailed with the s^d Schenk the next Day & landed at the City Island, from where he come by Land to this Place & is going to Pennsylvania to see his Uncles & Aunts.

That it was agr^d between him & his Wife that she with her Child sh^d leave New York the first opportunity & come to New Rochelle. That she sh^d send word to her Cousin one John Harbeck who lives with a Currier here, and that on his Return from Pennsylvania he should go down to N Rochelle & fetch her and that Harbeck sh^d fetch her in Case Ex^t sh^d not return at the time expected. That Women are permitted to go out and into New York without Interruption. That he served as a Corp^l in Capt. Leonard's Company in Lashers Reg^t in Gen. Scotts Brigade.

JOHN SLEGEL

Resolved that John Slegel be put on his Parole not to cross the River without the Permission of this Comm^e and to appear before this Committee every Saturday Evening at 5 o'Clock till further Orders.

A Letter from Col^o Luddington Dated Dec^r 17th 1776 was read in which he informs that a certain David Akins is come from the Enemies Army, and has brought a Number of Protections to the Neighbours—likewise a Letter from Alex^r Kidd Mathew Paterson Roswell Wilcox John Young giving the same Information. The Letters being read the Committee came to the foll^s Resolutions.

Resolved that Col^o Luddington, and M^r Matthew Paterson be requested and authorized to cause David Aitkins, and all such other Persons whom they have good Reason to suppose have received Protections from the

David
Akins
brings
Protections

Enemy forthwith to be apprehended, disarmed, and brought before this Committee, and that they diligently search their Houses, and Persons for Papers, and that they transmit to this Committee all such as are of a Suspicious Purport—and further that a L^t and Twenty five men, be sent to the above Gentlemen in Order to assist them in carrying this Resolution into Execution.

Resolved that Col^o Brinckerhoff be requested to detach from his Regiment of Militia Twenty five Men of known Attachment to the Cause of America commanded by an active and intelligent L^t and that the said officer Parade his Men at two o'Clock to morrow Afternoon at the House of Col^o Abraham Brinckerhoff, there to receive further Orders from this Committee.

Orderd that a Copy of this Resolution be immediately sent to Col^o Brinckerhoff.

Orderd that the Chairman lay before the Convention the above Letters.

Jeremiah Scribner delivered to the Committee a Letter from the Committee of Fredericksburgh transmitting a Charge against a certain Jeremiah Baley whom they had sent under Guard.

Jeremiah
Baley

Orderd that Jer^h Scribner deliver the above mention'd Jeremiah Baley to the Officer of the Guards who is directed to keep them in safe Custody till further Orders.

CONNORS TAVERN FISH KILL Dec^r 18th [*sic* for 19th]
1776

Present

M^r Duer Chairman
General Morris
Col^o DeWitt
M^r Zeph^h Platt
Captain Sacket

M^r Joseph Haff of the nine Partners appeared before the Committee and inform'd that Thomas Tobias, Richard Peters, John Howard, D^r Christian Tobias, and D^r Tobias and Wilbert Duell all of the Nine Partners and very

M^r Huffs
Informat^a

Active Tories had for some [time] absconded—that John Howard Richard Peters and Thomas Tobias has return'd, and that since their Return a Number of Young Men who lived in their Neighbourhood were Missing, and as they suppose went off with some of the above Persons.

Cap^t
Haight's
Informatⁿ

Captain Caleb Haight attending gave the same Information and says further that they are Eight Men belonging to his Company, who had absconded. Their names are Willbert Duell, Silas Duell 3^d (Son of Silas Duell) Samuel Hoccey, John Smith, Thomas Tobias, Israel Hallock, Amos Hallock, Isaac Haff—all in Charlotte Precinct. That some of these Persons are men of Estate and have considerable Forage. That there is near Twenty Men out of Captain Smith's Company who have absconded. That Thomas Tobias was home on Monday last.

Resolved, that Captain Haight, M^r Isaac Haff, and Captain Samuel Smith be requested to furnish this Committee with a List of such Persons who have absconded from the Nine Partners, distinguishing such as have Property.

The Chairman being appointed by the Convention on another Committee which required his indispensable Attendance, M^r Gansevoort was unanimously Chosen Chairman.

Mayor of
Albany
escapes

M^r Duer inform'd the Committee that he had deliverd Abraham C Cuyler Esqr late Mayor of Albany to L^t Schoonmaker of Captain Bellknapp's Company and that he had suffer'd him to escape—that he had put L^t Schoonmaker under Arrest 'till the Pleasure of this Committee should be known.

Resolved, that the Committee approve of M^r Duer's [*the late Chairman's Conduct; and that the Chairman report the Conduct of Lt. Schoonmaker to the Convention of this State.*]

M^r Menzies
Petition

A Petition of Thomas Menzies Esqr dated Decem^r 17, 1776 to the Convention of the State of New York and by them referr'd to this Committee being read and considered, the Committee came to the following Resolution:

Resolved that Thomas Menzies Esq^r be permitted to return to his place of residence and that he give his parole of Honour to remain within Six Miles thereof 'till the further Order of this Committee or the Legislative Authority of this State.

Ordered that Col: De Wit prepare a draught of a parole to be signed by M^r Menzies.

P. M.

Present

M^r Gansevoort Chairman

M^r Platt

M^r Sackett

Resolved that M^r Gilbert Southerd be requested to furnish the Guard in this place with Fire Wood and that this Committee will pay him therefore

M^r
Southerd
to provide
Fire Wood

Decem^r 20, 1776.

Present

M^r Gansevoort Chairman

Gen^l Morris

M^r Duer

M^r Platt

M^r Sackett

M^r Duer informed the Committee that he was lately in Orange County that whilst he was there M^r Tusteen the Chairman took him aside, and told him that Doctor Gale was one of the most subtle, and dangerous Tories that was in Orange County, that he was a Relation of his, and therefore that he would not wish to have it known that this Information came from him.

Whereas it appears to this Committee that Lieut. Schoonmaker was induc'd to be less careful of Abraham C Cuyler Esq. late Mayor of Albany than he wo'd otherwise have been by the Indulgences heretofore given him by this Committee and the Assurances given him by M^r Henry Glen Ass^t Q^r M^r Gen^l of the Honor of the said Ab^m C Cuyler Esq^r and an Expectation that M^r Glen would keep a Watchful Eye over him, and it appearing

Lieut.
Schoon-
maker

also to this Committee that Lieut: Schoonmaker is a very Young Man well affected to the American Cause and much unacquainted with military discipline and promising to be more vigilant in the Execution of his Duty for the future—

Ordered that he be reprimanded by the Chairman discharged and return to his Duty.

**M^r Menzies
on Parol**

M^r Menzies appeared before the Committee and having subscribed his parole, was dismiss'd.

John Haims appear'd before the Committee and being Ex^d says—that &c. (prout)

P. M.

Present

M^r Gansevoort Chairman

M^r Duer

M^r Jay

M^r Sacket

M^r Platt

Col: Henry B Livingston informed the Committee, that he had apprehended at the request of John Sloss Hobart Esq^r one of the Members of the Convention of the State of New York and brought under Guard to this place M^r Malcom Morrison and David Aitkens, two persons who had received protection from General Howe

Ordered that Malcom Morrison appear before this Committee.

Resolved that Melancton Smyth be and he is hereby appointed to take Command of the Companies of Rangers station'd at this place and such other Troops as may from Time to Time be put under his Command by this Com^e with the Rank and pay of Major untill further provision be made for him by the Convention of the State of New York or this Committee.

Ordered that the Chairman write to Major Smith and request him forthwith to repair to this place and transmit him Copy of the above Resolution.

Lieut: Jacob Lawrence appeared before the Committee and produc'd an Order from Capt. Roos to bring one

Joseph Pennie to the Convention of this State.—Ordered that Capt. Myrick take the said Pennie into Custody.

Malcolm Morrison appearing and being examined saith that last Tuesday week one David Akins one of his Neighbours gave him a Paper which he put in his pocket and the next Day or that Ev^s read and that it was a Protection from Gen: How. That he never informed the Committee of his District thereof being diverted therefrom by private Business. That he never asked the s^d Akins where he got it or what induced him to give the s^d Paper to this Exam^t and that on the s^d Paper's being demanded of him by Sloss Hobart Esq^r a Member of the Convention of this State the night before last he gave it to him & that the Paper now shewn to him is the same That the Evening or the next Day after he had rec^d the s^d Paper he communicated the same to one Alex^r Kidd who had formerly been of his District Com^e also to one John Young a Saddler there but to no other Persons whatever.

Morrison
exam^d

MALCOM MORISON

Ordered that the said Malcom Morrison be committed to the Custody of the Guard and by them confined in Irons

David Akins of Fredericks Borough Precinct Blacksmith being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith—That on or about the 29th Day of Nov^r last he set out from Home with a Pass from Coll. Luddington to go to Horse Neck to buy Rum. That on his arrival there he was disappointed in getting the Rum, & from thence he set out for West Chester County in Quest of Barnes Hatfield for whom he was bound in a considerable Sum of Money. That he went to the White Plains & not finding him there he went to Isaac William's near Brunk's River who had married his Cousin. That he lodged there, and was taken out of Bed there by a Party of Roger's Rangers That they carried him to a Fort near one Valentine's & the next Day they sent him to a Major whose Names he has forgot in the Neighbour-

Akins
Exam^d

hood of Kings Bridge. That the Major asked him how he could clear himself from the Rebel Pass that was found on him. That he s^d he had come down on a particular Errand from Cap^t Alex^r Grants wife to him and that if the Maj^r would send him to Cap^t Grant or Cap^t Archibald Campbell who were his old Neighbours he could prove his Character. That thereupon the Maj^r sent him under Guard to Cap^t Campbells Quarters at a White House of M^r Fred^k Van Cortlandts. That on his arrival there he told Cap^t Campbel he was a Prisoner and that it was in his Power to discharge him. That Cap^t Campbell s^d he would discharge him if he would carry some Papers & Errands to certain Persons in his Neighbourhood and be secret about it, saying further that he had a Day or two before sent some Papers as this Dep^t understood to Malcom Morrison by one Widow Henderson who he believes used to live at Horseneck & he has heard is a Relation to the Hendersons at Robinsons lower Stores. That he promised to be the bearer of the s^d Errands and Papers, and that Cap^t Campbel thereupon gave him two printed Papers which he did not read and Protections from General How for Malcom Morrison, John Kain, Alexander Kidd, Matthew Paterson, Charles Collins, and one for himself. That the s^d Cap^t Campbell entered into free Conversation with him, in the Course of which he understood from the s^d Cap^t Campbell that Malcom Morrison had engaged to raise a Company of Men for the Enemy's Service and that he the s^d Campbell wished he would be speedy about it. That the s^d Cap^t Campbell further told him that when he left Fredericksburgh he delivered two writings to Alexander Kidd and this Deponent further saith that Cap^t Campbell gave him a Pass to return Home and s^d he would be at Dep^{ts} House in ab^t six weeks Time and that as he was going away he met Allen Cameron who had formerly resided in Fredericksburgh and with whom he had been acquainted. That he entered into Conversation with the said Cameron, and that Cameron among other

things told him that he had given a Bill of Sale of his Estate to Malcolm Morrison to save his Property.

And this Depon^t further saith that Barney Kain a Brother of John Kain is a Leu^t to the s^d Campbell & that this Dep^t also understood from the s^d Cap^t Campbell that Malcom Morrison after he had raised his Company was to be under Gov^r Brown

That this Dep^t made the best of his Way Home. That on his arrival there he delivered the Protection af^d directed to Malcom Morrison to him. That the s^d Morrison read the same & appeared much pleased and gave this Depon^t two Dollars for his trouble & Care in delivering the same. That the Sunday after this Dep^t came Home he saw John Kain and told him he had a Protection for him and asked him if he w^d receive it. That the s^d John Kain appeared shy about it and in the Evening of the same Day called at this Dep^{ts} House for it and this Dep^t accordingly gave it to him. That the s^s Kain asked this Dep^t where he got the s^d Protection and this Dep^t told him he had got it from Cap^t Campbell. This Dep^t further saith that he never delivered the other Protections to the Persons for whom they were intended as af^d nor has he spoken to either of them ab^t it except to Matthew Paterson who refused to accept it. That one Hetty Street a Sister of & who lives with the Wife of Lemuel Wilmot who has lately gone to the Enemy from Fredericksburgh told him, That Malcom Morrison had sent a little Girl to their House to shew them the Protection he had rec^d

And this Dep^t further saith that some time after the s^d John Kain came to his House and told him that Malcom Morrison had divulged the affair of the Protection, and that he the s^d John Kain would fall out with this Dep^t and vilify him but that he must not mind it—this Dep^t also saith that he gave the s^s John Kain one of the printed Papers above mentioned and asked him what he should do with the other, and that the s^s John Kain

advised him to burn them both which he accordingly did and further this Deponent saith not.

DAVID AKINIS

Sworn in the Presence of the
Committee by me.

Leonard Gansevoort Chairman

Ordered that the said David Akins be discharged on his taking an Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that Col. Luddinton be requested to apprehend and bring before this Committee John Kain of Pawling's Precinct who stands charg'd with having received a Protection from General Howe.

Ordered that Charles Collins be immediately committed to the Guard House.

Decem^r 21, 1776.

Present

Leonard Gansevoort Chairman	
Zephaniah Platt	} Esq ^{rs}
John Jay	
William Duer	

Ordered that [space left blank] Cushman the Blacksmith near Col. Brinckerhoffs leaving all other Business do forthwith make and send to this Committee six pair of Manacles or Handcuffs

Ordered that George Drawyer leaving all other Business do forthwith make and send to this Committee six pair of Manacles or Handcuffs.

Resolved that Captain Clark be requested forthwith to attend this Committee.

A Letter from John Schenck Esq^r Chairman of the Committee of Poughkeepsie District was read—(prout)

Ordered that the Committee of Poughkeepsie District be requested to send Joseph Odel and Michael Smith to this Committee under a Guard of two Men at their own Escape [expense?] for the purpose of taking the Oath of Allegiance and to the State of New York and being

discharg'd unless Cause shall appear for their further detention.

Ordered that copy of the above Resolution be sent to this Committee of Poughkeepsie District.

Ordered that W^m Duer Esq^r pay John Haines Six Dollars for Secret Services performed for this Committee.

Ordered that W^m Duer Esq^r pay Caleb Trip two Dollars for riding express to Major Melancton Smith.

Whereas this Committee have been credibly informed and have good Reason to believe that David Van Schaack & Peter Van Schaack Esq^{rs} Mess^{rs} John Stevenson Cornelius Glen of the City & County of Albany have long maintained an equivocal Neutrality in the present Struggles and are in General supposed unfriendly to the American Cause and from their Influence are enabled to do it essential Injury—

Resolved that the Committee of the City & County of Albany be requested to summon the said Persons to appear before them to ask them whether they respectively consider themselves as Subjects of the State of New York or of the King of Great Brittain, if they answer that they consider themselves as Subjects of the State of New York, then to tender to them the Oath of Allegiance and on their taking and subscribing the same to Discharge them; but if they should Answer that they consider themselves as Subjects of the King of Great Brittain or refuse to take the Oath aforesaid then to remove them, under the Care of some discreet Officer to the Town of Boston at their own Expencc and there to remain on their Parole of Honour 'till the further Order of this Committee or the Convention or future Legislature of this State—and that Copy of their parole be sent to the Select Men of the said Town of Boston.

Resolved that a Copy of the Oath of Allegiance and the Parole aforesaid be sent to the Committee of the City and County of Albany.

Ordered that the chairman write to the said Committee and enclose the above.

Ordered that Dirck Gardinier & Matthew Goes Jun^r

be discharged on taking and subscribing the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Decem^r 22nd 1776.

Present

Leonard Gansevoort Esq^r Chairman
 Zephaniah Platt
 William Duer
 John Ten Broeck

Captain Hill appeared before the Committee and informed them that he had brought under Guard to this place John Kain who was delivered to him by Col: Henry Ludinton, that he had also a Person under Guard of the Name of Jesse — Holmes who he had apprehended on the Road for not having a pass.

Ordered that John Kain appeared before the Committee.

John Kain appearing and being examined saith that this Day a fortnight ago, he saw David Akins who told him that he had something to communicate to him, and desired him to call at his House which he did towards Evening of the same Day, when he arrived at the House, Akins deliv^d him a Protection from Gen^l Howe that he enquir'd of the said Akins where he had got the said Protection, that he answered it was no Matter That when he returned Home he shew'd the Protection to his Wife and Daughter who were much dissatisfied at his having a Protection and that his Wife had burnt it—he farther says that this Protection was never solicited by him and supposes it was sent him by a Brother who he thinks is with the Enemy, and declares that he is friendly to the Measures America is pursuing—that he had never shewn the Protection to any one else and confesses that he has been remiss in not shewing it to some Member of the Committee of Dutchess County and further says that he and Akins have been upon very bad Terms for a long Time.

JN^o KANE

[*Capt John Hill being examined says under Oath that John Kain was delivered to him Yesterday by Col^o Ludinton*]

Ordered that Col: Ludinton appear before the Committee.

Col: Henry Ludinton appearing before the Committee and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposes and saith that on Saturday Morning about two oClock he received the Orders from this Committee for the Apprehension of John Kain that he call'd upon Capt Hill and three others who he took with him and repair'd to the House of the said John Kain, when he arrived there he found John Kain in his shop, and immediately inform'd him that he was under a Necessity of making him a Prisoner, that Kain said he was surpriz'd that he was ordered to be taken and requested to see the Orders which the deponent had for it, the dep^t further says that upon Kains reading the Orders he declar'd that as God was his Judge he had no such Protection and knew nothing ab^t any such thing. The dep^t further says, that Kain run out very much against David Akins, that upon this deponents telling Akins to day that Kain had vilified his Character so much Akins replied that he was not surpriz'd at it for that it was agreed upon between him and Kain. The dep^t further says that Kain and Akins had some Conversation together to day at his House and further that he met the said David Akins and John Kain on the Road together near the long bridge some time the Week before last and that they appear'd very busy in Conversation that Kain was leading his Horse and Akins was a Foot. That as soon as he the dep^t came up they broke off. And the Dep^t further says that among the firm Whigs the Character of Kain has been suspicious, and that he is in general reputed an Artful Subtle Man.

HENRY LUDINTON

Sworn in the presence of
the Committee by me

Leonard Gansevoort Chairman

Ordered that M^r Matthew Patterson appear before the
Committee.

Matthew Patterson appearing before the Committee and being Examined under Oath saith that that on last Tuesday Se'ennight Malcom Morrison, Roswell Wilcox and David Akins were at his House, that Morrison shew'd him a Protection which he had received from the Enemy and ask'd the Examinant what he thought of it, that the Examinant answered that he did not know what to think that many People passing and repassing in the House nothing more in particular passed, that in the Evening David Akins called this Examinant out of his House telling him he had something to communicate to him if he wo'd call'd at Akins's House, that the Ex^t ask'd what it was & told if it was any thing to his Benefit he would be glad of it, upon which Akins said it was a Protection from Great Brittain, that the Exam^t answered that he was once know[n] in Great Britain but that he chose to be govern'd by those who were his Representatives, that the Protection was never applied for by him and it was a Matter which he could not see through, that Akins replied if they had not been applied for they would not have been got. The Examinant further says that he told Akins that [he] did not chuse to have any thing to do with such things, and further said that there was a Man in the Room meaning Col: Ludinton who if he knew what Akins said would immediately send him to Congress but did not deem it expedient to mention it then to Col: Ludinton. And this Examinant further says that he was told by Malcolm Morrison, that John Kane, and several others had received Protections; and likewise that he on or about Monday or Tuesday last he saw John Kane, that the said John Kane asked him what Bluster there was about Protections—that the Examinant told him that he supposed he knew as much about the matter as he did, that on this the said John

Kane call'd God to witness that he never had seen any such Protection; and that he knew nothing about it—that on this he the Examinant observed that he was very glad of it. And further this Deponent saith not.

MATHEW PATERSON

Sworn in the presence of }
the Committee by me }

Leonard Gansevoort Chairman

Ordered that John Kain be committed to the Custody of the Guard and be put in Irons.

Ordered that Jesse Holmes be committed to the Guard House in the Room with the Guard.

Ordered that Josiah Bartley be committed to the Custody of the Guard.

Capt: Butler appeared before the Committee and informed them that he had brought under Guard Daniel Reeves to this Place.

Ordered that the said Daniel Reeves be committed to the Custody of the Guard and confined in Irons.

Ordered that Nath^l Sacket Esq^r pay [space left blank] Cushman thirty six shillings for 6 pair of Manacles or Handcuffs made for this Committee.

Ordered that Nath^l Sacket Esq^r pay George Drawyer thirty six shillings for the like services.

Capt Silas Purdy informed the Committee that he had retaken one David Penbrooke who had lately escaped from the Guard House in this place.

Ordered that he be committed to the Custody of the Guard and be confined in Irons.

Captain Platt inform'd the Committee that he has received Intelligence that a certain Jacobus Striker who has lately come from the Enemy, Peter Harris who lately escaped from the Guard House, and James Gouslin who had returned from Transportation were lurking in Beekman's Precinct.

Resolved that M^r Martin Cornwell be requested forthwith to apprehend the said Persons and that for that Purpose he call upon such of the Militia as he thinks necessary.

Ordered that a Copy of this Resolution be forthwith transmitted to M^r Martin Cornwell.

Decem^r 23rd 1776

Present

Leonard Gansevoort Esq ^r Chairman	} Esq ^{rs}
John Jay	
Zephaniah Platt	
Nathaniel Sacket	

Matthew Patterson John Youngs and Roswell Wilcox appeared before the committee and requested the enlargement of Malcom Morrison unless the Charges against him were such as rendered it inconsistent with the Safety of the State

Ordered that the said Gent: be informed of the several Charges and Evidence against the said Morrison.

Resolved that the enlargement of the said Malcom Morrison would be highly inexpedient and improper and would greatly impeach the impartiality of this Committee

Roswell Wilcox of Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on last Tuesday Week he was at the House of a M^r Matthew Patterson in company with Malcom Morrison, John Youngs and divers others that this Deponent sat next to the said Malcom Morrison by the Fireside that the said Morrison ask'd him in a Whisper, whether if the regular Army was to come into those parts he shouldnt want a protection, to which the dep^t answered indeed he should, on which the s^d Morrison replied that he could get one for him, that this reply gave the dep^t a good deal of thought, that afterwards when this dep^t was going out of the House in order to go home, the said Morrison followed him, saying he wanted to speak to him, and that they went together into Mat: Patterson's back Room, that the said Morrison then pull'd a printed paper out of his pocket and read it to the dep^t, that the said printed paper was stiled

a protection and purported to be an Order from the Commander in Chief of the Enemy's Army to all his Officers Soldiers and others, not to molest or Injure the said Morrison in his person or property, and that the said paper bore date at White Plains in the Month of November, that this dep^t was much shock'd at hearing the said paper read and ask'd the said Morrison where he had got it, upon which he answered that he had got and could get one for this Dep^t That this Dep^t remonstrated to him on the Danger of having such Protection, observing that they would compel those having them to fight for the Enemy which he would rather die than do, upon which the said Morrison said so would I adding that the meaning of the said protection was only to save his property from Plunder, that this dep^t then look'd upon the said Morrison to be in Liquor and told him he would speak to him about it the next day, that he accordingly saw the said Morrison the next Day and told him that the Protection he had shewn was a bad thing and of bad Consequence and had given him the Deponent much uneasiness, and said it wo'd be better for him to reveal it to this Committee, and that said Morrison said what have I shewn it to you, and proceeded to say he wish'd he had never seen it and that he had understood that Aikens and Patterson had had some difference about the plagued thing that he did not know what he should do, that this Deponent expected to have had some further Conversation with him upon the Subject but s^d Morrison's going from Home and continuing out so long that he and some of his Neighbours communicated it to this Committee and this Deponent further saith that David Aikens of Frederick's burgh is generally reputed to be very disaffected to the American Cause and that he has told this Deponent that he had sign'd the Association because there were so many People travelling that he did not concieve himself safe, and that his moral Character is very suspicious and questionable and further this dep^t saith not.

Sworn in the presence of }
 the Committee by me. } ROSWELL WILLCOX

Leonard Gansevoort Chairman

Ordered that Nathaniel Sacket Esq^r be appointed Treasurer to this Committee and Auditor of all the Accounts offered to this Committee for payment.

M^r Duer informed the Committee that Col: Henry Ludinton had told him that he had discovered that Jesse Holmes who was committed to the Guard House for travelling without a pass and not being able to give a good acc^t of himself is a Brother in Law to John Miller who has enlisted a Company in the Service of the Enemy and that the said Jesse Holmes is a dangerous Person.

X[*M^r William M^c Neile and M^r David Lyons appear before the Committee, and inform'd them that they had apprehended disarm'd, and secured a certain soldier, who was offering a Horse for Sale, w^h from his Acc^t they had reason to think was stolen—being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God depose, and say—(prout)*]

Ordered that the Prisoner attend the Committee.

The Prisoner appearing the above aff^t was read to him & being examined he saith that his name is Zebediah Heath, that he is a private soldier in Cap^t Thom^s Cogshalls Company in Coll. Baldwins Reg^t from the Massachusetts Bay. That he belongs to the Town of Sandown in New Hampshire. That the Horse taken from him & mentiond in the aff^t of Mess^{rs} M^cNiel & Lyons he took as a continental Horse below the Lines, from a man whom he did not know.

divers other Questions being asked him & he behaving in an insolent manner & appearing to be in Liquor

Ordered that he be committed to the Guard House and that his further Examination be postponed till to morrow

The Committee proceeded to take into Consideration the Examination of John Hanes, and thereupon came to the following Resolution Viz^t

[*Resolved that Captain Clark be immediately furnish'd with all the Information received by this Committee relative to a Number of Disaffected Persons intending*

X N.B.
 This is
 wrong

shortly to rendezvous at the House of Captain Chapman at or near Mount Ephraim, that he be requested to repair there with all Expedition, that he take the most Efficacious Means of Discovering one or two Persons of Authority there to whom it would be proper to communicate the said Information and that he cooperate with them apprehending the said Persons. And that if he should find the said disaffected Persons on their intended Route before his arrival there, that he follow them, endeavor to overtake them through their Route to Norwalk—and in the most secret and Effectual Manner cause them to be apprehended.]

Resolved that Enoch Crosby assuming the Name of [space left blank] do forthwith repair to Mount Ephraim and use his utmost Art to discover the designs, Places of Resort, and Route, of certain disaffected Persons in that Quarter, who have form'd a Design of Joining the Enemy, and that for that Purpose the said Enoch be made acquainted with all the Information received by this Committee concerning this Plan, and that he be furnish'd with such Passes as will enable him to pass there without interruption, and with such others as will enable him to pass as an Emissary of the Enemy amongst Persons disaffected to the American Cause.

Resolved that Enoch Crosby be furnish'd with an Horse and the Sum of Thirty Dollars in order to enable him to execute the above Resolution.

Resolved that M^r Nath^l Sacket be requested to give such Instructions to Enoch Crosby as he shall think best calculated to defeat the Designs of the Persons above mention'd.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Enoch Crosby Thirty Dollars for secret Services.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Hugh Connor Three pounds Ten shillings for a Saddle and Bridle for the Use of this Committee.

Resolved that a Letter be written to Thaddeus Burr Esq^r of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut enclosing Copy of the Examination of John Haines concealing his

Name—and requesting him to concert and execute such Plan for apprehending and Securing the Persons therein mentioned.

Resolved that Nathaniel Sacket Esq^r be requested to furnish M^r Enoch Crosby with such Cloathing as he may stand in Need of.

Decem^r 24 1776.

Present

Leonard Gansevoort Esq ^r	Chairman
William Duer	} Esq ^{rs}
Nathaniel Sacket	
John Ten Broeck	

Ordered that the Chairman write a Letter to John D Crimshire and request him to repair to Fish Kill for the purpose of bringing up the Minutes of this Committee and pledge the Faith of this Committee to him for the payment of his Services.

Alanson Lewis appeared before the Committee and informed them that he had brought under Guard to this place Joseph Odel and Michael Smith who were ordered to be brought before this and one Jeremiah Shafer who was sent to this Committee by the Committee of Poughkeepsie District.

A Letter from John Schenck of this Date was read.

A Letter from Luke Babcock of the 17. Instant was read.

Ordered that Josep Ferrington Judas Kronck and Jacob Jewel be discharged on taking the Oath of Allegiance.

M^r Sacket informed the Committee that Enoch Crosby was gone of on the Business proposed last Night that he was to assume the Name of Levi Foster and that he promis'd to be at Mount Ephraim by Thursday Noon.

A Letter from Lawrence Fonda Chairman of the District Committee of Claverack sundry Depositions against Jacob Anderson Frederick Clopper George Clopper and Jacob Hagedorn as also an Account were read.

Ordered that the Acc^t be referred to M^r Sacket

A Letter from Thomas Palmer Esq^r was read enclosing two Depositions against Elijah Townshend.

Ordered that the Chairman give W^m Hogan Isaac Man Jun^r and John M^cKenny passes to go to Albany.

Michael Smith Joseph Odel Teunis Kronckheyt Josep Ferrington and Jacob Jewel appeared before the Committee and having taken the Oath of Allegiance were discharged. Ordered that the Chairman grant them passes to return Home.

Major Hezekiah Howel appeared before the Committee and produc'd an Order from Dan^l Coleman Chairman of the Committee of Orange County directed to Smith Clark Serg^t to convey under Guard Richard Bull and James Corskaden to this place.

Ordered that Major Howel cause them to be delivered to the Officer of the Guard and that James Corskaden be confined in Irons.

The Chairman [submitted] a draft of a Letter to Thaddeus Bur Esq^r agreeable to the Order of the Committee which was read and agreed to.

Decem^r 26, 1776.

Present

Leonard Gansevoort Esq ^r Chairman	
Nathaniel Sacket	} Esq ^{rs}
William Duer	

M^r Sacket laid before the Committee an Acct. of Monies he had disburs'd for the said Committee Ordered that he repay himself out of the Monies he has in Hand of the said Committee—this Acct. amounts to £7. .8. .5.

Edward Drake who was brought to this place by Lieut: Oakley appeared before the Committee and declaring himself to be friendly to the American Cause and nothing being against him before this Committee

Ordered that he be Discharg'd and that he appear before the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Westchester County on or before the 10th Day

of Jan^y next in order to enroll himself in the Militia of that County and take the Oath of Allegiance to this State prescribed by the Resolution of Committee of Safety of this State of the 25th Inst.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the following Persons the Sum affixed to their Names

Theodorus Brett	£6..10..0
James Cooper	4..17..0
Capt: Israel Smith	4..18..6
To D ^o	2..15..0
John M ^c Bride	1.. 8..0

James Wall one of the Prisoners having enlisted himself with Lieut: Andrew T Lawrence and having taken the Oath of fidelity was discharged.

CONNORS TAVERN AT FISH KILLS 26 Dec^r 1776
in the afternoon

The Com^e met

Present

M^r Gansevoort Chairman
M^r Duer
M^r John Jay
M^r Sacket
M^r Ten Broeck

Ordered that Roger Purdy be brought before this Com^e & enlarged on his parole not to depart this town without leave, to appear daily before the Committee & to confine himself within [number omitted] miles of the Stone Church in the s^d town.

Cap^t Bellknap informs the Com^e that in the night of the 19th Dec^r Ins^t the following Persons had effected their Escape from the Guard House Viz^t

John Ferguson
Teunis Ferguson
John Gibson
George Ramsay

Francis Prime
Benjⁿ Vermiljea
John Beyea
Jonathan Underhill

John Vermiljea
 Millard Night
 Henry Huff
 William Boen

Stephen Williams
 James Tomkins
 Samuel Dean
 Peter Harris

M^r Duer informd the Com^e that William Miller Dep^y Chairman of the Com. of W Chester County informed him that the several Prisoners sent by Gen. Spencer to this Com^e were apprehended in this Manner

That Gen. Lee on the complaint of divers Inhabitants of that County had applied to y^e County Com^e for the Names of such Persons as they deemed dangerous & proper to secure. That the Com^e accordingly gave him such List. That on Gen. Lees marching he left the List with Gen. Spencer who in pursuance of it apprehended the Persons named in it and sent them to this Com^e

M^r Gansevoort informs the Com^e that he has lately been and shall continued much indisposed, and therefore begs leave decline the Chair.

Resolved that M^r Jay be Chairman to this Committee.

FISH KILLS CONNORS TAVERN 30 Dec^r 1776
 The Committee met

Present

John Jay Chairman
 Nath^l Sacket
 Zephaniah Plat
 John Ten Broek
 W^m Duer

M^r Gansevoort inform'd the Com^e that Cap^t Bellknap reported to him that Christopher Patrie one of the Prisoners was dead in the Guard House, and that he had given Directions for his decent Burial.

Chr^r Patrie
 dead

Resolved that the Com^e do approve thereof

M^r Jay communicated to the Com^e a Letter from Ebenezer Cary & Jam^s V Derbergh of 27th Dec^r which was delivered to him by Martin Cornell together w^h a

Jn^o
 Maloyd a
 prisoner

certain John Maloyd whom they had sent to be ex^t respecting Intimations he had given in his Cups of John Kanes inlisting Men in the Enemys Service, and also one Jacobus Striker who had been with the Enemy & had lately come from Long Island & New York, and that he had committed them to the Custody of the Guard.

M^r Sacket delivered to the Com^e the Examⁿ of Martin Cornell which he had taken respecting Jacu^s Striker & John Maloyd.

Order of
convention
to report
proceedings
ag^t Maj.
Colden

An Order of the Com of Safety referring a Petition & certain Papers of Maj^r Colden to this Com^e & directing this Com^e to report thereon as soon as possible was read a Petition to Ch^s Cullen was read—also Petitions from Caleb Archer, John Dickson, Sam^l Wood

a Certificate of John Smith & several others of the Character of Nath. Concklin a Prisoner in Woorster Goal & praying his Release Was read

Peter
Noxons
aff^t ag^t Jn^o
Maloyd

Peter Noxon of Beekman's Precinct in Dutchess County being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God says that on or about last Wednesday se'en night John Meloyd came to this Deponents House in Beekman's Precinct that he got a little in Liquor and taking a pot of Cyder to his Lips said here is a Health to Capt Kane and his Company upon which this Deponents Wife said what is John Kane raising a Company upon which the said Meloyd seemed to be a little embarrass'd and said he meant a Kane in some other Country, that this Deponent looks upon the said John Meloyd to be disaffected to the American Cause And further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn in presence of this }
Committee by me }

PETER NOXON

John Jay

M^r Francis Wilsie of Beekman's Precinct informs the Committee that Philip Vincent and Henry Cornel told him this Morning that Philip Vincent's Mother was up this Morning between one and two oClock and observ'd a Company of about fifteen Men travelling towards the

Mountains and that some of the Neighbours in slays had pursued them

M^r Sacket informs the Committee that he had permitted John Simkens to go at large he being very sick and his Father engaging to return him to the Com^e on his recovery

John
Simkens
enlarged

M^r Gansevoort informs the Committee that Col: Livingston had informed him that Isaac Winn had escaped from the Guard

Is. Winn
escaped

Ordered that Cap^t Myrick with five Men immediately march & use his utmost Diligence to apprehend the Persons mentioned in Francis Wilse's Information, & that he have power to impress a sleigh & Horses to transport himself & Men to Dan. Wrights.

Ordered that Cap^t Myrick request the Assistance of Coll. Luddington Cap^t Clarke & Leu^t Martin Cornell in executing the above order & when done to request of each of them forthwith to repair to this Committee.

Cap^t Plat informs the Com^e that Arch^d Little Esq^r told him that one James Carscaden had been committed to the Guard for travelling with a forged Pass to one Jam^s Conway which Pass together with another Paper signed by W^m Wilkins whose name is also to the other, he delivered to the Com^e

Cap^t Platt also communicated to the Com^e an order of Nathan Pearce Chairman of the Com^e of Pawlings Precinct to apprehend & bring here Thom^s Beamus for damning the Congress & which order & Prisoner were brought here on Saturday last, together with a Paper found on him, signed by Henry O Hara, & purporting to be a Certificate of his Enlistment &c.

Th^s
Beamus
brought
prisoner

Archibald Little Esq^r a Member of the Convention being sworn saith that on Tuesday last he saw James Carscadden at John Brewsters at Bloomengrove. That he told this Dep^t he had come from the Militia of Ulster County & had marched with Cap^t Watkins to Clarkes Town. That the Circumstances of his Family were such that he had obtained Leave of his Cap^t to return. That he denied having ever been summoned to appear before

Aff^t ag^t
Jam^s Car-
scadden

the Com^e That this Dep^t insisted he had & that he had made his escape. That he persisted in denying it, saying that it was his Brother. That Dep^t asked if he had a Pass, he said he had & shewed it to Dep^t That the s^t Pass was for James Conway & signed by W^m Wilkins. That Dep^t observed to him that the Pass was for James Conway and not for hm. That he replied, it was a Mistake in the Chairman. That James Price one of the Militia late marched out who was returning on Furlough accidentally came in. That this Dep^t having heard that he was acquainted with Jam^s Carscaden, called him into the Room & sent Carscaden out. That he told this Dep^t he was well acquainted with him, that they had lived under the same Roof. That Carscaden had not gone with the Militia under Cap^t Watkins but that he had been from Home a considerable time. That he was of equivocal Character & had been confined by y^e Com^e in Goshen Goal, from whence he was brought before the County Com. at Nath. Owen's, where he escaped from the Guard & had been from Home ever since till his Apprehension. That this Dep^t then sent Price out of the Room & called in Carscaden again. That he then confessed all that Price had told this Dep^t That Dep^t Ex^d him further about the Manner in which he had got the Pass af^d That he said it had been given him by a Boy in the English Neighbourhood, on w^h Dep^t observed that he then must have been with the Enemy as they were possessed of that Place. That he s^d he was mistaken and that he got it at Ramapogh. That this Dep^t has since been informed by Coll Allison that a Guard sent by Gen. George Clinton to Clooster Dock spyed a Canoe coming to that place, and took it, and that one other Carscaden he thinks Georg[e] & one Waugh were on Board & that the man who had brought them over said he intended to have returned to fetch over Richard Bull and Jam^s Carscaden And further this Dep^t saith not.

ARCH^d LITTLE

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay

An Order of Convention was read putting Cap^t V Gaasbecks Company of Rangers under the Direction of this Committee.

David Clarke a Corporal in Cap^t Bellknaps Company being sworn saith, that he was Yesterday Morning at the Lower Barracks in w^h John Kain is confined. That Kain asked him what Prisoners were in the upper Barracks. The Dep^t said they had one Striker there. That Kain asked if they had no others Dep^t said they had another. That Kain was very anxious to know who it was. Dep^t said it was a Man that had worked for him the s^d Kain on which Kain said, Maloyd. The Dep^t replied it was. That Kain appeared very sollicitous to know whether he had said any thing ab^t him, to w^h Dep^t answered that he had not heard Maloyd mention his Name And further saith not

Day^d
Clarke^s
Aff^t ab^t
Jn^o Kane

DAVID CLARK

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay, Chairman

M^r Duer informs the Com^e that Cap^t John Johnson of the Reg^t late of Coll Mc Dougal told him that the Wife of Verdine Elseworth and Sister of Sam^l Gale had lately been once or twice to New York, and that she resides at Goshen

Ordered that M^r Sacket pay 100 Dollars to Cap^t Myrick on Acc^t

100 Doll^s
p^d Cap^t
Myrick
on Acc^t

M^r Sacket reports that there is due to Gilbert Barns for burying Christopher Patrie one of the Prisoners the Sum of two pounds Eleven Shillings.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Resolved that M^r Sacket taking with him Cap^t Van Gaasbeeks Company do forthwith endeavour to apprehend the Persons mentioned in John Hain's last examination.

Resolved that Cap^t Van Gaasbeek march his Company to the House & Neighbourhood of Jam^s V Derbergh in Beekmans Precinct & obey such orders as he shall recieve

from Nathaniel Sacket Esq^r till the further order of this Committee

Resolved that Commissary Wickoff do with the utmost Expedition furnish Cap^t Van Gaasbeek with six Days Provisions ready dressed for his Company.¹

Resolved that Samuel Gale and William Tredwell be discharged on taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Sam. Gale
& William
Tredwell
discharged
on taking
Oath of
Allegiance

M^r Duer communicated to the Com^e a Letter from Hendrick Wickoff the Commissary, informing him that the Removal of the Prisoners to the lower Barracks places them at so great a Distance from him, that for this & other Reasons he cannot transport their Provisions to them

Resolved that when M^r Wickoff accepted the office of Commissary he accepted all the Trouble attending the same and therefore so long as he chuses to keep the s^d office the Committee expect he will perform all the Duties of it

Resolved that Gilbert Ogden one of the Prisoners be enlarged on his parole to appear daily before the Com^e & to remain within three miles of the Stone Church in this town, till further order.

Gilbert
Ogden
admitted
to parole

M^r Sacket informs the Com^e that Nich^s Brower of Wappen's Creek told him that a Number of his Neighbours had absconded. That they rendezvous at one John Covert be[twe]en Fish Kill & Wappens, at or near a Place called Ketchanes Town. That he recommends the send^g for one V Zickler a Miller at the Bridge over Wappens Creek who had s^d that 150 Men were gone to y^e Enemy, & also a Man who lives with V Zickler whose Name he did not know. And also young Dan. Polhemus.

FISH KILLS CONNORS TAVERN 31 Dec^r 1776
The Com met

Present

John Jay Chairman
William Duer
Zephaniah Plat

¹ Cf. App. I, p. 419.

A Lett^r of the 30th Inst from Coll. Huntington was rec^d informing that By order of Gen. Heath he had sent to the Com^e six prisoners viz^t Henry Fowler, Zophar Beech, Henry Labach, John Rikeman, Aaron Lawrance & Abraham Williams being persons unfriendly to the United States, particularly *John Rikeman* who was apprehended for seizing & holding a continental Soldier till the Enemy came & took him

Ordered that the said Prisoners be committed to the Guard, and that John Rikeman be put in Irons

Cap^t Rich^d Menee & Ensign Joseph Baldwin appeared before the Committee and inform that they brought with them five prisoners to wit—Josiah Smith, John Brown, Rich^d Lawrance, John Grant, Jonathan a Mulattoe who says he belongs to Benjⁿ Lester at Long Island. The s^d Rich^d Menee and Joseph Baldwin being sworn say—That Yesterday Morning they were inform^d by Philip Vincent and Henry Cornell that Philip Vincent's Mother had heard the Dog bark in the Night and got up. That she saw fifteen or twenty men travelling towards the mountains. That there being Reason to believe that the s^d persons were going to join the Enemy, these Dep^{ts} and several others of the Neighbourhood pursued them. That these Dep^{ts} went together and over took two as they believe of the s^d Persons and apprehended them in the mountains viz^t William Willson and another whose Name they have forgot. That they ex^d them for Papers, and took from Jam^s Willson two Papers containing the Route they were to go. That Wilson told him he had got one of the s^d Papers marked (Wooden) from Henry Wooden at his House and further that he was going to New York to see his Brother. That they delivered the said two Prisoners to Cap^t Myrick. That Henry Wooden confessed to these Dep^{ts} that he had given Willson the said Paper and appeared very uneasy about it and begged them to destroy it and further say not.

Wm
Willson
James
Tuttle

CAPT RICH^d MANEE
JOSEPH BALDING

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay, Chairman

Cap^t Manee and Ensign Balding further inform the Com^e that they have good Intelligence of a Number of Persons who are going to the Enemy that will rendezvous at Jos. Brights near Croton River

Resolved that they go to Gen. Heath & concert with him a plan for apprehending them & that a Letter on the Subject be written to Gen. Heath.

Ordered that William Besley & Cornelius Besley ag^t whom nothing appears, & whom there is Reason to believe entirely innocent be discharged.

Ordered that Daniel Smith & Isaac Smith apprehend and bring before this Committee Henry Wooden.

Ordered that 19 Cartridges be given them.

Petition of Peter Dobbs, Amos Le Forge, Henry Le Forge, & Ebenezer Odell & Josh^a Odell.

Ordered that Thomas Valentine be permitted to return Home on his parole to return to this Com^e in a month to remove his family

Josiah Smith one of the Prisoners brought this Day by Cap^t Mana & Ensign Balding being ex^d saith that he is the Son of Jonah Smith Dec^d That he lives in Charlotte Precin[c]t with Isaac Beagle. That Yesterday Noon a Mulattoe fellow Jonathan who had worked some time with Jam^s Doughty & who is now a prisoner here, came to him, & told him there was a Chance to get clear of drafting & go to the Island, & told him to go to Th^s Tobias and he w^d see the Man there. That this Dep^t thereupon went to W^m Doughty's & there saw Fred^k Tobias who also told him the same that the Negroe or Mulattoe had & further said that one Grant was then at Th^s Tobias who would take him safe to Long Island and advised him to go. That then Ex^t returned Home & told his Master Isaac Beagle what had passed & that he intended to go to Long Island. That Isaac Beagle diswaded him from going saying that this Ex^t would certainly be taken up. That this Dep^t then went to Th^s Tobias's and there saw the s^d Grant whose Christian Name is John. That Fred^k Tobias told the s^d Grant that this Ex^t would go with him, and that Grant told this Ex^t to

go along towards Poghkeepsingh & he would overtake Ex^t which Ex^t did. That Jos. Haight of Nine Partners was to be their Guide, but he was gone before Ex^t came near Poghkeepsingh. That Ex^t went on the way to Poghkeepsie as far the s^d Jos. Haight and from thence to the Mountains where he was apprehended. That the other Prisoners with whom he was taken were the only Persons that came off with him. That he understood from the Mulattoe that the s^d Jos. Haight was to be their Cap^t and that this Ex^t intended to have returned Home again in a fortnight. That the Ex^t has understood from the s^d Grant that Isaac Viel of Beekmans Precinct was coming with a Company of Men down this night in order to go over to Long Island, & that the Horse he rode belongs to Rich^d Lawrance one of the Prisoners.

Isaac Viel

JOSIAS SMITH

Ordered that sixteen Shillings be paid to Peter Van Bremen for carrying Cap^t Myrick & five men to Dan. Wrights in a sleigh.

Cap^t Isaac Concklin & Leut. Josiah Burton of Charlotte Precinct being sworn severally depose that John Grant one of the Prisoners brought here this day is generally reputed to be a bad man & very disaffected to the American Cause and that he this Day said in the Hearing of these Deponents that he never would be a Friend to the American Cause or words to that purpose. And further say not.

ISAAC CONCKLIN
JOSIAH BURTON

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay

Sam^l Gale & W^m Tredwell appearing took the Oath of Allegiance & were discharged

Cap^t Myrick reports that in Pursuance of the order of Yesterday he went to Dan. Wrights where he was informed that so many men had pursued the Company of Tories he had been directed to apprehend that he did

not proceed. That Leiut. Alger came to Wrights while he was there & delivered to him one John Reid whom he said he had taken at or near David Akins in y^e Mountains & who had informed him that a Company of Tories were coming down that night. Whereupon he joined his Men to those of Leut. Alger & kept Guard at John Halstead's. That when they arrived at Halstead's they found two Men there *Timothy Pettit & Jacob Jackson*. That the latter was by the Fire side and the former on the Stoop. That it was then between ten & Eleven at Night & their Horses were under the Shed by the Door. That this Dep^t asked Jackson which way he was from—he s^d from the Northward. That he asked him which way he was going. That he hesitated & then answ^d that he was going to the Northward again. That then Pettit came in & he asked him where he was going, he said to Bedford. That he asked him whether they were both going one way. he replied Yes. On this he suspected them both & asked Jackson for his Pass. That Jackson said Pettit had it. That on examing their Papers he suspected them to be forged & therefore brought them both to this Committee

That Joseph Baldwin & Capt Manee delivered to him two Prisoners they had taken viz^t James Tuttle & W^m Willson whom he hath also brought with him

Account of Cash disbursed in pursuance of orders contained in this Book of Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee for inquiring into detecting & defeating all Conspiracies &c.

	£	Reference to orders
Cash p ^d Peter Van Bremen . . .	0-16-0 . . .	31-Dec ^r 1776

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE

FROM THE 31st OF DECEMBER 1776

TO THE 21st OF JANUARY 1777. INCLUSIVE

A N^o 3

Continuation of Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee for inquiring into detecting & defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in the State of New York against the Liberties of America of the 31 Dec^r 1776 at which were prese^t

John Jay Chairman

Zep^h Plat

W^m Duer

John Ried one of the Prisoners mentioned in Cap^t Myrick Report this Day being examined & sworn saith that he is a Labourer sometimes working at one Business & sometimes at another & has no settled Place of abode

That last Fryday was a Week when this Dep^t was at Work at John De Graafs at Nine Partners, and one W^m Busbey a Man about thirty Years of age who he believes has been part of the last Summer at Spencer Town, came there. That Dep^t asked him what News? he s^d not much. That Dep^t then asked him which way he was going, he said to New York and would be glad of Dep^{ts} Company, to w^h Deponent answered, no That he s^d Th^s Tobias was going. That Thom^s Tobias was to be a Lieu^t and the Doct^r his Brother a Cap^t That Dep^t then finding the Scheme that Busby was on thought it would be best to come into his measures that by decovering his Designs he might the better Defeat them. That Dep^t then told Busby he w^d go with him. That they then went together to John Smiths in the Nine Partners af^d where there found Th^s Tobias and several others unknown to this Dep^t That then Busby told Th^s Tobias that he could go to Spencer Town & bring him thirty Men well armed, on which Th^s Tobias took his Shoes off & gave them with a Bill of 53/4 to Busbey to go to Spencer Town for that Purpose. That Busbey then went off. That last Sunday Th^s Tobias told Dep^t that two of Busbey's Men

John Reids
Examina-
tion about
W^m Busby

had come down with Side arms to John De Graaves & that Busbey was not far behind with a Number more. That last Sunday night Th^s Tobias came to John Smiths af^d and there collected all the Men that were going with him concluding that it would not do for him to stay for Busbey as the Times were growing difficult He further said he had agreed with Isaac Viel

Anthony
Kennedy
appre-
hended

A Letter from Coll. Pollard with a Prisoner Anth^y Kennedy who had a Leu^{ts} Warr^t from Gov. Brown & had lately come from N York & referr^d by Convention to this Com. was read

Anth^y Kennedy appearing was admitted to his Parole for three Days.

John Reed was also enlarged on his parole

Com^e Adj^d

FISH KILLS CONNORS TAVERN 1 Jan^y 1777

Com^e met

Pres^t

John Jay Chairman

W^m Duer

Zep^h Plat

Humphrey
Merrit
Sick

Coll. Palmer app^d & informed the Com^e that Humphrey Merrit was indisposed and at the Request of his Wife desired that he might be taken out of the Guard House & put in Lodgings with a Guard at his own Expense.

Ordered that the Rev^d Doct^r Graham be requested to visit the said Humphrey Merrit & report his Condition to this Committee.

W^m
Mitchel
a Whig.

Coll. Palmer further informs the Com^e that W^m Mitchel was ever reputed a firm friend to the Cause & that the Neighbourhood are much dissatisfied with his Removal.

Cornelius
O. Schoon-
maker's
Deposition
about
Letters to

Cornelius C. Schoonmaker of Shawengunck Precinct in Ulster County app^d and being sworn saith—That on Christmas Day Johannes Decker of Hanover Precinct in the same County delivered him a Packet of Letters to

forward to the Widow Du Bois. That Dep^t gave them to W^m McLaughlin who worked with the Widow Du Bois to carry to her. That he afterwards told this Dep^t that he delivered it to Jannitee the Daughter of the Widow Du Bois, and they have both since informed this Dep^t that they suspecting the s^d Letters to contain something ag^t the American Cause opened them. That they delivered the s^d Letters with the Papers enclosed in them to this Deponent, and that the Letters & Papers now by him delivered to this Com^e are the same viz^t an anonymous Letter to Peter Elting at Kingston dated the 4 Dec^r 1776. An anonymous Letter to John Elphen-durph, Kingstown, dated 3^d Dec^r 1776, in which last Letter were inclosed, a manuscript Copy of the Proclama-tion of Lord How & General How of the 13th Nov^r 1776, also a printed paper with the signature of Camillus printed in New York & dated the 18th October 1776, also a manuscip Copy of Lord Howes & Gen: Howes Dec-laration of 19 Septemb 1776 And further this Dep^t saith not.

Elting and
Elmen-
dorph

CORN^{IS} C. SCHOONMAKER

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay Chairman

Ordered that M^r Sacket pay M^r Schoonmaker three Dollars for his Expences in bringing the papers men-tioned in his Deposition to this Com^e

Schoon-
maker
paid 3
dollars

Isaac Smith app^d and informed the Com^e that in pur-suance of their order of Yesterday he and his Brother Daniel Smith had apprehended and brought Henry Wooden.

Henry
Wooden
appre-
hended

Ordered that the s^d Henry Wooden be brought before this Com^e

Henry Wooden appearing and being examined saith that the Paper now shewn to him marked (Wooden) is his Hand writing and that he gave it to the Persons who applied to him for it, which paper is in the words fol-lowing viz^t

"To James Wilson 8 Miles
 To Benjamin Height 12 Miles
 To Captins fields 14 Miles
 Go safe to Holstid
 Go safe to Daniel Wrights

That he did not ask the s^d Men where they were going nor did they tell him. That they asked him the Rout to Pines Bridge and he gave them the paper above-mentioned. That they asked him whether the Houses he as af^d directed them to were civil Houses & that was the Reason for his putting *Go safe* before the Names of Holsted and Daniel Wrights, but that he had no more Reason to put *Go safe* before one Name more than the other & that he does not know how he came to put it only before those Names. That he never desired any Person in the World to destroy the said Paper, nor did he ever endeavour to take it from any Person whatever

HENRY WOODEN

Henry
Wooden
committed
to Pough-
keepsie
Goal

Resolved that the s^d Henry Wood is a very dangerous and disaffected Person

Ordered that he be committed to the Goal at Poughkeepsie there to remain till this Com^e or the Convention or future Legislature of this State shall make further order concerning him.

Townsend
Losee ap-
prehended

Cap^t Israel Platt & Leiu^t [space left blank] Losee informed the Committee that they had apprehended & brought to this Com^e one Townsend Losee, who was travelling towards Peekskill on the post Road & who from the Inconsistency & Contradictions in the Account he gave of himself they deemed very suspicious

The s^d Townsend Losee appearing & being ex^d and the acc^t he gives of himself being very inconsistent & attended with many suspicious Circumstances

Ordered that he be committed to the Guard till further Inquiries can be made about him

Petition of John Gosper to be heard

Petition of Jeremiah to be heard

Petition of Jeremiah Bailey to be heard

Cap^t Israel Platt & M^r Joseph Huff say that they know Timothy Pettit & Jacob Jackson, and that they are both disaffected to the American Cause.

Timothy
Pettit &
Jacob
Jackson
Tories

Ordered that 40/ be p^d to Is. & Dan. Smith for services by 'em & their Comp^y in bringing Tories to this Com^e

40/ p^d to
Is: & Dan:
Smith

M^r Benjamin Knoxon of Beekmans Precinct informs the Com^e that he had taken & brought Isaac Viel who is charged with enlisting Men in the Enemy's Service He Further informs that the s^d Viel request him to intercede with this Com^e for him & promises to take the Oath of Allegiance, and make all the Discoveries in his Power

Isaac Viel
appre-
hended

Isaac Viel appearing and being sworn to make a full Discovery of all he knows or has heard respecting the Designs or Plots of any Persons whatever to oppose the American Cause &c. saith—That at the Time he and a number of others were apprehended in order to be sent to New Hampshire Tho^s Tobias told him that he and D^r Tobias intended to go to Long Island to get Commissions to raise a Company for the Enemy's Service

Isaac Viels further Exⁿ was postponed till to morrow

FISH KILLS CONNORS TAVERN 2 Jan^y 1777

The Com^e met

Pres^t

John Jay Chairman

W^m Duer

Zep^h Platt

Ordered that five pounds twelve Shillings & one penny be paid to Isaac V Wyck for Services performed for this Com^e

Isaac V.
Wyck rec^d
£5. 12. 1

Ordered that forty Eight Shillings be paid Peter Harmanse & Rob^t Willson for Services performed for this Com^e

Harmanse
& Willson
rec^d
£2. 8. 0

Moss Kent Esq^r of Fredericksburgh in the County of Dutchess appearing before the Committee and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that a certain M^{rs} Henderson (Daughter to Thomas Emmans) came to this Deponent's House on Saturday Evening last and enquired

Moses Kent
Esq^r's De-
position

how M^{rs} Grant (the Wife of Alexander Grant) did and said that She had a Letter for her from her Husband whom She the said M^{rs} Henderson had seen the preceding Tuesday at the House of the said Thomas Emmans at Yonkyers in West Chester County. That the said M^{rs} Henderson said that the said Alexander Grant had expressed a Desire that his Wife and Children would come down to him if they could do it with Safety and procure Permission from the Congress and the Deponent further saith that during the Conversation which he had at that time with the said M^{rs} Henderson She expressed herself much in favor of the Superiority and Success of the British Arms and observed that She had no doubt but that finally they would subdue this Country and therefore that it would be best for all Persons to come in and submit agreeable to the Terms proposed in the Proclamation from Lord & General Howe and mentioned that many Persons had and were still coming in particularly Col^s Budd & Livingston and the Dep^t further saith that the s^d M^{rs} Henderson delivered a Letter to M^{rs} Grant which she said she brought from her Husband and that M^{rs} Grant Shew'd the Letter to him the Dep^t which Letter was not Signed but was the Hand writing of the said Alex^r Grant the purport of the Letter was that he hoped the Country would be wise & prudent enough to comply with the kind & merciful Invitation of Lord & Gen: How. And that Britain never ment to enslave the Americans But only to bring into Obedience to the Laws, &c. That the said M^{rs} Henderson said that the above M^r Livingston was a Son of M^r Rob^t G. Livingston. That the said M^{rs} Henderson gave to the Deponent one of the above mentioned Proclamations which he returned to her again. That She also gave one to the Deponent's Schoolmaster and he imagined She had a Number of them and came into the Country with Intent to distribute them. That thereupon the Deponent went and gave Information against her to the Committee of Fredericksburgh and advised that She should be apprehended and further the Deponent saith not

MOSS KENT

Dirk Gardenier & Matthew Goes appearing and the Oath of Allegiance being tendered them, they refused to take the same

Gardner & Goes refuse to take the Oath of alleg :

Ordered that there be paid to Cap^t Menie & Ensign Baldwin £1-14-6 for Services done this Com^e p^d 2^d Charge Cost

Menie & Baldwin receive £1. 14. 6

Ordered that 7-12-0 be paid to W^m I. Alger for Services & Expences done & expended by him Cap^t Manie & their Company in apprehending several Persons going to join the Enemy

W^m I Alger receives £7. 12. 0

John Dutton Crimshier Esq^r appearing and consenting to officiate as Secretary to this Com^e at the Rate of 12/ p^r Day.

John D. Crimshier appointed Secre^r

Resolved that M^r Crimshier be Secretary to this Com^e & paid at the Rate of 12/ p^r Day.

John Dixon one of the prisoners apprehended by order of Gen. Lee appearing, & this Committee on Inquiry having Reason to believe him innocent, & he hav^g voluntarily taken y^e Oath of Allegiance

John Dixon takes the oath of alleg : and is discharg'd

Ordered that he be discharged

James Briggs appearing, & on Inquiry & Examination this Com^e having Reason to believe him innocent & he voluntarily hav^g taken the Oath of Allegiance

James Briggs takes the oath of allegiance and is discharg'd

Ordered that he be discharged

Amos Le Fergue and Henry Le Fergue appearing and having voluntarily to taken the Oath of Allegiance and no particular Charge being against them

Amos & Henry Le Fergue take the oath of allegiance and are discharged

Ordered that they be discharged

John M^c Cord sent to this Com^e as a disaffected Person by order of General Lee, appeared and being examined says that he is a Friend to his Country but neither Whig or Tory and that his Conscience wont let him fight on either Side. he was remanded.

John M^c Cord's declaration of being neither Whig nor Tory

James Cord appearing & voluntarily having taken the Oath of Allegiance was discharged no particular Charge being made against him.

James Cord takes the oath of allegiance and is discharg'd

Joshua Odell appearing and Voluntarily having taken the Oath of Allegiance was discharged no particular charge being made against him.

Joshua Odell takes the oath of allegiance and disch^d

Edmund Odell being of weak mind was not sworn but discharged

Edmund Odell likewise appearing and being a man of a weak mind and intellects the committee thought it improper to administer the oath to him, and no particular charge being made against him order'd that he be discharged.

Elbert and Isaac Orser take the oath of allegiance and are disch^d

Elbert Orser and Isaac Orser appearing, and Voluntarily having taken the Oath of Allegiance were discharged, no particular charge being made against them.

Peter Dobbs takes the oath of allegiance and is disch^d

Peter Dobbs appearing, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance, was discharged, no particular charge being made against him.

Joseph Montgomery & John Gosper take the oath of allegiance and are discharg'd
Letter from the Com: of Fredericksburgh who have sent a number of prisoners

Joseph Montgomery and John Gosper appearing, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance, were discharged, no particular charge being made against them.

A Letter was received from Fredericksburgh Committee in the words following Viz^t

The Committee of Fredericksburgh Precinct have sent the following persons who were taken by the Militia on their way to join the British Army taken at the houses of James Baldwin John Craft and Henry Balding

1st January 1777.

Viz^t

Cap. John Dusenbury
Leut. Howlin Soles
George Soles
Jonathan Soles
Daniel Soles
Joshua Hall
Thomas Stillwill
James Wick, a negro
Gabriel Valuntine
William Burriss
Alexander Cook
Christopher Hanes
Ephraim Kelsey
Christopher Otman
John Mihael

Joseph Voice
Charles Near
X John Flagler
Hendrick Grabargar
Daniel Grabargar
Jacob Wager
John Kelsey
Israel Kelsey
Benjamin Giffords
William Allen
X Richard Carpenter
Rowlin Storey
John Light
Albertus Scriver
Nicholas Row

Jacob Mihael
 Henry Light
 John Near
 William Carpenter

John Millard
 Joseph Carman
 Timothy Scott

Order'd that abovesaid Prisoners be committed to the
 Guard-house

Committee adjourn'd

FISH-KILL CONNORS TAVERN JANUARY the 3^d 1777

The Committee met

Present John Jay Chairman

Zep: Platt

Egb^t Benson chairman of Dutches County

Order'd that the Reverend Doct^r Chauncey Graham, be
 requested to take John Davis out of the Guard-house,
 and put him in such Lodgings as may be proper for the
 recovery of his health, and that the officer of the Guard
 deliver him accordingly.

Doct^r
 Graham is
 requested
 to take
 John Davis
 out of the
 Guard-
 house he
 being
 unwell
 Nath:
 Sackett
 Esq^r's let-
 ter and the
 resolve
 of this
 Committee
 thereupon

A Letter was received from Nathaniel Sackett Esq^r of
 the 2^d Inst. respecting the advice he had given Coll.
 Luddington about Beverly Robinson and his Son, And
 proposing that the Militia shou'd be put under his direc-
 tion, for the purpose of Executing the business commit-
 ted to his charge.

Resolved that Nathaniel Sackett Esq^r have power to
 employ such detachments of the Militia of Dutches
 County as are not in actual service as he may deme ex-
 pedient for the execution of the business committed to
 his charge. And all officers of the said Militia are re-
 quired to comply with his requisitions, and obey his
 orders accordingly.

A Letter was received from Major Ledyard, respecting
 the inconveniencies his Regiment suffer'd, by Guarding
 the Prisoners, and informing that one Willson, one of
 the Prisoners, after attempting to escape, and being
 brought back, was shot dead by one of the Guards, who
 is in Irons, and at the disposal of this Committee.

Major
 Ledyard
 sends a
 Letter
 to this
 Committee

Elija
Townsend's
Report and
Deposition

Lieutenant Elija Townsend appear'd, and made report that he Commanded the Guard, who brought to this place, the Prisoners mentioned in the Letter from the Committee of Fredericksbourgh, Ent^d in the minutes of yesterday, and being sworn saith that last Tuesday night, at or after midnight, Samuel Berry came to his house and told this deponent that he must get up immediately for that forty Tories had just gone by this deponents house. And further inform'd this deponent that Oliver Bailey had detected their Rout and given Notice of it to Cap^t Crane. That this deponent and the said Berry immediately went to Cap^t Crane's where they found Seven or Eight men collected on the same occasion. That they all immediately went in pursuit of the said Tories and finally apprehended thirty seven of them of whom this deponent hath understood of the said Oliver Bailey who said he had passed himself upon them as a Tory that John Dusenbury was their Cap^t and Howlin Soles their Lieu^t and that they were going to join Roger's Regiment of Rangers and further this deponent saith not.

ELIJAH TOWNSEND

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay Chairman

Dan: Bull
takes the
oath of
allegiance
and is
discharged

Daniel Bull appearing and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance was discharged, no particular charge being made against him; Except those referred to in the former proceedings of this Committee, which on examination they have reason to believe to be groundless.

An order
that those
persons who
return'd
from New
Hampshire
attend this
Committee

Whereas this Committee are inform'd that several persons who were by their order sent to the State of New Hampshire Connecticut and Massachusetts Bay have return'd home again, and it being Suggested to this Committee that they have return'd by permission of the persons who had the charge of them, Order'd therefore that they severally forthwith appear before this Committee in order to Produce their respective Permits, on pain of Contempt and that Copies of the above order

be left at the respective Dwellings of Samuel Mabbet, Joseph Mabbet, Samuel Isaac's, & John De Grove and Henry Vanderburgh Esq^{rs}

William Patterson appearing and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance was discharged no particular charge being made against him

W^m Patterson takes the oath of allegiance and is disch^d
John Parsall takes the oath of allegiance & is discharged

John Pearsall likewise appearing and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State of New Jersey was discharged no particular charge being made against him.

Resolved that Oliver Besley be requested to attend this Committee to give Evidence against the Prisoners mentioned in Lieu^t Townsands Deposition

Oliver Besley order for him to give Evidence

M^r Jay Lent the Committee forty Dollars.

M^r Jay 40 Doll^{rs}
Lieu: Townsand receives £21. 6.

Order'd that Lieu^t Townsend be paid twenty one pounds, six shillings for himself and the Guard who apprehended and brought to this place the prisoners mentioned in his Deposition

Order'd that sixteen shillings be paid to Theodorus Van Wyck Jun: for going Express to Peekskill

M^r V. Wyck receives 16/

Pelegg Wickson appear'd and his deposition was taken respecting the behaviour of John Craft at the Time the prisoners ment^d in Lieu^t Townsend's Deposition were apprehended at his house.

Aff^t ag^t John Craft

Ordered that the Com^e of Fred^kburgh be requested to apprehend the s^d John Craft & send him to this Com^e.

William Russell and William Brown two Seamen taken at Hackensack engaging to enter with Cap^t Hodge of the Continental ship of Warr Montgomery were discharged and passes given them to go to Poghkeepsie and two Dollars given them to bear their expences.

W^m Russell & William Brown two seaman agreed to go on board the ship Montg:

Charles Cullen appearing, and having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance, and the charges heretofore made against him not being sufficiently well supported to Justify his further detention, order'd that he be discharg'd.

Charles Cullen takes the oath of allegiance and is discharg'd

Doctor Grigory and Isaac Everit chairman of the Committee of Fredericksburgh Communicated to this Committee the Deposition of Leteshe Lang wife of Robert

Lang of Westchester County which are in the words and figures following. Viz^t

Letitia
Langs
aff^t ag^t
Malcom
Morrison

The Testimony of Leteshe the wife of Robert Lang of Westchester County Testifieth and Saith Malcom Morrison Esq^r of Dutches County was at my house with John Bates of the same place on Saturday Evening about four or five weeks past and inquired of me where my husband was I told them that my husband was taken prisoner in New York. said Bates made strange of that and took me to the Door and told me to enquire of said Morrison for he knew all about him upon that said Morrison told me that it was true for he saw my husband about four days ago and he was well and that he the said Morrison was Cap^t of a Company in the Regular Service and that My husband was a Lieutenant under him and said Morrison told me that my husband had sent some money by him to me and that he was to lett me have what I wanted that my husband was in good business making money. And that he the said Morrison should be backward & forward often and would take Care that I did not want and Morrison gave me a Dollar Bill as from my husband as part of my husband's wages that he was order'd to lett me have and further saith not

LETESHE LANG

Westchester County December the 24th 1776 the above deponent appear'd before me and made oath to the Truth of the above written deposition
Sworn before me

ISAAC EVERITT
Chairman

Nath:
Sackett
Esq: his
letter and
resolve
thereupon

A Letter was received from Nathaniel Sackett Esq^r, the 3^d of January 1777, enclosing an affidavit of John Haynes, taken before him on the 2^d inst., both of which contain important Intelligence.

Resolv'd that as this Committee are ignorant of the place alluded to in M^r Sackett's Letter, they can form

no Judgment of its expediency, and therefore refer the same to his discretion.

Captain Silus Purdy of New Marlborough Precinct appear'd and inform'd the Committee that he had apprehended and brought with him John Caverly & Moses Grigory and being Sworn Saith that he is one of the Committee of the said Precinct and that they had order'd the said John Caverly to be apprehended and sent here for Notorious disaffection to the American Cause he having openly and Publickly Condemn'd the measures pursued by the American States for the Establishment of their Liberties and their being reason to suppose from his long absence and inimicle principles that he had lately been with the Enemy And further that this deponent having discovered that some of Lord and General Howe's Proclamations had been distributed in the Neighbourhood he endeavour'd to find out by whom they had been brought there that he found one of the said Proclamation's in the possession of Jessey Wheeler of the same Precinct who being examined on oath before the Committee respecting it and that he said he had got it from Moses Grigory That James Wheeler the Father of the said Jessey also declar'd on oath before the said Committee that finding his son had got into Trouble by reason of the said proclamation he had asked Moses Grigory how he had come to give it to him and that Grigory thereupon said he need not be uneasy about it for that he had brought an Armfull, or a number of them And this deponent further saith that the said Moses Grigory hath long been generally reputed to be greatly disaffected to the American Cause and has refus'd to do duty in the Militia

Silus Purdy's deposition respect^g his apprehending John Caverly

SILAS PURDY

Sworn in Com^e by
John Jay

Order'd that the said John Caverly and Moses Grigory be Committed to the Guard-house

John Caverley
Moses Gregory

John
Bloomer
who is
Confin'd in
Springfield
Goal Peti-
tion's the
Convention
&c.

An order of the Convention of the 3^d Inst. referring to this Committee a Petition of John Bloomer of Memoranick in Westchester County Setting forth that he is confin'd in the Jail of Springfield in the Massechusetts Bay and is ignorant of any Crimes laid to his charge and praying the interference of the Convention in his behalf on which said Petition is endors'd a Certificate of Moses Church and John Pynchon two Members of the Committee of Springfield that when the Jail of that place was broke open the said John Bloomer had an oppertunity of making his Escape with Seven others but did not

The Committee proceeded to take the said Petition into Consideration thereupon resolv'd that this Committee know of no charges against the said John Bloomer & that inasmuch as the said John Bloomer is a Subject of this State and therefore hath as undoubted right to a Trial in it

That it is the opinion of this Committee that a Letter shoud be written by the Convention to the Committee of Springfield requesting them to send the said John Bloomer under the Guard of one man to the Convention of this State together with such Charges as may be lodged with them or the keeper of their Jail against him and that the Convention will provide for the payment of such expences as May attend their Compliance with this request

Order'd that the Chairman report the above resolution to the Convention as their opinion on the said Petition
Com^e adj^d

FISH KILLS CONNORS TAVERN 4 Jan^y 1777

The Com^e met

Pres^t

John Jay Chairman

Egbert Benson Chairman of Dutchess County

Ordered that the Ballance due to Thom^s Pettit for cleaning the Church be paid the Account 5.7.2. of

Thomas
Pettit rec^d
£5.7.2

which M^r Duer paid 40/ out of his own pocket and the Residue Viz 3.7.2 is now paid

a Ballance
due to him

An order of the Com^e of Safety of the 3^d Inst. was read referring to this Committee certain Proposals of Cadwallader Colden Esq^r

Cadwalla-
der Colden

Ordered that there be paid to Isaac Everit 3.9.0 and to Elnathan Gregory 3.9.0 for Services by them performed in apprehending divers disaffected persons.

Isaac
Everitt and
Elnathan
Grigory an
order to
pay them
money

Leu^t John Furman appeared and informed the Com^e that he had apprehended and brought to this Com^e George Hamilton alias Morrison And being sworn saith that he is a Lieut^t under Cap^t Hutchins in Coll. Du Bois Reg^t That last Thursday he was at Van Curen's Tavern at Poghkeepsie precinct on the recruiting Service. That there was there the af^d George Hamilton, that as this Dep^t was speaking to some men ab^t enlisting, he said he w^d enlist if Dep^t would give him Gold. Dep^t told him he would give him continental money, to which he made no Answer. That Dep^t asked him from whence he came, he s^d he had been ab^t his Business & w^d give no other Answer. That Dep^t told him he suspected he was an Enemy to his Country, on which he s^d he had done the Country Services & was very sorry for it & would never do it again. That he since told Dep^t that the Hand Bill containing an Acc^t of Gen. Washington's victory at Trenton was all a damned Lye. And further saith not

John
Furman's
deposition
against
George
Hamilton

JOHN FURMAN Lu^t

Sworn in Com^e

4 Jan^y 1777

John Jay Chⁿ

M^r Du Bois who was employed as Commissary to the persons & Guards sent to New Hampshire applying to the Committee to settle his Account and the Committee having no time at present to attend to that Business And M^r Du Bois suggesting that he had a ballance in hand of about forty pounds it was proposed that he shou^d pay that Sum to the Committee and leave the entire settlement of his account to a more convenient

M^r Du Bois
paid to the
Com: a
Ballance
which was
in his
hands £ 40

Season M^r Du Bois thereupon paid the said sum into the Committee and the Chairman gave his receipt for it accordingly

Lieut^t
Furman
rec^d 6/

Ordered that 6/ be paid Leu^t Furman for apprehending Geo. Hamilton.

Silas
Purdy
order for
£13.17.6
Malcolm
Morrison
and James
Robinson
being
enemies to
this state
together
with David
Pennbrook
are sent by
Cap^t Purdy
to Ulster
County
Goal

Ordered that there be paid Cap^t Silus Purdy for apprehending Tories &c. 13.17.6

Whereas Malcolm Morrison of Fredericksburgh Precinct hath accepted a Protection from the Enemy and stands charged on the Oaths of divers witnesses with having traiterously engaged to enlist men in the Enemies Service and of aiding and abetting their wicked designs to Subvert the Liberties of America.

And whereas James Robinson is a dangerous Emissary from the Enemy and hath industriously attempted to Seduce divers of the Inhabitants of this State from their allegiance to this State and enlisted men for the Service of the Enemy

And whereas David Pennbrook hath been confederate with the said James Robinson and aided and assisted him in the Execution of his Traiterous designs

Resolved that the said Malcolm Morrison, James Robinson and David Pennbrook, be committed to the Goal of Ulster County there to remain in safe Custody in Irons 'till such time as this Committee or the Convention or future Legislature of this State shall make further order concerning them.

Order'd that Captain Silas Purdy take the said Malcolm Morris, James Robinson and David Pennbrook, and deliver them to the keeper of the Goal of Ulster County at Kingston And the said Keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive and detain the said prisoners accordingly

Ja^s Mc
Laughlin
an order to
send him
being a
disaffected
person to
Cap^t
Hodge

Whereas James Mc Laughlin is notoriously disaffected to the American Cause and ought not to be permitted to go at large

Resolved that the said James Mc Laughlin be sent to Captain Hodge of the Montgomery ship of Warr at Kingston And that Cap^t Hodge be requested to keep

him on board the said Ship, put him to such labour as he may be fit for & pay him as much as he may earn.

Order'd that Cap^t Silas Purdy take the said James M^o Laughlin and deliver him to Cap^t Hodge or one of his officers accordingly

M^r Joshua Carman Jun: having been requested by the Committee to go himself together with five men more as a Guard to convey Abraham C. Cuyler Esq^r to the City of Albany and the said Guard having Equipt and provided themselves and spent one day in coming down to this place for that purpose but M^r Cuyler having made his Escape before they had an oppertunity to take charge of him and M^r Carman producing to the Committee a Bill of the Expences and Services of the said Guard as aforesaid amounting to £ 2. 17.8

an order for the payment of Joshua Carman and his men that were to Guard M^r Cuyler

Order'd that he be paid the said Sum and the same was paid him accordingly

Benjamin Worthy of Fredericksburgh appearing and being Sworn Saith that he understands the business of an Armor tolerably well and that he was an indented servant to Allen Cameron who lately went from Fredericksburgh and Join'd the Enemy and is a Blacksmith That this deponent understood from Daniel Cameron the Brother of the said Allen that the said Allen had previous to his going off given a Bill of Sale of his Effects to Malcolm Morrison that those effects consist among other things of a Complete Sett of Blacksmiths Tools the greater part whereof still remain in the Shop but that several of them had been sold by Daniel Cameron That this deponent works in part of the said Shop and further this deponent Saith that he verily believes the said Bill of sale was fraudulent and further saith not.

Worthys Dep: respecting a Bill of sale given to Malcolm Morrison

BENJ WORTHY

Sworn in Com^o

4 Jan^y 1777

John Jay Chairman

Stephen Booth appearing and having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance was discharged no charge being

Oath of alleg: admin^d to Booth

made against him sufficient to Justify his further detention

Humphry Merritt and Elisha Purdy having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance were discharged

Whereas Robert Wood Joseph Bacchus Israel Sheppard and Hudson did exert themselves and discover great spirit and bravery in apprehending Eleven [*Tories*] men going to Join the Enemy

Resolved therefore that the sum of two Dollars be given to each of them

Twelve Cartridges were delivered to Cap^t Purdy and the like number to Cap^t Weeks

Committee adjourn'd

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 6th 1777

Com: met.

Present John Jay Chairman

Gen: Morris

Zeph: Platt

Nathaniel Sackett

Egbert Benson Chairman of Dutches

One hundred and eight Cartridges were delivered to Cap^t Joshua Myrick, for the use of his Company.

Mr. Sackett return'd, and produced to this Committee two affidavits, one of Martin Cornell, the other of Enoch Crosby, both of which relate to the business committed to his Care, and were taken by him on the 4th of Jan: 1777. it appears from these affidavits, that the plans concerted by the Tories, for Joining the Enemy had been much disconcerted, by the late apprehension of several of their Number, and therefore M^r Sackett requests the advice of this Committee, respecting his proceeding in the further Execution of the business, committed to his charge.

The committee having conversed with M^r Sackett upon the subject matter of the said affidavits

Resolved that his further proceedings be directed by his own discretion

Oath of Allegiance administered to Purdy &c. a Gratuity given to Bacchus Sheppard and Hudson

Cartridges delivered

Two affidavits produced respect^s M^r Sacketts proceed^s and the resolve thereupon

Leu^t Adiel Sherwood app^d and reported that he on Saturday last brought to this Place John Savage and John Claas, who are in the Guard House, And being sworn saith that on Thursday last he apprehended the s^d Persons in the little Nine Partners. That this Dep^t being at the House of Gideon Caswell and seeing a man whom he took to be John Savage pass by this Dep^t & some others pursued & took him. That this Dep^t hath long heard that the s^d Savage was dangerous & disaffected to the American Cause & about the time that our Fleet was defeated on the Lake, he saw the s^d Savage in Irons at Spencer Town on his Way to Hartford, & was since inform^d by the Cap^t in whose Custody he was, that he had been rescued by a Number of Tories. That this Dep^t had been informed that the s^d John Claas was of the Party who rescued Savage. That when the s^d Savage was first taken he denied his name Calling himself John Burns. That they both confessed they had been with the Enemy but pretended they had been taken by the Greyhound Man of War as they were going from Nantucket to Cannan. That this Dep^t took from him a Pistoll & in the Pistoll found a Commission or Warrant from Edm^d Fanning to raise a Company. The said Warrant bears Date the 21 Day of Dec^r 1776 & purports that General Howe had nominated the s^d Fanning to the Command of a Reg^t of Provincials, which Warrant the Dep^t now delivers to this Com^e

And this Dep^t further says that on Saturday last he together with Rob^t Wood Israel Shepherd, one Bachus & one Hudson pursued after a Company of Men who it was said had just then entered the Mountains, and were supposed to be on their way to join the Enemy. That after getting a little way into the Mountains he found two Roads, on one of which he went himself with Hudson & Cap^t Weeks of this Place, & sent the Rest of the Party the other Road. That shortly after this Dep^t rec^d an Express from the Party last mentioned informing him that they had taken a considerable Number of the s^d Company and wanted assistance to bring them down.

Lieu^t Adiel
Sherwoods
deposition
concerning
Savage
and Claw

That on rec^d the s^d Express this Dep^t came here for Assistance & hav^e obtained it went to meet the s^d Party & found them on their Way to this Place, viz^t Rob^t Wood Jos. Bacchus, & Israel Shepherd with one other man armed only with a Hatchet escorting eleven Prisoners viz^t

Peter H. Vanderbergh	Hendrick Lawson
Isaac J. Lassing	Peter P. Lassing
Lodowick Miller	Francis Harris
Christian Gantz	Ieurry Gantz
John Miller	Hendrick Miller
Peter Joh ^s Lassing Jun ^r	

All of whom were then brought before this Com^o examined & sent to the Guard House and further saith not.

ADIEL SHERWOOD

Sworn in Com^o
6 Jan^y 1777.

Robert
Wood's
deposition

Robert Wood named in the foregoing Deposition of Leu^t Sherwood being sworn saith that he, Joseph Bachus & Israel Shepherd apprehended the Eleven Persons abovementioned. That they said they were going to New York to live in Peace, and that they did not mean to fight.

ROBERT WOOD

Sworn in Com^o 6 Jan^y 1777.
John Jay Chairman

Gen^l Morris took his Seat.

The Committee proceeded to take into Consideration the proposals of Cad^r Colden Esq^r referred to them by the Committee of Safety on the 3^d Ins^t and thereupon came to the following Resolution.

Resolved unanimously that the said proposals in the opinion of this Committee ought not to be complied with as the reasons upon which the resolution of this Com-

Resolved
respect^e
Cadwal-
lader Col-
den Esq^r

mittee for removing the said Cadwallader Colden to the Town of Boston was founded still exist in full force

All the Resolutions minutes & Papers of this Com^e relating to Cadwallader Colden Esq^r were this Day sent by the Secretary to the Convention certified by the Chairman ²

Mr Sackett paid into the Committee the Sum of 300 hundred Dollars

Mr Sackett
paid 300
Doll^a
order to
pay Lieu:
Sherrard
£ 17: 4.

Order'd that there be paid to Lieu^t Adiel Sherrard the sum of Seventeen pounds and four Shillings for apprehending Tories &c. and the same was paid him accordingly

John C. Philips informing this Committee that Isaiah Purdy one of the prisoners in the Guard-house is very sick and offering to become responsible for his appearance if liberated

Isaac
Purdy
who is
sick is
liberated
upon
John. C.
Philips
becoming
responsible
for him

Order'd that the officer of the Guard deliver the said Isaiah Purdy to the said John C. Philips &

Resolved that the said John. C. Philips shall be responsible for the said Isaiah Purdy and deliver him to this Com: when call'd for or forfeit one hundred pounds which the said John. C. Philips accordingly agreed to and in Witness thereof hath hereunto Sign'd his name

JOHN C. PHILLIPS

Committee adjour'd

Committee met.

FISH-KILLS CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 7th 1777.

Present John Jay Chairman
Zeph: Platt
W^m Duer
Gen: Morris

An order of the Committee of safety of the 6th Inst.³ was read, directing this Committee, to send thirty of the least dangerous of their prisoners to New Windsor, and

Prisoners,
an order to
send 30 of
them to
New
Windsor

² *Supra*, pp. 14-16; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 762-763; *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 660-662.

³ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 761.

put them under the direction of Cap^t Mechin; first giving two days Notice to General George Clinton, of the time on which they will be sent.

Oliver
Bailey's
deposition
respecting
Cap^t
Dusenbury
and his
party

Oliver Bailey nam'd in Lieu^t Elija Townsend's deposition, Entered in the Minutes of the 3^d inst., appeared, and being Sworn saith that at, or about 1 o'Clock in the morning of the first day of January Inst., John Dusenbury formerly of Kingstreet in Westchester County came to this deponent's house, which is Situate on a road leading through the Mountains, between the Post & horse pound Roads. That this deponent having heard, that the said Dusenbury had been sent as a Tory to one of the Forts, was surprized to see him, and asked him where he was going, to which he answered, that if this deponent wou'd not betray him, he wou'd use him well, and further said that he belong'd to the Militia, and was going to the southward, he then said he had a Company of men with him, and asked this deponent, if they might come in, and warm themselves, to which this deponent consented, and they accordingly came in. That then the said Dusenbury, proceeded to enquire of this deponent, for the houses of one Baldwin, and one Craft (both of whom this deponent understood were Tories) saying, they wanted to go secure, and that if this deponent wou'd not expose them, they wou'd be friends to him hereafter. That this deponent inform'd them, where the said persons liv'd, and the better to pass himself upon them as a friend, told them that the road they were going, led by the houses of three or four Whigs. That from the whole of their Conversation and Conduct, while at this deponents house, he concluded they were going to Join the Enemy. That some of the Company call'd the said Dusenbury Captain, upon which this deponent asked the said Dusenbury how he came to be a Captain, to which he replied it was no matter. That after staying at this deponents house, about an hour, they went away. And after they were out of sight, this deponent took his gun, and run to Captain Crane's, and inform'd him of the matters, above mentioned. That they got together a

number of men, that this deponent with 6 others went one road, and Capt Crane with the rest of the men an other road, in pursuit of the said Company. That this deponent with his Company surrounded Crafts house, and found there a number of the said Company, whom they apprehended, and confin'd in the Same house, That this deponent then went alone to M^c Leans Tavern, where this deponent understood a number of New England Soldiers Lodged. That they got a party of them, and went and surrounded Baldin's house, and there he found, and apprehended a number more of the said Company, and while this deponent was there, Cap^t Crane with his Company came there to his assistance. That he thinks the said Company so apprehended, amounts to thirty seven, and further saith not.

OLIVER BESLEY

Sworn 7th Jan^y 1777

John Jay Chairman

M^r Oliver Bailey mentioned in the deposition in the other side hereof having behaved much to the satisfaction of this Committee in detecting a number of Tories Com-
manded by one Dusenbury ord'ed that he receive of this Committee Six pounds Eight Shillings, and the same was paid him accordingly

Oliver
Bailey
received
the Sum of
£ 6. 8. 0
of this
Committee

Henry Franklin of the City of New York Merchant who had been brought before this Committee for having lately come over from Long Island and having delivered in this Town certain Letters in which were enclos'd Lord and Gen: Howes last proclamation Appearing and being examined saith that he considers himself as a Subject of the State of New York, but that he wou'd not choose to affirm allegiance to this state or disclaim allegiance to the King of Great Britain such affirmations being not usual amongst the people called Quakers

M^r Henry
Franklin's
Declaration
of his being
a Subject of
this State

M^r Franklin gave his affirmation to this Committee that he wou'd not go beyond four miles of this place until further order of this Committee.

Henry
Franklin's
affirmation

Com: adjourn'd

Com: met

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: 8th 1777.

Present Cap^t Zep: Platt

William Duer Esq.

Egbert Benson Chairman of Dutches
County

John
Slaighle
takes the
oath of
Allegiance

John Slaighle appearing and having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance was discharged no particular charge being made against him.

Eli Crosby
takes the
oath of
alleg: and
is disch^d

Eli Crosby being one of the persons who was sent away as a disaffected person to Exeter, having return'd, and giving this Committee reason to suppose that he has chang'd his Sentiments, and Voluntarily taking the oath of Allegiance, was discharg'd.

Captain
James
Martin
produced a
Warrant to
apprehend
Tories and
the order
thereupon

Cap^t James Martin appear'd and delivered to this Committee a Warrant to take and bring before this Committee Thomas Briggs, Thomas Tabour, and Willbour Wood being disaffected persons which warrant was sign'd by order of the Committee of Pawlings Precinct the 6th of Jan: 1777 by Nathan Pearce Chairman in consequence of which warrant he apprehended the said disaffected persons and brought them to this Committee under Guard.

Order'd that the said persons be delivered to Lieu^t Bower who is hereby order'd to deliver them to the officer of the Guard of the upper Barracks.

Georg. V.
Noorstrand
deliver'd
some
Manicles
and his
account
amounting
to £ 6. 18. 0
was paid

M^t George Van Noordstrand appeared and delivered six pair of Manacles as also an account for making twenty one pair of Manacles nine pair of which he delivered to Cap^t Weeks his account amounting to £ 6. 18. 0. was allowed and paid

Com: adjourn'd

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 9th 1777.

Present

Cap^t Zep: Platt
William Duer Esq.
General Morris

Lieu^t Jacob Bower borrowed of this Committee 40 Doll^{rs}

A Letter from George Fisher, directed to John Jay Esq. President of this Committee, was received this day, informing that one M^{rs} Melanshaw, the wife of a notorious Tory in the City of New York, in Company with an other woman was arrived at this place, and is now at M^r Quackenbosses; that she was agoing to remove her effects, and three of her sons to the City of New York, and it is probable, she is an instrum^t that may work a great deal of Mischief.

Cap^t Martin Wiltsie appearing before this Committee, inform'd them, that having rec^d the same intelligence from M^r Fisher this morning, he had sent a party of three men, under the Command of one M^r Fisher, to secure the Baggage, and effects of the said Women (some of which are in the possession of John Planton) and to suffer no person to have conversation with them, until further orders from this Committee.

Resolv'd that this Committee, highly approve of the steps taken by the said Martin Wiltsie, respecting the said Women, and Further that he be requested, and Authorized to Cause their persons and Baggage to be search'd, and examined in the most Critical manner, by two discreet Women, of known attachment to the American Cause, in order that all papers found on them, may be secured and sent to this Committee for examination together with the Women above mentioned.

Order'd that the resolution of this Committee of the 3^d of January respecting the Citation of persons who have been remov'd from this State and have return'd with out the permission of the Convention or this Committee be printed, and affix'd at some of the most Conspicuous Places of this & the neighboring Counties, in order that no Person may plead Ignorance of the same.

A Letter from Nathaniel Sackett Esq^r informing the Com: that he had caus'd a certain Willson Morrison belonging to Coll Rodgers's Rangers to be apprehended and sent to this Committee under the Guard of Ensign Ed-

Lieu^t
Bower
rec^d 40
Doll^{rs}

A Letter
rec^d from
M^r George
Fisher
respecting
M^{rs} Melan-
shaw and
the Resolve
thereupon

an order
that the
resolution
respecting
the citation
of persons
who were
remov'd
from this
State and
had re-
turn'd be
printed

Wilson
Morrison
appre-
hended

ward Penney. To the same Letter is annex'd the examination of the said Willson Morrison who M^r Sackett recommends to be further examin'd by this Committee

Ensign Edward Penny appearing before this Committee inform'd them that in consequence of a Warrant from Nathaniel Sacket Esq^r he had apprehended the person above mentioned and had brought him under Guard to this place. That the said Willson Morrison had delivered to him a Certificate from Lieu^t John Odell in the Continental Army in the words following Viz^t

FAIRFIELD Jan: the 4th 1777.

To all to whom it may concern this may Certify that the bearer hereof Willson Morrison now in Fairfield says that he was taken on Long Island and afterwards enlisted amongst Rodgers's Rangers from which he deserted the 22^d of December last and as he has laboured with and near me for time I have examin'd him into every thing I could and find him to be honest as I believe and dont see why he should not go to his place of abode or to Coll. Atleys Regiment which he says he belongs to I desire he may be directed to some General officer at Peeks Kills for further examination.

P^r JOHN ODELL Lieu^t in the Continental Army

And the said Edward Penny being sworn saith that the said Willson Morrison informd this deponent that he came to America when he was child

EDWARD PENNEY

Sworn the 9th of Jan: 1777

Before Zepha. Platt

Richard
Southard's
Application
about a
Negro
Prisoner

Mr. Richard Southard appear'd before the Committee & inform'd them that a Negroe-man who had been taken with Rodgers Rangers had been for the space of two Weeks Billeted at his House that when the said Negroe was brought there he was almost dead That his family had been obliged to Nurse him for the space of Six weeks That he is now able to walk about but not work much

and is destitute of cloathing and infested with Vermin Therefore Requested that he might if possible be remov'd from his place and a Compensation made for him for his Care and maintenance of the said slave

Resolv'd that M^r Richard Southard lay before this Committee as account for the maintenance of the said slave in order that an adequate compensation may be made him And that he be acquainted that this Com: will endeavour to remove the said slave as soon as possible

Resolution
thereon

Sundry affidavits respecting the Conduct of Robert G. Livingston Jun: Esq. and John Mill-Dollor, taken before the Committee of Rinebeck Precinct, and by them transmitted to this Committee by Lieu^t Elmendorph, were Read. Lieu^t Elmendorph appearing before this Committee, informed them that in consiquence of the orders rec^d from the Com: of Rhinebeck Precinct, he had conveyed the said Robert G. Livingston & John Mill-Dollor as Prisoners to this place, where he now had them under Guard.

Rob^t G.
Livingston
appre-
hended

Order'd that Lieu^t Elmondorph deliver the above ment^d persons, to the officer of the Guard, who is hereby directed to keep them in safe Custody

Willson Morrison appear'd before the Committee says he was born in Ireland and has been three years the 17th day of June last in America And that he inlisted in Pennsylvania in Coll. Attley's Regiment that he was taken by the Enemy on Long Island some time in August last and carried on board of a Prison Ship That by reason of the ill usage he receiv'd from the Enemy and in hopes of making his Escape by diseration he was induc'd to inlist with the Enemy in Coll. Rodgers's Rangers. The said Morrison was discharged by this Com: he appearing perfectly innocent. Cash paid £3 Ensign Edward Penney three pounds for his, and his Mens Services, and expences in bringing Willson Morrison who diserted from Rodgers's Rangers to this place

Willson
Morrison
examined

Com: adjourn'd

FISH-KILLS CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 10th 1777.

Present

John Jay Esq. Chairman
 Zeph: Platt Esq.
 William Duer Esq.
 General Morris

7 doz :
 Cart^s to
 Lieut
 Bower
 John De
 Graff take's
 the Oath
 and is
 discharged

this Com: delivered to Lieu^t Jacob Bower 7 Doz. of Cartridges for the use of his Company

John De Grove who had been sent to the State of New Hampshire, having return'd, and appeared before this Committee pursuant to a Citation Issued for that purpose, and having voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State, was discharged.

M^{rs}
 Coenrad's
 Deposition
 ag^t
 Coll:
 Ritzema

Elizabeth Coenradt being sworn saith that she is an Inhabit^t of the City of New York. That she well knows Collonel Rudolphus Ritzma and has known him for many Years past. That on Friday last she saw the s^d Coll. Ritzma in the City of New York in the Street called the Vley, & saw him there conversing with the Widow of James Learey dec^d who is since married with one Griffiths that she heard her say to him How do you do Coll. Ritzma, I am glad to see you in town And further saith not

her
 ELIZABETH X COENRADT
 mark

Sworn in Com^e 10th Jan: 1777.

Before John Jay Chairman

Col:
 Ritzema
 to be
 appre-
 hended

Order'd that Sampson Duyckman take with him such & so many brave and discreet men as he may conceive necessary Do forthwith apprehend the said Coll. Rudolphus Ritzema who it is said is now in the County of Westchester and bring him forthwith before this Committee for Which he the said Sampson Duyckman and the said persons he shall take with him shall be liberally rewarded

The Committee proceeded to take into consideration the affidavits mentioned in the minutes of yesterday relative to the Conduct of Coll. Robert G. Livingston Esq.

R: G: Liv-
ingston to
be sent to
Kingston
Goal

Order'd that the said Robert G. Livingston appear forthwith before this Committee The said Robert G. Livingston appearing accordingly said affidavits were read to him but he not offering to disprove the Credibility of all of the said deponents and particularly of Jacob Heermanse Jun: and Egbert Benson Esq. having been requested by this Committee to declare his knowledge of the reputation of the said several deponents inform'd the Com: that several of them were persons of good reputation and one of whom was Jacob Heermanse Jun: and he did not know the Characters of some others of the deponents

Resolv'd unanimously that the said Robert G. Livingston hath manifested a disposition very unfriendly to the American Cause and ought not to be permitted longer to have an opportunity of exerting his influence to the prejudice of his Country Therefore

Resolved that the said Robert G. Livingston be Committed to the Goal of the County of Ulster at Kingston there to remain till such time as this Com: or the Convention or future Legislature of this State shall make further order concerning him and that the keeper of the said Goal do receive & detain him accordingly

Order'd that Copies of the affidavits aforesaid and of the preceeding resolution be transmitted to the Com: of Kingston

Order'd that Cap^t Bellknapp take the s^d Rob^t Gilbert Livingston & convey him to the Goal of Ulster County accordingly

Cap^t Townsend reports that in pursuance of the order of this Committee he had apprehended and brought here Stephen Lyon & Jonathan Miller who are both nam'd in the Affidavit of Charles Haight whom he hath also brought with him he further reports that he also had taken James Brundage one other of the persons men-

Jonathan
Miller
James
Brundage
& Thomas
Hickford
appre-
hended

tioned in the said order and affidavit and at the request of Coll. Thomas had permitted him to go at large upon his the said Coll. Thomas's becoming responsible for his appearance and that he hath understood, that the said James Brundage shortly after absconded he further reports that he hath taken & brought before this Committee a certain Thomas Hickford of Westchester County on whom was found a Certificate subscribed by Lieu^t Coll. Rodgers that the said Hickford had appear'd before him and subscribed the Declaration mentioned in the last proclamation of Lord and Gen: Howe which Certificate Cap^t Townsend now delivers to this Com: Order'd that the said prisoners be Committed to the Custody of the Guard

Roger
Purdy
confined to
his farm

Joseph Purdy of Cortlandt's Manor appearing and offering to become responsible for the Good behaviour and appearance of his Brother Rodger Purdy in Case this Com: shou'd Commit him to his Care

Resolved that the said Rodger Purdy be for the Present Confined to the farm of the said Joseph Purdy And that the said Joseph Purdy be responsible for the Good behaviour of the said Rodger Purdy and for his appearance before this Com: when required to which the said Joseph Purdy hath signified his approbation by subscribing his name to this Resolution

JOSEPH PURDY

Ferdon
Lawrence
Hoghtee-
ling &
Oostrom
going to
the Enemy

A Letter was received from M^r Samuel Dodge, dated the 6th day of Jan: 1777, and directed to M^r Duer, as chairman to this Committee, importing that a number of Tories in the Neighbourhood were preparing to Escape to the Enemy, four of their names he had Learnt, Viz^t Abraham Ferdon, John Lawrence, John Hoghtalen Jun: and Andrew Ostrom, and that the Witness against them was one Jacob Van Every.

Charles
Haight
discharged

Charles Haight appearing, and producing a Certificate from William Miller, Deputy Chairman of the Com: of Westchester County, that he had taken the oath of allegiance to this State,

Order'd that he be discharged.

Cap^t Townsend inform'd this Com. that a certain James Haight, who had been brought by him to this place, and had escaped, was now at home.

James
Haight
to be
apprehen^d

Order'd that the Secre^y transmit this information to William Miller Deputy Chairman of the County of Westchester and request him to Cause the said James Haight to be forthwith apprehended and sent to this Com:

Joseph Gage of Charlotte Precinct in Dutchess County one of the persons sent to Exeter in the State of New-hampshire on a charge of disaffection to the American Cause appearing before this Committee and producing a proper pass to Justify his return from that place and having voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State

Joseph
Gage takes
the Oath
and is
discharged

Resolv'd that the said Joseph Gage be discharged from all obligations to return to Exeter and permitted to go and remain at his usual place of abode

Nathaniel Sackett Esq. reported to this Com: that during his late absence he had in further prosecution of the business Committed to his Charge sent Enoch Crosby to the several persons mentioned in his last examination delivered by M^r Sackett by this Committee that the said Crosby obtain'd very useful intelligence from them which is contain'd in his affidavit now produced to this Com: by the said Sackett and taken by him on the 8th day of Jan: Inst. and in order to make the proper use of the said intelligence he had communicated the Contents of the said Affidavit under oaths of secrecy to Martin Cornwall, Cap^t Clarke & Cap^t Gassbeek ⁴ and so disposed of and stationed Cap^t Gassbeek's men as that they may have the best oppertunity of apprehending the Company who Crosby in his said Affidavit says intends shortly to Join the Enemy And that he had further directed them after apprehending the said Company to take Doctor Prosser and his Brothers, Roger Cutler, Daniel Chace, Such of the Havilands at the Oblong and Quakerhill as were fit for Service, Jonathan Akins & Elisha

M^r Sackett's
Informa-
tion

D^r Prosser
& his
Brother
Roger
Cutler
Daniel
Chace The
Havilands
Jonathan
Akins
Elisha
Akins

⁴ See App. I, p. 420.

Akins all of whom he had great reason to believe as well from the affidavit aforesaid as from the affirmation of Martin Cornwell lately him delivered by this Com: are deeply concern'd in promoting the designs of the Enemy and are their principal agents in inlisting men in their service and directing them on their way to the Enemy. And M^r Sackett further reports that he met with two persons by the names of Stephen Akins & Benjamin Shearman Members of the com: of Pawlings Precinct who gave to him an anonymous Letter found at the said Shearman's Door and which he now delivers to the Com: informing that a design was in agitation to take or put to death members of the said Com: M^r Sackett further reports to this Com: that on the 9th Inst. he took the affidavit of Benjamin Shearman & Stephen Akins which he also delivers to this Committee which affidavit mentions intelligence which those deponents had received of a number of Tories having purchased fire Arms of the Mabbits and others having return'd from Exeter and being seen on Quaker-hill and other places and of a plan forming for apprehending the members of the Convention by a party of the light horse M^r Sackett further reports that Martin Cornwell told him that Michael Vincent, Jeremiah Hunt, David Pettit, Gost Tyce, James Gosling, Jonas Canniff, Charles Vincent and Peter Shear Jun: had return'd from Exeter M^r Sackett further reports that he had Taken the Affidavit of reputable person who depos'd that a certain Nathan Barnum of New-fairfield and then at that place had within five or six Weeks last past conducted between two and three hundred Men to the house of one Cap^t Hoyt who kept a small Vessell in which he transported them to Long-Island

M^r Sackett's
Informa-
tion

Michael
Vincent
Jeremiah
Hunt David
Pettit
Goost Tyce
James
Gosling
Jonas
Cannif
Charles
Vincent
Peter Shear
returned
from New
Hampshire
without
Leave

Order'd that William Duer and Nathaniel Sackett Esq^{rs} be requested and authorized to transmit this information to some discreet and well affected persons in the Towns of New fairfield and Norwich in order that the persons above mentioned may be apprehended

Com: adjourned

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 11th 1777

Present John Jay Esq. Chairman
Gen. Morris

Order'd that there paid to Cap^t Micah Townsend the Sum of £ 6. 18. 3 1/2 for his and his mens Services in apprehending Jonathan Miller &c and the same was paid accordingly

M^r Abraham Brinckerhoof of Kingston was brought to this Committee by order to the Committee of Ulster County and no charge against him being as yet received from the said Committee

Order'd that he be enlarged upon his Parole to remain within three Miles of the Stone Church in this Town 'till the further order of this Committee M^r Brinckerhoof appearing and giving such Parole was enlarged accordingly

Order'd that twenty Dollors be paid to Lieut^t Bower on account

A Lett^r of the 6th Inst was rec^d I[s]rael Spencer Chairman of Com^e of Claverack informing that they had sent Jam^s Stark a preacher to this Com^e for preaching ag^t Am. Cause, by Lieut^t Martin Ray, together with their Proceedings & affidavits respecting him

Jam^s Stark app^s & retracting his Errors & taking the oath of Allegiance was discharged

Ordered that there be p^d to Leu^t Ray 5-18-5 for the Services & Expences of himself & one private in bring the s^d Jam^s Stark to this place

Rob. Gilbert Livingston have offered to disprove all the affidavits made ag^t him & requesting to be sent to the Com^{rs} at Rhinebeck for that Purpose.

Resolved that he be sent accordingly under a Guard at his own Expencc. And that the s^d Commissioners be requested to hear such Witnesses as he may produce to impeach or destroy the Credibility of the said Deponent & report their Proceedings & return the said Robert G. Livingston to this Committee

Ordered that Copies of the s^d affidavits against the s^d Rob^t G. Livingston be sent to the s^d Com^{rs} & that a Letter be written to the Com^e of Rhinebeck inform^s them thereof

Moses Northrup Jun, Isaac Horton, Josias Smith, Peter Joh^s Lawson Jun^r, John Miller Jun^r, Alex. Mc Koy Emanuel Ellerbeck, John Lawson, Lodewyck Miller Samuel Cook, & Christian Gantz, having voluntarily inlisted with Cap^t Bunschoten & taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be discharged
Com^e adj^d

FISH KILLS CONNOR'S TAVERN 13 Jan^y 1777

Com^e met

Present

John Jay Chairman

Gen. Morris

Prisoners
Ch^s Vin-
cent Jn^o
Buyce

Cap^t Van Gaasbeck & Martin Cornel brought to this Com^e Charles Vincent and John Buyce whom they had app^d near Sack Riders in the Mountains. They also produced to the Com^e the Examination of the s^d *Moses Sackrider* respecting them. They were travelling thro' about 11 oClock at Night.

Ch^s Vin-
cents Ex^a

Ch^s Vincent being ex^d says he was going to his Father at East Chester to fetch a horse which he had left there about a Week ago. This his Brother Lewis Vincent who lives at his Fathers sells salt for six shillings p^r Bushell & the Ex^t intended to have brought some with him. That his Cousin David Heusted keeps a Boat at East Chester Landing & keeps a Tavern & little Shop there. And that Heusted sells pins for a Shilling a paper. That John Buyce was going down with him to see East Chester. That Ex^t intended to go by Virtue of an old Pass from Eliab Yeomans, & that on his Telling Yeomans he wanted to go again, & giving him to understand he wanted another Pass, he told Ex^t he had better wait, & said he reckoned the old pass would do. That John Buyce had no Pass.

CHARLES VINCENT

John Buyce being ex^d saith that he lately rec^d a Letter from his Wifes Uncle Joseph Emory who lives as he has heard within ten miles of East Chester informing him that he had salt to sell at 6/ p^r Bushell & that if Ex^t would go down he could have some. That he accordingly set out for that Purpose with Charles Vincent. That he had no Pass. That Elijah Youngs & Samuel Harris his Neighbours told him he might go without a pass. That this Ex^t lives at Oswego in Dutches County

John Buyce
Exⁿ

JOHN BYSE

Ordered that the s^d Charles Vincent & John Buyce be committed to y^e Guard House

Cap^t Van Gaasbeek informs the Committee that the Term of the Enlistm^t of his Company expires tomorrow & that in his opinion few of them can be prevailed upon to continue longer in Service.

And whereas it is highly expedient that the Business committed to M^r Sacket should be forthwith executed which the Discharge of Cap^t Van Gaasbeek Company will unless their Place be supplied prevent,

Ordered that Leuit Bower with his Company forthwith march under the Direction of Cap^t Van Gaasbeek and obey such orders as he may receive from him.

Ordered that sixty Dollars be delivered to Cap^t Van Gaasbeek for Leu^t Bower on Acc^t

William Sypher & Richard Fleming Van Stienbergh two of y^e Prisoners having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State & enlisted in the American Service with Cap^t Swartwout

Ordered that they be discharged

FISH KILLS CONNORS TAVERN 14 Jan^y 1777

The Com^e met

John Jay Chairman

Gen. Morris

Resolved that Cap^t James Grant have Permission to return Home for a Fortnight on his parole to return at the Expiration of that Term

Samson Dyckman returned to this Com^e & reported that he together with Lieu^t John Johnson, Cap^t John Whilly & Samuel Young had taken & brought to this Com^e Coll Rudolphus Ritzma pursuant to their order of the 10th Inst.

Coll. Ritzma app^s Elizabeth Coenradt was called in the Chairman pointing to Coll Ritzma asked her if she knew that Gent. she [said] she did, that it was Coll Ritzma and she declared to his face what is set forth in her aff^t relative to her seeing him in the City of New York

The wives of W^m Merrit & Moses Fowler app^d & petitioned that their Husbands sent to Exeter might be permitted to return

Resolved that the s^d Persons be permitted to return on their parole to appear forthw^h before this Com^e—This Com^e having been informed that they are will^g to become good & faithful Subjects of this State

The Petition of Gabriel Van Order of the County of Bergen in the Province of New Jersey was presented to this Committee praying to be heard and the same was read and filed

Resolved that Mary Mallenshaw & Elizabeth Coenradt be permitted to pass to y^e commanding officer at Peek's Kills & that it be referred to the Discretion of Maj^r Gen. Heath or y^e commanding officer at that Place either to detain or send them to New York, whenc[e] they lately came

Samuel Wood, Isaac Langworth, James Colvin and Abraham William having severally taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State and inlisted in Cap^t Davis's Company were discharged from their Confinement

Com: adjourn'd

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN January the 15th 1777.

The Com: met

Present John Jay Esq^r Chairman
General Morris

A Letter was received of the 11th Inst. from M^r Isaac Roosevelt informing this Com: that Henry Franklin

with whom he was well acquainted was friendly to the American Cause. That the said Henry Franklin cheerfully subscribed five pounds for the Support of the Poor of Boston.

Also a certificate was received from the said Isaac Roosevelt certifying to this Com: that he always lookt upon the said Henry Franklin as a friend to the American States and to the best of his Memory that the said Henry Franklin had sign'd the Association.

Peter R Livingston Esq^r Certifies to this Com: that Jacob Kline Serg^t in Lieu^t Bower's Company, has a large Family, and no Body to take Care of it and requests that he may be discharged

Order'd that he be discharg'd accordingly

Thomas Fleetwood, of Cap^t Seward's Company, informs the Com: that he had brought here Jesse Purdy, who had deserted from Cap^t Swarts Company of Militia, order'd to March to North Castle. The said Purdy appearing, Confess'd that he had so deserted.

Thomas
Fleetwood's
information
against
Jesse Purdy

Order'd that he be a committed to the officer of the Guard

Whereas John Savage is a most inveterate Enemy to the American Cause, and hath a Warrant from the Enemy to raise Men for their Service, and hath long industriously aided their designs to subjugate the States of America.

an order to
send John
Savage to
Ulster
County
Jail

Order'd that the said John Savage be sent to the Jail of the County of Ulster at Kingston there to remain in safe Custody in Irons 'till this Com: or the Convention or future Legislature of this State shall make further order concerning him. And that the keeper of the said Jail receive & detain him Accordingly.

Order'd that [blank] receive the said John Savage from the officer of the Guard and deliver him to the Keeper of the said Goal.

The petition of John Milldollar was presented and read this day

The
Petition
of John
Milldollar

Thomas Hickford being examined saith, that he is an Inhabitant of Harrison's Purchase. That about a fort-

The Ex-
amination
of Thomas
Hickford

night or three weeks ago he set out from home with design to Visit the Enemy's Army out of mere curiosity That at Williams's Tavern he fell in with Rogers's Rangers who put him under Guard and sent him to Coll. Rogers at Wallintines-hill That he told Coll. Rogers his design was to go to New York That the Coll. said that this examinent cou'd not be permitted to go there but that if he wou'd sign the Declaration in Lord & General Howes Proclamation mention'd he might return home which he did and return'd accordingly. That Coll. Rogers askt him to inlist but he refus'd

THOMAS HICKFORD

A Resolve
to enlarge
Thomas
Hickford
upon his
Parole.

Resolv'd that the said Thomas Hickford be enlarged on his Parole not to go farther from this place than Caleb Griffen's House and to appear every day before this Com: 'till further orders The said Thomas Hickford appearing and giving such Parole was enlarged accordingly

Two Letters
from Israel
Spencer
Chairman
of
Claverack

Two Letters from Israel Spencer Chairman of Claverack, one of the Eleventh & the other of 13th of Jan: Inst. were received by Express, informing that there was great reason to suspect, that a design was forming to rescue the Prisoners at this place, containing intelligence respecting John Savage, and a list of disaffected persons, who lately absconded from their district.

A Letter
from Peter
Van Ness

Also a Letter from Peter van Ness, to David Van Ness of the 13th Inst., on the same subject.

A Letter
from Step:
Hogeboom

Also a Letter from Stephen Hogeboom, to Egbert Benson Esq^r of the 14th Inst., on the same subject.

A Letter
from the
same per-
son

Also a Letter from Stephen Hogeboom to Robert Yates Esq^r on the same subject of the 13th Inst.

£ 3. 8.
order'd to
be paid to
Jacob Gall

Orderd that three pounds, Eight Shillings be paid to Jacob Gall for six days going and returning Express from Claverack to this place and the same was paid him accordingly

Cap^t Paul
Schott is
responsible

Order'd that Christopher Utman be delivered to Cap^t John Paul Shott, who hath become responsible for him,

for his appearance before this Com: from day to day,
'till further orders.

for the
app: of
Chris:
Utman

JOHN PAUL SCHOTT Captⁿ of Artillery

Com: adjourn'd

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 16th 1777.

Present/ General Morris
Coll. Ten Brook
Zep: Platt Esq^r

Jeremiah M^c Gown being duly sworn, saith that he lives with Coll. Ritzema as a Waiter, and has been in his service some time. That some time the weak before last, but on what day he cannot exactly say, but thinks it was on Tuesday, Coll. Ritzema went on foot to Tarry Town, that he set out a little after ten o'clock in the morning, and return'd a little before twelve O'Clock the next day, without a horse, and that the Coll. did not appear fatigued. That the place at which Coll. Ritzema lives, is Judged to be about thirty six miles from New York. That the day after the great snow fell, Coll. Ritzema went with a Sleigh and horses to Tarry Town alone, That he set out in the morning after Breakfast and return'd that Evening Between Seven and Eight O'Clock that his horses did not appear Tired And this deponent further saith that Coll. Ritzema has not been absent at any time from his Lodging excepting the times above mentioned and an other time with his Father when he stay'd about 6 or 8 hours within one month from this day and likewise that this deponent has not been absent from the Coll's Lodging a whole day at any time within a month and further saith not

his
JEREMIAH X M^c GOWN
mark

Sworn this 16th day of January 1777

Lewis Morris

Isaac Wood and Peter Buyce having inlisted in Cap^t B Swartwouts Company as Soldiers took the oath of allegiance to this State

A Letter was received from Samuel Dodge of the 16th Inst. informing that there is a Stranger at the house of Abraham Ferdon who is inlisting men in the Enemy's service and has promis'd to Pilot them safe all the way and that Johannis Medler Aury Medler Thomas Lawrence And Andries Ostrom are said to be going with him to the Enemy

Order'd that Cap^t B. Alger take to his assistance ten Men well affected and Equipt in order to apprehend the said persons together with Abraham Ferdon and bring them to this Committee

Lieu^t Martin Cornell appear'd before the Com:, and says that meeting with a certain Abraham Brower, and Mary Thomas at the foot of the mountains, and having reason to suspect that they were disaffected, and rebellious Subjects of this State, he did Arrest the said Abraham Brower, and Examine him. That the said Abraham Brower had on two under Waistcoats, one Waistcoat and Coat, & an over Coat, and in a Bundle a pair of Trowsers, and Clean Shirt, and the examinent finding no papers upon him, and being told that he was only going to accompany his Sister. And the examinant upon examining him, as to his place of abode, finding that he greatly prevaricated, did also arrest his said Sister, who after having riden to some distance out of sight of this examinent had return'd. That this examinant proceeded with the said Abraham Brower, and Mary Thomas, to the House of Daniel Wright, and there desired the said Mary Thomas to shew him her papers, which she at first refus'd, alledging that she had no papers, But the examinant told her that he shou'd take Notes of what she said, and she must swear to the Truth of it. That she thereupon confess'd that she had papers conceal'd at her Back, which papers the examinant caus'd to be taken from her, and doth now deliver to this Com: That the Examinant thereupon sent the said

Lieu.
Cornell's
report that
he had
taken Abr:
Brower and
Mary
Thomas
two sus-
pected
persons

prisoners to this Com:, under the Care of Huff, which prisoners are now here.

MARTIN CORNELL

Order'd that the said Abraham Brower, be committed to the Custody of Cap^t Bellknap.

order to
commit
Abraham
Brower
order to
Search
Mary
Thomas

Order'd that Lieu^t Cornell Cause the Mary Thomas to be examin'd, and Search'd by M^{rs} Godwin and M^{rs} Connor, or any other two discreet, and well affected persons, and to keep her in Safe Custody, until further order of this Committee

A Letter from Joseph Welch of the 24th of December 1776 received informing this Com: in what manner he had dispos'd of a Number of prisoners sent under his care

A Letter
from Jo-
seph Welch

A Letter was received from Gilbert Potter of the 10th of January 1777, giving intelligence of a certain Isaac Veales intention to recruit for the Enemy also of the State of our friends on Long Island &c.

Gilbert
Potter
a Letter
from him

Committee adjourned

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 17th 1777

Present John Jay Esq. Chairman
Zeph: Platt Esq.
General Morris

The Rev^d Doct^r Graham informs this Com: that Hendrick Lawson, and Henry Ostrom are Sick, and ought to be remov'd.

Andries Lawson of Poghkeepsie precinct, the Father of the afores^d Hendrick Lawson appearing, and offering to become Surety to this Com: for his appearence, (in case he shou'd recover of his present illness) before this Com:, if they will Commit him, to his Care and Custody.

Doct:
Graham's
report of
Hendrick
Lawson
& Henry
Ostrom's
being sick
Hendrick
Lawson was
let at large
upon his
Father's
becoming
Security
for him

Order'd that the said Hendrick Lawson, be accordingly Committed to the care and Custody of the said Andries Lawson, And that he become bound to this Com: in two hundred pounds, for his appearence in manner aforesaid.

I hereby bind myself to John Jay Esq^r Chairman of this Committee, in the sum of Two hundred pounds, for the performance of the Terms above mentioned.

his
ANDRIES X LAWSON
mark

Joshua
Carman's
report that
he had
taken five
persons
said to be
disaffected

M^r Joshua Carman reports that in consequence of the order of this Com: of yesterday directed to Captain Alger he had taken and apprehended Abraham Ferdon, Johannis Medler, Aury Medler Thomas Lawrence and Andries Ostrom.

Abraham Ferdon being examined saith that last Saturday a Man by the name of Fowler came to his house and remain'd at the examinants house and in the neighbourhood 'till yesterday morning when he set out as he said for the Nine Partners That this examinant has frequently heard him intimate that if he cou'd get a Company he thought he cou'd carry them off to the Enemy clear of all danger That he askt this examinant whether if the Boys in the Neighbourhood had a chance they wou'd not probably go To which the examinant replied he cou'd not tell That this examinant never made any discoveries to any members of this or any other Com: respecting the said Fowler That this examinant says that the said Fowler has been at the house of Johannis Medler and this Examinant has heard the said Medler say that he believ'd if the said Fowler cou'd get a Company he wou'd go off

ABRAHAM FERDON

Henry
Ostrom is
discharged
upon his
Father's
becoming
Security
for him

John Ostrom of Rombout precinct the Father of Henry Ostrom appearing and offering to become security to this Com: for his appearanre before this Com: (in Case he shou'd recover of his present illness) if they will Commit him to his Care and Custody

Order'd that the said Henry Ostrom be accordingly committed to the Care and Custody of the said John Ostrom and that he become bound to this Com: in two

hundred pounds for his appearance in manner aforesaid

I hereby bind myself to John Jay Esq^r Chairman of this Committee in the sum of two hundred pounds for the performance of the Terms aforesaid

his
JOHN X OSTRUM
mark

Johannis Medler being examined saith that he knows nothing more of a certain Fowler who kept at Abraham Ferdon's than that the said Fowler came to the examinant's shop to have his horse shod a day or two after New Year and stay'd at his house all Night That he went away the next morning and the examinent has not seen him since That this examinant did not know what the business of the said Fowler in the Neighbourhood was nor did he ever tell any body that he suspected what his business was That this examinant did not ask him where he came from or where he was going.

The Exam :
of John
Medler

JOHN MEDLER

Order'd that Johannis Medler Andries Ostrom and Thomas Lawrence be committed to the Guard-house

order to
commit
Johannis
Medler &c
Abraham
Ferdon
enlarged on
his parole

Resolv'd that Abraham Ferdon be enlarged on his Parole, not to go farther from this place, than three miles from the Stone Church in Fish-kill, and to appear every day before this Committee, 'till further orders.

The said Abraham Ferdon appearing, and giving such Parole, was enlarged accordingly.

Order'd that Doctor Graham be paid Nine pounds, twelve shillings in part of his account—and the same was paid him accordingly

Doctor
Graham
receiv'd
£ 9. 12.

The Reverend Johannis Ritzema being duly sworn saith that his son Coll. Ritzema has liv'd with him about three weeks and in all that time he has not been absent more than a Night at a time once he was inform'd that he lay at Tarry Town and an other Night at John Hammonds And as to the particular day mentioned in the affidavit of Elizabeth Coenradt he possitively declares

The
deposition
of the Rev.
Johannis
Ritzema

that his Son the said Rudolphus Ritzema did Dine with him on that very day and to the best of his remembrance was not out that Night And this deponent further Saith that there was no one day within these three weeks last past but that the said Rudolphus Ritzma took some meal in his house either Breakfast, dinner or Supper and further saith not

J. RITZEMA

Sworn this 17th day of January 1777

before me

Lewis Morris

Aury Medler on his parole

Aury Medler is permitted to go home upon his Parole to return on Monday next

Com: adjourn'd

Comm: met

CONNORS TAVERN FISH-KILL Jan: the 18th 1777

Present John Jay Esq. Chairman

Zep: Platt Esq.

Gen: Morris

Evidence ag^t Thomas Dayley &c.

Cap^t Bellknap informs this Com: that James Luckey is an Evidence against Thomas Dayley, David Ockerman and Elizabeth Swartwout against John Perdon Jun: Peter A Lawson against Zacharious Perdon

The Commissioners &c. return their proceedings resp^s Robert G Livingston Jun:

Egbert Benson Esq. and others Commissioners for Executing certain Resolutions of the Convention respecting the Militia of Rhinebeck to whom the Case of Robert G Livingston Jun: was referred by this Com: return'd their proceedings thereon and divers affidavits relative to the same to this Com: together with the said Robert G. Livingston Jun:

The Com: proceeded to take the said proceedings and Affidavits into Consideration and thereupon

Resolves upon the proceedings of the Commissioners respecting Mr Livingston

Resolved that altho' the said Robert G. Livingston Jun: hath had the most full and fair oppertunity agreeable to his request & solicitation to disprove the several matters wherewith he stood charg'd before the Com: of Rhinebeck and of impeach^s the Credibility of the several

Witnesses that deposed against him yet that it appears to this Com: from a Candid Examination of the several Affidavits taken before and return'd by the said Commissioners that the said Robert G. Livingston Jun: hath materially fail'd therein and that his Conversation and Conduct at the time the Militia of Rhinebeck were order'd to March was not only highly imprudent but unfriendly to the American Cause But inasmuch as the said Robert G. Livingston Jun: had theretofore uniformly manifested a becoming Zeal in support of the Liberties of his Country and still warmly asserts that he is determin'd to support our Cause and is willing to give to this Com: the highest Evidence of his Sincerity by taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Order'd that the said Robert G. Livingston Jun: be reprimanded and on his taking the Oath of Allegiance aforesaid be discharged. The said Robert G Livingston Jun: appearing and having taken the Oath of Allegiance was discharged accordingly

Orderd that Copies of the foregoing resolution & order be transmitted to the Com: of Rhinebeck and the Commissioners aforesaid

Benjamin Chace and Griffin Marcey two of the Prisoners sent to Exeter appear'd before this Com: and produced Permits from the Honorable Meshech Weare Esq. President of the State of New Hampshire to pass to this State and return to Exeter within Fifty days & the said Benjamin Chace being one of the People called Quakers having Voluntarily taken a Solemn Affirmation of Allegiance to this State

Benjamin
Chace and
Griffen
Mersey two
of the
prisoners
sent to
Exeter per-
mitted to
Return to
this State
&c.

Resolv'd that he be permitted to go and remain at his home in Pawlings Precinct in Dutches County and be restor'd to all the Rights and privileges of a subject of this State and friend to the American Cause⁵

The said Griffen Marcey desiring further time for taking the oath of Allegiance

Resolv'd that he withdraw and have time to consider of it as long as he pleases

Griffen
Marcey
has time
given to
consider
whether he
will take
the oath of
allegiance

⁵ Cf. App. I, p. 421.

Henry
Holland's
Letter
respecting
John Ryck-
man

It appearing to this Com: as well in the Letters of Henry Holland Esq^r as from the Examination of James Carter and [blank] Marlin that John Ryckman hath been ever friendly to the American Cause and is innocent of the charge brought against him

Resolved that he be discharg'd

Coll. Field
sends a
Letter
informing
this Com:
that the
Letters
brought
by M^r
Franklin
were given
by him on
the way

It appearing to this Committee from the Letter of Coll. Field that the several Letters from Long Island enclosing the Proclamation of Lord and Gen: Howe and brought to this place by Henry Franklin were delivered to him on the Way and not brought by him from Long Island And it also appearing from the Certificate of Isaac and Nicholas Roosevelt that the said Henry Franklin is reputed Friendly to the American Cause

Order'd that he be discharg'd

Lieu^t Prentice Bowen being duly sworn saith that he hath for several years known Gabriel Van Orden of New Barbadoes Precinct in the State of New Jersey and hath always considered him as a friend to the American Cause and hath lately heard the same character of him from several of his Neighbours and further saith not

PRENTICE BOWEN

Sworn this 18th day of
January 1777.

John Jay

The said Gabriel Van orden having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State of New Jersey was discharg'd

Coll. Philip Van Cortlandt being sworn saith that he was last week at Philadelphia, and being in Company there with several Gentlemen he heard one of them (whose Name this Dep^t does not remember) say that he had seen a Gentleman (this Dep^t thinks) an officer) who had lately come from New York & who told him that he had seen Henry G. Livingston & Coll Ritzma in the City of New York And further this Dep^t saith not

PHILIP CORTLANDT

Sworn in Com^e

John Jay Chairman

Committee adjourned

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 20th 1777

Present John Jay Esq^r Chairman
Zeph: Platt Esq^r
General Morris

Matthew Patterson being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that on Wednesday the 15th day of this Inst., one Cap^t John Mills came to the house of this deponent, and askt for entertainment. That after he convers'd with this deponent same time, he told him that there were two or three young men that were clean, that were coming on behind, that wanted entertainment as well as he. That the said young men, did soon after come to the house of this deponent, and the said Mills was extremely Cautius how he convers'd with the said Men in Publick, and this deponent further saith, that when any Travellers came to the house, the said three persons always endeavoured to get into some other apartment. That they call'd for their reckoning that night, saying they wanted to set off early in the morning. That the next morning they paid the Reckoning in old York money, and instead of going away as this deponent expected, they loitered about the house the whole day, without assigning any reason for it, and were frequently Whispering with each other out of Doors. That they staid at this deponent's house the next night also, that the next morning, John M^c Clean one of the said three persons complain'd that he had been Robb'd in the night of his Pocket-book, and one hundred and twenty odd pounds, and insisted that this deponent shou'd make good the loss, and that he wou'd have it before he left the house. That this deponent consider'd it as a mere trick, to extort money from him, and the more so as the said John M^c Clean went privately into an apartment where this deponent's maids lodged under pretence to look for the said Pocket book and money and examined their chests That this deponent told him that the hider was the best finder & that he had reason to believe he was

an Enemy to this Country And that this deponent in the presence of the Committee permitted them to make thorough Search throughout this deponent's house & Barn That this deponent Caused the said John M^c Clean and the other two persons to be taken into Custody and carried before the Com: of Fredericksburgh That the said Captain Mills told this deponent that he had been in Scotland Eight months ago And further said all the people there are against you since Independence was declar'd and further this deponent saith not

MATHEW PATERSON

Sworn in Committee
John Jay

General Morris delivered to the Committee, a Letter from Reuben Ferris, Chairman of Frederickburgh, informing that he had sent James Moore, John Duffie and John M^c Clean as suspicious persons, under Guard to this Com: And also Captain John Mills on his Parole.

General Morris informs the Com:, that he received the said Letter yesterday from Capt. Joshua Barnham, who came with the said prisoners, and that he committed them to the Guard-house.

Order'd that they be forthwith brought before this Committee.

The Committee of Fredericksburgh, in their said Letter inform'd this Com:, that their meeting on this occasion was a special one, and applied to this Committee for the payment of their expences, which amount to five pounds.

Resolv'd that the said charge is unpresidented, and that this Committee is not Authorized to pay the same.

General Morris delivered to the Com: a Letter from William Duer and Nathaniel Sackett Esq^{rs} of the 16th Inst. informing the Com: that they had sent five prisoners three of whom are prisoners of State to wit Neuberger Fowler Francis Hageman and Samuel Baker And two prisoners of Warr to wit a Hessian and Moses Knapp And that he had sent them all to the Guard-house excepting the Hessian

The Com: of Safety by their order of this day, refer to this Com: a Letter they had received from Lewis M^c Donald Chairman of Bedford, informing them that he had sent under Guard four prisoners, to wit Obediah Ekeley, and Obijah Miller, charg'd with notorious and avow'd disaffection and Noah Brown and Josiah Disbury who has inlisted in Coll Rogers's Rangers in consequence of an order from William Duer and Nathaniel Sacket Esq^{rs}

Lieu^t Zephaniah Mills appeared and inform'd this Com: that he had been employ'd by Lewis M^c Donald to bring the aforesaid prisoners to this Com: which he had accordingly done except Obijah Miller who had escap'd.

He further inform'd the Com: that he had also by Order of the said Lewis M^c Donald brought to this Com: a certain James Miller but knows not the particular charges against him

Order'd that the said Prisoners be committed to the Guard-house.

The Com: of Safety by their order of this Day refer'd to this Com: a Letter of the 16th Inst. informing that he had sent James Miller to them together with the Evidence against him contain'd in the said Letter

A Letter of the 16th Inst. was received from James Hunter of Shawangonk informing that there was a great resort of people from the Mohawk River to Wilemton and said to Carry Letters to, and from Lady Johnson

Order'd that the said Letter be immediately refer'd to the Com: of Safety ⁶

A Letter was received from Jacobus Hawsbrook Clerk of the Com: of Kingston of the 18th Inst. informing that they had sent Thomas Ten Eyck Peter Mesier and Lamountis Noe to this Com: on a charge that the said Noe had lately come from New York and had brought with him from Edmond Simmon of that City a Sum of money to the said Ten Eyck and Mesier with Instructions how to dispose of the same.

⁶ Cf. Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 777, 780; *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 617-618.

Egbert Dumond Esq^r informs this Com: that he brought the said Lamountus Noe here and that the said Ten Eyck and Mesier are on their way

M^r Dumond delivered to the Com: two papers one of which contains instructions aforesaid brought by the said Noah and taken from him the other a Manuscript advertisement of Goods to be sold by the said Edmond Simmon in New York

M^r Dumond also delivered to this Com: two hundred and seventy nine pounds nineteen shillings and two pence being the money taken from the said Noe

M^r Dumon produced to the Com: an account of Expences defrayed by the Com: of Kingston in apprehending the said persons amounting to Eight pounds Six Shillings and Six pence

Order'd that the same be paid out of the monies aforesaid together with fourteen Shillings in part of his expences to Coenradt C. Elmondorph

Joar Cock and Robert Wright appearing and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance were discharg'd

Thomas Gardner appearing before this Committee & having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance was discharg'd

John Sniffen appearing, is enlarged on his Parole, not to go further from this place, than three miles, and to appear every day before this Committee, 'till further orders.

Cap^t John Mills appearing before this Committee it is order'd that he be enlarged on his parole not to go further than three Miles from the Stone Church in Fish-kill and to appear every day before this Com: till further orders.

Committee adjourn'd

Com: met

FISH-KILL CONNOR'S TAVERN Jan: the 21st 1777

Present John Jay Esq^r Chairman

General Morris

Zeph: Platt Esq^r

Resolv'd that Lieu^t John Johnson be requested to muster Captain Myrick's Men and that he make return thereof to this Com:

Coll. Rudolphus Ritzema, appearing before this Com:, it is order'd that he be enlarged on his Parole, not to go further than three Miles from the Stone Church in Fish-kill, and to appear every day before this Com:, 'till further orders.

Whereas it has been represented to this Com:, that Matthew Leyster, Epheraim Wheeler, and Coenradt Smith who were lately remov'd from this State to Exeter in the State of New hampshire for disaffection to the American Cause hath manifested a disposition to return to their allegiance and become good subjets to this State

Resolv'd that the said persons be permitted to return from Exeter accordingly on their Parole to appear forthwith before this Committee

Order'd that a Copy of the foregoing resolution be Transmitted to the General Court of the State of New hampshire and that they be requested to take their paroles and to permit them to return accordingly

Whereas no charge or accusation hath been received by this Committee against Abraham Brinckerhoff from the Committee of Ulster County by whom he was sent here on the Eleventh day of Jan: Inst: And Whereas the said Abraham Brinckerhoff, hath Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State; and hath given his parole of Honour to appear before this Com: when required; and to pay the expences of the Express, who may be sent for him.

Order'd that he be permitted to return home.

John Sniffen appearing and having Voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance order'd that he be discharg'd

Lodowick Miller appearing and having Voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance to this State

Order'd that he be discharged

Whereas it has been represented to this Com: that Jonas De Long who was lately remov'd from this State to Worcester Goal in the Massachusetts-Bay-State for

disaffection to the American Cause hath Manifested a disposition to return to his Allegiance & become a good subject to this State

Resolv'd that the said Jonas De Long be permitted to Return from Worcester accordingly on his parole to appear forthwith before this Committee

Order'd that a Copy of the foregoing resolution be Transmitted to the Committee or Select men of the Town of Worcester in the Masec[h]usets-Bay-State and that they be requested to take his parole and to permit him to return accordingly

Ensign Cregier one of the officers of the Guard delivered to the Committee an order from Nathan Pierce Chairman of Pawlings precinct directed to the Cap^t of the Guard at this place to receive into his Custody Gersham Wing a disaffected dangerous person and also John Tobby a disaffected person who has refus'd Continental money and also one Francis Carlisle an open Enemy to the Cause

Ensign Cregier informs ths Committee that the said persons are now in Custody

Ensign Cregier further informs the Committee that Coll. Livingston had committed to the Guard-house a certain William Cain but for what Cause he knows not

A Petition to the Convention, and by them referred to this Com.:, from divers persons prisoners in Springfield Jail, to wit from John Johnson, Moses Miller, Solomon Horton, Samuel Willson Nathaniel Adams, Rynier van House, & Henry Dawkins was read praying that they may be sent for and Tried

Resolv'd that when proper Courts of Judicature shall be Established in this State for the Trial of offences against the same the above mentioned petitioners and all others in the like predicament with them will receive a fair & impartial Trial for the several misdemeanours with which they respectively stand charg'd and that in the mean time no greater Liberty be allow'd them than what humanity may require

Henry Miller and Aaron Medler appearing and hav^e

Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State were discharg'd

Lemountis Noe being duly sworn saith that he lives as a Clerk with Nicholas De Peyster at Pyramus That last Saturday a fortnight he set out from thence to the City of New York with M^r De Peyster's consent to see his Mother and Sister That in the City of New York he saw Edmond Simmonds who told this deponent that he had heard that Coll. Ritzema and Henry G. Livingston were in Town That when this deponent was about coming away the said Simmonds desir'd this deponent to go to Esopus and deliver some money to Thomas Ten Eyck or in his absence to Peter Mesier for him saying he wou'd pay him for his trouble That to this the deponent agreed and accordingly received from the said Simmonds about two hundred and Eighty pounds to be delivered as aforesaid together with a paper containing instructions to the said Ten Eyck in what manner to dispose of the said money And that the paper markt A. now shewn to him is the same. That on his return from the City of New York to Pyramus he inform'd M^r Depeyster of the business he had undertaken to do for the said Edmond Simmonds and he believes he shew'd M^r Depeyster the paper of Instructions aforesaid That he askt M^r Depeyster whether he was willing to let this deponent go to Esopus upon the business aforesaid and whether he wou'd let him have his horse for that purpose to both of which M^r Depeyster consented That when this deponent came to Esopus he was brought before the Committee of that place to whom he related the facts aforesaid respecting the design of his Journey there and was by them sent to this Committee and further this deponent saith Not

LEMOUNTIS NOE

Sworn in Committee this

21st day of Jan: 1777

John Jay

John Duffie and James Moore having on Oath renounc'd all allegiance to the King of Great Britain and

Sworn to support the measures of the Congress and inlisted with Cap^t Grigg in the Continental Service

Order'd that they be discharg'd

An order was received from the Committee of Safety of this day referring the account of Cap^t Thomas Stebings for apprehending sundry prisoners sent from this State to Spring-field Goal who had made their escape from thence to this Committee to be Audited and paid

Order'd that the account of the said Captain Stebings amounting to twelve pounds, ten shillings and Eight pence be paid, and the same was paid him accordingly.

Lemountis Noe appearing to this Committee to be an inexperienced Lad and he having voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State

Order'd that he be discharg'd

Lieu^t Nathaniel Potter by order of the Com: of New marlborough brought to this Com: Philip Caverly and Daniel Knolton

Nathaniel Hull and Samuel Edmonds two members of the Committee aforesaid appear'd and delivered to this Com: certain affidavits taken before their Com: against the said Daniel Knolton and Philip Caverly from which it appears that the said prisoners are Notoriously disaffected to the American Cause

Order'd that the said prisoners be committed to the Guard-house.

The said Gent. further inform this Com: that they had apprehended Israel Tuttle who is now on the way to this Com: and they delivered to this Com: an affidavit of Melesant Hall from which it appears that the said Israel Tuttle is an insolent Enemy to the American Cause.

Com: adjourn'd

	orders
Cash paid Corn ^s C. Schoon- maker	1. 4.0—1 Jan ^y 1776 [sic for 1777]
Cash p ^d Isaac Smith & Dan. Smith	2. ...—1 Jan ^y 1777
Cash p ^d Isaac V. Wyck	5.12.1—2 Jan ^y 1777
Cash p ^d Peter Heermansen & Rob ^t Willson	2. 8.0—2 Jan ^y 1777
Cash p ^d Cap. Menie & Ensign Baldwin 2 ^d Charge Cost...	1.14.6—2 Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d W ^m B. Alger.....	7.12.0—2 Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d Lieut ^t Townsand.....	21. 6.0—3 Jan: 1777
Cash p ^d Theodorus Van Wyck Jun:	0.16.0—3 Jan 1777
Cash given to William Russell and W ^m Brown two Seaman to bear their expences to Poghkeepsie	0.16.0—3 Jan: 1777
P ^d Thom ^s Pettit—Ballance..	3. 7.2—4 Jan 1777
Cash paid Isaac Everit	3. 9.0—4 Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d Elnathan Gregory...	3. 9.0—4 Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d Lieut ^t Furman	0:6:0—4 Jan ^y 1777
Cash p ^d Cap ^t Silas Purdy ...	13.17.6—4 Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d M ^r Joshua Carman..	2.17.8—4 Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d Wood, Bacchus, Sheppard and Hudson as a Gratuity	3. 4.0—4 Jan. 1777
Cash paid Adial Sherwood for his expences in detecting Tories	17. 4.0—6.Jan: 1777
Cash paid M ^r Oliver Bailey for his Extraordinary Vigi- lance in detecting Tories...	6. 8.0—7.Jan: 1777
Cash paid George Van Noor- strandt for Manicles	6.18.0—8.Jan. 1777
Cash lent Lieut ^t Jacob Bower 40 Doll ^{rs}	16. 0.0—9.Jan: 1777
Cash paid Ensign Edward Penney	3. 0.0—9.Jan: 1777

orders

Cash paid Captain Micah Townsend	}	6.18.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ —11.Jan: 1777
Cash Paid Lieu ^t Bower on account		
Cash p ^d Leu ^t Ray	}	5.18.5—11.Jan. 1777
Cash p ^d Cap ^t Van Gaasbeek for Leu ^t Bower on acc ^t 60 Doll ^{rs}		
Cash paid Jacob Gall for Riding Express	}	24. 0.0—13.Jan. 1777
Cash paid Docter Graham on account		
Cash paid Egbert Dumond the Committee of Kingston	}	3. 8.0—15.Jan. 1777
D ^o		
Cash paid Cap ^t Joshua Barnum for bringing three prisoners from Fredericksburgh	}	9.12.0—17:Jan:17[77]
Cash paid Lieu ^t Samuel Willson		
Cash paid Cap ^t Petrus Van Gaasbeek	}	8. 6.6—Jan: the 20. 1777.
D ^o		
Cash paid Corp ^t Thomas Stibings	}	14.0— D ^o —
D ^o		
[Cash paid Cap ^t Joshua Myrick	}	4.15.0—Jan: — 20. 1777.
[Cash paid to M ^r Sampson Duyckman		
[Cash paid to David Lyons	}	1.12.0—Jan: — 20. 1777.
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[Cash paid to David Lyons	}	10. 0.0—Jan: — 22. 1777.]
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[Cash paid to David Lyons	}	8.10.8—Jan: — 22. 1777.]
[Cash paid to David Lyons		
[Cash paid to David Lyons	}	2. 8.0—Jan: — 25. 1777.]
[Cash paid to David Lyons		

NB. these
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in the next
Book

[End of Section A No. 3 of the manuscript.]

^r For itemized bill see App. II, pp. 452-453.

Henry G. Livingston's Deposition ⁸

State of New York, ss.

In Committee, for enquiring into, detecting and Defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America. Fish Kill, February 15th 1777.

Henry G. Livingston being Sworn, saith that about the middle of December last, this Deponent went to Connecticut that he there fell in Company with Hugh Wallace, Esq., that the said Wallace told him that this Country would soon be conquer^d and that less than a month General Washington's Army would be Dispersed, and that the sooner this Deponent took the Benefit of Lord and General Howes proclamation the better, and advised him to go to New York to see how things were circumstanced, and if he was so inclined, might come out again without interruption, and that he would give this Deponent a Letter of Recommendation to Captain Wallace and Captain Parker of the Navy. That he accordingly gave this Deponent such a Letter with which he set out for New York and arrived there on or about the Twenty fifth day of December last, but never delivered the said Letters, that after having been two days in Town he waited on General Robinson and subscribed a Declaration mentioned in Lord and General Howes Proclamation in pursuance of the advice of a friend who informed him that the Enemy were informed of his being in Town and suspected his being a Spy. That the day after this Deponent not being pleased with his situation, attempted to Escape by the way of Kings Bridge where he was stopped by the Hessian Guard. That he returned to the City and lodged for three or four days at the

⁸ *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 669-671. Cf. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 863.

widow Hamilton's, in which house a Scotch Gentleman of the name of Barclay also lodged. That this Deponent formed an intimate acquaintance with this Gentleman and frequently after had had Confidential Conversations with him. That in the Course of these Conversations the said Barclay informed this Deponent that two members of the Convention of this State would in less than a month be in Town and that the Enemy were constantly acquainted with every thing that passed in the said Convention. That this Deponent thereupon expressed great doubts respecting the truth of the said facts, whereupon the said Barclay swore by God that they were true. That this Deponent asked him the names of these two members, to which the said Barclay answered that one of them was called Roosevelt, and gave this Deponent to understand that he did know the name of the other. That M^r Peter Stuyvesandt has also told this Deponent that M^r Isaac Roosevelt wou'd come to Town as soon as he conveniently cou'd and that Letters had been Written to the said Roosevelt for that purpose. That the said Barclay further informed this Deponent that by means of their Emisaries they were informed of every thing that passed among us and that Women were the most proper persons for that purpose. That Great Britain had made a Contract with the Empress of Russia for Eighteen Thousand five hundred Russians and that General Clinton was gone over to take the Command of them and that they were Destined for Boston. That as soon as the Ground should be fit for travelling General Howe would march to Philadelphia and after securing that place wou'd bend his Course to Hudson's River and attack the forts there by Land and from thence pass up the River in flat Bottomed Boats and form a junction with the Army from Canada and that the two armies so joined wou'd then invade the New England States. That this Deponent was informed by several persons of Credit in the City that a great number of flat Bottomed Boats were Building there and that they were designed for the Delaware. That this Deponent took great pains to in-

form himself of the number of troops on York Island and that partly from the Information of the said Barclay and one Lieu^t Collonel Woolsey of the Canadian militia and his own observations he has great Reason to believe that the following was a true State of the British Army on York Island at the time this Deponant left it which was on Sunday the Ninth instant to wit,

In the City and Bowry, . . .	2,500—mostly Hessians.
At Harlem 64 th & another Regt,	800—under Gen. Agnew.
at and about fort Washington,	1,200—Hessians under Gen. Kniphauss.
at and about Kingsbridge, . .	180—lately under Rodgers; now under Major French.
Do	50—Tories under Cap ^t Campbell.
Do	20—Negroes.
Do	60—Light horse.
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	4,810

That this Deponant was also informed by the said Barclay, Lieut Collonel Woolsey, M^r Bell a Clerk in General Howes office, and others that the British Army then in Jersey at or about the time of the Battle at Trentown Consisted of about Thirteen Thousand men. That about ten day or a fortnight ago a number of troops from Rhode Island Consisting of a Regiment of Hessians and a Brigade of grenadiers and light Infantry amounting in the whole to about three thousand passed through the East River on their way to Amboy and that he obtain'd this intelligence from the said Barclay, Bell and Woolsey and others that it was generally reported and believed in the City that General Burgoine was gone home. That this Deponant did not learn that any more British or Irish troops were expected but that Recruiting

Officers from the Royal Irish Regiment had sailed for Ireland. That this Deponant inquired of the said Barclay and others whether an attack wou'd be made this Winter on Ticonderoga and was given to understand that nothing wou'd be done there till Spring but that the Indians wou'd then be let loose. This Deponant further saith that he was inform'd by the said Barclay and others that two Companies were Station'd at Powles Hook and the Brigades of General Delancey and Governor Brown on Long Island and that those two Brigades did not together amount to one thousand men and that this Deponant had heard the said Barclay frequently say that he did not believe that there were more than a thousand Americans in the British Service. That this Deponant was informed from good authority and has no Doubt of its being true that Governor Franklin is employ'd by the Enemy to grant protections and pardons in Connecticut and that a very great number of the Inhabitants of that State had accepted them and further that one Shacler in Middletown held a Correspondence with Miles Sherbrook which Information this Deponant receiv'd from the said Sherbrook's Clerk. This Deponant further says that one Shaw an Irish man from or near Morris Town in New Jersey who said he knew Treasurer Lott told this Deponant that he had a Captain's Commission to raise a Company in the Enemies Service and that he expected to pass unsuspected as he had a Brother an Officer in the American Service with General Washington. That John Bayard as this Deponant was informed was a Lieut Collonel in a Regiment to be raised in America and that he expected to receive a hundred and Seventy Recruits who were to meet him at Hoboken and that he had gone there to receive them and after waiting four or five days Returned without them they not being able to get down by reason of some American troops, stationed in that Neighbourhood. That this Deponant has heard from a person of veracity whose name he wishes to conceal as he is a good friend to the American Cause, that Stephen Rapelye had served as Pilot for the Enemy on Long

Island, and that he was gone from the City of New York towards Esopus with a large sum of money and that the said person looked upon him to be a Tory. And this Deponant further saith that the Enemies Officers and others with whom he has convers'd frequently say that a General disaffection prevails throughout America, but that the Southern people were more unanimous in supporting the measures of Congress than the Eastern *and that they hold the Eastern Troops in the most Sovereign Contempt*: That they were much surprised at the Exertion of this State against them and are particularly and greatly incensed against this Committee for the manner in which they have treated the friends of Government in this State. And this Deponant further says that M^r Barclay herein before mentioned was formerly an Inhabitant of the City of Philadelphia that he is very intimate with Lord and General Howe and appears to have great influence with them. That when this Deponant left New York Beef was sold as he heard for Eighteen Pence a pound, Butter for four Shillings

Wood, for,	£5	p ^r Cord.
Salt hay,	9s	per hundred weight.
Fresh hay,		not to be had.
A Turkey,	10s	
Mutton & Veal, . .	1s 6d	per pound
Cabbage,	2s	per head.
Milk,	1s	per Quart.
Damaged Flour, . .	32s	per hundred.
No Wheat, Indian Corn, or Oats to be sold.		

And this Deponant further saith that Hugh Wallace Esquire, James Jauncey, Jun two members of the Council, & Thomas Jones one of the Judges of the Supreme Court who had been sent to Connecticut were in the City of New York as this Deponant understood by permission of Governor Trumble; that this Deponant was credibly informed that Beverly Robinson Jun had lately been to the City of New York. That Cornelius Clopper

was also there, and had been Closeted by General Howe, also John Seabring, Isaac Low, John A. Remson, Joseph Hallet, three Sons of John Beekman deceased Viz^t James, Thomas, and Gerardus Beekman, Lawrence Kortwright, Isaac and Nicholas Ogden of New Jersey. That this Deponent has never heard that Coll Ritzma had been in the City of New York till this Deponent came out of it and does not believe that he has been there since it was in the possession of the Enemy. That many of the Inhabitants of the said City are much discontented with the enemy; that Stephen Delancy Jun is Lieut Collonel of his Father General Delancy's Regiment; that S^r John Johnson is in the City of New York and that Lady Johnson had lately made her Escape to that place & brought a copy of General Washington's proclamation with her of which no secret was made; that Stephen Watts is a Captain in the Regiment of Royal Emigrants and that John Watts Jun^r wore a cockade. That Collonel Rogers had been broke for fraud. That this Deponent heard the said Barclay and Woolsey and several British Soldiers Damn the Hessians and say they could have done better without them. That the Hessians wou'd be remov'd to New York and kept there untill the opening of the Campaign. That this Deponent has heard and believes that the Enemies Army in Jersey Remains under the Command of Lord Cornwallis & that General Howe has been lately sick and remains in New York. That a great number of Horses lay Dead on York Island; that a multitude of Carts were in constant employ in the City and that the horses are very poor and out of Order as this Deponent supposes for want of Forage.

That General Lee was confined in the City Hall Guarded by an Officer and fifty men but in other respects well treated as this Deponent understood. And this Deponent further saith that the prisoners taken by the Enemy are most cruelly and Inhumanly treated, confined in Churches without fire, and Dying in great Numbers.

That they spoke very Disrespectfully of all the American Generals excepting General Mercer.

That Governor Tryon had given orders for all the Inhabitants of the City & County of New York to appear and take the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain; that this Deponent did not appear or take it but after various attempts effected his escape in a Boat from Harlem to the Jersey shore from whence he repaired to General George Clinton's Quarters and before him took an Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America agreeable to the directions of General Washington's proclamation. A Certificate of which under the hand of General Clinton he now produces to this Committee by which it appears that he had in all things complied with the terms in the said proclamation. And further this Deponent saith not.

H. G. LIVINGSTON.

Sworn in Commitee the 15th day of February 1777.

A true copy from the Minutes,

Henry Peckwell, Secry.

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM FEB^y 15th TO MARCH 8th 1777

B. N^o 1

Egbert Benson
Jacobus Swartwout
Melancton Smith

} Com^{ers} of Conspiracy

In Convention of the Representatives for the
State of New York.

FISH KILL February 11th 1777

WHEREAS the many Important Affairs now before
Convention will require the Advice & Assistance of all
it's members

RESOLVED therefore that the Committee for enquir-
ing into detecting & defeating all Conspiracies which may
be formed in this State against the Liberties of America
be dissolved on or before the twenty seventh day of this
Instant That Egbert Benson Jacobus Swartwout &
Melancton Smith Esquires be appointed Commissioners
for enquiring into detecting & defeating all Conspiracies
which may be formed in this State against the Liberties
of America That they shall respectively be allowed
twelve shillings for every Day they shall serve in the
said Trust. That the before mentioned Committee pre-
pare the Draft of a Commission & Instructions for the
said Commissioners & report the same with all conven-
ient Speed.

Extract from the Minutes,
JOHN Mc KESSON, Secry.¹

[On the back of this page, otherwise blank, is the endorsement:]

Commissioners
appointed for detecting conspiracies
form'd in the State of New York
against the Liberties of America
1777

¹ Cf. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 803.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed by Resolution of the Convention of the State of New York of the 11th Inst^t for enquiring into detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in the said State against the Liberties of America held at the House of Hugh Conner at Fish Kill, Feb^y 15th 1777.

Present.

M^r Benson

M^r Swartwout

M^r Smith

Whereas it is directed by the above Resolution that the Committee for enquiring into detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America should prepare and report a Draft of a Commission & Instructions for this Board and said Commission and Instructions not being as yet prepared and the said Committee urgi[ng] this Board to proceed to Business notwithstanding as they proposed to adjourn this day and thought it Improbable that they would meet again and three Members thereof viz^t Mess^{rs} Jay Sacket & Graham pledging themselves to this Board that their Proceedings should be ratified by Convention provided they exercised no greater Powers and Authorities than had been exercised by the said Committee and it appearing absolutely necessary that some Persons should immediately take upon them the management of the Business heretofore conducted by the said Committee,

Resolved therefore that in consequence of the Engagement from the above three Gentlemen and from the absolute Necessity of the Case, this Boar[d] will immediately proceed to Business and in their Proceedings will exercise their best Judge[ment] and Discretion until such

Commission and Instructions can be obtained So however as no[t] to exercise any greater Power or Authorities than the said Committee are vested with by the Resolutions of Convention appointing them.

Board adjourned to Monday Mor^g next.

Monday Feb^y 17th 1777.

Board met pursuant to Adjournm^t

Present

All the Members.

Gilbert
Bedells Ex-
amination
ag. Thomas
Carman

Gilbert Bedell at present residing at Jose[ph] Patching's in Rumbout Precinct being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he was lately in company with Thomas Carman of the said Precinct shortly after the said Carman was released from his late Confinement (as the Deponent understood) that the said Carman then exclaimed against the Cause of America and damned the Congresses and Committees and drank a Health to King George and tha[t] he would stand by him and fight for him. And that the said Carman frequently repeated the following Lines

“They seek'd for my Life and plundered my Estate
“But I am for his Loyalty King George the Great.

That the said Carman appeared to the Deponent at that time to be intoxicated with Liquor.

GILBERT BEDELL.

Witnesses
against
Carman

William M^c Niel appeared and informed that Platt Rogers Cornelius Brinkerhoff and Benjⁿ Rosekrans were material Witnesses ag^t the above Thomas Carman

Jn^o
Deremus
Exam.
respect^{ly}
Horses
taken by
Gen. Clin-
ton

John Doremus of Slaughter Dam in New Jersey being duly sworn deposeth and saith that last Fall shortly after Gen^l Washington retreated from Hackensack the Deponent's Son George Doremus left his Home and came to the Northward as far as Esopus but soon after returned

again, that while the said George was thus at Home again and hearing that a Party of the Enemy had come to Hackinsack he informed the Deponent that he intended to go off lest the Enemy might come and take him Prisoner that thereupon Albert Voorhees requested the said George if he went to Esopus again to purchase him a Couple of Horses to enable him the said Albert to Assist his Mother who had lost her Horses That the Deponent saw the said Albert pay the said George a Sum of money which he understood from them was £42: 8 New York Currency for the purpose of purchasing two Horses as aforesaid and the Deponent further saith that he verily beleives that the two Horses which were afterwards taken from the said George by Order of Gen^l Clinton were the Horses purchased by him for and at the Request and agreeable to the above Directions of the said Albert Voorhees and the Deponent further saith that he is well acquainted with the said Albert & that he verily beleive's him to be a true and firm Freind to the American Cause.

JOHN DOOREEMUS

A Letter from Stephen Turhune respecting the Horses purchased for him, denying that he intended them for the Use of the Enemy, but admits he designed to sell & traffick them to the Farmers for such Necessaries as his family wanted

Peter Demarest of Herring Town in New Jersey being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that on or about the 24th day of December last, Christian Zabriskie of Peramus, in N. Jersey, informed this deponent, that he intended to go to Esopus to purchase a Horse for himself, that thereupon this deponent requested the said Zabriskiee, to purchase him a pair of Horses and for that purpose paid him one hundred and twenty five Dollars Continental Currency, And the deponent further saith that the Horses which he requested the said Zabriskie to purchase were intended for his own private use as the Horses which he then had did not suit him, by reason of their having too much Spirit. And this deponent

P.
Demarest
respect's
Horses
taken by
Gen. Clin-
ton

further saith, that he has understood from the said Zabriskie and beleives the same to be true that of the Horses taken from said Zabriskie by order of Gen. Clinton, a pair of Blacks, were the Horses purchased for this deponent. And further this deponent saith not.

PIETER DEMAEST

Christian H
Zabriskie's
Deposition.

Christian H. Zabriskie of Peramus in N. Jersey being duly sworn deposeth and saith that on or about the 25th Dec^r last the Depon^t propos'd going to Esopus to purchase Horses, and was employ'd by Stephen Terhune, to purchase Horses for him also, and for that purpose received from him the Sum of three hundred pounds New York Currency, That the deponents Father disired him to purchase a span of Horses for him. That Peter Demarest desired this deponent to purchase a span for him and for that purpose the said Demarest paid this Deponent Fifty pounds N. York Currency. That this Deponent receiv'd Fifteen Pounds like Money of Samuel Brevort to purchase a Horse for him. And this Deponent further saith that he accordingly purchas'd for the said Stephen Terhune one Bay Mare, one bay Gelding, and two brown ditto, for the said Demarest one pair black Geldings, for his, the Deponents Father, one Chesnut ditto and one brown ditto, for the said Samuel Brevort one bay Mare, and for himself the Deponent one brown Gelding. And the deponent further saith, that he hath never heard or in any wise understood neither does he beleive that any of the Horses so purchas'd by him as aforesaid, were procured with design to dispose of them again to the Enemy, or that they should have the use or service of them. And further this deponent saith that one reason why he receiv'd three hundred pounds of said Terhune was, that he was to purchase for said Terhune a Negro Boy if he could be had. And further this deponent saith not.

CHRISTIAN H: ZABRISKIE

Lieu^t Losee
complains
of Cap^t
Myrick

Lieu^t Losee of Rumbout appear'd before the Board & enter'd a Complaint against Cap^t Myrick for abuse and ill treatment.

Elijah Townsend who was committed by y^e Committee 24. Dec^r last (as by their Minutes of that date) appear'd and upon taking the Oath of Allegiance was discharg'd.

M^r Matthew Patterson appear'd before the Board and inform'd that Benjamin Worthy, was in the possession of the Shop and Tools of Allan Cameron who is now with the Enemy and was using them together with the Stock of Coals for his own benifit and advantage, and that the informant beleives, that many of the Tools are removed.

Patterson informs that Worthy is in Possession of [Ca]m-eron's Shop

In Persuance of an Order ² of the Committee of Safety of this State of the 6th Jan^y last.

Resolved that Francis Harris George Soule Daniel Soule Jonathan Soule Timothy Scott William Burris Josiah Barkley John Neer Charles Neer William Allen Aaron Lawrence Thomas Stilwill Thomas Kane Joseph Voice Ephraim Kelsey Israel Kelsey Jacob Jackson Joseph Carman Harvy Light & Noah Brown disaffected Persons taken within this State be sent under Guard to New Windsor and put under the Direction of Cap^t Michin and employed in the Works carrying for the obstruction of the Navigation in Hudson's River, and that Cap^t Mitchin be requested to keep a Watchful Eye over them and use his utmost Endeavors that none of them Escape.

Twenty Tories sent to New Windsor to work

Board adjourned til tomorrow Morn^g

Tues^y Feb^y 18th 1777 Board met persuant to adjournment.

Present.

All the Members.

The above Twenty Persons sent to New Windsor and John Dusenberry and John Grant sent to Goshen Goal agreeable to a Resolution of the Committee of the 14th Inst^t

Donald Cameron one of the Persons apprehended by Gen^l Heath only on suspicion of Disaffection appearing before the Commissioners and having Voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance to this State was discharged

Donald Cameron took the oath of allegiance

* Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 761.

Resolved
that
Malcom
Morrison
is not
entitled
to the
benefit of
Gen: Wash-
ington's
Pro:

Mess^{rs} Kidd, Patterson and Hitchcock Inhabitants of Fredericksburgh applied to this Board in behalf of Malcom Morrison and prayed that he might be permitted to take the benefit of General Washington's Proclamation ³

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board he is not Entitled to the same.

Board adjourned 'till tomorrow morning

February the 19th 1777. Board met pursuant to adjournment

Present Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq.

Roger
Townsand
took the
oath of
allegiance

Roger Townsand appearing before the Commissioners and having Voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance to this State was discharged

Isaac
Garrison
appears
and is
examined.

Isaac Garrison of New Marlborough in Ulster County being examined on oath saith that shortly before Christmas last he left home and went to the Manor of Cortlandt in Westchester County where his Sister the Wife of Israel Underhill lives That he the Deponent remained there four or five weeks that while he was there one Sunday Evening happening to be at Captain Barton Underhill's a party of Men came and apprehended the Deponent only as he understood by reason of his not having a pass and after he was so apprehended he was brought before Major Graham and by him sent to this place That he the Deponent has heretofore signed the General Association and do's insist that his only view in going to the manor of Cortlandt as aforesaid was to make a visit to his relations in that Quarter

ISAAC GARRISON

Samuel
Wood
appears
and is
examined.

Samuel Wood of Northcastle in Westchester County being examined on oath saith that understanding that his son Peter Wood was among Coll. Rogers's Rangers and that he was Sick went to Coll. Rogers's Quarters with an intent to fetch him home again That when he

³ Cf. Morrison's petition to the Convention, *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 667-668.

came there being informed that his said son was in the Hospital at New York he the Deponent applied to Collonel Rogers for a pass to go there which was granted to him accordingly That thereupon the Deponent went to New York and finding his said son in the Hospital took him out of it and brought him home with him

SAMUEL WOOD

Peter Wood Son of the said Samuel Wood being examined on oath saith that William Underhill and James Kipp during the Course of the last summer frequently solicited the examinant to go to Long Island after it was in possession of the Enemy in order to see how matters were carrying on there that at last prevailed by their solicitations he went there that he landed at Wooleys ferry and from thence went to Flushing where he found a considerable number of the Enemies Troops that upon his arrival at Flushing aforesaid he was asked by Coll. Rogers to inlist in his Battalion which he refused saying he did not like to go in the Wars That thereupon Coll. Rogers told him that he should and must inlist for that all persons who came there unless they inlisted were put under Guard that the examinant still declining to inlist & requesting that he might be permitted either to work on the Island or go home again Rogers told him before he should go home again he wou'd kill him and insisted still that he shou'd inlist That he at length inlisted and signed a paper which he supposed to be the inlisting orders That the examinant remained there in service for the space of one month when he was taken sick and was immediately removed to an Hospital in the City of New York where he was about four or five days when his Father came to Fetch him That at the time the Examinant went over to Long Island as aforesaid there went over with him in Company the aforesaid William Underhill and James Kipp, two sons of Peter Nodine Viz^t Benjamin and Andrew, Joseph Leach, Joseph Traverse Nathaniel Akerly John Brown of Amewalk, James Legget Jun: Joseph Griffen & William Van Tassell

Peter
Wood
appears
and is
examined.

William
Underhill
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get Joseph
Griffen
William
Van Tassell

belong to
Rogers's
Rangers
Also Isaac
Mosher
Caleb
Fowler

and several others whose names he does not know that all the said several persons inlisted in Rogers's Rangers except Andrew Nodine who return'd home again promising that he would soon come back and bring more men with him as the Examinant understood That the examinant likewise saw Isaac Mosher and Caleb Fowler among Rogers's Rangers That the examinant hath understood that the said Underhill sold all the people he so took with him That he the examinant himself hath never received any Bounty or pay from the Enemy

his
PETER X WOOD
mark

William
Ellis Benjⁿ
Ellis &
Nathan
Cummins
appre-
hended

William
Ellis
Examined.

Captain Ichabod Ward of Pawlings precinct by order of the Committee of said precinct brought William Ellis, Benjamin Ellis and Nathan Cummins inhabitants of the said precinct taken in Connecticut charged with Notorious disaffection and going to Join the Enemy

The above named William Ellis appearing before the Board and declaring that he had conscientious Scruples with respect to the Lawfulness of taking an Oath solemnly affirmed and said, that when the Militia of this County were lately ordered out the examinant fearing that he wou'd either be apprehended and imprisoned (as he had understood wou'd be the Case of all such who refused to march) or be compelled to March went from Pawling's precinct to the State of Connecticut in order to conceal himself. That while he was at New Milford relating to a certain Amos Leach the Situation he the examinant was in Leach asked him if he was willing to take up Arms against the Country to which the examinant answered that he was not that Leach then recommended him to one Joseph Seley Jun: for information respecting a certain Captain Vaughan who was raising a company that was going to the Enemy that thereupon the examinant applied to Seley who told him that Vaughan was raising such a Company and asked the examinant whether he was disposed to enter into it

Cap^t
Vaughan
raising a
Comp^y for
the Enemy.

upon which the examinant asked what the terms of inlistment were that Sely then took the paper out and read to him that the men were to have five Dollars bounty, soldiers pay, & comfortable Cloathing and further informed the examinant that each man was to have two hundred Acres of Land besides two Townships in New Jersey which were to be bestowed on the Brigade to which Vaughans company should belong That the men were to have it in their option whether they wou'd take up arms or not That the examinant thereupon requested time to consider of the matter and immediately after returned home again That upon his arrival home he went to Nathan Cummins and informed him of the matter Whereupon it was agreed between Cummins and Benjamin Ellis and the examinant to go to Connecticut again in order to make further enquiries about the matter That accordingly they went to New Milford and from thence to the said Vaughans That when the examinant and his companions requested Vaughan to assure them whether they wou'd be at liberty to bear Arms or not as they chose he at first hesitated but at length gave him reason to think that they wou'd be obliged to take up Arms if they inlisted that the examinant & his companions requested further time to consider of it and immediately left Vaughan in order to return home and on their way were apprehended by a Constable of New Milford and taken before the Committee of that place by whom they were sent to the Committee of Pawlings precinct and the examinant further saith that he and his companions were determined not to inlist with Vaughan when they discovered that they wou'd be compelled in that case to take up Arms but admits that he believes that they wou'd have gone to the Enemy if they cou'd have been permitted to Labour and not have been obliged to fight

WILLIAM AILLIS

Order'd that the said William Ellis, Benjamin Ellis, and Nathan Cummins be committed to the Guard-house
Board adjourned untill tomorrow Morning

William
Ellis Benj^a
Ellis &
Nathan
Cummins
committed.

February the 20th 1777. Board met pursuant to
Adjournment

Present Egbert Benson Esq^r
Melancton Smith Esq^r
Coll. Swartwout

Samuel
Barns
who [had]
taken the
Oath of
Allegiance
to the
King of
G Britain
applies for
leave to
remain at
home

Samuel Barns of the White plains in Westchester County appeared before this Board and confessed that he while the Enemy were at the White plains had fallen int[o] their hands and taken the oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain but insisting that the whole of his conduct and conversation since the commencement of the present Troubles were always in favour of the America Cause and that he wou'd not have taken such Oath had he not have been threatened by the Enemy with imprisonment in case of refusal and therefore prayed permission from this Board to remain on his Farm without taking the oath of allegiance to the United States of America and not be obliged to withdraw himself and family within the Enemies lines agreeable to the directions of General Washington's proclamation as he would in case he took such oath of allegiance to the United Stat[es] and should unfortunately fall into the Enemys hands suffer as a Rebel and not be considered as a prisoner of War

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board they are unauthorized to interfere in the matter as they have no power to supercede the orders or commands of the Commander in Chief of the Army.

Benj^m
Ellis's Ex-
amination.

Benjamin Ellis appearing before the Board and the Examination of William Ellis read to him and the said Benjamin having conscientious Scruples with respect to the taking an Oath did Solemnly affirm That the contents of the said Examination of the said William Ellis was in substance true and did confess that he the said Benjamin was with respect to the several matters contained in the said examination equally Guilty with his Brother William

BENJAMIN ALLIS

Nathan Cummins appearing before this Board and the Examination of William Ellis being read to him and the said Nathan Cummins having conscientious Scrupels with respect to the taking an oath did Solemnly affirm that the contents of the said affidavit subsequent to this examinants agreeing to go to Captain Vaughan as in the said examination is set forth is substantially true

Nathan
Cummins
Examined.

NATHAN COMINS

John Woolsey of New Marlborough heretofore apprehended upon suspicion of being disaffected to the American Cause appearing before this Board and Voluntarily taking the Oath of allegiance to this State

John
Woolsey
discharged.

Order'd that he be discharged

Moses Knapp appeared before this Board and upon his Examination on Oath saith that about a year ago he went from home to Long Island from thence on board of the Phenix Man of War That he sailed on board of a Transport for Halifax the beginning of May a few days after he arrived at Halifax he inlisted in the Enemys Service as a Sergeant under Captain Alexander Grant That he belonged to the said Grants Company until he was wounded and taken prisoner by a party of Coll. Thomas's Westchester County Militia about Six weeks ago

Moses
Knapp
brought &
examined.

MOSES KNAP

Timothy Pettit appeared before this Board and being examined on oath saith that the passes which he and Jacob Jackson had when they were apprehended were forged and that he the examinant verily believes that Jonathan Rodgers of Oswego in Dutches County wrote them and that he actually received his from the said Rodgers and the examinant further saith that when he left home at the time he was apprehended he intended to have gone to Long Island to Visit his Relations if he cou'd have discovered that he might have done it so as to have return'd home to his family again This deponent further saith that one Motive of his leaving home was

Timothy
Pettit
appears &
examined.

to prevent his going with the Militia but that he had no intentions of taking up Arms against the Country or of putting himself so far in the power of the Enemy that they might have compelled him

TIMOTHY PETTET

Jonathan
Rogers to
be appre-
hended

Resolved that Jonathan Rogers charged in the above examination be immediately apprehended and that Sergeant Pennfold execute this resolution and he apply to Doctor Platt who is requested by this Board to furnish him with information and every other assistance

Moses
Knapp
order'd to
Ulster
County
Goal

Order'd that Moses Knapp, lately an Inhabitant of Ulster County, who was taken Prisoner, while in the service of the Enemy as a Sergeant in Cap^t Alex^r Grants Company be forthwith sent to the Goal in Kingston, Ulster County And the keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive and him keep in safe Custody, until he shall otherwise be disposed by the Commander in Chief of the American Army or by the Legislature of this State

Ephraim
Wheeler
permitted
to return
home.

Ephraim Wheeler, one of the disaffected Persons sent to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire, having this day presented a Petition to this Board, setting forth that he is at present in Kent in the State of Connecticut by permission of the Council of Safety of New Hampshire, and that he is very much indisposed and therefore praying leave to return to his Family

Resolved that the prayer of the said petition be granted, And that the said Ephraim Wheeler, be required to attend this Board, as soon after his return home as he shall be able to travel, in order to take and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Board adjourned til tomorrow morn^e

Feb^y 21st 1777. Board met persuant to adjournment

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Smith

M^r Swartwout

Lieut^t Bowers appeared informed that he had bro't Six Prisoners viz^t

Benjamin Proser		Daniel Chase
Joshua Proser		Beverly Chase
Elias Proser	&	Talman Chase

Lieut.
Bowers
bro^t Proser
& Chase &
other's
Prisoners

which were apprehended by order of Col. Ludington

Order'd that they be sent to the guard House

Leiu^t Bowers applied to this Board to advance him some Money for the subsistence and pay of his Men.

Order'd that fifty four Dollars be paid Leiu^t Bowers on account, and that he pass his receipt to this Board for the same. The same was paid him out of Money taken from Lamountis Noe

Order'd
Leiu^t
Bowers. 54
Doll^s in
part pay &
subsistence
of his
Comp^y

Obediah Akerly a Prisoner in the Guard House, sent by the Committee of Bedford in Westchester County for notorious and avowed disaffection, was ordered to appear before this Board, he appearing accordingly.

Ob. Akerly
remanded
to Guard

Order'd that he be remanded for further Consideration.

Richard Titus heretofore committed upon Complaint from the Committee of the North East Precinct appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Rich^d Titus
discharged.

Ordered that he be discharged.

John Rider Jun^r heretofore committed upon Complaint of the Committee of Beekmans Precinct, appeared before the Board and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance

Jn^o Rider
takes the
Oath & is
discharg^d

Ordered that he be discharged.

John Claw of Kleyne Kill in Albany County being examined on Oath saith that he went to Long Island some time last Fall while the Enemy were in Possession of it, that he crossed the Sound above New Haven, that Cornelius Reyn of Pompoonack Job Potter of Spencer Town and Joseph Ingram also of Spencer Town went with him, that he left the said three Persons in New York though they were not inlisted as Soldiers but endeavored to subsist by labouring, that the Examinant himself never inlisted in the Enemy's Service, that he escaped from New York in the following Manner viz^t there was a Person in New York who had been taken

John
Claw's Ex-
amination

on Board of an American Vessel and carried into New York, that this Person was released and permitted to return home, that the Examin^t came in company with this Person as far as Kings bridge, that the said Person produced his Pass to the Sentry there, that the Dep^t imposed on the Sentry by declaring that he had also belonged to the above Vessel and that the Pass was also intended for him and then was suffered to go by, that he the Examinant travelled from New York to the Little Nine partners in this County in Company with John Savage who frequently told the Examinant that he intended to raise Men to go to New York in the Spring, that the only motive with him for leaving home was for fear he should be apprehended and sent Prisoner to New England and that he was returning Home with a Determination to join the Country in the present Contest.

JOHN CLAW

Ordered that the Case of the said John Claw lay over for further Consideration

Jam.
Miller.

James Miller, sent to this place by the Committee of Bedford in Westchester County, by order Mess^{rs} Duer & Sacket, was bro^t before this Board, and the Affidavits transmitted by said Committee was read to him, the said Miller requested that Silas Miller might be examin'd as a witness in his favour.

Silas Mil-
ler's Ex-
amination

Silas Miller being examined on Oath, deposeth and saith, that he was present, at the house of Andrew Mills, at the time when his Brother James Miller, should have declared the several Matters with which the said James is charged in the depositions of Mercy Mills & Sarah Mills & though he the deponent was present the whole of the time, he was at the said Andrew Mill's except a few Minutes when the deponent went out to bridle his Horse, Yet that he did not hear his Brother threaten to kill or take the Lives of any Persons, but admits that he heard the said James say, that when the present war was over he would erect a Battery against five Persons, four of w^{ch} said five Persons, are named in the affidavit

of Mercy Mills. And this Deponent further saith y^t the said James appeared to him rather intoxicated with Liquer at that time. That the deponent never at any other time heard the said James threaten the said five Persons. And that he verily beleives the said James to be a true Whig. This Deponent further saith that he verily beleives that the said James at the time above mentioned, was in Jest. And further this deponent saith not.

SILAS MILLER

We James Miller and Silas Miller both of West Chester County do acknowledge ourselves to be bound to the Convention of this State in the Sum of One hundred Pounds upon Condition that the said James shall keep the Peace towards all the Subjects of this State particularly towards Philip Leck Zebediah Mills Cornelius Clark Richard Sacket & Eli Seely.

James
Miller
bound with
surety

JAMES MILLER
SILAS MILLE[R]

James Miller upon giving Surety for the peace as above and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance was discharged.

James
Miller
discharged

Job Ryder appeared and voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Job Ryder
takes y^o
Oath & is
discharged

Ordered that he be discharged
Board adjourned til tomorrow Morn^e

Saturday, Feb^r 22. Board met pursuant to
Adjournment

Present
All the Members

Michael Lownsberry of North Castle, in Westchester County (being one of the people called Quakers) did solemnly affirm and declare, That on the Night on which John White the Soldier was killed, he lodged at the house of Simon Outhouse in North Castle, that the affirmant

Michael
Lownsberry
Examina-
tion re-
specting
Simon
Outhouse
&
the Murder

of John
White a
Cont.
Soldier

was in Company with the said Outhouse the whole of the Evening until about 12 O'Clock, when the said Outhouse went to Bed, that the Affirmant lodged there also. That the Affirmant rose about day light, when he saw the said Outhouse in Bed, And the affirmant verily beleives that the said Outhouse was not out of his House during the Night as the affirmant thinks he must have heard him, had he got out of Bed, there being only a thin Board Partition between the two Rooms in which they respectively lay. This Affirmant further saith that he is very well acquainted with the said Outhouse, and knows him to be a peacable inoffensive honest Man. That the first information the Affirmant received of the Death of White was from a Man whose Name he does not know, who called at the house of Outhouse, about 8 O'Clock in the Morning after White was killed That the said Man had a Gun with him. That he understood from the said Person, that he was one of the Company that killed White. That the said Person tarried but a few minutes at Outhouse's. That this Affirmant thinks it probable, that Outhouse did, from what the above mentioned Person said, also conclude that the said Person was one of the Company concerned in the Murder of White. That it appeared to the Affirmant that Outhouse knew the said Person. This Affirmant further saith, That it was generally reported and beleived ab^t the Country, and beleived by the Affirmant, and he thinks it probable that Outhouse must have beleived it also at the very time when the said Person came to Outhouses in the Morning as aforesaid, that the said Comp^y to which the said Person did belong as aforesaid were a band of Robbers. That the Affirmant does not remember that any Conversation passed between him and Outhouse respecting the Propriety or Necessity of apprehending or attempting to apprehend the said Person

MICHEAL LOWNSBERY

Examina-
tion Simon
Outhouse

Simon Outhouse being examined on Oath deposeth and saith that, he was during the whole Night on which

White was killed, at home at his own house. That the first information he received of the Death of White, was from John Garrison who came to the Deponent's house on the Morning after White was killed. That Garrison immediately upon entering the deponent's house, said we have killed a Man, That the deponent replied, that it was a very bad Action and asked him, how he came to do it? That Garrison thereupon said that they were pursued, and that he had always determined to be killed before he would be taken, That the said Garrison tarried but a few Minutes at the deponents house and went off, That Garrison was armed with a Gun and Pistol, That there were at the deponents house at the same time and in the same room with Garrison, Michael Lownsberry [*and Jeremiah Roads*] That neither this deponent or the said Lownsberry made any attempts to apprehend the said Garrison while at the house, nor did he the deponent, nor does he beleive that Lownsberry took any measures to have the said Garrison apprehended after he left this deponent's house. This Deponent further saith, that he thinks it probable, that if he and Lownsberry had attempted to take Garrison at that time, he would and could have killed one of them.

The deponent does admit, that he had heard and at the very time Garrison came to his house beleived that there was a Company that went about that quarter of the Country, robbing and plundering, that White was killed by and that Garrison one Jacob Van Tassel and one Thomas Gibson belonged to that Gang.

This Deponent further saith, that had it not been for fear of the Injury which he apprehended Garrison would do him, he would at the time the said Garrison came into his this deponents house have endeavoured to have taken and secured the said Garrison

SIMON OUTHOUSE

John Lownsberry being Sworn deposeth and saith, that he was at the House of Simon Outhouse, the Night that White was killed, and the Morning after, as is set forth

John
Lownsberry
Examina-
tion re-
specting

Simon
Outhouse &
the Murder
John White

in the Deposition of Michael Lownsberry, but was not in the house when Garrison was there, neither did he see him, as he the deponent had step'd out to relieve nature, And for the same Reasons assigned in said Mich. Lownsberry's Deposition, beleives that the said Simon Outhouse was not from home, during all the Night that White was killed And the Deponent further saith, that upon his return into the house immediately after Garrison had been there, this Deponent was informed that a Man had been at said Outhouse's House, who said that a Man had been killed early that Morning. And the Deponent, from the Conversation which passed between him the Deponent, Michael Lownsberry and Outhouse at that time respecting the Matter, understood that Michael Lownsberry and Outhouse beleived that the Person, who brought such intelligence belonged to the Company which killed the Man. And this Deponent further saith, that he did not understand, from Michael Lownsberry or Outhouse that they had attempted to apprehend the said Person, Neither did they appear to him anxious to have him **apprehended**. And the deponent further saith, that he beleives, from the behaviour and Conversation of Outhouse, that had the said Person been unarmed, or otherwise in the Power of the s^d Outhouse, he (Outhouse) wou'd not have taken or secured him. And further this Deponent saith not.

JOHN LOWNSBERRY

John Lownsberry being further examined on Oath saith that when upon his return into the house, he discovered that his Brother and Outhouse had reason to suspect, that the said Person, belonged to the Company that had committed the Murder, he reprehended them for not endeavouring to secure him, that the deponent does not remember that his Brother or Outhouse made any reply thereto, & is confident that they did not assign as a reason, that the said Person was armed & they were fearful he would injure them.

JOHN LOWNSBERRY

Whereas it appears to this Board, that Michael Lownsberry notwithstanding John Garrison confess'd in his hearing that he was concerned in the Murder of John White, took no measures to have the said Garrison taken or secured but suffered him to escape.

Resolved therefore that he be committed to the Guard House.

Sergeant Penfold informed the Board that he had apprehended Jonathⁿ Rogers, and brought him Prisoner agreeable to their Order of the 20th Instant.

Jonathan
Rogers
Committed

Order'd that he be committed to the Guard House

Ordered that Rev^d Isaac Rysdyck, Tuenis V. Bunschoten and Zachariah Sickles be requested to attend this Board to give Evidence against Rudolphus Ritzma, on Thursday next.

Mr Rysdyck
V. B.
Schoten &
Sickles to
appear to
give Evi-
dence

Board adjourned til tomorrow.

REPORT OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSION FOR CONSPIRACIES ⁴

[Satur]day
Feb^y 22: 1777.

Beverly Robinson Esq: appeared before the committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New York for enquiring into Detecting and Defeating all conspiracies that may be formed against the Liberties of the Same and the Board of Commissioners appointed By the Convention for the Same purpose.

John Jay Esq ^r Chairman	} members of Committee
Judge Graham	
Nath ^l Sackett	

Colonel Swartwout	} Commissioners
Egbert Benson	
Melancton Smith	

he was interigated in the following manner Viz^t
M^r Jay Sir you having observed an Equivocal Neutrality thro' the Course of your conduct the Committee is at a Loss to know how to Rank you.

M^r Robinson Sir it is True, at first I offered my Servis to the publick but they Did not think proper to Chuse me Since which Time I have made my Self Prisoner on my farm in order to keep myself from a necessity of Expressing my Sentiments.

⁴ These minutes are recorded on a loose sheet of paper, closely written on both sides, in the archives of the N. Y. State Museum, Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh, N. Y. It is printed here through the courtesy of the Trustees. The first *Catalogue of Manuscripts in Washington's Headquarters*, (prepared by E. M. Ruttenber, 1879) states (p. 34, no. 111) that it was the gift of Colonel Isaiah Townsend.

M^r Jay Sir your Son has gone to New York to the enemy.

M^r Robinson No Sir he is gone to Long Island.

M^r Jay Sir this Committee is informed that when your Son was about Taking a Commission you was much Displeas'd at it.

M^r Robinson I was not Sir, but I believe that Committees thro' their Severity have made a Great many Tories for it is natural when a man is hurt to kick.

M^r Jay Sir we have pass'd the Rubicon and it is now necessary every man [torn] Take his part, Cast off[f] all alliegiance to the King of Great Britain and take an Oath of Aliegiance to the States of America or Go over to the Enemy for we have Declared our Selves Independant.

M^r Robinson—Si[r, I] can't Take the Oath,⁵ but Should be exceedingly Glad to Stay in the Country. to Inable me to Stay in the Country, and Expecting that there wold be a great Deal of Trouble about the forts in the Spring I have already Sent some of my Goods farther Back in the Country to patersons and I Should be extreemly unhappy in being obliged to go over to the enemy for I have no way to mentain my family there but I have here. If I go to the enemy can I carry with me any of my effects.—it is very uncertain who will Rule yet for the matter is not Determined.

M^r Jay Yes Sir undoubtedly you can carry your effects but we Don't Desire you Sir to give your answer now we would Chuse that you Should take Time To Consider of the matter before you give your answer for I can assure you Sir without flattery we Should be exceeding happy to have you with us.

(M^r Benson then Laboured much to Shew M^r Robinson the propriety of the measure and the great pleasur[e] it would give us, to have him with us)

M^r Robinson how Long before I must give my answer a Day or Two.

⁵ App. I, p. 427.

M^r Jay no Sir you need not hurry your Self you can
Take a month or Six weeks.

M^r Robinson you Gentlemen are not Ingaged on Sun-
days, will you come down and See me one Sunday.

M^r Jay I am obliged to you Sir, I don't Expect to be
Long here.

M^r Benson I am much obliged to you Sir and will Do
myself the Pleasure of Coming to See you one Sunday.

M^r Robinson then Retired.⁶

* Beverly Robinson, in testifying in London, December, 1785, before the Commissioners on the Losses of American Loyalists, produced a summons dated February 20, 1777, to attend the Committee of Conspiracies at Fishkill, and a copy of the oath they asked him to take. (The oath is printed *post*, Appendix I.) He said "they gave him till May following to give his Answer as to taking this Oath, but he declared he never would take it, & went away before the time came round that he was to give his formal answer." After his departure, "he wrote a letter to Mr. Jay who was President of the Committee to which he was summoned. Mr. Jay addressed his answer to Mrs. Robinson." (See *post*, *Minutes* of March 18, 1777.)

Transcript . . . of Papers of the Commission . . . on the Losses and Services of American Loyalists, XLIII, 204-219, 221, in the N. Y. Public Library.

Board met pursuant to adjournment Feb^y 23^d ⁷

Present

M: Benson

Lieut^t Dyckman appeared and informed that he had brought as a Prisoner Jonathan Stokum apprehended by Order of the Committee of Fredericksburgh and charged by the Depositions of Nathan Yearn James Dickson and Isaiah Bennet with threatening to burn the House of Col^o Ludington

Jonathan
Stokum ap-
prehended
Yearn,
Dickson
& Barnet
Witnesses
ag^t him

Ordered that he [be] committed to the Guard House

Lieut^t Dyckman further informed that he had also brought as Prisoners Gilbert Shaw and Isaac Akerly.

Lieut^t Joseph Dyckman being duly sworn saith that as he was returning Home last friday Evening he overtook the said Gilbert Shaw & Isaac Akerly and another Person whose name the Deponent does not at present remember—that he soon took Occasion to enter into Conversation with Shaw—that the Deponent mistrusting the said three Persons and desirous to discover their Intentions told Shaw that he the Deponent and a Number more intended to go beyond the Lines to the Enemy and asked Shaw if he would join them who immediately replied that he would and said that by God he would, which he repeated several times in the Road and afterwards again when they came to Joshua Conclings—that among other things which passed in the Conversation Shaw asked the Deponent what he thought of the Whig Party that the Deponent observed to him not to mind it—that Shaw speaking of the Whigs said God them how they have used me—that the Deponent thereupon took proper Means to secure him.

Shaw &
Akerly
bro't by
Lieut^t
Dyckman
Dyckman's
Deposition
ag^t Shaw

JOSEPH DYCKMAN

⁷ Continuation of the manuscript volume in the N. Y. Hist. Soc. Library.

Shaw
committed

Ordered that the above named Gilbert Shaw be committed to the Guard House.

Akerly ad-
mitted on
Parole.

Isaac Akerly having been apprehended only on Suspicion of his being confederate with Shaw

Ordered that he be admitted to his Parole til tomorrow Morning.

Board adjourned.

Monday, Feb^y 24th Board met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Swartwout

Lieut^t
Dyckmans
Bill pro-
duced and
paid.

Lieut^t Dyckman produced his Account of Services and Expences of himself and Guard in apprehending Shaw Gilbert & Akerly and conveying them to this place and the same being liquidated at £7: 2: 6.

Resolved that it be paid and it was accordingly paid out of the Money taken from Lamountis Noe.

Thomas
Bemus
takes the
Oath and is
discharged

Thomas Bemus who had been committed for damning the Congress having been brot before the Board and it appearing that he had been confined since 30th Dec^r last in the [Guard-house?] and he offering voluntarily to take the Oath of Allegiance

Resolved that upon taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State he be discharged

He appearing and taking the Oath was discharged.

Benjamin
Searles
appears is
examined &
remanded
to the
Guard
house

Benjⁿ Searle who had been apprehended and sent to the Committee by Maj^r Graham upon suspicion of being concerned in the Murder of John White being examined and it not appearing to the Board from his Examination that he was in any wise concerned in the said Murder and there being nothing charged ag^t him in the Depositions transmitted by Major Graham respecting the Murder.

Ordered that he be remanded to the Guard House for further Consideration

Isaac
Akerly
dismissed.

Ordered that Isaac Akerly be discharged he having produced to this Board a Pass from Col: Welsh of New

Hampshire permitting him to come into this State and return to New Hampshire again.

The Board having been informed that John Palmer Jun^r from Pawlings Precinct was a Prisoner in the Guard House and it not appearing from the Proceedings or Papers of the Committee what is charged against him or for what Cause he was committed and he having been sent for and examined and the Board not being able to discover his Offence from his Examination he protesting his Innocence.

John
Palmer
admitted
on Parol.

Resolved that the Committe of Pawling's Prec^t be wrote to for Information respecting the said John Palmer and that he in the meantime be admitted to his Parol and confined to within one Mile of the Stone Church til the further Order of this Board.

Committee
of Pawl-
ings wrote
to about
Jn^o Palmer

This Board being informed that William Gilroberts now a Prisoner in the Guard House is indisposed and that he ought to be removed as Confinement there in his present State of Indisposition will greatly endanger his Health and it being suggested to this Board that the House of Gilbert Southard is proper for the Reception of the said William Gilroberts and that he can conveniently be accommodated there

William
Gilroberts
sick Or-
dered to be
removed to
Gilbert
Southards

Resolved that the said Wil^m Gilroberts be immediately removed to the House of the said Gilbert Southerd who is hereby required to receive him and provide him with Necessaries and this Board will defray the Expences thereof

Board adjourned til tomorrow.

Tuesday Feb^y 25th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Swartwout

Cap^t Belknap informed that Albert Westervelt had been apprehended by Col: Van Cortlandt at Van Wycks that the said Westervelt was notoriously disaffected to the American Liberty and that he (Cap^t Bellknap) had

Albert
Westervelt
appre-
hended
takes the
Oath of
Allegiance

to New
Jersey and
is dis-
charged

been frequently to Poughkeepsie by Order of the Committee to apprehend the said Westervelt but could never take him.

Ordered that he be discharged upon taking the Oath allegiance.

He appeared and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to the State of New Jersey was discharged.

Letter
from Gen^l
Clinton
respecting
Zabriskie
&c:

Board received a Letter^s from Gen^l Geo: Clinton respecting Ryder Zabriskie & Doremus apprehended with Horses &c^a Ordered that it be referred for further Consideration.

Henry
Vunk's Ex-
amination

Henry Vunk a Prisoner in the Guard House appearing before the Board and being examined said that James Briggs of Peeks Kill about the beginning of November in the Presence of the Examinant counterfeited a thirty dollar Continental Bill by taking a 3 Dollar Bill and altering the Denomination, that the said Briggs gave the said Bill to the Examinant and desired him to pass it and they were to divide the Money which should be received in Change for the said Bill,—that Briggs told the Examinant he could not be punished if he was detected—that attempting to pass the said Bill at New Windsor he was discovered and apprehended.

HENRY VUNK

permitted
to inlist,
inlist's and
is dis-
charged

The aforesaid Henry Vunk offering voluntarily to inlist in the Service of the United States and Ensign Brewster of Cap^t Davis's Company Col: Livingston's Regiment consenting to receive him in the Company and the said Henry Vunk having been long confined and almost destitute of Clothing so that should he be ordered into Confinement he ought from Motives of humanity to be provided with Clothes to prevent the Expence whereof and also that the public may be relieved from the Burthen of subsisting the said Henry Vunk any longer especially as it is doubtful whether he can be tried legally & punished for the above Offence should he be detained in Custody til Courts are erected there being

^s App. I, pp. 422-425.

no positive Law of the State against it at the time it was committed.

Resolved that Ensign Brewster be permitted to inlist the said Henry Vunk.

Ensign Brewster informed that the said Henry Vunk had inlisted with him.

The Oath of Allegiance to this State being administered to the said Henry Vunk he was thereupon discharged.

Gabriel Valentine a Prisoner in the Guard House and one of the Company apprehended and brought before the Committee Jan^y 2^d in attempting to go to the Enemy offering to inlist with Ensign Brewster

Gabriel
Valentine
permitted
to inlist.

Resolved that he be permitted to inlist.

Ensign Brewster informed that Gabriel Valentine had inlisted with him and the said Gabriel Valentine not having attained the Age of Sixteen Years and this Board being doubtful of the Propriety of tendering to him the Oath of Allegiance

Valentine
inlists
and is
discharged.

Ordered that he be discharged and delivered over in Charge to Ensign Brewster.

Gilbert Purdy and Richard West having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Gilbert
Purdy &
Richard
West
discharged

Ordered—that they be discharged.

Gilbert Ogden having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Gilbert
Ogden d^o

Ordered that he be discharged.

Peter Caverly having voluntarily taken the [oath] of Allegiance to this State

Peter
Caverly d^o

Ordered that he be discharged.

Board adjourned.

Wednesday the 26th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

Col: Swartwout

M^r Henry Peckwell appeared before the Board and consented to serve as Sec^y to the Board at the Rate of 12/ P^r day.

M^r
Peckwell
appointed
Sec^y

Resolved that he be appointed Sec^y accordingly and be allowed the above Wages.

Solomon Powel to be paid 3 dollars.

Application having been made in Behalf of Solomon Powel for some Compensation for his Services in apprehending disaffected Persons and Major^s Platt & Sacket informing the Board that the said Solomon Powel had upon a certain Occasion been very active and that it would be proper to give him a Gratuity of three dollars

Resolved that he be paid Three Dollars for his Services

Sarah Thomas discharged from confinement & delivered over to M^r Brower together with her Papers

M^r William Brower appeared before the Board and applied in Behalf of Sarah Thomas now confined in Poughkeepsie Goal and engaged that he would take Charge of her and that She should appear whenever ordered by this Board.

Resolved that James Brooks Keeper of the Goal in Poughkeepsie deliver Sarah Thomas over to William Brower.

In Confirmation of the above Engagement M^r Brower has subscribed his Name to this Resolution

WILLIAM BROWER

Ordered that the Papers of M^{rs} Thomas be delivered to M^r Brower and they were delivered accordingly

Gershom Wing admitted on Parol

Gershom Wing who had been admitted on his Parole to return home & Consider whether he would affirm his Allegiance to this State, appeared, and declared that he could not consistant with his religious Principles as a Quaker.

Order'd that his Case be deferr'd for farther Consideration and that he in the mean Time, be admitted on his Parole not to depart more than Two Miles from the Stone Church, till the further Order of this Board.

£ 27 : 6 : 2 paid by M^r Sacket for the Use of the Com^s

Hagedorn, Clopper & Anderson take the Oath and

M^r Sacket paid to this Board the sum of £ 27. .6. .2 to be applied by them in Executing their Business for which M^r Benson gave his receipt.

Jacob Hagedorn, Frederick Clopper, George Clopper & Jacob Anderson, Prisoners Committed to the Goal of Poughkeepsie by order of the Committee, appearing be-

fore this Board and Voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

are discharged

Order'd that he be discharged.

John Light Prisoner from the Guard House appearing before this Board and Voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

John Light
d^o

Ordered that he be discharged.

Col: Abraham Brinkerhoff applied to this Board praying that if there was no special Charge against Joseph Post, he might be permitted to return home, as he is a Cooper & a large stock of Stuff on hand, & might be very Serviceable to the publick, as flour Casks are so very much wanted at this Juncture.

Joseph Post
permitted
to return
from Worcester

The Board taking the same into their Considerati[on]

Resolved that the Committee of the Town of Worcester in the State of Massachusetts Bay, be authorized to permit Joseph Post one of the disaffected Persons sent by order of the Committee for detecting Conspiracies &c. to the Town of Worcester in the State of Massachusetts Bay to return into this State provided he will engage immediately upon his return to renounce his Allegiance to the King of Great Britain & take & subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Board adjourned

Thursday, Feb^y 27th 1777. Board met
Present

M^r Benson

M^r Swartwout

The Board received another Letter⁹ from Gen^l Geo: Clinton containing Information respecting Doremus, Ryder & Zabriskie.

A Letter
from Gen:
Geo: Clinton
about
Ryder
Zabriskie
&c^a

Ordered that it be referred for future Consideration.

Cap^t Platt laid before the Board the Deposition of James Currey informing that Elijah Dingey had a Company inlisted for the Enemy, that Daniel Husted had a Warrant for inlisting Men & that Moses Knapp & Isaac Gonung disired Curry to inlist.

James
Curry's
Deposition
—Elijah
Dingey
with the
Enemy—
Daniel
Husted—
Moses Knapp
—Isaac
Gonung.

* App. I, pp. 428-430.

Stewart,
Grant,
Anderson,
M^c Quay, &
M^c Kerly on
their way
to the
Enemy.
Charge
ag^t Ab^m
Brinkerhoff

A Letter was received from M^r Samuel Dodge inclosing an Order from Committee of Albany to Cap^t Wendel & c^a to persue James Stewart, Arch^d Anderson, Rob^t M^c Quay, Alex^r Grant, Joⁿ M^c Kerly, & three others [who] were on their way to join the Enemy.

A Letter from the Committee of Ulster of the 8th Jan^y last charging Abraham Brinkerhoff with distributing Copies of Lord & General Hows Proclamation of the 12th of Sep^t last.

Order'd, that it be refer'd for a future Consideration

Arie
Delong.

Application having been made to this Board, in Behalf of Arie Delong one of the disaffected persons heretofore sent to New Hampshire, & who is lately return'd to this State by permission, & is now at home indisposed, and the Time limited for his return being Expired.

Resolved, that Arie Delong be permitted to remain at home during his present indisposition, & that as soon as he shall be able to travel, he appear before this Board.

Johannis
Medlar

Johannis Medler having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered, that he be discharged.

Albertus
Schryver

Albertus Schriver having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State and being indisposed with the Jaundice,

Ordered, that he be discharged.

Proceed-
ings ag^t
Morison
to be
returned.

An Order from the Committee of Safety of the 25th Ins^t requiring a return of the proceedings relative to the Case of Malcolm Morrison

Belknap's
Comp^y to
be under
Gen^l Clin-
ton

A Resolution of the Committee of Safety ¹⁰ of the 26th Ins^t directing Cap^t Belknap's Comp^a to be placed under the Command of Gen^l Geo: Clinton, if this Board shall consent thereto.

Cap^t
Clarke's
Informa-
tion about
Daniel
Chace,
Doctor
Prosser,
Dan: Chace
Sen^r

Cap^t Clark appeared before the Board and informed that from the Information which he received from the Imissary Daniel Chace Jun^r was a Liu^t in Doct: Hamiltons Comp^a and had offer'd the Imissary five Dollars hard Cash to inlist.—That Doct: Prosser was to be a Surgeon to a Regiment in the Enemies Service.—That

¹⁰ Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 813.

Dan^l Chace Sen^r refused to receive pay from the Imissary for Leather & a Meal of Victuals, upon the Imissarys assuring him that he was a *Friend* Cap^t Clark further informed that Dan^l Chace Jun^r was not apprehended, having been left at home by the Rangers on Acc^t of his being sick—Cap^t Clark farther Informs that Joshua, Elias & Benjamin Prosser now in Custody tho' disaffected & possibly privy to the raising of a Company, doubts whether they are inlisted—That Hanly as the Imissary said was a Pilot to the Parties who went to the Enemy—That when Hanly was apprehended (at Elkanah Briggs's) Carlyle was in Bed with Hanly and imagines he was concerned with him—That Carlyle when he was first apprehended denied to Col: Morehouse that he had ever taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, but insisted that he was a Prisoner of War, & not oblige to Swear, and intimated that he had been made a Prisoner by our Army while they lay before Boston—This Examination continued on the next page

Joshua
Prosser
Elias Prosser
Benj: Prosser

Silvester
Handly

Francis
Carlisle

Isaac Vail appeared before the Board and informed that he had heretofore taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State before the Committee and confin'd by their Order, and now pray'd that he might be permitted to go at large and he having made a candid & open confession of his having deserted the Guards on his way to Exeter, and of his having since been in the City of New York & on Long Island, and declaring that he had changed his Sentiments, and this Board having confidence in him that he will agreeable to his profession conduct himself as a True Friend to the American cause.

Isaac Vail
released

Resolved that Isaac Vail be released from his present confinement on his Farm, and be permitted to go at Large, equally to the other Inhabitants of this State.

The Information of Cap^t Clark continued from the preceding page

Cap^t Clark further Informs, that he does not think it probable, that any more of the Company, except Daniel Chace Jun: & Doct. Prosser can be apprehended.

Clarke's
further In-
formation

Resolved, that Cap^t Clark cause those two persons last

named, to be apprehended and Immediately thereupon direct Lieu^t Bowers Company to March to this place.

James
Striker
discharged.

James Striker having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered, that he be discharged

Board adjourned

Friday Feb^y 28th 1777. Board met

Present. M^r Benson

Col: Swartwout

M^r Smith

Joseph
Sheldon
John Finch
William
Wing
Thomas
Briggs
Roger Cut-
ler Daniel
Crane and
Nathan
Sheldon
Enoch
Hoag &
Jacob
Hogeboom
appre-
hended

Col: Morehouse appeared, & informed the Board that he had apprehended & brought with him to this place the following persons, Viz^t Joseph Sheldon, John Finch William Wing, Tho^s Briggs, Roger Cutler, Daniel Crane, Nathan Sheldon, Enoch Hoag Jacob Hogeboom whom he had apprehended on Wednesday night 26th Ins^t at the house of said Enoch Hoag, in consequence of information he had received from the Immissary that these persons were to assemble there at that Time with an intent to go off to the Enemy—That the Immissary informed Col: Morehouse that those Persons had told him that an officer in the neighbourhood who had been down to the Enemy was return'd who would be there also to see who would turn out as Volunteers

Joseph
Sheldon
Examined

Joseph Sheldon being Examined, saith, that he has long conceald himself for fear of the Rangers, that his intention in going to Hoags the night he was apprehended, was because it was a retired place, and as he was going Spalding overtook him,—that Spalding was on his way home, & the Examinant persuaded him to go with him to Hoags—When the Examinant came to Hoags, he found there Hoag, Brown, & Hogeboom,—insists that his sole view in going to Hoags was to keep out of the way,—denies that the Meeting was concerted (to his knowledge) or that he had, neither does he know or believe that any of the others had intentions to go off to the Enemy—that no conversation passed during the Evening respecting

any matter of that kind—that he knows seven of the persons apprehended, and admits that they are not Whigs—denies his ever having been with the Enemy—confesses he has been twice to Rhod Island, once to see his Friends, & at another time to avoid being taken as he understood he was to be sent to Exeter.—disavows all knowledge of any persons inlisting for the Enemies service—That as the Examinant & Spalding went together, Spalding call'd at his Brother Abijahs, that the Examinant proceeded slowly on and was shortly overtaken by Spalding, who brought with him John Finch, that when the Examinant Spalding & Finch, were ascending the Hill, they met Tho^s Briggs & Daniel Crane that the Examinant told the two last persons, that if they would walk with him back as far as Hoags, he would return with them again, as he did not intend to stay there long and does insist that his only motive in asking Spalding Brigs & Crane to go with him, was for the sake of Comp^a & Conversation

Order'd that the nine persons apprehended as above be committed to the Guard House.

This Board being informed that there is Sundry personal Estate of Doct: John Hamilton a person notoriously disaffected to the American Cause, & who is now supposd to be with the Enemy, having lately when apprehended as a Delinquent made his Escape from the Guards

Dr
Hamiltons
Estate to
be sold.

Resolved, that Col: Andrew Morehouse be directed to Collect the said Estate and to dispose of the same at publick Auction, and after deducting the Charges of Sale, & the Expence of keeping an Horse, (part of the said Estate), to return the Monies together with proper Acco^t Sales to this Board, Provided, nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to authorize Col: Morehouse to receive any Debts due to the said John Hamilton

A Letter from the Committee of the North East Precinct informing that they had apprehended & sent under Guard to this Board, Henry Erkenbright & Lewis Bryant upon suspicion of their their being concerned in the rescue

Lewis
Bryant &
Hen^y Erk-
enbregh ap-
prehended

Weaver,
Row Wal-
& Dan^l
M^c Alpine,
Baltus &
Peter
Kiefer,
M^c Quin,
Welsh,
Dederick,
Colder &
Everhart in
the Rescue
of Jn^o
M^c Alpine

Letter from
Col: Welsh
about Mor-
rel, Law-
sen, Boyce,
Mitchel,
Cropsy,
Wygant,
Shaw,
Akerly

Jonathan
Stokum
discharged

of John M^c Alpine, & inclosing the Examinations of the said two Persons, by which it appears that Peter Weaver, John P Row, Walter & Daniel M^c Alpine, Baltus & Peter Keefar, John M^c Quin, Edward Welsh, William Derick, John Colder, & Hermon Everhart, tho' not yet apprehended, were also concerned in the rescue

Order'd that Henry Erkenbright, be committed to the Guard house.

A Letter from Col: Welch of New Hampshire informing that Benjamin Morrell, John Lawson & Abraham Boyce are gone off. That Peter Mott was apprehended in endeavouring to make his Escape. That William Mitchel, Henry Cropsy William Wygant, Gilbert Shaw, & Isaac Eckerly behave themselves well—And that the Col: conceives that the four first might safely & requests that they may be permitted to return home

Cap^t Hill appeared & assured the Boa. that Jonathan Stokum was a True Friend to the American Cause and that if the Charge of his threatening to burn Col: Luddenton's House should be proved against him, it would not appear to be the Effect of disaffection

Jonathan Stokum appeared before the Board & positively denied the above charge, and declared that he bore no Enmity to Col: Luddenton, but on the Contrary, had a great Esteem & regard for him, and the Board from the Character given of the said Stokum by Cap^t Hill, being induced to believe him sincere in his professions, yet for the greater security

Resolved, that Jonathan Stokum be discharged upon becoming bound with Cap^t Andrew Hill as a surety to this Board in the Sum of Thirty Pounds for his peaceable behaviour towards all the Subjects of this State, particularly towards Col: Henry Luddenton.

Cap^t Hill, & M^r Stokum consented to become bound as aforesaid, in Confirmation whereof, they have hereunto Subscribed their Names

JONATHAN STOKOM
ANDREW HILL

Enoch Crosby being duly sworn informs that on the 9th Inst. word was brought to him by Doct: Prosser from Silvester Handly to meet him (said Handly) at the house of Elkanah Brigs in order to Join a Company which he (said Handly) was to Pilot to the Enemy in a few days. the informant accordingly did call upon him, who told this informant, that said Company were to set off in a few Days—that Doct. Hamilton had gone out to collect them together for that Purpose—That said Handly directed this Informant to the House of Enoch Hoag where he assured him he could be concealed, and this Informant accordingly went to said Hoags, where he tarried four or five days undiscovered—that said Hoag talked much against the Rebels, and said that he had a Barrel of Pork & forty Bushels of Wheat, which he meant to keep for the Kings Army.—This informant further saith, that while he was at Hoags, he went to see Hanly, who informed him that he had not yet heard from Doct^r Hamilton, but expected him home that night, & tho^t that the Company would set off in Two or Three Days.—This Informant further saith that in consequence of Advice received from Tories he left the House of Enoch Hoag, & went to John Hoags at the Oblong, that William Wing accompanied him thither, who informed him that a Company was going off that week to the Enemy from that Neighbourhood & the State of Connecticut, and that Zebulon Ross Jun. was the Cap^t of said Company—that Nathan Hoag from Oswego was to engage part of said Comp^a who had already been down twice with the Enemy

The informant further saith that he went to John Hoags where he tarried a Week, & from thence he went to the House of William Wing, whose Wife informed him that he would now soon have Company, as there was a Man lately come up from York, who was to return soon, —that from Wings he went to the house of Jacob Weed, where he was informed, that Wing & Weeds second son had gone to see this Man who has come from York, and was advised to tarry till they returned which he accord-

Emissary's
 Informa-
 tion
 Handly

Prosser

Hamilton

Hoag

Hoag

Handly
 Hamilton

Ross
 Nathan
 Hoag

Wing

Weed

ingly did; that upon their return, they told the informant that he could now have Company, as there was an officer come up after recruits and that he must meet him the next Night at Enoch Hoags, where a Company was to Assemble in order to know who was to go. That after the Informant left Wing & Weed he stopped at the House of Elkanah Briggs, whos[e] wife informed him that a person had just left the House who had Come from New York, and was going soon to return with a Number of Men, & that the Informant might have an opportunity of going with him & advised the informant to call upon the said person whose Name she said was Joseph Sheldon, for further information, which the informant accordingly did, and said Sheldon asked him whether he was disposed to inlist the informant answered him that he had some talk of it, but that he did not chuse to sign his name before he got down,—said Sheldon told him (the Informant) that he had been down with two or three Parties already and meant to take with him now about fifteen men,—that the informant understood that said Sheldon was an Officer, but did not learn his Rank, & that he informed him that this was the last time he should be up on this Business. That said Sheldon requested this Informant to meet him the next night at the house of Enoch Hoag. That this Informant went the same night in Company with Elkanah Briggs to the house of said Enoch Hoags, who informed him that Shedon was to be there the next night, and that a number of persons was to meet him there, & that he said Hoag was to notify a young Man who lived at his Fathers, of the intended Meeting. That this Informant learnt from Elkanah Briggs, that said Briggs & Agrippa Martin were going to Shaftsbury in order to be Innoculated. This Informant further saith that on the night following, the said Sheldon came to the house of Said Enoch Hoag, that Thomas Briggs Spalding & the other persons brought here this day by Col: Morehouse met there also, that said Sheldon had but just entered upon

Briggs

Sheldon

Briggs &
Martin
gone to
Shaftsbury.

discourse respecting his design, when the House was Surrounded, and were all taken Prisoners

ENOCH CROSBY

Ordered, That Ten Dollars be paid to Enoch Crosby for secret services

£ 4 p^d
Crosby

Enoch Crosby on oath further saith, that William Wing told Enoch Hoag he intended to go down with his Slay & Horses to the Enemy, upon which said Hoag told Wing he would go himself with his Slay & horses, if he had no Family.

his further
Examⁿ
Wing
Hoag

ENOCH CROSBY

Resolved that the Rev^d M^r Townsend & Benjamin Close be admitted on their Parole to go to their respected Families in West Chester County till the further Order of this Board.

Mess^{rs}
Close &
Townsend
admitted
on Parol

Mess^{rs} Townsend & Close engaged to pay the Expencc of an Express that should be sent for them to appear

Resolved that Lewis Bryan be permitted to go at large on his Parole, and not to depart.

Bryan on
Parol

The Board taking into Consideration the Case of Fifteen Horses & a quantity of Cash siezed by Major Pauling, Brig^r Major to General George Clinton the 4th of Jan^y last, the Consideration whereof was referred to the late Committee for detecting Conspiracies &ca by order of the Committee of Safety ¹¹ of this State of the 23^d Jan^y last, and this Board having Maturely considered the several Examinations, Letters, Petitions and other Matters now before them relative to the same—

Resolution
about the
Horses &
Cash
taken with
Doremus
Ryder &
Zabriske.

Resolved that Christian H Zabriskie, Stephen Ryder & George Doremus, Inhabitants of the State of New Jersey Purchased Thirteen of the said Fifteen Horses on or about the first of Jan^y last in the County of Ulster in this State, Viz^t One Bay Mare, One Bay & two Brown Geldings for Stephen Terhune late an Inhabitant of the City of New York at present Resident in the State of New Jersey. Two Black Geldings for Peter Demarist, a

¹¹ Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 784.

for whom
the Horses
were pur-
chased

Subject of the State of New Jersey, One Chesnut & One Brown Gelding for Henry Zabriskie a Subject of the State of New Jersey, One Bay Mare for Samuel Brevoort, also a Subject of the State of New Jersey, One brown Gelding for him the said Christian H Zabriskie One Brown Mare for him the said Stephen Ryder, one Chesnut Gelding & one Brown Mare for Albert Voorhees also a Subject of the State of New Jerseys; That the Sum of one hundred and Ninety two Dollars & One Eighth, the aforesaid Quantity of Cash siezed by Major Pauling and now in the Possession of this Board is the overplus of Monies belonging in different proportions to the above several persons, or some of them, and intended to have been expended in purchasing Horses in the same manner as the above thirteen Horses were purchased.

Horses
siezed in
New Jersey

Resolved, that the said Thirteen Horses and the said Sum of Money were Siezed within the State of New Jersey by Major Albert Pauling an Officer in the Militia of this State.

Terhune
has a
Protection

Resolved that the said Stephen Terhune had accepted and at the Time of the said Siezure, was, and still is possessed of a Protection from Gen^l Howe, and that he refused to deliver up the same and swear Allegiance to these United States, when thereto lately required by the Commanding Officer of a Detachment of Militia of this State

Horses
procured
with cor-
rupt In-
tentions

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board, the said Horses were procured by the said several Persons with Corrupt evil intentions either for the Use of the Enemy or with a View solely to put off their Continental money, and by that means depreciate the Value of the same, Therefore

to be sold

Resolved that the said sum of Money be detained by this Board and that the said Thirteen Horses be sold at publick Auction, that the proceeds thereof after deducting the Charges of Sale and Expence of keeping since the Siezure, be also detained by this Board subject to the disposal and determination of the Convention or future Legislature of this State

Resolved, that Robert Boyd Esq^r be, and is hereby requested and Authorized to superintend the said Sale, and all persons having any of the said Horses in possession are required to deliver the same to him for that purpose, and that he be also Authorized to retain in his hands and pay to the several persons to whom the same may be due, the Charges attending the Sale and the Ex-
pence of keeping the said Horses as aforesaid and with all convenient speed pay to this Board the neat proceeds, and return a proper account Sales distinguishing therein, not only what the said Horses severally sold for but (where the same may be discovered) also the names of the persons for whom they were respectively purchased, as stated in this resolution, and in like manner an Acco^t of the Ex-
pence for keeping each respective Horse.

Resolved that Brig^r Gen: Geor: Clinton be requested to order the two remaining Horses to be delivered to the said Stephen Ryder & Christian Zabriskie.¹²

Nathan Pierce Esq^r Chairman of the Committee of Pawlings Precinct appear'd before the Board & assured them that Benj^a Prosser was a True and firm friend to the American Cause, and that he must have been apprehended thro' Mistake.

Benjamin
Prosser
discharged

Ordered, that the said Benj^a Prosser be discharged
Board adjourned.

Sat^r March 1st 1777. Board met
Present
All the Members

Stephen Rapelye being duly sworn saith that he never acted as a Guide to the British Light Horse or any of their Army, neither did he aid or abett them in any other Capacity since they arrived in America and further that he has not purchased for Gold Silver or any Obligation or other Consideration any Part of the Money now in the Possession of this Board but that he received the said Money at the full value each Bill specified.

Stephen
Rapelye's
Affidavit

STEPHEN RAPALJE

¹² For letter to Gen. Clinton, see App. I, p. 430.

The Board taking into consideration the Case of Stephen Rapelye

Stephen
Rapelye
takes the
Oath of
Allegiance
& is dis-
charged

Resolved that upon his taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State he be discharged, And that his Money now in possession of this Board be returned him.

Mr Rapelye appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance, was discharged and his Money returned to him accordingly

Benjamin
Gero per-
mitted to
return from
Spencer

Application having been made to this Board in behalf of Benj^a Gero one of the disaffected persons removed out of this State by Order of the late Committee for Conspiracies, &c^a, that he might be permitted to return, and it having been represented that the said Gero has a Numerous family who stand greatly in need of his Assistance, and that he would willinly become a faithful Subject to this State, and will for the future conduct himself as a true friend to the American Cause.

Resolved, that the said Benj^a Gero be permitted to return into this State again, and that the Committee of the Town of Spencer in the Massachusets Bay be authorized to dismiss him accordingly, provided that previous to his dismissal he shall stipulate to them immediately upon his return to appear before this Board & renounce his Allegiance to the King of Great Britain & take and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Benjamin
Searle
discharged

Benjamin Searle appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged.

William
Akerly's
Examina-
tion

William Akerly being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that he worked at the House of Reuben Williams from the 4th Day of December last until he was apprehended by Major Graham, that the said Williams has been out from home all Winter, except once that he came home and tarried 4 or five days about a fortnight before John White was killed. That this Deponent does not know where the said Williams kept. This deponent further saith that in the night before White was killed in the Morning, about an Hour before Day, the said Williams came home, in Company with John Garrison, Jacob Van Tassel,

William Mead, Charles Parson, Frederick Fisher, and another Man whose Name this Deponent does not know. That the most if not all the said Persons were Armed with Guns. That a little before Sunrise in the morning, some Rangers came to apprehend the said Persons, That the said Persons went out of the house, and this Deponent immediately thereupon heard several Guns Fire, but knows not who fired them that the said Persons then run off, and after they had gone he discovered that John White was killed. And further this deponent saith not.

Rueben Williams Wm Mead Ch^s Parsons Frederick Fisher concerned in the Murder of White

his
WILLIAM X AKERLY
mark

Test
Melancton Smith

William Akerly appearing before the Board, being a Lad of about fifteen years of Age and in the Opinion of this Board an improper Person to have the Oath of Allegiance administered to him, and no evidence appearing against him.

William Akerly discharged

Ordered that he be discharged.

The above Will^m Akerly informs, that one Miller in Lieu^t Van Warts Comp^a to[ok] from him Five Dollars

Lieut^t Van Waert

Obadiah Akerly appear'd before this Board, & voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Oba^b Akerly discharged.

Ordered, that said Obadiah Akerly be discharged.

The above Obadiah Akerly informs, that Lieu^t Van wart took from him £ 12. .13. .a Silk Handker: Value Two Dollars, a Pocket Book Value at 12/ & a Gun 30/ and that said Lieu^t also took from Gilbert Purdy between £ 11, & 12 £ in Cash

Lieut^t Van Waert receives Money

Elias Montross appearing before this Board & having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Elias Montross takes the Oath & is discharged

Orderd that he be discharged

Ordered, that Jack a Slave belonging to David Montross be discharged, and given over to Elias Montross to deliver to his Master.

Jack a Slave discharged

Gershom Wing permitted to go home to his family on parole of his returning to this Board when called for.

Gershom Wing on Parol

M^r Wing engaged to pay the Expence of a Messenger when sent for

John
Palmer
on Parol

John Palmer permitted to go home on Parole to return here again in Ten Days

Board adjourned.

Sunday March 2^d 1777. Board met,
Present.

Egbert Benson Esq^r
Melancton Smith Esq^r

Return
of the
Proceed-
ings ag^t
Morrison

The return of the Proceedings relative to the Case of Malcolm Morrison Transmitted to Convention Viz. Proceedings of the 20th 22^d & 23^d of December 1776, & of the 3^d & 4th of Jan^y & of Feb^y 18th 1777.¹³

Board adjourned

Monday March 3^d 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r
Col: Swartwout
Malancton Smith Esq^r

Cap^t
Israel
Smith's
Men sworn

Cap^t Israel Smith appeared before the Board & informed that he had inlisted Matthew Robinson, Alexander Morey, Thomas Jackson Daniel Wardell & Walter Willson, in the Continental Service during the War, & as there is no Magistrate, or Judge Advocate in this place requested that this Board would administer to them the Oath prescribed in such Case

The said *Five* Persons appeard & was Sworn accordingly

The Board taking into consideration the Case of Harrison Palmer, apprehended with a Considerable Sum of Money the 23^d Jan^y last.

Harrison
Palmer's
Case de-
termined

Resolved that about Two hundred & ten Pounds of the said money was brought from Long Island since it

¹³ Printed in *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 663-667; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 812, 823.

was in possession of the Enemy, & belongs (except £12. .18. .8) to the Copartnership of the said Harrison Palmer & Charles Doughty; That the said Sum of £12. .18. .8 was deliver'd to the said Harrison Palmer by William Titus to be laid out for his best advantage. That the remaining part of the said Money also belongs to the said Copartnership, and was received by the s^d Harrison Palmer in different parts of this State at the Time of each respective receipt not in the possession of the Enemy. That the said Charles Doughty & William Titus resided on Long Island when the Enemy took possession thereof, & without being made Prisoners of War have continued to reside there still That the said Harrison Palmer intended & was advised thereto by the said Charles Doughty to lay out the above Monies belonging to their Copartnership in purchasing real Estate, or to put the sum out at Interest. That the said Harrison Palmer left the City of New York in the Month of Augst last & has resided since at North Castle West Chester County.

Resolved. That this Board will detain the above Sum of £12. .18. .8, & the Moiety of the said Charles Doughty of the said Monies (amount^s to £525. .4. .7½) belonging to the Copartnership as aforesaid Subject to the disposal & Determination of the Convention or future Legislature of this State.

Previous to the Board's finally determining upon the above Resolutions M^r Palmer appear'd and his former Examⁿ being read to him, he affirmed that he Imagined there must have been a mistake, for that he never intended to lay out the whole of the Money in purchasing Horses but only to buy One, or Two at the most for his Immediate Use, and that the Money he brought with him from Long Island was at least Two Hundred & Ten Pounds

HARRISON PALMER

Resolved, That the remaining moiety of the said Monies be delivered to the said Harrison Palmer, and that he be discharged.

Col^o
Ritzema's
Case de-
termined

The Board taking into Consideration the Case of Rudolphe Ritzema Esq^r and having maturely considered the Depositions of the several Witnesses in the Minutes of the Late Committee for Conspiracies &ca. respecting the Charge exhibited against him.

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board the Charge agst Rudolphus Ritzema Esq^r of his having been in the City of New York since it was in the possession of the Enemy, is not supported, and that he be acquitted thereof accordingly.

Resolved that Rudolphus Ritzema Esq^r be discharged

The Board having been informed that M^r Ritzema had of late frequently declared Sentiments unfreindly to the American Cause and that Mess^{rs} Rysdick and others could prove the same and these Witnesses having been cited & examined with respect to the Matter it appeared to the Board that tho' he might relative to some Measures now persuing by the Country have expressed himself improperly yet that it proceeded rather from Disgust and Disappointment in being dismissed the Service than from Disaffection or Enmity to the Cause and Rights of America

Resolved however that previous to his Discharge in Consequence of his acquittal he be apprized of this Information and the Result of the Enquiry respecting the Truth of it, and that he be admonished and directed to be more circumspect in his Behaviour and Conversation for the future.

Cap^t
Belknap
Marches to
N: Windsor

Cap^t Belknap Order'd to March with his Comp^a to New Windsor agreeable to the resolution of the Committee of Safety.

Board Adjourned.

Board met pursuant to Adjournment
March 4th 1777.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Col: Swartwout

Malancton Smith Esq^r

Stephen Purdy appeared before the Board & produced an Acco^t for Wood of £ 1. . 8.

Stephen
Purdy paid
£ 1 : 8 : 0

Ordered that the above Acco^t be paid, and was paid accordingly.

Whereas Petitions from a great Number of Persons removed from this, into the New England States for disaffection or treasonable practices, have been presented to the late Committee for Conspiracies &ca, and to this Board, praying leave to return, and offering most of them to submitt to a legal trial, and the greater part to become faithful Subjects of this State, and whereas many of the Persons so removed as aforesaid have returned again without Permission

Convention
to be wrote
to about
Persons
removed
out of the
State.

Resolved, that a Letter ¹⁴ be wrote to the Convention requesting their advice & direction in the Premises.

George Brinkerhoff & John Brinkerhoff appeared before the Board and presented a Petition from their Brother Garret Brinkerhoff now Confined in Norwich Goal State of Connecticut by order of the Committee of that Place, praying to be relieved.

Application
in behalf
of Garret
Brinkerhoff

George Brinkerhoff being duly sworn Deposeth & Saith That in November 1775 he paid his Brother Garret Thirty Eight pounds, the greater part in Gold & Silver, That in March following he paid him Sixty pounds, the whole in Gold, except a few pence, That soon after the last paym^t the said Garret left this part of the Country with intention as he said to go to Maryland, or Virginia, or some where to the southward, That the Deponant did not hear from his Brother again 'till after the Battle of Long Island, when he was informed that he belonged to some of the Southern Troops, and that the first Intelligence the Deponent received of him after that time, was his Letter informing him of his Confinement in Norwich. And the Deponant further saith, that he thinks it highly probable that his Brother unless he had expended the same always carried his money with him, having no family or fixed place of abode, And the Deponant further saith, that from the Commencement of the present

¹⁴ App. I, p. 431.

Troubles till his departure from this place, said Garret was always warmly & zealously engaged in the American Cause and the Deponant has never heard, neither has he any reason to believe that his Brother, since his Departure has either Changed his principles or Conduct respecting the present Measures pursued by this Country for the Establishment of its Liberty.

GEORGE BRINCKERHOFF

John Brinkerhoff being duly sworn Deposeth & saith That he was not privy to the payment of the money by his Brother George to his Brother Garret but believes it to be true, That George paid to Garret money to the above amount, as the Deponant knew that he was indebted to said Garret, That with respect to Garret's leaving this part of the Country & going to the southw^d & the Information of his belonging to the southern Forces and also with respect to Garret's constantly carrying his money with him and also with respect to the political Character & Conduct of the said Garret concerning the present Troubles, the Deponant intirely concurs with his Bro. George.

JOHN BRINCKERHOFF

Sheldon—
 Finch—
 Wing—
 Brigs—
 Cutler—
 Crane—
 Sheldon
 Hoag
 Hoogeboom
 Dan^l Chace
 Talman
 Chace

Whereas it appears to this Board that Joseph Sheldon has been concerned in inlisting Men, as an officer in the Enemys Service & that the following Persons viz. John Finch, W^m Wing, Thomas Brigs, Roger Cutler, Daniel Crane, Nathan Sheldon, Enoch Hoags Jacob Hogeboom Daniel Chace Sen^r & Talman Chace are Persons highly disaffected and dangerous Enemies to the Cause of American Liberty, and either actually were enlisted themselves or were privy to the enlisting of Men for the Service of the Enemy.

Resolved that the above Persons, be committed to the Goal at Kingston in Ulster County, there to remain until the further Order of this Board or the Convention or future Legislature of this State, And the Keeper of the siad Goal is hereby required to receive and keep them in close Custody.

Cornelius C. Bogardus & Elizabeth his wife being severally duly sworn depose and say, that they resided in New York during the last Summer, that while they were there Garret Brinckherhoof came to their House and informed them that he belonged to the Southern Troops. That the Deponents saw the said Brinckherhoof in the ranks with the said Troops when they Marched in. That the Deponents understood the said Brinckherhoof belonged to one of the Battallions of rifle men, That the Deponents understood that he went over with the Battalions to Long Island & was in the Battle there, That they were told by some of the officers & soldiers who were with him at their house, after the Regiment returned from Long Island, that the said Brinckherhoof was either killed in the Battle there or taken Prisoner and that the said Garret had with him at the time the Deponents saw him in New York Gold & Silver to a considerable amount And further these deponents say not.

Deposition
of Bo-
gardus &
his Wife
about
Garret
Brinkerhoff

CORNELIS C BOGORDIS

her

ELIZABETH X BOGARDUS

mark

Attest

Henry Peckwell

Resolved, that a Copy of the proceedings of this Board relative to the case of Garret Brinkerhoff be transmitted to the Committee of Norwich in a Letter informing them of the Character of the several Witnesses

Proceed-
ings abt
Garret
Brinkerhoff
to be sent
to Norwich

Samuel Outhouse having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State was discharged

Sam^l
Outhouse
discharged

Michael Lownsbury was discharged

Mich^l
Lownsbury
D^o

Board adjourned.

Wednesday March 5th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Alex^r
Grant's
Estate
seized by
Mess^{rs}
Foster
& Ryder

M^r Nathaniel Foster appeared before this Board and Informed that he & Simeon Ryder members of Committee in South East Precinct, Dutchess County had siezed certain personal Estate belonging to Alex^r Grant Esq^r now with and in the Service of the Enemy, and applied to this Board for their advice and direction.

to be sold

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Foster & Ryder dispose of the Estate so seized by them, at publick Vandue, (except such Article[s] thereof as are wanted for the use of the Army which are to be transmitted to this place immediately, and that they make return of their proceedings to this Board with all convenient speed.

Moss Kent
prohibited
from pay-
ing money
due to
Grant

This Board being informed that Moss Kent Esq^r as Executor to his late Father is indebted to said Alexander Grant Esq^r now with and in the Service of the Enemy.

Resolved, that M^r Kent detain the money due to M^r Grant as aforesaid, and not to pay the same to him or any person in his behalf 'till the further order of this Board, or the Convention or future Legislature of this State.

Benja^a
Chace to
be appre-
hended.

Resolved, that M^r Nathaniel Foster be authorized to cause Benjamin Chace to be apprehended, & Convey'd to this place and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof, and all Officers civil & military are required to afford M^r Foster all necessary assistance.

Jon^a
Rogers
Confesses
his having
forged the
two passes
of Petit &
Jackson

Jonathan Rodgers appearing before this Board and the two suspected passes of Timothy Petit & Jacob Jackson being shewn to him, he confessed they were his hand-writing, and that he subscribed the name of *Eliab Yeomans* thereto, without his knowledge or Consent and in Extenuation of his Offence, says he was intoxicated with Liquor at the time he forged them

JONATHAN ROGERS

Rogers
committed

Resolved that the said Jonathan Rogers be committed to Goal of Poughkeepsie til the further Order of this Board or the Convention or future Legislature of this State and the keeper of the said Goal is hereby required

to receive & keep the said Jonathan Rogers in close Custody accordingly.

Coll: Swartwout present.

Wilberd Duel being Examined, saith, That he left home about the Time that the prisoners were sent from the Nine Partners to New England, with a design to go to Dartmouth on a Visit to his Friends, That in the Oblong at the house of One Smith near the Quaker Meeting house, he met with Doct: Tobias, Joseph Tobias & Tho^s Tobias, who persuaded him to accompany them to Long Island. this Examinant objected against going with them, alledging that he did not chuse to take up Arms against the country, That Doct. Tobias assured this Exam^t that he wou'd not be obliged to take up Arms, That thereupon he went in Company with the said Tobias to West Chester, that on their way down they stopped at the house of One Cap^t Thiel's at Amewalk, from thence they went to the house of one Justice Dean near the White Planes and from thence to the Enemy. This Exam^t further saith, that he went from West Chester in Comp^a with the above persons to Flushing on Long Island, and tarried there better than a Month at the house of One William Row. That the Number of Men commanded by Governor Brown, and raised in this Country were Quartered at Flushing That Doct: Tobias frequently solicited this Examinant to engage in the Enemies Service, and offer'd him a place of a Lieu^t or Ensign, that this Exam^t refused to Engage being determined not to take up Arms against the Country

Wilbur
Deuel's Ex-
amination

This Exam^t further saith that while he was on the Island he understood of Joseph Tobias & others, that Thomas Tobias had come up into Dutchess County in order to Engage Men in the Enemies Service. This Exam^t further saith that he crossed from Long Island into West Chester County & from thence went into New York in order to get his Brother, who was there sick in the Hospital to return home with him, and that he tarried there but one night, & then set out in Company

with his Brother in order to return home, That they were apprehended by Cap^t Dean, at the house of One Vantassel & bro^t prisoners to Peeks Kill.

WILLBERT DEUEL

Benjamin
Howard
John Crum
Ja^s Kent
Sam^l
Drinkwater
Will a
slave of
Palmer
Jack d^o of
Valentine
Pompey d^o
of Wallace
appre-
headed

Sergeant Switcher appeared and produced a Letter from Gen^l M^c Dougal informing that he had sent to this Board Seven Prisoners Viz^t

James Kent } charged with alter^s the Curr^v
Benj^a Howard } of this State
John Crum of hav^es plundered
Sam^l Drinkwater suspected of hav^es been with
Rogers

Will a slave belonging to Benj^a Palmer of Froggs Neck

Jack d^o to M^r Valentine of Westchester County
Pompey d^o to M^r Wallace of New York, taken going to the Enemy.

Sergeant Switcher also deliv[er]ed to the Board, 198 Dollars 6^s / 8^d the Property of Sam^l Drinkwater, and a number of Bills supposed to be altered by Kent & Howard & a Gun belonging to Benj^a Howard

Cap^t
Godwin's
Men Sworn

Cap^t Godwin appeared before the Board, and informed that he had inlisted Three Men Jacob Roosa & James Daily & James Garden in the Continental Service during the War, & as there is no Magistrate or Judge Advocate in this place, requested that this Board would administer to them the oath prescribed in such Case.

Whereas this Board in the Course of their Enquiries have discovered that the Estates of Persons who are gone off to the Enemy are daily sold or wasted

Letter
wrote to
Convention
about Es-
tates of
Tories

Resolved, that a Letter ¹⁵ be wrote to the Convention informing them of the matter

Board adjourned

Thursday—March 6th 1777. Board met.
Present

M^r Benson

M^r Smith

¹⁵ See App. I, p. 432.

Ordered that Eighteen Dollars be paid to M^r Peckwell on Account and the same was paid him accordingly

18 Dollars paid Henry Peckwell

Cap^t Samuel Smith appeared before this Board and offered to take Will a negro slave belonging to Benja^a Palmer now in the Guard house, and to provide him with necessary cloathing & Diet, and to allow reasonable wages for his Labour, and to account to this Board for the same. Provided that if the said Negro should go off before he has earned sufficient to defray the Expence of his Clothing & Maintenance, that this Board will make good the deficiency to the said Cap^t Smith and this Board agreeing to the proposals of Cap^t Smith

Will—a slave of Palmer delivered to Cap^t Smith

Resolved that the said Negro be delivered to Cap^t Smith accordingly

M^r Israel Lewis appeared before this Board, and made the same proposals as the above with respect to Negro Jack belonging to M^r Valentine, which this Board agreeing to

Jack—a slave belong^g to Valentine delivered to Israel Lewis

Ordered, that the said Negro Jack be delivered to the said Israel Lewis

Whereas it appears to this Board, that Nathaniel Ackerley, Jesse Holms & Peter Wood were inlisted and have been some time in the service of the Enemy, and Whereas John Claw & Samuel Wood, are highly disaffected & Inimical to the American Cause, & have been with the Enemy.

Nath^l Akerly Holmes Peter Wood Sam^l Wood John Claw Committed

Resolved that the above persons be confined in the Goal at Poughkeepsie, and the keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive and keep them in close Custody until the further Order of this Board or the Convention, or future Legislature of this State.

Resolved, that if it should appear to M^r Brooks Keeper of the Goal at Poughkeepsie, that either of the Six persons committed to his Custody by Resolution of this Board should be unable to Subsist themselves and in consequence of such inability likely to suffer, That he provide such at the rate of Ten Shillings ^{per} week for each person including a reasonable Compensation to him for procuring the provisions, & that this Board will defray

Brooks to supply the Prisoners

the Expence thereof, & that he transmit his Acco^{ts} to this Board from Time to time for payment.

Committee
of Kingston
Ditto

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to the Committee of Kingston requiring them to provide such of the prisoners sent to their Goal by order of this Board, with provisions and this Board will defray the Expence thereof
Board adjourned

Friday March 7th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Smith

Col: Swartwout

Lewis
Bryan on
Parol

Resolved, that Lewis Bryan be permitted to return home on his parol 'till further order of this Board, or the Committee of the North East Precinct

Jonathan
Prosser
appre-
hended

M^r Stephen Akins appeared before the Board, and informed that he had brought prisoner Doct: Jonathan Prosser who he had apprehended pursuant to an order of this Board.

Ordered, that the said Doct: Prosser be delivered into Custody of the Guard.

Stephen Akins produced his Acco^t for apprehending Prosser amount^s to £ 6. .6. .8.

Stephen
Akins paid
£ 6. 6. 8
and is
examined

Ordered that the said Stephen Akins be paid the same, & was paid accordingly.

Stephen Akins being duly sworn Deposeth & saith, That on Tuesday Evening last being out with a party of Men by order of the Committee of Pawlings Precinct, he met on the Road two Men which he stopped & Examined, that upon Enquiry he discovered that one of them was Doct. Prosser & having before heard that there was an Order of this Board for apprehending him, he took the said Prosser into Custody and confined him under Guard. This Deponent further saith that he had considerable Conversation with the said Prosser while he was in his Care, that in the course of said conversation he the said Prosser informed him that he had orders to

take down the Names of those who were friends to Government, that he had received such orders within a fortnight from the Governor of New York. That he wrote to and received Letters from General How, that he frequently expressed his surprize that this Deponant was so deceived, and told this Deponant that he could be of more service to him than he Imagined He farther informed this Deponant that the Enemy would be here by the 23^d of April or May. The said Prosser frequently Declared that he was a True Subject to the King of Great Britain and further this Deponant saith that he receiv'd the most of the above information, from the said Prosser when he was Elevated with Liquor & off his Guard. And further this Deponant saith not.

STEPHEN AKIN

Lieu^t Weisinfels informed this Board, that the following Persons, (prisoners) ordered to be convey'd to Poughkeepsie Goal, had Escaped from the Guard house, and were not delivered him, Viz^t Joseph Sheldon, Roger Cutler, & Jesse Holmes & Peter Wood

Sheldon
Cutler
Holmes
Wood
escape

Lieu^t Weisinfels farther informs, that Moses Knapp is not able to travel on foot and requests an Order to impress a Horse for him.

Resolved that Lieu^t Weisinfels be impowered to hire or impress a Horse for that purpose, and to draw on this Board for the payment of the same.

The officer of the Guard reports that States Williams, Anthony Kennedy & Elias Prosser have made their Escape from the Guard House

Williams
Kennedy
& Prosser
escape

Samuel Baker who was formerly confined to the house of M^r Ja^s Weeks & had escaped from thence and been on Long Island appeared before this Board, and confessed that he was greatly in fault in so escaping & going to Long Island and being one of the People called Quakers Does solemnly affirm and Declare that he believes in his conscience no allegiance is due from him to the King and Crown of Great Britain, and accordingly Does Declaim all allegiance to said King & Crown. And does

Baker
affirms
Allegiance
to the State
and is discharged

most solemnly affirm, that he considers himself as a Subject of the State of New York and that he will demean himself as a good subject of said State, in like manner as he heartofore considered and Demeaned himself as a subject of the King & Crown of Great Britain.

SAM^l BAKER

Ordered that the said Sam^l Baker be discharged

Letter
from New
Hampshire

Rich^d Snedicker, Esq^r & Doct. Stephen Thorne appear'd before this Board, and dilivered a Letter ¹⁶ from the Committee of Safety of New Hampshire, Inform^s that Mess^{rs} Snedicker, John Cook, Matthias Cook, Sam^l Mabit, Joseph Mabit, Stephen Thorne, Jon^a Thorn, Alex^r Hair, Solomon Haight, Tim^o Doughty & Elisha Rose were permitted to return & visit their families—That Rogers's prisoners had been Exchanged and sent to Rhode Island —That Benj^a Morrell, John Lawson & W^m Slack had escaped—That Maj^r Ross & [space left blank] Vandeborgh Esq^r had absconded.

Resolved, that the above Letter be transmitted to Convention.

Cap^t
Wright's
Men sworn

Cap^t Wright appear'd before this Board, & informed that he had inlisted four Men, Viz^t James Waterman, Mich^l Barret, Tho^s Golding & Hambleton Denning in the Continental Service During the War, and took the Oath prescribed in such Cases

Cap^t
Johnson's
men sworn

Cap^t Johnston, appear'd & informed that he had inlisted John Wallace, Peter Adley & Natthan Upright and they took the Oath as above.

Cap^t
Halletts
Men sworn

Cap^t Codwise appeared & informed that he had inlisted for Cap^t Hallet's Comp^a James Bridges, Matthew Robinson, Joseph Ketchum, James Bailey, James Parker, Thomas Ward, & William White, & they took the Oath prescribed as above.

Tim⁷
Pettit
discharged

Timothy Pettit appeared & Voluntarily took the oth of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered, that he be discharged.

¹⁶ App. I, pp. 425-427.

Cap^t Calkin appeared before the Board, and informed that he had apprehended Benjamin Chace, agreeable to an order of this Board of the 5th Instant.

Benj^a
Chace ap-
prehended

Benj^a Chace appearing & being Examined

Ordered, that he be permitted to return home on his parol.

Resolved, that Beverly Chace be discharged

Joseph Smith, John Jabine, Edward Edwards, & William Night, Soldiers inlisted in Cap^t Rikers Company, Col: Cortlandt's Reg^t took the Oath prescribed in such Cases.

Cap^t
Riker's
Men sworn

The Board were Inform'd that Gideon Byce had made his Escape.

Gideon
Byce
escapes.

Lieu^t Shaw appeared before the Board, & informed he had apprehended James Worden a Deserter from Cap^t Pierce's Comp^a by Col: Ritzema's Reg^t the last Campaign, & who had been furnished out of the publick Store with a Musket & Accoutrements Valued at £4.10, which at the time of his Desertion he lost, and the said James Worden Confessing the above Charge & engaging within one fortnight to produce either the said Musket &ca, or to pay for the same & Lieu^t Shaw becom^s Security for said Ja^s Worden for the performance of his Engagem^{ts}

James
Worden a
Deserter
from Coll:
Ritzema's
Reg^t ap-
prehended
by Lieu^t
Shaw & dis-
charged on
his produc-
ing a Gun
& Accou-
trem^{ts} or
paying to
this Board
£4.10 for
the same in
a fortnight

Ordered that he be discharged.

Board adjourned

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS OF CONSPIRACY

B No 2

March 8. 1777 to Sept^r 23^d 1778

or

COMMITEE OF SAFETY

Saturday March 8th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Egb^t Benson

M^r Melancton Smith

John Crum appeared before the Board & Confessed that he had taken about Six weeks ago, a Colt off from frogs Neck, but understood it to be the General Orders that the Troops might take plunder from the places so near the Enemies Lines; And he farther Confessed, that having lately been persuaded by some disaffected people in his neighborhood, Viz^t James Stewart, & Isaac Huson & others whose Names he does not remember he had determined to go to New York and applied to Gen^l M^c Dougal for a pass for that purpose who refused to Grant it.

John Crum
confess'd
his plun-
dering a
Horse from
Frogg's
Neck

his

JOHN X CRUM

mark

Benjamin Howard being Examined, saith, that he did confess to the Court of Enquiry that he had split one Bill, but does not remember that he had confessed that he had passed it, That he was induced to make this Confession thro' fear, for he now denies that he ever split the Bills,—Does not admit the hand writing on the paper, pasted on these Bills to be his, but thinks it possibly it may be

Benj^a
Howard's
Examina-
tion con-
cerning the
splitting
the Bills
Denies the
fact

Jacob Kent, being Examined, denies that he ever split any of the Bills, or was privy to their being split by any others, or that he ever passed any of them, knowing them to be split or altered

Jacob
Kent's
Exam:
denies
passing
said Bills

Samuel Drinkwater who was lately apprehended upon suspicion of his intending to go to the Enemy appearing before this Board, & being Examined

Sam^l
Drinkwater

permitted
on parol to
go to New
Milford for
Testimoni-
als of his
Character

8 Dollars
6/8 given
him out of
his money.

John Miller
Cummins,
Dan¹
Grawberger
Christⁿ
Haner John
Michael,
Jacob
Michael,
Isaac
Garrison—
ordered
to New
Windsor

Tho^s
William-
son his
Examⁿ
respect*
Robbery
on Adolph
Degrove

Resolved that he be permitted to go on his parol to New Milford, in Connecticut, in order to procure from the Committee of that place Testimonials of his Character as a Friend to the American Cause.

The sum of Eight Dollars, Six Shill^{es} & Eight pence was paid to him out of his money in possession of this Board to defray the Expences of his Journey

In pursuance of an Order of the Committee of Safety in this State of the 6th of Jan^y last.

Resolved, that John Miller, Nicholas Row, Nathaniel Cummins, Dan¹ Grawberger, Christopher Haner, John Michael, Jacob Michael Isaac Garrison Disaffected persons taken within this State, be sent under Guard to New Windsor, and put under the Direction of Cap^t Mitchen and employed in the Works carrying for the obstruction of the Navigation on Hudson's River—and that Cap^t Mitchen be requested to keep a Watchful Eye over them, & use his utmost endeavours that none of them Escape

Thomas Williamson of Phillipps Precinct, Dutchess County being Examined saith, that as he was going home from Absalom Nelson's on Sunday the 23^d Ult^o some time in the Evening he met two Men on the Post Road near Rogers's—That the said two Men stopped the Exam^t & demanded his money of him—That he thereupon told them that he had but very little money by him only three Dollars which he offered to give them—That the said Two Men then Informed him that they were going to One Hopper's & promised if he would go with them, they would suffer him to keep his money

That the Exam^t complied with their request, & went with them to Hoppers,—That when they came to Hoppers, they went into the House and enquired the way to Adolph Degrove's—That when they left Hoppers in Order to go to Degroves, they required the Examinant to follow them, threatening him if he refused That when they came near Degroves, they Informed the Exam^t of their intentions to Rob,—That the Exam^t thereupon declared to them his unwillingness to be concerned—

That the Exam^t & the said two persons then went into the House of Said Degrove, & desired him to provide some Victuals for them which he accord^{sly} did, & having done it he return'd into Bed again That immediately after one of the said two men whose Christian Name is John, but whose surname the Exam^t does not remember, went up to the Bed-side with a Pistol & presenting it to Degrove, ordered him to get up & deliver his Money,— That the Exam^t then took hold of the said John & begg'd him for God's sake not to Commit Murder—That Degrove thereupon arose & opening his Desk took out a Quantity of Money which the said Two Persons took & carried off with them. That the said Persons also took a Gun & a Powder Horn, but the Exam^t does not remember of their taking anything Else. That the said two persons then left Degroves & the Exam^t with them to go as they informed the Exam^t to one Jecock's who lived in the neighborhood,—That on the road to Jecock's they stopped at One Denny's where they breakfasted—That after they had left Denny's about a Quarter of a Mile, the Examinant requested them to let him have the Gun & the powder Horn, telling them that Degrove ought to have it again, & that the Exam^t would put it where he could get it again, whereupon they threatened the Exam^t with his life—That shortly after the Exam^t left them— That the Examinant at the Time he first met the said two persons was intoxicated with Liquor, & continued in a State of intoxication until the next Morning, and denies that he received any part of the said Money or any other thing that was taken at Degroves that Night, and Declares that the whole which was taken was carried off by the said two persons. The other of the said two persons called himself John Campbell & further saith not

his
 THOMAS X WILLIAMSON
 mark

Resolved, that Thomas Williamson charged before this Board with a Robbery be Committed to the Goal in

The^s Wil-
 liamson,
 orderd to

Poughkeep-
sie Goal

Poughkeepsie, & the keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive & keep him in Close Custody, until he be discharged by a Due course of Law.

17 Persons
inlisted
in Cap^t
Graham's
Comp^a
Sworn

The following persons (soldiers inlisted into Cap^t Graham's Comp^a in the Continental Service) appeared, and took the oath prescribed in such Cases, Viz^t John Obryan, Barnabas Peterson, Philip Lany, Philip Jenkins, John Grobin, John Paderick, Evans Jones, Hugh Davis, Arthur Lamb, John Smith, John Thompson, Zachariah Sickles, Richard Wheeler, Benjamin Whitmore, Matthew Bull, George Claxton & John Brown Serge^t Major.

4 soldiers
inlisted
in Cap^t
Dewit's &
Lawrences
Companies

Also in Cap^t Dewit's Company for said Service John Closs, & James Fletcher

Also, Two for Lieu^t Lawrence, Viz^t [Names not entered]

the Names
of Soldiers
inlisted &
Sworn to
be discon-
tinued in
the Min^{ts}

It appearing unnecessary to Enter on the Minutes the Names of the Soldiers who appear & are Sworn in the Continental Service, the Board determined to discontinue it for the future

Board adjourned

Monday March 10th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Smith

M^r Swartwout.

Fred^k Reed
discharged
from Cap^t
Myrick's
Comp^a

Sergeant Fred^k Reed of Cap^t Myrick's Comp^a applying to this Board for a Discharge, and it appearing to the Board, that there are a greater Number of Sergeants than there ought to be in proportion to the privates.

Ordered, that he be discharged accordingly.

The Board rec^d a Letter from M^r Secr^y Benson, inclos- ing the following Resolutions, Viz^t.

A Resolution ¹ from Convention of the 7th Ins^t adding Peter M Contine, & Joseph Strang, Esq^{rs} to this Board.

A Resolution, ² from Convention of the above Date respecting Dangerous & disaffected Persons sent into &

Peter M
Contine &
Joseph
Strang
added to
this Board

¹ Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 827.

² Ibid., I, 827.

confined in the Neighbouring States—Filed among the Papers, and A Resolution ³ from Convention of the 8th Ins^t and referring to this Board, a Letter from Philip Conyn Chairman of Cocsackie district inclosing certain Deposition, relative to Richard Thurman.

Resolution directing persons removed for disaffection to be sent for

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to M^r Strang inform^s him of his appointment, and requesting his immediate attendance.

Letter from Com: of Cocksackie abot Thurman

John Crum having inlisted in Cap^t Wright's Comp^a appear'd before the board & took the oath, whereupon he was discharged.

Letter to M^r Strang requiring his attendance

John Crum Discharged

The Board rec^d a Letter from Brig^r M^c Dougall, informing that he had sent to this place, Natthaniel Underhill, & that he would forward to this place M^r Gilbert Honeywell, the Witness against him, and inclosing the Order of the Committee of Convention now in West Chester County for apprehending the said Underhill; Also an Extract of a Letter from M^r Duar to him respect^s the said Underhill.

Letter from Gen^l M^c Dougall respect^s Nath^l Underhill

Ordered, that Cap^t Thomas Hoghteling apprehend Richard Thurman and send him under Guard to this Place.

Rich^d Thurman to be apprehended or by the name of Richardson Thurman

It being suggested to this Board, that there very probably was a Mistake, and that the person, who in the several Depositions of Tho^s Hoghteling, Corn^s Conyn, Richard Vandenberg, Harmanus Cuyler & Henry Van Berger is called Richard Thurman, is Richardson Thurman

Ordered, That Cap^t Hoghteling, make inquiry into the matter; and if such should appear to be the Case That he apprehend Richardson Thurman, the above Order notwithstanding.

Resolved, that this Board will defray the Expence thereof.

& the Board to pay the Expence

In pursuance of a Resolution of the Convention of this State, of the 7th Instant.

Ordered, that all persons who have for notorious disaffection to the Liberties of America, or other sufficient

Order for all persons removed

³ *Ibid.*, I, 827-828.

for disaffec-
tion upon
their return
to appear
& take the
Oath

Causes been sent to any of the Neighbouring States, & who have since returned, or may hereafter return to this State, either with or without permission, and all persons within this State confined by parol or to their respective Farms or Dwellings, Do appear before this Board within one week after they shall respectively know or hear of this Order within this State and Comply with the Terms of the said Resolution or that they be treated, and their Estates disposed of, as by the said Resolution is Directed—And in order to prevent the necessity of a particular notification to each Individual,

Ordered, that Copies hereof to be subjoined to the Resolution of Convention be published in Hand Bills, and transmitted to the Chairman of the several County Committees, who are directed to cause them to be distributed among the Inhabitants, and put up in all the most publick places throughout their respective Counties

Gideon
Boice dis-
char[ge]d
on taking
the Oath

Gideon Boice appeared and voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged
Board adjourned.

Tuesday, March 11th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Smith

Col: Swartwout

Nath^l
Underhill
appeared
with Doct:
White &
Joshua
Pine

Nathaniel Underhill Esq^r who was apprehended by order of the Committee of Convention in West Chester County, & sent to this place by by Gen^l M^c Dougall appeared before the Board, and requested that Doct^r Daniel White, & Joshua Pine might be Examined as Witnesses in his Favour.

Doct:
Whites
Examⁿ on
Oath re-
specting
Nath^l Un-
derhill

Doct^r Daniel White being Examined on Oath, Deposeth & saith, That he is a Neighbour of Nathaniel Underhill Esq^r That the said Underhill was reputed unfriendly to the American Cause, previous to the Enemy's coming into West Chester—That after they had taken possession of that place, This Deponant understood that the said

Underhill assisted as a Magistrate in administering the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, to divers Inhabitants of the Borough of West Chester,—That notwithstanding this, he had heard the said Underhill in a Conversation had with him, a few days after his assisting as above and while the British Army was in possession of the Borough of West Chester, find great fault with Governor Tryon for requiring the Inhabitants to swear Allegiance, and further the said Underhill had informed this Deponant, that he had been desired to furnish a List of the persons who had taken the Oath, which he refused, and declared that no Man should know from him who had taken the Oath, as the exposing of them, might subject the Inhabitants to Inconvenience & Injury. This Depon^t further saith, that he has frequently heard the said Underhill declare, that he did not consider himself as a Magistrate, nor would he act in that Office while the present Troubles lasted—That he farther informed this Deponant that on a certain Time he had been sent for to go to Kingsbridge to administer the Oath to some people who had gone down out of the Country, which he utterly refused—and farther this Deponant saith, that he has reason to believe, that the said Underhill did many kind & benevolent Offices to the Inhabitants who were reputed friendly to the American Cause, while the British Troops were Quartered among them and in their Neighbourhood—That this Deponant has no reason to believe that the said Underhill ever endeavoured to Injure any of his Neighbours on acco^t of their Political principles since the British Troops have been among them—That he does not recollect that the said Underhill has either done, or said any thing to the prejudice of the American Cause (which has come to his certain knowledge) since the British Troops took possession of West Chester. This Deponant farther saith, That from the General Tenor of the said Underhill's conduct so far as it has fallen under his notice he has appeared to him more like a Friend to his Country

& his Neighbours since the Enemy were among them than before.

DAN¹ WHITE

Doct: White being further Exam^d saith, that the night before M^r Underhill came up to the Committee of Con-ven: he came to his house to ask his advice with respect to his Cattle which had been drove off, and this Exam^t advised said Underhill to go up to the Committee about them, and verily believes that that was his business up, and that he had no designs unfriendly to his country in going.

DAN¹ WHITE

Joshua
Pine's Ex-
amination
respecting
Nath¹ Un-
derhill

Joshua Pine being Examined on Oath, Deposeth and saith, That the substance of Doct: Dan¹ White's Examination he knows to be true—That M^r Underhill informed the Deponant, while the Enemy were in possession of West Chester, that he was requested to return a List of the Persons who had taken the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, which he the said Underhill had refused; and to prevent their names being known, he had committed the list to the Flames. This Deponant further saith, that while he was imprisoned by the British Troops, the said Underhill came to the House of this Deponant, (as his family informed him) and offered to furnish them with hard Cash for the use of the Deponant, during his Confinement. This Deponant further saith That he came up in Company with M^r Underhill to the Committee of Convention to Cromwell's in Harrison's purchase. That M^r Underhill informed him, and he has good reason to believe, his Business there was to solicit the Committee of Convention for leave to take back some part of his Cattle which had been drove off by their Order. That this Deponant previous to the said Underhill's going up had advised him to apply to said Committee in person, rather than to employ any other person to apply in his behalf. That this Deponant has no reason to believe that the said

Underhill had any designs inimical to the rights & Liberties of America, in his going up to said Cromwell's

This Deponant further saith, that when the British Troops were about removing from West Chester, he asked the said Underhill, whether he had not an Inclination to go off with them—That the said Underhill replied that he had rather go a prisoner to New England, than to follow them.

JOSHUA PINE

Cap^t Andrew Hill, appeared before this Board and Informed that he has had Intelligence, that a certain person, who calls himself Warren, was at Frederick Maby's at Shenodore Rumbout precinct, and from some circumstances has reason to believe that the said person was a Confederate with the Company that Robbed Henry Williams Esq^r

Cap^t
Hill's In-
formation
against One
Warren
also
against Jo^s
Win Nich:
Storm &
Enoch
Purdy & to
be appreh-
ended by
Cap^t
Myrick

Cap^t Hill further informs that he has heard that Joseph Win, Nich^s Storm, & Enoch Purdy who have been with the Enemy are returned home.

Ordered, that Cap^t Myrick take with him Six Men, and forthwith apprehend the above persons, and bring them before this Board

William Mitchel,⁴ one of the persons formerly sent to the State of New Hampshire, appeared before this Board, and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Will:
Mitchell
Discharged
taking the
Oath

Ordered that he be discharged, and permitted to remain at his place of abode in Ulster County

Gilbert Shaw appeared before this Board, and being asked whether he would take the Oath of Allegiance to this State He answered, that he could not.

Gilbert
Shaw
remanded
to Guard
house he
refusing to
take the
Oath
Israel
Tuttle
discharged
he tak^s the
Oath

Ordered that he be remanded to the Guard House.

Israel Tuttle, appearing, & taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

William Busby appeard, and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Wm Busby
discharged
as above

⁴ See App. I, p. 432, for a letter about William Mitchell written by Gen. Clinton.

Ordered, that he be discharged.

Ahasuerus
Van Kleeck
discharged
as above

Ahasuerus Van kleeck appeared and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Board adjourned

Wednesday, March 12th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Smith—Col: Swartwout

Henry
Crosby &
W^m Wyant
Discharged
as above

Henry Cropsy & William Wyant, two of the persons formerly sent to the State of New Hampshire appeared before this Board, & Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered, that they be discharged.

5 Dollars
paid to
Pelham &
Hutchins

Ordered, That Five Dollars be paid to Francis Pelham & Asal Hutchins, for assisting Cap^t Myrick in apprehending Francis Warren, & for other Services

John
Palmer
permitted
to go home
on Parole
& return in
6 days

John Palmer who was permitted to return home on his parole, appeared & requested leave to return home again

Resolved that the said Palmer be permitted to return to his place of abode on his Parole, to return to this place within six days from the date at which time he is to give a final answer, whether he will take the Oath prescribed in a Resolution of the Convention of the 7th Instant.

As Col: Cortlandt Marches with his Reg^t tomorrow,

Ordered, that Lieu^t Bowers with his Comp^a of Rangers relieve the Guard over the Tory Prisoners at the Barracks this Evening and take them in his Charge.

Mabee's
Dep^a ag^t
Warren &
Montross

Frederick Maby being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith That some time last Summer Francis Warren was at his house, That Henry Springer & Adam Montross from Cortlandt's Mannor came there also. That this Depon^t saw the said Warren give a pass to the said Montross to go to the Nine Partners, subscribed with the Name of One Drake. This Deponant further saith that the said Warren taught a School near Croten's Bridge previous to his coming into this County. That he has taught a School at Shanadore about Two Months past. That

the said Warren as this Depo^t has understood was in the County of West Chester at the Time the Robbery was Committed on Henry Williams Esq^r—That this Depo^t has heard the said Warren say, that he could have had part of the money taken from s^d Williams had he been so minded—and farther this Dep^t saith not.

FREDERICK MABEE

Ordered, that Francis Warren be confined to the Guard House in Irons

Warren
confined

Francis Carlisle, appear'd before the Board, & no Evidence appearing against him, was discharged

Carlisle
discharged

Asal Hutchins appeared before this Board, & being sworn, saith, that he heard Frederick Mabee say, that he never would take the Oath of Allegiance to this State, unless it was to get out of Confinement that he might join the Enemy if they came this way

Hutchins's
Dep^t
against
Mabee

ASALL HUTECHINS

Wilberd Deuel, appeard, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Wilberd
Deuel dis-
charged

Ordered, that he be discharged

Gilbert Shaw, took the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and was also discharged

Gilb^t Shaw
discharged

Joshua Prosser appearing before this Board (& being one of the people called Quakers) Voluntarily affirming Allegiance to this State.

Joshua
Prosser
discharged

Ordered that he be discharged

The Board Adjourned

Thursday March 13th 1777. Board Met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Smith

Whereas it appears to this Board, That Silvester Handly & Doct: Jonathan Prosser were privy to and concerned in Inlisting men for the Service of the King of Great Britain, And whereas it appears to this Board

that Henry Erkenbregh was One of the persons, who rescued John M^c Alpine lately apprehended for Treasonable practices against the United States.

Hanly,
Prosser &
Erkenbregh
committed
to Pough-
keepsie
Goal

Resolved, that the said Silvester Handly, Jonathan Prosser, & Henry Erkenbregh, be confined in the Goal at Poughkeepsie, and the Keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive & Keep them in Close Custody until further Order of this Board, or the Convention or future Legislature of this State.

John Shute
permitted
to go home
on his
parole for
six days

John Shute, (one of the persons apprehended for notorious disaffection in West Chester County, by the Order of Gen^l Lee) appeared before this Board (& being one of the People called Quakers) The affirmation directed by the Convention of this State in their Resoluⁿ of the 7th Ins^t was tendered to him,—The said Shute requested leave to return home to his family & consider it.

Resolved, that he be permitted to go to Singing in West Chester County on his parol to return to this place within Six Days from this Date, then to give a positive answer whether he will take the affirmation required in the said Resolution, or Not.

Fran^s War-
ren appre-
hended

Cap: Myrick appeared before the Board & informed that he had brought prisoner, Francis Warren ordered to be apprehended by this Board—And that Francis Pelham Asal Hutchins & Frederick Maby were attending as Witnesses—Cap^t Myrick further informs that he has rec^d intelligence that a Number of persons who have been with the Enemy keep themselves concealed in a Barn of John Yeomans.

a number
of Tories
keep in the
Barn of
Jn^o: Yeo-
mans

Ordered that Cap^t Myrick use his best endeavours to apprehend the said persons without Delay, and to cause them to be brought before this Board together with all persons who have harboured, or concealed them.

Hutchins's
Deposition
[a]g: War-
ren

Asal Hutchins being duly sworn Deposeth & Saith, that Francis Warren has taught a School in Shanadore for better than two months past. That the said Warren was in that Neighborhood about three Weeks last Summer about harvest Time, that the Depon^t saw him at

that time deliver a pass with the Name of Col: Drake subscribed to it to Adam Montross & Henry Springer two disaffected persons permitting them to go to the Nine Partners, and further this Deponant saith not.

ASALL HUTCHINS

Francis Pelham being duly sworn Deposeth & Saith That Francis Warren has been in the Neighborhood of Shanadore about Two Months. That during that Time he had frequent conversations with him, that in the Course of these Conversations, said Warren informed the Depon^t that a certain discharge which the said Warren had, & which he shewed this Depon^t & which is now in the possession of this Board, purporting that the said Warren, had served in Cap^t John Grinnell's Comp^a for the space of Six Months & was discharged from the same, Subscribed with the Name of John Grinnell, Cap^t of Col: Clinton's Reg^t was wrote by the said Warren himself, & not by Cap^t Grinnell. The said Warren further informed this Dep^t that the better to Conceal the fraud, he had on the Back of Said discharge drew an Acco^t by which it would seem that he had received in Goods £ 11—& Bills & Cash £ 5, being the Amount of Wages for Six Months at 53/4 th month. This Deponant further saith that the said Warren told him, that he had forged upwards of seventy passes for different persons, in particular he had forged a pass for a Man in Crum Pond, to which he subscribed the Names of Lott Searles & Ezekiel Harris, two of the Committee of Bedford Purchase, West Chester County, and that he had described to the said person, the person of Lott Searles the better to conceal the forgery in case the pass should be suspected. This Deponant further saith that Josiah Seacord informed him that the said Warren had Confessed he had been with Rogers's Rangers. That Frederick Maby informed this Depon^t that the said Warren told him that he the said Warren might have had part of the money taken from a Man at Bedford New Purchase, which this Depon^t supposes to be Henry Williams Esq^r if he had been so

Pelham's
Deposition
against
Warren

minded. That this Deponant heard the said Warren say, that General Washington was a Damn'd Rebel, and that all the American Generals were Rebels, & said that he this Dep^t was a Rebel and that you are all Rebels, and further this Depon^t saith not

FRANSES PELAM

Resolution
for Lieu^t
Brett to go
to the East-
ern States
in order to
the return
of Persons
removed
for disaf-
fection

Whereas the Convention of this State did by Resolu-
tion ⁵ of the 7th Ins^t Direct & empower this Board to send
for all such persons, members of this State as have for
notorious Disaffection to the Liberties of America, or
other sufficient Causes been sent into the neighbouring
States and to Deal with them as by the said Resolution
is Directed, as by the said Resolution may more fully
appear and whereas none of the said persons except such
as were directed to be closely confined in Goal are within
the Exception contained in the said Resolution

Resolved, That Lieu^t Theodorus Brett be authorized
and required to proceed to the several Towns in the
States of Connecticut, Massachusetts Bay & New Hamp-
shire, to which, persons have been so removed, and pro-
duce to the Committees or others having Charge of the
said persons, the said Resolution, and apply for & pro-
cure the releasm^t and Discharge of the said persons
(except such as are actually confined in Goal) in order
to their return into this State again, and to collect the
Accounts of the Charges & Expences that may have
accrued in the keeping & Confining the said persons.
And also that he signify to the said Committees & others
who have thus taken Charge of the said persons, The
Thanks of this Board for their Care & trouble in this
Business, and to express to them the high sense this
Board has of their zeal & Attention in this Instance to
the Cause of America.

Ordered, that particular Letters be wrote to the Coun-
cil of Safety at New Hampshire,⁶ to Col: Welch, & to
the Committees of Worcester & Springfield.

⁵ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 827.

⁶ Letter to the N. H. committee printed in App. I, p. 433. Other
letters not found.

Resolved that £200.. be transmitted by Lieu^t Brett to the Council of New Hampshire, £60. to the Committee of Worcester & £40—to the Committee of Springfield, and that £50. 4/6½ be given to Lieu^t Brett, to discharge small Acco^{ts} that may be due in the other Towns.

£ 350..4..6
paid to
Lieu^t Brett

Note, the amount of the above Monies £ 350..4..6½ were taken out of the money of Harrison Palmer

M^r Egbert Benson paid into this Board the Sum of £ 261: 13: 5 Cash received for their Use out of the Treasury of this State and for which the Treasurer has his receipt

£ 261..13..6
paid by M^r
Benson into
the Board

The Sum of £ 9..12.. advanced to Lieu^t Bowers on Acco^t

£ 9..12..
paid Lieu^t
Bower

Board Adjourned

Friday March 14th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Egbert Benson

M^r Melancton Smith

Josiah Seacord appeared, & being Duly Sworn, Depo^{se}th & Saith, That Francis Warren was in the neighbourhood of this Depon^t about Sowing time last fall, that he left it as this Dep^t understood, for fear of being apprehended. That he return'd there again about two Months ago. That this Dep^t had understood from the said Warren, since his return that he had been with Rogers's Rangers. That the said Warren told him, that he had seen Isaac Jeroe, & Isaac Jewell who are with the Enemy. This Dep^t further saith that the said Warren told him that he might have had part of the money taken from a Man at Bedford New purchase if he had been so minded. This Dep^t further saith that William Jeroe informed him, that the said Warren had given him a forged pass that he, this Dep^t had asked the said Warren concerning it & he confessed to this Dep^t that he had given said Jeroe such a pass. The Dep^t further saith that the said Warren talks much against the measures of the Country,

Josiah
Seacord's
Deposition
against
Warren
that he had
been with
Rogers's
Rangers

his forging
a Pass

& appears to him an inveterate Tory, and further this Deponant saith not.

his
 JOSIAH X SEACORD
 mark

Nathan
 Hoag tak-
 ing the
 Oath is
 discharged

Nathan Hoag, appeared before this Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered, that he be discharged.

Board adjourned

Saturday March 15th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Egbert Benson

A Letter
 from the
 Com: of
 New Mil-
 ford ab^t
 Isaac
 Seacord

A Letter rec^d from the Committee of New Milford, Informing that they had apprehended Isaac Seacord & sent him to this Board.

Isaac Seacord appearing & Cap^t Storm pledging himself for his appearance again on Monday Morning was dismissed.

Board adjourned

Sunday March 16th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Egbert Benson

Col: Swartwout

Ja^s Week
 & Pompey,
 sent to the
 Works

Resolved, that James Week, a Slave belonging to John Dusenberry, & Pompey, a Slave belonging to M^r Wallace, both apprehended in going to the Enemy be sent to the works at New Windsor

a Letter
 from the
 Comm: of
 Goshen
 about per-
 sons appre-
 hended by
 them

A Letter was rec^d from the Convention referring to this Board a Letter from Elihu Marvin Esq^r Chairman of the Committee of Goshen of the 11th Inst^t Informing that they had apprehended & Confined in Irons Several persons avowedly & publickly appearing to be inimical to the American Cause, & that Attempts had been made to assist the said persons in breaking Goal & requesting that a sufficient Guard might be constantly kept there.

Resolved, That Cap^t Joshua Myrick proceed to Goshen, and apply to the Committee or others having Charge of the said persons for them, and convey them to this place.

Cap^t
Myrick
sent to
fetch them

Resolved that the Committee of Goshen transmit to this Board, the Charges against the said several Persons together with all the Evidence and information they are possessed of respecting the same.

Mess^{rs} Hoevenbergh, Scott, & Lewis appeared and informed that they apprehended Henry Grawberger, & Jacob Wager who lately Escaped out of the Guard House & conveyd them from Rhinebeck to this place.

Grawberger
& Wager
retaken

Board adjourned

Monday, March 17th 1777. Board met
Present
Egbert Benson Esq^r

A Letter from the Committee of Claverick informing that they had sent, by Adjutant Van Allen, the following persons Viz^t Michael Goes, Eli Parsons, Johannis Joch^m Van Valkenburgh, Peter Joch^m Van Valkenburgh, Jocham Willson Bartholomew L Van Valkenburgh, for Contumaciously refusing to give Evidence respecting a Supposed conspiracy & Hendrick Wolff & Hendrick Sharpe for refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance when tendered to them

a Letter
from the
Com: of
Claverick
Inform^s
that they
had apprehended
Mich^l Goes,
Ely Par-
sons, Jo-
hannis Van
Valken-
burgh Peter
V: Valken-
burgh
Jocham
Willson
Barth^w V:
Valken-
burgh;
Hendrick
Woolf &
Hendrick
Sharpe
Arch^d M^c
Kay to be
apprehended
£ 14...
paid M^r
Van Alen

And further informing that a certain Archibald M^c Kay makes a practice to Ride down in these parts with an apparent design to converse with Johannis Klaw & others, his Character being Infamous, think it proper that he should be apprehended & closely confined.

Ordered that Adjutant Van Alen be paid the sum of £ 14. .for the above Service of himself & Seven Men as a Guard to the above Prisoners, as th Acco^t & rec^t

M^r Crimpshire producing his Acco^t for three Day's Services as Secr^y to this Board amo^{ts} to £ 1. .16.

M^r Crimp-
shier Paid
£ 1. .16.

Ordered, that the same be paid

John
Palmer
Indisposed

The Wife of John Palmer appeared and Informed that her husband was very Ill so that he could not attend agreeable to his parol.

Resolved, that he be permitted to remain at home during his Indisposition, and immediately upon his recovery to appear before this Board

Board adjourned

Tuesday, March 18th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Col: Swartwout.

Michael
Ryer sus-
pected of
buying
Horses for
the Enemy

Lieu^t Tho^s Ostrander appeared & informed that he had by order of Lieu^t Col: Brinkerhoff apprehended & brought to this place, Mich^l Ryer, suspected of purchasing Horses for the Use of the Enemy.

The said Mich^l Ryer appearing & confessing that he lives a few miles to the Northw^d of Kingsbridge & within the Enemy's Lines, and that he had purchased two Horses, One from Joseph Jackson for £35 & the other from [space left blank] Kipp (Brother in Law to Lieut: Langdon) for £20: 70

Resolved, that the said Horses be returned to the said Joseph Jackson & [space left blank] Kipp severally And that they receive again the Horses by them respectively sold & refund and pay to this Board the Monies they have severally received from the s^d Michael Reyer in payment for the said Horses.

Ordered, that Sergeant M^c Lease return to the said Jo: Jackson & Kipp, the said Horses, & receive from them in behalf of this Board the monies they have respectively rec^d from the said Mich^l Ryer as af^d

Ordered that the said Mich^l Ryer be permitted to go at large on his parol 'till the further order of this Board

A Letter ⁷ from Beverly Robinson Esq^r of the 4th Ins^t

⁷This letter has not been found. Jay's answer, addressed to Mrs. Robinson, dated at Kingston, March 21, 1777, is in the *Transcript . . . of Papers of the Commission . . . on the Losses and Services of American Loyalists*, XLIII, 221-225, in the N. Y. Public Library. It is printed in Chorley, *History of St. Philip's Church in the Highlands* (N. Y., 1902), 131-133.

to John Jay Esq^r (as a Member of Convention) Informing that he was gone down to Col. Philips's to confer with his Friends on the present state of the Country, & that if he was convinced a reconciliation could not be had he would return & share the same fate with his Country and requesting that his Wife & Children might be permitted to remain at home. Ordered that a Copy thereof be sent to the Com: of Sequestration in Dutchess County.

Ely Parsons one of the Prisoners bro^t from Claverick, being duly sworn, saith, that about five Weeks ago he saw Stephen Ducolong, and that the Dep^t understood from him, that he had then came from the Enemy. That the said Ducalond informed the Dep^t that he came with intentions to dissuade persons from going to the Enemy & advised them to remain at home on their farm.

ELI PARSONS

The Board paid to Lieu^t Bower, the sum of £228..9..5 $\frac{3}{4}$ the Balance of his pay & subsistance Roll to the 1st Ins^t and for that purpose took the remainder of the Cash detained from Harrison Palmer (including £12..18..8 of Titus)—£187..18..9.

£ 228..9..
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ paid
Lieu^t Bowers in full
of his pay &
subsistance
Roll

It appearing that the Roll thro' mistake was deficient One Day with respect to pay, tho' not subsistance.

Resolved, that when they are paid off again, the Company be allowed pay for one Day Extra^v

Board Adjourned

Wednesday March 19th 1777: Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r
M^r Melancton Smith
Col: Swartwout.
Maj^r Strang

Major Strang appeared, & took his seat at the Board
Cadwallader Colden Esq^r appeared before the Board, and applying for a pass to go to New York, & difficulties arising respecting the same,

Major
Strang
takes his
Seat
Cad^r
Colden

permitted
to go home,
& prepare
for his
Journey to
New York

Kip's Horse
return'd &
the money
rec'd into
this Board
by Serg^t
M^c Lease
& 20..10

Jackson
refused to
take his
Horse back
from Ryer

Three
Prisoners
bro^t from
Goshen by
Cap^t My-
rick Viz^t
Breamer
M^cRea &
M^cEdeu
and are
Confined
to Guard
House in
Irons Mich^l
Kearney
dismissed

Resolved, that he be permitted to return home & prepare himself for his Journey, & remain there until he should be furnished with a sufficient pass from this Board.

Sergeant M^c Lease agreeable to an Order of yesterday and reported, that he had returned to [space left blank] Kipp the Horse, by him sold to Mich^l Ryer, & that the said Kipp had repaid to him the sum of £ 20. .10 which he paid into the Board, But that Joseph Jackson had refused to receive his Horse again.

Upon reconsidering the Matter.

Resolved, that the Resolution of yesterday compelling the said Joseph Jackson & [space left blank] Kipp to receive their Horses again, be recinded, and that the said Horses be sold at publick Vandue & that the said Kipp may, if he pleases have the benefit of this Resolution and upon his returning his Horse to this Board, be intitled to receive his money again.

Cap^t Myrick appear'd & reported agreeable to the Order of this Board, he had been to Goshen, & bro^t to this place the following Prisoners Viz^t Anthony Breamer, William M^c Crea, Robert M^c Edew, Mich^l Kearney.

Ordered, that the said Prisoners be committed to the Guard House, & confined in Irons

Mich^l Kearney producing a pass from the Committee of Orange County to go to New London, was dismissed

Mary ——— the wife of Stephen Pine & Susannah the wife of Jonathan Pine Jun^r applied for passes to go to their Husbands now with the Enemy.

Resolved that passes be given them accordingly.

Ordered, that a Copy of the above Resolution be sent to the Commissioners of Sequestration in Ulster County.

Upon application in behalf of Deborah Cope, the Wife of Joseph Cope, Sarah the Wife of George Bucklue, & Rachel the Wife of Thomas Fowler, the like Resolution, for the first to pass with three Children, the Second with two Children, & the last with three Children.

Cap^t Scrivener appeared & informed that he had brought Two Prisoners, Viz^t Nathaniel & Silvanus Huson apprehended by order of the Committee of Fredericks-

burgh and it appearing that the said persons had just come out of the small pox, & still retain'd the Infection

Resolved, that Cap^t Scrivener return with them again to Fredericksburgh & take Charge of them in the best Manner he possibly Can, & bring them again before this Board when they are properly cleansed, & that this Board defray the Charge thereof

Eli Parsons Bartholomew Van Valkenburgh Hendrick Scherp, & Hendrick Wolff, were severally asked if they would take the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and they all refused.

Parsons, Van Valkenburgh, Sharp & Wolff refuse to take the Oath

Matthias Cook one of the persons removed to one of the Neighbouring States for Notorious disaffection, appearing before the Board, & refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Matthias Cook refused to take the Oath & is to pass to New York in 10 Days.

Resolved that he receive a pass & be directed to repair with his Family, Apparel & Household furniture to the City of New York or some other place in the possession of the Enemy within Ten Days.

Board adjourned

Thursday March 20 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Melancton Smith

M^r Joseph Strang

Col: Swartwout

A Resolution^s of Convention of the 14th Ins^t referring the Petition of Tho^s Briggs & others in Kingston Goal, to this Board was rec^d

Resolution of Convention referring to a Petition of several persons in Kingston Goal Affidavit of Cad: Colden received from Convention

Also a Letter from the Sec^y Inclosing an Affidavit of Cadwallader Colden Esq^r & other papers respecting him

Cap^t Peter Corne one of the persons confined by parol within this State for notorious disaffection, appearing before this Board, & refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered, that a pass be delivered him, & he be directed to repair either by Land or Water with his family, ap-

Peter Corne to go to New

^s *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 835.*

York with
his family
&c.

parel & Household furniture to the City of New York, or some other place in the possession of the Enemy, within Twenty one Days from this Date.

Sarah
Thomas to
pass to
New York
or Long
Island
she is to
appear be-
fore the
Board

William Brower appeared before the Board in behalf of Sarah Thomas, requesting a pass for the said Sarah to go to her Family and Friends on Long Island.

Resolved, that the Said Sarah Thomas appear before this Board.

Mr
Snedicker
&

Mr^r Snedicker appear'd, (one of the persons removed to Exeter) and requested the Time Given in the resolution this Board for Consideration

Doct
Thorn,
&

Doct: Stephen Thorn, (one of the persons sent to Exeter) & John Davis confined by parol, appeared, & requested the Time given in the resolution as above

25 other
persons
made their
appearance
& had six
days allow'd
to Consider
of their
taking the
Oath

Joseph Mabit Sam^l Mabit, John Cook, John Vandeburgh James Pettet, Cornelius Luyster, Jonathan Thorne, Peter Buyce, Rich^d Jewell, John Halsted Tertullus Dickeson Zebulon Southward, (sent to the Eastern States) & Christopher Ortmon, confined by Parol, John Malony, sent to Worcester, James Goslin, Abraham Buyce, Jonas Caniff (sent to Exeter), John Robinson Ruliff Philips Francis Hausbrook, Robert Thorne, Joseph Smith, Gersham Bown, Alex^r Hair, Baltus Van kleek, appeared, & requested the Time appointed in said Resolution.

William
Harris ap-
prehended
by Cap^t
Nath^l
Smith for
Treasonable
Expressions
&

Cap^t Nathaniel Smith appeared before the Board and informed that he had yesterday apprehended William Harris for saying that he was a Tory & meant to be a Tory that he was a Kings subject & determ[in]ed to continue so. That in less than Two Months time the Regulars would be here in spite of all the Forces the Congress could Raise to oppose them

his Horse
taken by s^d
Smith as
security
for his ap-
pearance
&

That he had taken a Horse of the said Harris as security for his resigning himself the next morning in order to his appearance before this Board on this Day. That the said Harris had not appeared, and as this Inform^t has understood from Harris's Father does not mean to appear

That the said Horse taken as a security aforesaid was now in the possession of this Inform^t & he prays the direction of this Board in the premises

in possession of said Smith

Resolved, that the said Cap^t Nathaniel Smith detain the said Horse in his Custody until the further Order of this Board, and that in the mean time, he use his best Endeavours to Cause the said William Harris to be apprehended & bro^t before this Board & that this Board will defray the Expen^{ce} thereof

Cap^t Smith to keep the Horse of W^m Harris, until further order from this Board, & to apprehend said Harris

M^r James Campbell, & Lieu^t Lawrence appeared before the Board, and Informed, that James Goslin, had in their hearing uttered Traitorous Expressions against the American States.

James Goslin confined to the Guard House

Ordered that the said James Goslin be apprehended & confined in the Guard House

Jacob Wager, & Henry Grawberger appeared before the Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Wager & Grawberger took the Oath & were discharged

Ordered that they be discharged.

Board Adjourned

Friday, March 21st 1777. Board met.

Present

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Joseph Strang Esq^r

Col: Swartwout

The Affidavits of Lieu^t Col: Hammond, Joseph Youngs & William Dobbs, taken before Brigd^r Gen^l M^c Dougal respecting M^r Nathan^l Underhill, were produced to the Board, and also a Letter from Tho^s Tucker directed to General M^c Dougal.

Col: Hammond Jo^s Youngs & W^m Dobbs's Affid^t respect^g Nath^l Underhill, & a Letter from Tho^s Tucker to Gen^l M^c Dougal Ja^s Campbell's Affidavit against Ja^s Goslin

James Campbell being Examined on oath, Deposeth & Saith, That yesterday happening to be in a Company at the House of David Lyon, this Deponant with some others Drank Success to Gen^l Washington & to the American Arms, That James Goslin being also in Company, wish'd the American Army might never want powder & Ball if they did, he said, We (meaning as this

dep^t understood him the said Goslin & other disaffected persons) will give them their Bellies full of it shortly. That the said Goslin farther said "you are thieves & Robbers," by which this deponent understood the said Goslin to mean especially the Convention of this State and this Board. This Deponant further saith, that the said Goslin made use of many other Traitorous Expressions against the American States, & spoke very disrespectfully of the Legislative Authority of this State.

JAMES CAMPBELL

Mich^l Sim-
mons Edw^d
Cantling
& Henry
Weaver ap-
prehended
—concern'd
in the
rescue of
M^c Alpine
&
Sam^l
Crandle
Escaped

Lieu^t Benaniwell Deuel appeared before this Board, that he had bro^t Prisoners, Mich^l Simmons, Edward Cantling & Henry Weaver, by order of the Committee of the North East Precinct, Charged with notorious disaffection, & with being privy to the Rescue of John M^c Alpine. Lieu^t Deuel further informs, that Sam^l Crandle one of the persons committed to his Charge by said Committee had Escaped.

Simmons,
Cantling
& Weaver,
order to
Guard
House
pd Lieu^t
Deuel
£ 7..17..3

Ordered, that Lieu^t Deuel deliver the said Mich^l Simmons, Edw^d Cantling & Henry Weaver to the Officer of the Guard, who is required to take Charge of them

Lieu^t Deuel, presented his Acco^t to this Board for apprehend^s & conveying to this place 3 prisoners from North East precinct amount^s to £ 7..17..3.

Ordered that Lieu^t Deuel be paid the said sum.

70 Dollars
pd to the
Board upon
the sale of
Ryers
Horse

M^r Tapp who at the request of this Board, had sold the Horse bought by Mich^l Ryer of Joseph Jackson Informed that he had sold the said Horse for Seventy Dollars, which he now paid into the Board accordingly.

Jesse Clapp
permitted
to return
home

Application having been made to this Board in behalf of Jesse Clapp, of Dutchess County, now with the Enemy, that he might be permitted to return home

And whereas this Board is at all times willing to receive again as member of the State, all such persons who, convinced of their Error, are disposed to return to their Duty.

Resolved therefore that the said Jesse Clapp, be permitted to return to Dutchess County, provided that

immediately upon his return he appear before the Board and take the Oath of Allegiance to this State, & upon his complying therewith, that he be intituled to all the priviledges of other Liege subjects thereof

Gilbert Honeywell, being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, That the whole of the Time while the Enemy were in possession of that part of the Country where Nathaniel Underhill resides, he the said Nathaniel always conducted himself in a Very friendly manner to many of our friends as have unfortunately fallen into the Enemy's hands, & seemed disposed to render them all the services in his power, and that particularly he had very much assisted Gilbert Oakley & Isaac Legget in making their Escape, and also at a certain time when the Enemy's Horse were in pursuit of the Deponent the said Underhill spoke in favour of him, so that they declin'd taking him

Honeywell's
Deposition
about
Underhill

GILBERT HONEYWELL

Nathaniel Underhill being Examined, saith, that notwithstanding he was present and attended to the administering the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown of Great Britain to sundry Inhabitants of the Borough of West Chester when lately in the possession of the Enemy, his intentions were not to promote or advance the cause & Interest of our Enemies, but that he was solely influenced by motives to assist the Inhabitants & prevent their being plundered. That he never return'd the Roll of the persons who took the Oath, but destroyed it in order that Governor Tryon might not know who the persons were, and does insist that notwithstanding many parts of his conduct may appear unfriendly & inimical, that he is still a true & hearty friend to our Cause, & wishes prosperity to the Measures pursuing by the United States for the preservation of their Liberties.

Underhill's
Examination

N UNDERHILL

Michael Ryer, being Examined saith, that the Two Horses which he purchased from Mess^{rs} Jackson & Kipp were intended the one for his own, & the other for his

Ryer's Ex-
amination

Father's use, That he did not purchase them for the use of the Enemy or with a view that they might derive any benefit from them, That at the Time he purchased them, he did not know that it was in any wise improper or Criminal That he fully intended before he had passed our Lines with the said Horses, to have applied to Gen^l M^c Dougall for a pass—That he has always, from the beginning of the present Troubles been warmly attached to the American Cause, & was he not restrained by the Oath of allegiance which he lately took to the King of G. B. he would do all in his power to promote & advance it—That he took the Oath of Allegiance only as a means to preserve his life, as he would upon refusal have been thrown into Goal and probably have perished there—And that he sincerely wishes that these States may finally prevail & be successful in their struggles for the Establishment of their Liberties

MICHAEL RYER

£ 7: 16 p^d
Peckwell

Henry Peckwell produced his Acco^t for wages to this day amounting to £7. .16—13 days.

Ordered that he be paid

Board Adjourn'd

Saturday March 22nd 1777 Board met

Present

M^r Melancton Smith

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Underhill
& Ryer
dismissed

The Board taking into Consideration the Respective Cases of Nathaniel Underhill and Michael Ryer

Resolv'd that they be Consider'd as prisoners and permitted to Return to their Respective places of Residence on their Parole Ready to Surrender themselves whenever Call'd for by this Board or any other persons properly Authoris'd for that purpose by the Legislature of this State or the Commander in Chief of the American Army & in the mean time that they shall not oppose the American States

Resolv'd that previous to their Dismission they be Sworn not to Convey any intelligence to the Enemy prejudicial to the American States

Resolv'd that the Sum of £48..10 belonging to Michael Ryer now in the possession of this Board be paid to him

Ryer's
Money re-
paid him

Michael Ryer & Nath^l Underhill appearing and Swearing and giving their parole as above Resolv'd that they be Dismiss'd and Recommended to the Commanding Officer at Peekskill for permission to pass the Guards

Sarah Thomas appearing before the Board Resolv'd that she be permitted to Return to Long Island to her Husband and Children She having taken an Oath not to convey Intelligence to the Enemy and that She be Recommended to General M^c Dougle for permission to pass the Guards

Sarah
Thomas
permitted
to return
to Long
Island

William Grey of Peekskill & Joshua Hyatt of Crompond Persons Comprehended within the Resolution of Convention Appear'd & have Six Days allow'd them to appear again & give a final Answer whether they will take the Oath of Allegiance

Grey &
Hyatt
appear

Robert Boyd Esq^r Appear'd & produced his Acco^t Sales of 13 horses Sold by order of this Board of the 28th Ult^o by which it appears the Neat proceeds thereof Amount to £240..18..0 which M^r Boyd paid into the Board Accordingly

£ 250 : 18
p^d the
Amount of
the Horses
of Jeremiah
Ryder &
Zabriske

Board Adjourned

Monday March 24th 1777 Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Gilbert Barnes produced his Acco^t Amounting to £2..8 for a Coffin &c for one of the Tory Prisoners

£ 2 : 8 : 0 p^d
Barns

Order'd that the same be paid

The Board Deliver'd a Gun to Isaac Drew a Corp^l in Cap^t Merrick's Company which he promis'd to Return again

A Gun
deliv^d to
Drew re-
turned

Thurman
appre-
hended and
sent to
Kingston
Goal

Ensign Connine appear'd & Inform'd that agreeable to an Order of this Board of the 10th Ins^t he has apprehended & brought to this place Richardson Thurman

Resolved, that the said Richardson Thurman is a person highly Disaffected & Dangerous to the Cause of American Liberty & Considering his Charracter & the perticular Circumstances of that part of the Country where he Resides it wou'd be inconsistent to the Safety of this State in the present Critical Juncture to Suffer him to go at Large

Order'd therefore that he be Committed to the Jail in Kingston & the Keeper of the said Jail is hereby Requir'd to Receive & keep him in Close Custody 'till the further order of this Board or the Legislature of this State

£ 23 : 13 : 4
p^d Conine

M^r Conine produced to the Board an accounts of the Expence of apprehending & guarding to this place & from thence to Kingston the said Richardson Thurman Amounting both of them to £ 23 . . 13 . . 4

order'd to be paid Accordingly

Guns deliv^d
to Scouten
& Maybee
returned

the Board Deliver'd a gun mark'd Jonas Caniff to John Scouten also another gun mark'd John Yeoman to Tobias Mabey which they are to Return again

Goes &
Gardinier
appear &
return
again to
Hurley

Mess^{rs} Matthew Goes & Dirck Gardineer⁹ persons Comprehended within the Resolution of the Convention of this State appear'd before this Board

Resolv'd that they Return again to Hurley & Remain there on their parole until the further Order of this Board

M^r
Ruddock
furnishes
Cartridges

Resolv'd that Cap^t Myrick apply to M^r Ruddock for 6 Rounds of Cartridges for 40 men & that this Board will be accountable for them

A Gun
deliv^d to
Osborne

a musket Deliver'd to Lieu^t Osborne of Cap^t Brinkerhoff's Company

Halstead
sent to Al-
bany Goal

Whereas it hath been Represented to this Board by numberless persons of Undoubted Veracity that John Halsted of Dutchess County one of the persons Comprehended in the Resolution of the Convention of the 7th

⁹ Cf. their petition to the Convention, dated Feb. 26, 1777, *Cal. Rev. MSS.*, I, 642-643.

Ins^t notwithstanding the mild and moderate Spirit of the Resolution and abusing the Lenity & Clemency of Government hath during the time allowed him to consider whether he wou'd take the Oath of Allegiance been michinating & Combining with the Enemies of America & used his Utmost Influence to persuade others to go over to the Enemy & hath in open Contempt of the Authority of this State publickly Declar'd his Attachment of the King of Great Britain & openly avowed his purpose of taking up Arms against his Country & fighting thro' Blood to Regain his Estate & whereas difficulties have arisen so that he cannot be permitted at present to Repair to New York agreable to the terms of that said Resolution & whereas it is inconsistent with the Safety of the State that persons of his Charracter & who have indicated such an inveterate & Obstinate Spirit shou'd go at large untill the above difficulties can be Remov'd

Resolv'd therefore that Cap^t Myrick apprehend the said John Halsted & forthwith Convey him to Albany & Deliver him to the keeper of the Jail there who is hereby Requir'd to Receive & keep him in Close Custody untill the further order of this Board or the Legislature of this State

Board Adjourn'd

Tuesday March 25th 1777 Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

M^r Parish from Frederick's Burgh appear'd & inform'd that by order of the Committee of that place he has brought here Nath^l Hughson & that Silvanus Hughson whom he was also Directed to bring here had Escap'd from him last night on the Road M^r Parish also paid into the Board £8..12..0 Cash taken from the Said Nath^l Hughson & £7..12 taken from Silv^s Hughson & further Inform'd this Board that out of the money taken

Nathaniel
Hughson
appre-
hended

£ 16 : 4 p^d
to the
Board Cash
taken from
Hughson's

7 Dollars
paid Parish

from Said Hughsons he had paid £ 6 . . 13 for nursing & Cleansing them from the Small pox & for their Expences on the way from Frederick's Burgh to this place

Order'd that 7 Dollars be paid M^r Parish for the pay & expences for the guard Conducting of the said Hughsons to this place

M^r Parish also Deliver'd in a Knapsack with Cloathing belonging to Silv^s Hughson

Order'd that Nath^l Hughson be Committed to the Guard house

Order'd that M^r Dan^l Parish apprehend & forthwith bring before this Board Caleb Powell

Powell to
be apprehended

Frey
Adams
Hoakesly
Monier
Shepperd
Blakely &
Freligh
appear &
to return
to Albany

Coll: Henry Frey, Robert Adams, Robert Hoakesly, John Monier, William Shepherd, James Blakely, & Martin Freligh, persons Comprehended within the Resolution of the Convention of this State appear'd before this Board

Order'd that they be permitted to Return to Albany & Continue under the same parole & engagements as they Respectively were on the 7th Ins^t 'till the farther order of this Board

M^r Peter Cantine appear'd & took his Seat at this Board

M^r Cantine
takes his
Seat

Sam^l
Smith
permitted
to return
Home

Resolv'd that Samuel Smith now Confin'd in Wooster Jail be Releas'd from his Confinement & be permitted to Return provided he Stipulate that Immediatly upon his Return he will appear before this Board & abide their further order & Determination Respecting him

John Scouten Return'd a Gun which was Deliver'd him yesterday

Comtees of
South East
& Fred-
ericksburgh
to take
Charge of
Tories'
Estates

Resolv'd that the Committees of Fredrick's bourgh & South East Precincts be directed & impower'd to take in their Charge & secure in the best manner they are able the Estates of all such persons as are gone or shall from time to time go off to the Enemy within their Respective precincts until such time as they Receive the orders of the Commissioners of Sequestration for the County of Dutchess

Order'd that 12/: be paid to William Snow Express
from South East Precinct

12/ p^d
Snow

Daniel Parish and Peleg Ballard being severally &
duly Sworn depose and say That as that they were this
Morning at the House of Caleb Powell on their way to
this place when they attempted to bind Nathaniel Hugh-
son, the said Powell told Hughson, not to mind it for that
many a better man had been tied and that it would be
their turn soon or Words to that effect

Deposition
of Parish &
Ballard
against
Powell

DANIEL PARRISH
his
PELEG X BEALLARD
mark

Ordered that £1:0:8 be paid to M^r Parish for the
Services of the Guard in apprehending Caleb Powel

£1:0:8
p^d Parish

Ordered that Caleb Powel be committed to the Guard
House

Powell
committed

Board Adjourn'd

Wednesday March 26th 1777 Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Melancton Smith

M^r Peter Cantine

Joseph Hitchcock one of the persons Comprehended in
the Resolution of Convention appear'd before this Board
& took his Six Days to Consider

Joseph
Hitchcock
appear'd &
took 6
Days for
Considera-
tion

William M^c Crea & Rob^t M^c Edew appearing & being
Examin'd Deny'd the Several Matters with which they
are respectively Charg'd

Wm M^c Rea
& Rob^t M^c
Edew deny
the charge
against
them

Whereas the Commanding Officer at Peekskill Con-
ceives it improper that the persons Comprehended in the
Resolution of the Convention of the 7th Ins^t shou'd be
permitted at present to pass our Out posts in their Way
to the Enemy

Matthias
Cook to
return to
his Farm
till further
orders

Resolved therefore that Matthias Cook one of the said persons Return home and Remain in possession of his Estate & abide on his farm 'till the further order of this Board

Lyster,
Caniff &
Jewel de-
termine not
to take the
Oath
&

Cornelius Lyster, Jonas Caniff, & Richard Jewell persons included in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th Ins^t appear'd & Declar'd their Determination not to take the Oath of Allegiance

order'd to
return
home till
further
orders

Order'd that they Return to their Respective homes & abide on their Respective farms 'till the farther Order of this Board

Zeb:
Southward
& Ralph
Phillips
Petitioners
& determine
not to take
the Oath
order'd to
Kingston
Goal

Zebulun Southard, & Ralph Phillips persons included in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th Ins^t and Petitioners Appear'd & Declar'd their Determination not to take the Oath of Allegiance

Ordered that they be sent to Kingston Goal

Resolution
with re-
spect to
persons Pe-
titioners,
refusing
tak^e the
Oath of
Allegiance

Whereas it appears from the preamble to the Resolutions of the Convention of the 7th Ins^t that they were pass'd in Consequence of petitions from sundry persons Remov'd out of this State or Confin'd within the same praying to be admitted as Leige Subjects thereof and testifying their Determined Resolution to exert their Utmost Influence in it's defence & whereas Sundry of the said persons & Petitioners when call'd upon by this Board to take & subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State have in open Contempt of the Authority of this State & in Violation of their own promise & engagements most Contumaciously Refus'd to take and Subscribe the said oath

Resolv'd therefore that all persons Comprehended within the said Resolution & petitioners as aforesaid who shall Refuse to take & subscribe the said Oath when thereunto required by this Board be immediatly Committed to Jail

Gershem Bowne one of the Persons comprehended within the Resolution of Convention appeared and refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be confined to his Farm til the further order of this Board

Board Adjourn'd

Thursday March 27th 1777 Board met
present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Zebulun Ross one of the persons Comprehended in the Resolutions of Convention appear'd before this Board & took his Six Days to Consider

Caleb Powell is permitted to Return home on his parole & appear again when Call'd for by this Board

The Gun Deliver'd to Lieu^t Osborne on the 24th Inst Return'd to this Board

M^r Cornelius Fonda appear'd & inform'd the board that he had apprehended & brought to this place by order of the Committee of Claverack George Smith

M^r Sackett informing the board that the said George Smith was employ'd by him for Secret purposes

Resolv'd that George Smith be permitted to Return to Claverack on his parole to appear again before this board within a fortnight from this Day.

Order'd that 32/: be paid to M^r Fonda for his Services.¹⁰

Jonathan Stephen & Robert Thorne Joseph Smith and Francis Hasbrook persons Comprehended in the Resolution of Convention appear'd before this board and Declar'd their Determination not to take the Oath of Allegiance

Order'd that they Return to their Respective homes 'till the further Order of this Board

Lieu^t Skoonmaker appear'd & inform'd that he has brought to this place by order of Coll: Palmer George Hews & James Kelly & also deliver'd a Letter from Coll: Palmer Respecting them

James Kelly being duly Sworn deposeth & saith that yesterday morning on his way from Poughkeepsie to Van Cuer's ferry he fell in Company with George Hews & Cross'd the River with him at that place when they Came to a tavern a little Distance from the ferry on the West

Zeb: Ross
appeared &
took 6
Days for
considera-
tion

Caleb
Powell
on Parol
a Gun
returned
by Lieu^t
Osborne

Corn:
Fonda bro^t
George
Smith from
Claverick
by order of
that Com:
as a Pris-
oner

&
is per-
mitted on
Parol to
return
home &
appear in a
fortnight
32/ p^d
Fonda

Jon^a
Stephens
Rob^t
Thorne
Jos: Smith
& Frau:
Haasbrook
determine
not to take
the Oath,
are orderd
to return
home till
further
orders

Geo: Hews
& Ja^s Kelly
bro^t Pris-
oners by
order of
Col: Pal-
mer Ja^s
Kelly's
Dep:
against
Hews

¹⁰ For receipt see App. II, p. 453.

Shore Hews being about to pay his Reckoning took out some Continental money & throwing it down on the Hearth said it was Linsey woolsey money & that Hews also said that people shou'd not Run too far in their talk for that the Enemy had Landed at Peekskill & were within 3 or 4 miles of Fishkill as he was inform'd that the said Hews appear'd to the Deponent when they Cross'd the ferry & at the time he utter'd the above expressions to be intoxicated with Liquor & that the Deponent look'd upon it that it was done with a view to Dishearten the people to whom they were Address'd
his

JAMES X KELLY
mark

Ja^s Kelly,
took the
Oath & was
discharged
Geo: Hews
order'd to
the Guard
House
13/4 paid
to Lieu^t
Skoon-
maker for
conduct^d
Prisoners
here

James Kelly having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance is Discharged

Order'd that George Hews be Committed to the Guard house

Ordered that 13/4 be paid to Lieu^t Skoonmaker for Extraordinary expences in Conducting the above prisoners to this place

Resolv'd that there be allow'd to Mess^{rs} Hevenbergh Scott & Lewis (who apprehended & brought Grawbergh & Weigger on the 16th Ins^t) £3..5..4 for the expences of themselves & prisoners & Continental pay as privates each of them 4 Days

£ 3 . . 5 . . 4
p^d to M^r
Hovenbergh

M^r Hovenbergh appearing the Sum of £ 3 . . 5 . . 4 was paid to him but he declin'd Receiving pay for the present Board adjourned

Friday March 28th 1777 Board met
Present

M^r Benson
M^r Smith
M^r Cantine

2 Nick-
ersons
Worden &

M^r William Calkin appeared and informed that by order of Hecocks he had apprehended and bro't to this

place Thomas Nickerson Edward Nickerson Nathaniel Worden and Ezekiel Bugsby

Elijah Oakly & Albert Cary being duly & Severally Sworn depose and say that while the enemy now were at Peekskill, the deponents among others Rec^d Information that a number of persons were preparing to Join them, from the Neighbourhood of Fredericksborough, that in order to apprehend them, Cap^t Hecoeks David Hecoeks the deponents & others agreed to go out in order the more Effectually to make a full discovery, they s^d depo^{ts} went in disguise as Tories, that coming to the House of Ezekiel Bugsby they were permitted to Enter, that they acquainted Bugsby their Intentions were to go to the Enemy & upon Recommendation of John Millers Wife now applyed to him for directions to proceed, thereupon Bugsby asked the deponents how many men they had, and gave him for answer thirty six, the deponents further requested of Bugsby to direct them the Nighest way so as to meet Daniel Taylor, & received directions Accordingly, to go to Ailstones, for that purpose Coming out doors himself opening the Bars & upon their departure bid them Gods Speed, that the deponents then came to the House of said Ailstone his wife offering them Refreshment, & wishing them Success, Informing them that her husband had been gone 4 weeks that she had the day before Rec^d a letter from him acquainting her that he was at Long Island and like to do well, & that she had not seen John Miller since Col^o Luddingtons Regiment last return from Westchester, that said Oakly (one of the deponents) not chusing to go to Edward Nickersons himself for fear he should be known staid Back, when Carly proceeded to that place, & the said Carly saith when he came there he found the Two Nickersons now in Custody. previous to his Entering the House he knocked at the door, and upon being asked who he was? ans^d freind, being asked what freind? answered freind to the Ministerial Army, whereupon he was admitted into the House, that he the deponent informed them the s^d Nickersons that he had a party of 30 men & wanted to go to

Bugsby apprehended by W^m Calkin Oakly & Cary's Deposition ag^t Bugsby &ca

Daniel Taylors that s^d Taylor was gone to the Ministerial army and was directed to apply to them for Instructions how to get there, that the times were difficult to get along & that his Business was to see if they could pass clear, which if he found so he was to Whistle to his men, that Edward Nickolson thereupon replied it was so, but damn them he hoped they would not Reign long that the deponent Enquired the way to Moses Winters which they shewed him, & then departed they wishing him good success in their undertaking. Said Oakly saith that while Carly was gone to Winters, the two Nickersons Came to Cap^t Hecoeks & his party supposing them to be the party mentioned by Carly & being Challenged, answered you need not be afraid we are your friends & came to pilot them along, Cap^t Luddington answered no, we are not afraid, and thereupon made them Prisoners

ELIJAH OAKLEY
AL BART CARLY

William
Calkins
Deposition
agst Nath^l
Wording

William Calkin being duly sworn deposeseth and Saith, that he was Informed by John Heacock that James Whaly & one Fairchild had Twenty odd men under arms at Nathaniel Wurdings, that the deponent with a party of 17 men went their to make a discovery of the Matter that coming there he went into [the] house he asked M^{rs} Wuddings if she knew any thing of Wiley, & fairchild, being their that day Rec^d for answer she knew nothing about it that she then went to the Bed were her husband Lay, who told her Whispering that she must tell nothing about it. The deponent then proposed the sam[e] Question to said Natha^l Wurdning Received from him the Same answer, & then proceeded up chamber were a son of Wurdning Lay who Informed him that Whaly & another man had been there [that] day, that he had seen them talking with his father & understood from them they were going to John Bennits, that Wurdning afterwards owned that his wife had Informed him that they had been at his House

WILLIAM CALKINS

Ordered that £ 3: 14: 3 be paid Lieut^t Calkin for the Pay and Subsistence of the Guard conveying the said four Prisoners to this place

£ 3. . 14. . 3
paid Lieut^t
Calkin

Board adjourned

Saturday March 29th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Col:Swartwout

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Resolved, that Zebulun Southward, being very ill be dismissed from the Guard house & be permitted to return home to his Family, & there to remain till the further Order of this Board.

Zebⁿ
Southard
permitted
to return
home till
further
order

The Rev^d James Sayre one of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th Inst^t having refused to take & subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Resolved therefore, that he be permitted, & is hereby required agreeable to Directions of said Resolution to repair to some place in the possession of the Enemy, with his Household Furniture & apparel, & his Family consisting of his Wife, Child, his Father, John Sayre, his Sister M^{rs} Ross, & a Negro Servant, within Eight Days from the date hereof provided that this permit shall not be Effectual unless countersigned by two Members of Committee for Frederiksburgh Precinct, in order that they may at his departure attend & take Charge of the residue of his Estate.

Rev^d M^r
Sayre per-
mitted to
go to New
York & ca

Cap^t John Johnson one of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th Instant, appeared and refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Cap^t John
Johnson
refuse to
take the
Oath
Ordered to
return
home till
further
order

Ordered, that he return home & remain there till the further order of this Board.

Resolved, that Cap^t John Johnson is one of the persons comprehended within the Resolution of Convention of

the 7th Ins^t and intituled to the Benefit thereof, & consequently he is released from all Obligation of returning again to his Confinement at Springfield.

Ordered, that a Copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Committee at Springfield.

Harris's
Horse bro^t
here by
Cap^t Nath^l
Smith

Cap: Nathaniel Smith appeared, & informed that he had brought to this place the Horse of William Harris & which he had left with the said Cap^t Smith as a security for his appearance

The said Nath^l Smith being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that the Information which he gave to this Board on the 20th Inst. against Will^m Harris, is true

NATH^l SMITH

£ 2..14..
paid Cap^t
Smith

Cap^t Nathaniel Smith produced his Acco^t amo^{tes} to £ 2..14..

Ordered that the same be paid

Harris's
Horse to
be sold

Resolved that the Horse belonging to William Harris as above, be sold at publick Vendue.

Col:
Humfreys
requested
to send a
Guard of
20 Privates
& Subalⁿ &
2 Sergeants
for 10
Days.

Resolved, that Col: William Humphreys be requested to send to this place with all convenient speed a Subaltern Officer Two Sergeants, & 20 Privates of his Regiment to serve as a Guard to the prisoners confined here, for the space of Ten Days, and that they be allowed Continental pay & Rations.

Board adjourned

Monday, March 31st 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Col: Swartwout.

4 Prisoners
of Warr
sent from
Peeks Kill
by order of
Gen: M^c
Dougall—
ordered to
the Guard
house

James M^c Donald, Thomas Carr, Edward Henderson & Richard Scruton, prisoners of War, sent here yesterday from Peekskill by order of General M^c Dougall.

Ordered, that the said four prisoners be committed to the Guard House.

Nathan Cummins (one of the prisoners sent to New Windsor) appearing before the Board by permission of Gen^l Clinton and being one of the people called Quakers, made his affirmation of allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Major Strang appeared & took his Seat again.

The Rever^d M^r Townsend, one of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th Inst^t having refused to take & subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Resolved therefore that he be permitted, & is hereby required agreeable to Directions of said Resolution to repair to some place in the possession of the Enemy with his Household furniture, & apparel, & his Family consisting of his Wife, & four Children within Eight Days from the Date hereof, provided this permit shall not be Effectual unless Countersigned by Mess^{rs} Purdy Haight & Wood, or any two of them Members of Committee for the Manor of Cortlandt, in order that they may at his Departure, attend & take Charge of the residue of his Estate.¹¹

Ordered, that Ralph Philips be permitted to go home on his parol till the further order of this Board.

Resolved that Mess^{rs} Purdy Haight & Wood, members of Committee for the Manor of Cortlandt or any two of them be authorized & required to take Charge & possession of the Estate of the Rev^d M^r Townsend (except such as he is permitted to take with him by Resol: of this Board of this Date, and take the best possible Care of the same until the further order of this Board, or the Comm^{rs} of Sequestration for the County of West Chester.

Ordered, that James Goslin be permitted to go home on his parole, till the further Order of this Board

Ordered, that Joshua Hyatt be permitted to go home on his parol, till the further order of this Board

Nathan
Cummins
took his
Affirmⁿ of
Allegiance
& was
discharged

Maj^r
Strang
returns to
his seat
Rev^d M^r
Townsend
permitted
to go with
his family
&c to Long
Island

Ralph
Philips
returns
home on
parol
Mess^{rs}
Purdy
Haight &
Wood
authorized
to take
charge of
M^r Town-
sends Es-
tate

Ja^s Goslin
permitted
on Parol to
go home
Joshua
Hyatt d^o

¹¹See Bolton's *History of Westchester County* (1905, vol. I, pp. 751-753) for a letter written by the Rev. Epenetus Townsend to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, giving an account of this resolution, his subsequent migration to Long Island, and his earlier relations with local and state committees.

Benj^a Closs
do^o Ordered, that Benjamin Closs be permitted to go home on his parol, till the further order of this Board

Cap^t Jn^o
Johnson
permitted
to go to
N: York
Boyd,
Carmons &
Purdy app^d
to take
Charge of
Johnsons
Estate

Cap^t John Johnson permitted to go to New York in like manner with the Rev^d M^r Townsind, & Ebenezer Boyd, Gabriel Carmons & Nathaniel Hyatt, Members of Committee for the Manor of Cortlandt or any two of them be appointed to take Charge of his Estate.

Board adjourned

Tuesday April 1st 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Major Strang

Peter Cantine Esq^r

£ 291..5..2
paid Cap^t
Myrick

Cap^t Joshua Myrick appeared & produced his Acco^{ts} Viz^t His Pay Roll amo^{ts} to £ 164..18..4, His Billeting Roll, £116..9..2, His Expences to Albany, with Halsted £ 6..16..4, D^o for Francis Warren £2..8..8. D^o for Horse hire 12/8., in the whole, amounting to £ 291..5..2.

Ordered, that the same be paid, & was paid accordingly

Benj:
Ludlum
allowd
6 Days

Benjamin Ludlum, one of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7 March appeared & desired the time of 6 days limited for his consideration and was permitted to return home for that time.

Warren,
Sharp
Wolf,
Willson
Hughson
& Erken-
breght per-
mitted to
inlist &
were dis-
charged

Resolved, that Francis Warren, Hendrick Scharpe, Hendrick Wolf, Jacob Willson Nathaniel Hughson & Henry Erkenbreght, be permitted to Inlist into Col: Cortlandts Reg^t

The said Persons appearing & Inlisting accordingly

Ordered, that they be discharged.

£ 6..16..
rep^d to
Hughson

Resolved, that the sum of £ 8..12..—belonging to the said Nathaniel Hughson be repaid to him again after deducting thereout Twenty Eight Shillings his moiety of the Expences in apprehending him & 8/, for his Substance during his confinement.¹²

Col: Swartwout took his seat

¹² For receipt, see App. II, p. 453.

Isaac Hatfield, & Peter Drake, two of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7 of March appeard, & desired Six Days for Consideration

Hatfield & Drake desired 6 Days & permitted to return home

Ordered, that they be permitted to go home for that time on parol to return to this Board at the Expiration thereof

Ezekiel Bugsby appeared before this Board,

Ezek^l Bugsby permitted to return home for 6 days

Resolved, that he be permitted to return home on his Parol to return in Six Days.

Resolved, that Zebulun Ross, be permitted to remain at home during his present indisposition, and that he attend at this Board as soon as he is in a capacity to travel.

Zeb: Ross permitted to remain home during illness

Resolved, that Nathaniel Conkling, Thomas Craft & Abraham Craft now confined in Worcester Goal be released from their Confinement, & be permitted to return, provided they Stipulate that immediately upon their return, they will respectively appear before this Board, and abide their further order & determination respecting them.

Nath: Conkling Tho^s Craft & Abra: Craf to return from Worster Goal & appear before the Board

Board adjourned.

Wednesday, April 2^d 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r
Major Strang
Peter Cantine Esq^r

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to Convention requesting the Sum of £ 1000, may be sent for the use of Board.¹³

Letter to Conva request^d £1000

Doct: Peter Huggiford, Jeremiah Traverse, Sen^r Jeremiah Traverse Jun^r Griffin Cory, Nathan Whitney Esq^r, persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th March last, appear'd & required the usual time for Consideration.

Huggiford 2 Traverses Cory & Whitney appeared required 6 Days

Tertullus Dickinson appeard, & was not willing to take & subscribe the Oath of Allegiance to this state.

Dickinson refused to take the

¹³ See App. I, p. 437; *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 865.

oath & permitted to return home on parole

Ordered, that he be permitted to return home on parole to return to this Board when called for
Board Adjourned

Thursday April 3^d 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Joseph Strang Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

W^m Busby & Enoch Lester apprehended

John Williams appeared, & informed this Board that he had apprehended, & brought Prisoners, Will^m Busby & Enoch Lester.

Jⁿ Williams Deposition against Busby & Lester

John Williams being duly sworn Deposeth & saith that on Tuesday Evening last as he was returning from Town Meeting, in passing by Bernard Doughty's in the Nine Partners, Doughty desired him to stop, which he accordingly did, & found there said Busby & Lester & Asher Devine, that as the Dep^t came out of the House, he perceived Devine & Busby were disputing Divine having charged Busby with saying that he would hire himself out to strip Bark to hang the Whiggs that the Deponant then left the house & desired Devine to Drop the Dispute & come along with him that as the Dep^t & Devine went on, Busby & Lester Benj^a Hicks & Elisha Davis, who were also at Doughty's followed them that in following them Busby stript & wanted to fight with Devine, that Busby said, he expected in less than four weeks he woud stand Guard over the Whiggs, and he also said that he belonged to the 4th Reg^t of foot under George the third King of Britain, that thereupon the Dep^t & his Companions apprehended said Busby, and after they had apprehended him, & were carrying him to Cap^t Blooms, Lester followed them, notwithstanding they requested him to desist, & said he was a true subject to George the third & meant to live and die so, & wished that he might prosper in all his undertak^{gs}

JOHN WILLIAMS

Asher Devine being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he was present & the above Deposition of John Williams as far as it relates to Busby is true. The Dep^t farther saith, that it had been reported that Busby should have hired himself to strip Bark to hang the Whiggs, but that upon being Charged with it by the Dep^t he denied it.

Asher
Devine's
Deposition
agst Busby

his
ASHUR X DEVINE
mark

Joseph Cash, being sworn, Deposeth & saith, that the Deposition of John Williams as above, is substantially true, and farther, that he the Dep^t had asked Lester, respecting his saying he was a Subject of the King of Great Britain, that he acknowledged he had said so, & declared he meant to stand to it.

Jos: Cash
Deposition
agst Busby
& Lester

JOSEPH CASH

Ordered, that William Busby, & Enoch Lester, be committed to the Guard house, & confined in Irons

Busby &
Lester
com^d to
Guard Ho^u
£ 3. . 4. .
paid John
Williams
for 2
prisoners

Ordered, that the Sum of £ 3, be paid to M^r John Williams for himself & Guards for apprehending & Bringing prisoners W^m Busby, & Enoch Lester and also 4/, for provisions for said prisoners

John Williams being Examined on Oath saith that on his way down with the above prisoners, Filkins German overtook him on the Road, and said, You Damn'd Rebels where are you going with them men, and attempted to rescue Lester & struck this Exam^t twice, & huzza'd for King George.

John Wil-
liam's Dep:
against
Filkins
Germond

JOHN WILLIAMS

Asher Devine & Joseph Cash being severally sworn Depose & say, that the above Examination of John Williams is true in substance.

Asher
Devine
agst d^e

his
ASHER X DEVINE
mark
JOSEPH CASH

Sudorick &
Germond
ordered to
be apprehended
with the
witnesses
by Serg^t
Baker

Ordered, that Daniel Sudorick & Filkins Germond be apprehended, & brought before this Board forthwith and that John Kolp Darius Lobdell & Joseph Morris attend as Witness against them

Ordered, that Sergeant Baker, Execute the above Order, and all the subjects of this State are hereby required to aid & assist him if necessary

Jon^a
Rogers
ordered to
be released
from
Pough⁷
Goal

Resolved, that Jonathan Rogers now confined in Poughkeepsie Goal, be released from his Confinement upon his parol immediately to appear before this Board
Board adjourned

Friday April 4th 1777. Board met
Present

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Joseph Strang Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

£ 14..3..4.
p^d Hugh
Conner

Hugh Conner appear'd & produced his Acco^t amounting to £ 14. .3. .4.¹⁴

Ordered, that he be paid the said Acco^t

W^m
Busby's Ex-
amination

William Busby being Examined, saith that as he was going to Barnerd Doughty's the Day he was apprehended in order to discover some plots which he heard was in Agitation, he learnd that one Backus from above Kinderhook had said, that some Companies were raising at Kinderhook to join the Enemy. That one Richard Wilson, Palmerton a Shoemaker near M^c Gees, and one Gardinier who lives to the Eastward of Lesters, were to Inlist, That some who had taken the Oath of Allegiance to this state were now absent again among whom were Benj^a Booth, & Howland Soles, and this Inform^t understood that Isaac Filkins was to go to the Enemy, and that the said Filkins now keeps out of the way.

Jon^a
Rogers
Discharged
on taking
the Oath.

Jonathan Rogers, appeared before this Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State
Ordered, that he be discharged.

¹⁴ App. II, p. 454.

A Letter received from Robert Benson Esq^r Secretary to the Convention, Inclosing a Resolution¹⁵ of Convention of the first Ins^t requesting the same to be published in the Newspaper & Hand Bills.

Letter
from Rob^t
Benson
inclosing a
Resol: of
Convⁿ

Stephen Purdy produced his Acco^t for a Load of Wood 8/,

8/ paid
Purdy

Ordered that the same be paid
Board Adjourned

Saturday April 5th 1777 Board met

Present

M^r Smith

M^r Cantine

M^r Strang

Ezekiel Bugsby appeared agreeable to his Parole & having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ezek^l
Bugsby
took the
Oath & was
discharged

Ordered that he be discharged

James M^c Donald, Thomas Carr, Rich^d Scroten & Edward Anderson, Sailor Prisoners of War, sent to this place by Gen^l M^c Dougall, were by his advice delivered to Cap^t Cook to be by him Employ'd in fitting up the Row Gallies.

4 Prisoners
of War de-
livered to
Cap^t Cook,
by ord^r
Gen. M^c
Dougall

Col: Swartwout takes his Seat

Isaac Seacord & Benj^a Gerow appear'd, & having declined to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Isaac
Seacord &
Benj^a
Gerow
confin'd to
their Farms

Ordered, that they return home to their families, and to remain on their respective farms till the further order of this Board

John Malony, appeared, & absolutely refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State, (and being one of the Petitioners,

John
Malony
refused to
take the
Oath, was
ord^d to
Guard
house
Lieu^t Bow-
ers permit-
ted to go
home

Ordered that he be confined in the Guard house

Lieu^t Bowers appeared, & informed the Board, that his Wife lay dangerously ill, pray'd leave to go home

Ordered, that he had leave accordingly.

¹⁵ Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I, 859, 856-857.

£ 6.-paid
Hen: Peck-
well

Henry Peckwell produced [h]is Acco^t for 10 Days wages
Ordered that he be paid the same
Board adjourned

Monday, April 7th 1777. Board met
Present
Malancton Smith Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

A Letter
from the
Sec^r of
Convention
inclosing a
Resolution
&c

A Letter received from M^r Rob^t Benson Sec^y to the Convention, inclosing a Resolution of the 3^d Ins^t requesting this Board to have the same publishd in the News paper, & 250 hand Bills to be printed.

£ 3. .10. .
paid Rich^d
King

M^r Rich^d King appeared & produced his Acco^t for Services done, amo^{ts} to £ 3. .10. .

Ordered that the same be paid

A Letter
from Elihu
Marvin re-
quest^s the
direction of
this Board

A Letter from Elihu Marvin Esq^r Chairman of the Committee of Cornwall, requesting the Direction of this Board, respecting persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7 March last.

Ja^s Wood
one of the
persons
confn'd in
Worcester
Goal
Order'd to
return
upon his
tak^s the
Oath

Resolved, that James Wood, one of the persons confined in Worster Goal for Treasonable practices, be permitted to return home, provided that he stipulate previous to his discharge, immediately upon his return, to appear before this Board and take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Maj^r
Strang
takes his
seat

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the Committee of the Town of Worcester
Major Strang appeared, & took his Seat

Isaac
Hatfield
refused to
take the
Oath
Order'd to
return
home till
further
orders

Isaac Hatfield, appeared, before this Board & refused to take the Oath of Allegiance.

Ordered that he be permitted to return home, & there to remain until the further order of this Board
Board adjourned

Tuesday April 8th 1777. Board met
Present

Melancton Smith
Jos: Strang
Peter Cantine } Esq^{rs}

The Board having received information that Jesse Clapp of Dutchess County, who had been with the Enemy on Long Island, had return'd home,

Jesse Clapp
ordered to
be apprehended

Ordered, that Cap^t Israel Platt, cause the said Jesse Clapp to be apprehended & sent to this place.

James Campbell appeared before this Board, & being Sworn, saith, that happening on yesterday Evening to be at the House of Abraham Fort, he found there a number of persons, being part of Cap^t Jeacock's Comp^a of militia, who trained at that place. That a Number of said persons, Drank success to King George, & Confusion to the American Arms, that they said the American Money was good for Shin paper. That this Deponant upon hearing their Conversation, Express'd his Sentiments very freely in favour of the American Cause, upon which, one Isaac Wood came up to him & Calld him a Damn'd Rascal for opposing so good a King, & with his sword (sheathed) struck him a Blow on the side of his head, which knock'd him down on A Bed That before this Deponant could recover from that Blow, said Wood, struck him with his fist in the face, which bro^t him to the floor, & beat & Bruised him while he was down. The Dep^t further saith that One Smith declared his Attachment to the King of Great Britain. And further this Dep^t saith not.

Ja^s Camp-
bells Dep:
against
Isaac Wood
& one
Smith

JAMES CAMPBELL

Ordered, that Isaac Wood & [space left blank] Smith be apprehended & bro^t before this Board.

Isaac Wood
& Smith
ordered to
be apprehended by
Serg^t
M^c Lease

Ordered that Serg^t M^c Lease Execute the above order Edward Cantly, Michael Siemons, & Henry Weaver appeared before this Board & Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Cantly,
Siemons
& Weaver
took the
Oath &
were discharged

Ordered, that they be discharged accordingly

Lieu^t Fulmore, appear'd & inform'd that he had bro^t Prisoners, Cap^t Joseph Harris & John Losee by order of the Com: of Beekman's Precinct.

Cap^t Jos:
Harris &
John Losee
bro^t pris-
oners
&
permitted on Parol

Ordered, that the said Harris & Losee be permitted on their Parol, not to depart further than One Mile from the Stone Church.

£ 1..12.—
pd Lieut
Fulmore

Lieu^t Fulmore produced his Acco^t amounting to
£1..12.

Ordered that the same be paid
Board adjourned

Wednesday April 9th 1777, Board met
Present

Melancton Smith }
Joseph Strang } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Peter I Van
Valken-
burgh
takes the
Oath & is
discharged
he knows
nothing
of any
Plotts

Peter I Van Valkenburgh appeared & Voluntarily took
the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered, that he be discharged

Peter I Van Valkenburgh, being Examined on Oath
said, that he knows nothing of any Plott or Conspiracy
against this State.

Mich^l Goes
takes the
Oath & is
discharged

Michael Goes, appeared, & Voluntarily took the Oath
of Allegiance to this State

Order'd that he be discharged

Eli Parsons
took the
Oath & was
discharged

Eli Parsons, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of
Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

Barth^w
Van Val-
kenburge
Ditto

Barth^w Van Valkenburgh, having Voluntarily taken
the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

Jn^o Malony
discharged
on tak^s
the Oath

John Malony, appeared, & having Voluntarily taken
the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Griffin Cory
committed
to the
Guard
house

Griffin Cory, appeared and refused to take the Oath
of Allegiance to this State, & it appearing to this Board
by his own Confession, that when he lately went down
to the Enemies Lines by permission of General M^o
Dougall, he took his Wife with him as far as Kingsbridge
without any permission, Therefore

Resolved that he be sent prisoner to the Guard house.

Geo: Hughs
discharged
on his tak^s
the Oath

George Hughs, appeared, & having Voluntarily taken
the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Peter Drake appeared, & refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Peter Drake refused to take the Oath, ordered home till further Orders

Ordered that he be permitted to return home till the further order of this Board.

Board adjourned.

Thursday April 10th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson
 Melancton Smith
 Joseph Strang
 Peter Cantine } Esq^{rs}

Resolved, that this Board will on Saturday next Adjourn from this place to Poughkeepsie.

Board to Adjourn to Poughkeepsie on Saturday next
 Isaac Wood apprehended & order'd to Guard house

Serg^t M^c Clease appeared, & informed the Board that he had apprehended & bro^t prisoner, Isaac Wood, & produced a Certificate from Lieu^t Van Kleek, that Smith was entered as a Volunteer.

Ordered that Isaac Wood be sent to the Guard House.

Benj^a Ludlum appeared & refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Benj^a Ludlum refused to take the Oath, permitted to go home till further Orders

Ordered that he return home till the further order of this Board

Ordered that Joseph Harris & John Losee, be permitted on their parol, to appear before this Board to morrow morning at 11 o Clock

Jo^s Harris & Jn^o Losee permitted on Parol till 11 o Clock to morrow morn^g

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to the Committee of Orange County, requesting them to cause all persons comprehend in the Resolution of Convⁿ of the 7th of March, and who having neglected to appear before this Board, and particularly Austin Smith Esq^r to be apprehended, & sent under Guard to this Board, and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof. And also signifying the approbation of this Board of the Conduct of the Committee in preventing the Sale of the said Austin Smith's Estate, and Advising them in all cases where they find persons selling or otherwise disposing of their Estates, under Suspicious Circumstances to Interpose & prevent it.

a Letter wrote to Elihu Marvin Chairman of Committee of Orange County respect^g Estates of Persons gone off &c^a

Oliver
Lawrence
his Exam^a
respect^s
Jesse Clapp
on Long
Island

M^r Oliver Lawrence appeared before this Board, and Informed, that he saw Jesse Clapp on Long Island some time the beginning of Jan^y last. That Clapp declared to the Inform^t his Intentions of returning home again and upon the Inform^{ts} expressing to him that in all probability as he had been so violently disaffected he would be apprehended & Confined—Clap said he did not care what was done to him provided they did not hang him, that the Inform^t believes Clapp left Long Island about five weeks ago, and understood he brought off with him about £ 600 in Continental money which he received there from his friends to be laid out.

Jer^h Jones's
Depo: ag^{nt}
Wilhelmus
Van Stien-
bergh

Jeremiah Jones appeared before the Board & being duly sworn, Depo^{seth} & Saith, that being yesterday in Company with Wilhelmus Steenberg at the House of W^m Askins at New Hackinsack, the same Steenberg said that he was a King's Man, and that he was one of Fowler's men & that being ask'd by the Dep^t whether he belonged to Cap^t Fowler's list he declared that he did & the said Steenbergh Damned General Washington

JEREMIAH JONES

Order to
appreh^d 6^d
Steenbergh

Ordered, that Wilhelmus Van Steenbergh be apprehended

Board Adjourned

Friday April 11th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson }
Joseph Strang } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

£ 3 . . 6 . .
paid David
Lyons

David Lyons appeared, & produced his Acco^t of Express for Convention (tho' employd by this Board) to Esopus & Peeks Kill amount^s to £ 3 . . 6 . .

Order'd that the same be paid on Acco^t of Convention

John Brown
confined in
the Guard
house be-
ginning of

Whereas John Brown having been Confined in the Guard House Since the beginning of Jan^y last, and this Board not being able to discover either from the proceed-

ings or Papers of the late Com: by what authority the said John Brown was sent to this place, or the Charge against him, & having only received it by mere report that he was apprehended upon suspicion of Murder, and this Board never having been Informed who the Witnesses against him were, and the Troops stationed at Peeks Kill were and at the time when the supposed Murder was Committed being all of them disbanded, so that very probably no Witnesses can ever be procured against the said John Brown, should he be brought to Tryal, and he having been brought before the Board several times & Examined touching the said Murder, has always asserted his Innocence & expressed his Inclination to enlist in the Continental Army, & he having during the whole of his Confinement been subsisted at the publick Expence.

Jan^r last is
Discharged
& enlisted
in Cap^t
Dewita
Comp^a

Resolved therefore, that he be Discharged.

Ordered, that Lewis Palmer one of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7 March last and who has contemptuously neglected to appear before this Board agreeable to their Order, be apprehended & sent under Guard to this Board, & that they will defray the Expence thereof

Lewis
Palmer
ordered to
be appre-
hended

Order'd that the Wife of Griffin Cory be forthwith apprehended & sent under Guard to this Board & that they will defray the Expence thereof

Resolved that Major Strang be requested to Issue Orders to an Officer of the Militia under his Comm^d to Execute the above Orders of this Board

Lieu^t Humphry appeard, & produced his pay Rol, & acco^t for Rations amount^s to £ 21 . 11 . . 2.¹⁶

£ 21 . 11 . . 2
paid Lieu^t
Humphrys

Ordered that the same be paid.

Cap^t Joseph Reynolds appeared before this Board and being duly Sworn, Saith, that he hath lately had conversation with Abraham Brower & Walter Hire, both of them related to John Losee. That the Dep^t hath understood from the said Brewer & Hyer, that they conceived Harris & Losee by their discourse to be greatly disaffected

Cap^t Jo^s
Reynolds
Deposition
respecting
Harris &
Losee.

¹⁶ App. II, p. 454.

to the American Cause, and particularly that Hyer told him he had heard Harris say it was a pity the Congress were not hanged for bringing these troubles upon the Country. And that Brower told the Dep^t that he did not believe there was a person more inimical to the present Measures pursuing by the Country than Losee. That Brower is Brother in law to Losee, And the Dep^t further saith, that Charles Davis belongs to the Comp^a to which the said Dep^t is Cap^t has always been very troublesome & refractory. That at a certain time, during this Winter at a Meeting of the Company Davis abused & Insulted the Dep^t and called the present Governm^t of the State, a Damned unjust Government and said he would never Join the Rebels in fighting

JOSEPH REYNOLDS

Resolved, that Doct: Prosser be permitted to go & remain at the house of Doct: Osborn, & be under his Care & Direction, on Parol till the further Order of this Board.

Doct:
Prosser
permitted
to go to
Doct: Os-
born's on
Parol

5 Dollars
rec^d for
Doct^r's
Instrum^{ts}
sold

The Board perceiving a Number of Doctor's Instruments lying in the Closet, & no Owner appearing for them, & lest they might be lost, sold them to Doct: Osborn for the sum of 5 Dollars

Francis Wiltse produced his Acco^t agst the late Committee for 6/,

6/ paid
Francis
Wiltse

Ordered that the same be paid.

Resolved that Lieu^t Charles Platt cause Walter Hyer to be apprehended & sent to this Board forthwith and this Board will pay the Expen^{ce} thereof

Walter
Hyer to
be appre-
hended

Ordered, that Sergeant M^c Lease Convey the prisoners in the Guard House to Morrow Morning to Poughkeepsie Goal, and keep a good & Sufficient Guard at the said Goal, and the Keeper thereof is hereby required to receive & detain the said Prisoners in close Custody till the further Order of this Board

Serg^t
M^c Lease
order'd to
convey the
Prisoners
in Guard
House to
Poughkeep-
sie Goal

Board Adjourned

Saturday April 12th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson }
 Jos: Strang } Esq^{rs}
 Peter Cantine }

M^r Gidion Oosterhout appear'd before the Board and produced a Letter from Cap^t Peter Coon of Dover informing that Twelve persons were going off to the Enemy, & that he had apprehended four of them, to wit, George Mitchel Elias Dutcher, Adam Coon & John Pinnier, whom he sent to this place

Gid^a
 Osterhout
 bro^t a Letter
 from
 Cap^t Peter
 Coon ab^t
 Prisoners &
 disaffected
 Persons

Adam Coon appeared, & being duly sworn Deposeth & saith, That he had for some time past intended to go to Philadelphia on a Vistit [sic] to his Mother in law, and having declared his intentions to Edw^d E Wheeler, that a few days ago, the said Wheeler told him that if he had a mind to go to Philadelphia he could go with *them* to Norwalk, that the Dep^t being a Stranger in the Country he supposed that Norwalk was in the Rout, agreed to go that accordingly he set out with Wheeler & John Pinnier but before the[y] proceeded abo^t a Mile, the Dep^t disliking the Scheme, determined to return, which he accordingly did, that Wheeler & Pinnier also returned & concealed themselves. That as they were on the Road together Wheeler Inform'd the Dep^t of his Intentions of going to Norwalk in order to go over to the Enemy, & that there was a party who had engaged in the same scheme, and that Richard Gillet Jacob Elliot & John Pinnier belonged to the party. That the Dep^t imagines that Wheeler & Pinnier were induced to return because they could not find the rest of their Company.

Adam
 Coon's
 Deposition

his
 ADAM X COON
 mark

Benjamin Pitcher appeared, & being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith, that about 3 or 4 Weeks ago he came to live at Dover with Edward E. Wheeler, and soon perceiving said Wheeler to be a disaffected person, the Dep^t

Benj^a
 Pitcher's
 Deposition
 agst several
 disaffected
 Persons

the better to make discoveries pretended also to be disaffected—that he understood by Wheeler that a Company of Seventeen had Joined to go over to the Enemy, that Wheeler & Anthony Carpenter, Elias Dutcher, Simeon Dutcher W^m Drinkwater, Isaac Burhance & John Pinnier belonged to the Company—That Pinnier & Drinkwater informed the Dep^t that some of the Company to wit, they Pinnier & Drinkwater, & the Two Dutchers had the week before last actually set off & on their way, got to Norwalk within two Miles of the Sound, but were prevented from going farther by our Guards, whereupon they dispersed & returned home again. That Drinkwater & Pinnier also told the Dep^t that George Mitchel & Jacob Elliot had gone out before, in order to provide provisions & a place for them to stay till Boats could be procured to carry them to Long Island.

BENJAMUN PITCHER

And the above Dep^t being further Examined saith that Peter Fick's Wife told him that Dirick Dutcher father to the aforesaid Dutchers had buried a Barrel of Pork for the Regulars, as he expected that they would be along that way this Summer.

BENJAMUN PITCHER

John
Neher's Ex-
amination
respecting
disaffected
Persons

John Neher (& who in the above Depositions thro' mistake is called John Pinnier) being Examined saith that Mitchel & the two Dutchers persuaded him not to declare the Truth. That the Dutchers told him that Mitchel & Jacob Elliot were gone to Norwalk to make preparation. That Drinkwater & Burhance fetched the Deponant from Johanis Wheeler's in order to Join them to go to the Enemy. That the Deponent George Mitchel, Drinkwater, Burhance Elliot, Edw^d E Wheeler Carpenter, Elias Dutcher & Simeon Dutcher, Stephen Bradshaw & John Griffin were of the Number to go to the Enemy & have been at Norwalk, and that they were to Join the Enemy on Long Island—that the Number that was to go off was Fifteen, as he recollects

JOHANNES NOHR

Elias Dutcher, appeared, & being Examined, Confesses that he was of the party that went to Norwalk in order to Join the Enemy, that while they were at Norwalk they were concealed in the Barn of a Man whose name he thinks was Patrick [space left blank] that Drinkwater Neher David Elliot, John Griffin, Timothy Crandle Stephen Bradshaw, Burhance, Mitchel, Jacob Elliot, Simeon Dutcher, & this Dep^t were the party who went down from Dover to Norwalk, & staid in the said Barn. That on their way down, three persons (strangers) came & Joined them. That the Dep^t understood from the said three persons, that they belonged to this County, & had been Confined in Phil^a Goal, & had been released by Order of the Continental Congress. That one of them told the Deponent, that he was a Captain of the Militia and had been Confined for refusing to fine his men, and that the Dep^t on his return from Norwalk understood from a person on the Road, that the said Captain & his Brother had been apprehended for inlist^s Men for the Enemy last fall. The Dep^t further saith that Bradshaw asked him if he would not inlist in the Enemies Service, & the Dep^t refused, that he understood from Bradshaw, that he now belonged to Cap^t Grant's Comp^a in the Enemies Service.

Elias
Dutcher's
Confession
& Examination

ELIAS DEDUTCHER

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to Cap^t Coon, requesting him to apprehend the other persons belonging to the above party, & send them under Guard to this Board at Poughkeepsie, and they will defray the Expence thereof

Letter to
Cap^t Coon
respect^s
apprehend-
ing dis-
affected
persons

Gideon Osterhout produced his Acco^t of the Guards apprehending & bringing 4 Prisoners, amount^s to £7. .5. .4

£ 7. .5. .4
paid
Gideon
Osterhout

Ordered, that the same be paid

Ordered, that Sergeant Baker convey George Mitchel, Elias Dutcher & Johannis Neher, to Poughkeepsie, & confine them in Goal there, until the further Order of this Board

Serg^t Baker
conveys to
Poughkeep-
sie Goal
Mitchel,
Neher &
Dutcher

Adam Coon
permitted
on Parol.

Resolved, that Adam Coon be permitted to return hom[e] on his parol to appear before this Board at Poughkeepsie, in Eight Days.

20 Shillings
p^d Pitcher

Ordered, that 20 Shillings be paid to Benj^a Pitcher for Secret Services.

£ 6. .14
paid Cap^t
Weeks

Cap^t Ja^s Weeks produced his Acco^t against the Board amount^s to £6. .14. —

Ordered that the same be paid

£ 354. .
11. .9¼
p^d Hen:
Wyckoff

M^r Henry Wyckoff produced his Acco^t as Commissary to the late Committee of this Board by which it appear'd that there was due to him for Cash advanced a Balance of £ 354. 11. 9¼

Ordered that the same be paid

Members
of late
Com: to be
consulted
respect^s
Wyckoffs
Commis-
sions
Several
Letters &
receipts
rec^d from
the East-
ward by
Lieu^t Brett

Resolved, that the Members of the late Committee be consulted respect^s the allowance to be made M^r Wyckoff for his Commissions & Services as Commissary.

Lieu^t Brett appeared, & produced a Letter from the State of New Hampshire, with a Rec^t for Two Hundred Pounds. Also a Letter from the Comm^t of Worcester, with their rec^t for Sixty Pounds. Also a Letter from the Committee of Spencer with their rec^t for £5. .14. .1¼. Also a Letter from Col: Welch, also a Rec^t from the Comm^t of Springfield for Thirty Pounds. Lieu^t Brett also produced his Acco^t by which it appeared, that after retain^s in his hands the Sum of £ 35. .4. .7 for his Ex-
pence & Services, there remained a Balance due to this Board of £9. .5. .10¼ which he paid accordingly

£ 4. .14. .5
p^d Henry
Peckwell

Henry Peckwell produced his Acco^t of Sundries paid by him for the use of this Board am^{ts} to £ 4. .14. .5

Ordered that the same be paid him.

Denny's
Dep^a

William Denney appeared before this Board, & being duly Sworn, Deposeth & saith, that some time in Oct: last, he was taken by the Orpheus Frigate, & continued on Board of her till the 23^d of March, when he made his Escape from the Enemy at Rhode Island That he came from Providence to this Precinct in his way to Philadelphia with M^r Jacobus Degraaf That while he was at M^r Degraaf's, he frequently went among the Tories in that Neighbourhood and in order to make discoveries,

pretended to be a Tory himself. That among other persons he has conversed with Simon Knoxon, who Informed him that he intended to go off soon to the Enemy and Expected to be appointed by Gen^l Howe Sutler to his Army. That One Armstrong a Taylor who lives at Knoxon's told the Dep^t he intended to go off immediately, and that if the Kings Army was to Come near, he could at any time raise 600 Men to join him. That if he had Arms and Ammunition Enough, he believed he had men Sufficient to force their way to the Kings Troops and that he intended to go & carry Intelligence of this matter to the Enemy. That Knoxon said that if there was a Frigate or two in the River he would soon supply them with a large quantity of Wheat & other Stores, that he was determined to take no more paper money, but receive all his Debts in wheat, and have it about a Mile from the River convenient to supply the Enemy, when an opportunity served. That the Dep^t has also had some conversation with Tho^s Lawrence, that said Lawrence had frequently assisted & Encouraged several persons to go off to the Enemy & that Lawrence told him that there was a certain person who had been with the Enemy & return'd again and had Conducted a party of Thirty Men who went off last Sunday Night, Armed with Ten Guns & four Pistols, & that the party went from the house of Johannis Medler. That William Yates informed the Dep^t that Thirty Men intended to go off from the same place to morrow night, that Yates did not intend to go himself, but would wait till the Enemy's Army was come into the Country, & that then he would Join them, —That the Deponent in order to make more full discovery pretended that he had come from the Enemy, with intent to collect the Names of all such as wanted protections, that in consequence of that, Lawrence gave him the Dep^t the List which he now delivers into this Board, that the Dep^t directed Lawrence not to take down the names of any persons, but such as desired protections. That the Dep^t being last night at Medler's, Medler desired him to procure a protection for him also. That the

Dep^t last night was at Joel Dubois's with a young man, (a Taylor by trade) wearing a green Jacket Leather Breeches, his hair Tied, Tall and well made, who Informed the Dep^t that he was going off immediately to the Enemy

W^m DENNEY

Board adjourned to Poughkeepsie.

Monday April 14th 1777. Board met at Poughkeepsie

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine	

£ 5. .12 p^d
Peckwell

Henry Peckwell produced his Acco^t of Wages for nine Days as Secr^y £ 5. .12.

Ordered, that the same be paid

Lyons
discharged

Lawrence Lyons who was committed yesterday as a suspected person appearing before the Board and having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he be discharged

Noxon's
Confession

Simon Knoxon appearing before this Board Confessed substantially the facts alledged against him in the foregoing deposition of William Denny, further Confesses that he had advised Armstrong to go off as he was in danger of being taken by the whigs & that he beleives said Armstrong is gone to New York

Denny's 2^d
Examina-
tion

William Denny appearing again before the Board and being further examined deposeth and saith that on Saturday evening last when he left the fish Kill to return to the Neighbourhood of Hackinsack, he came to the house of Joel Du Bois, who informed the depon^t that a party was to go off to the enemy last night from the House of his Brother Benjamin Dubois, who was to be of the party also, & that he Joel had three guns in his house, that the depon^t told Said Joel Dubois that he intended to go to Poughkeepsie to procure the Names of the Commiss^{rs} and to Converse with the prisoners con-

fined there and endeavour to procure from them Intelligence that from there he was to return again to his House when he Dubois would have two of the principal persons who were to go off *there* to Converse with the deponent that upon the deponents return from Poughkeepsie to Dubois, he told the deponent, that he had endeavored to find the men but that they were already gone off, that yesterday morning the Depon^t was with Thomas Lawrance that he also Informed Lawrance of his intentions to go to Poughkeepsie for the purpose above mentioned, that Lawrance consented to come with him & provided him with a Horse, that they accordingly came to Poughkeepsie and were there the greater part of the day, that last evening in his way from Dubois to Degraafs he met with Ezekiel Pinkny who desired and entreated the deponent to take down his name for a Protection, and that whenever the Deponent came to him he would give him every Assistance in his power & that he expected to be double & treble paid for his trouble out of the Rebels plantations. The Depon^t further saith that Johannis Medler told him that he had taken the oath of Allegiance, but that he was compelled therto & did not mind it.

W^m DENNEY

It appearing to this Board that William Denney hath expended a considerable Sum in making the above Discoveries

Resolved that 35 dollars be paid to the said William Denny to reimburse him for his Expences and as a Compensation for his Services

£ 14 p^d
Denny

Ordered that Simon Noxon Thomas Lawrence and Johannis Medlar be committed to Goal

Noxon,
Lawrence
& Medlar
committed
Resolution
of Con-
vention to
raise a
Comp^y

A Resolution¹⁷ from Convention authorizing the Board to raise a Company of Rangers for one year unless sooner discharged to consist of a Captain two Subs 4 Serg^{ts} 4 Corporals 1 Drum 1 Fife & 60 Privates to be allowed Continental Pay and Rations or in Lieu of

¹⁷ Passed Ap. 9, 1777. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 872.

Rations the following Subsistence viz^t Cap 18/ p^r Week Subs 16/ & Serg^{ts} &c 12/.

Heyer's Examination

Walter Hire appearing before this Board and being duly sworn deposed and saith That about a mth ago the deponent had some conversation with John Losee that he Losee violently exclaimed against the Measures of the Country & damned the Congress, that when cautioned by the deponent to be careful with respect to what he said, he replied he was not afraid for when he got among the damned Whigs he knew how to humour them. And when he was among his friends the Honest Tories, he was of their side or words to that Effect further the deponent saith not.

Joseph Harris discharged

Resolved that Joseph Harris be dismissed from his Parol & that he be permitted to return home

16/ p^d
Lieut^t
Platt

Resolved that the sum of Two Dollars be paid to Lieut^t Platt for his Service in apprehending and bringing before this Board Abraham Brewer & Walter Hire as Evidences
Board adjourned

Tuesday April 15th Board met
Present
Egbert Benson Esq^r
Peter Cantine Juⁿ

Wooden dismissed on Parol

Resolved that Henry Wooden be permitted to return home upon his parol to appear again before this Board within Three Weeks

40 / p^d
Wooden

Ordered that Henry Wooden be paid the sum of five Dollars for secret services¹⁸

Bergh
Becker
Eckert
Ring
Dederick
Stryt
on Parol

Christian Bergh Johannis Becker Johannis Eckert Christopher Ring Christian Dederick & Lodowick Stryt persons comprehended within the Resolution of Convention appeared before the Board and refused to take the Oath of Allegiance.

Ordered that they severally return to their respective Places of Abode til the further Order of this Board

¹⁸ App. II, p. 455.

Nathanal Conklin who was released from his Confinement in Worster Gaol appeared before this and having Voluntarily affirmed his Allegiance to this State.

Conklin
discharged

Ordered that he be discharged

Leiu^t Valentine Wheeler appearing before the Board informed that he had brought here William Drinkwater & Aaron Bets Prisoners

Drinkwater
& Bets ap-
prehended

William Drinkwater appearing and being Examind Confesses, that about a fortnight ago the examinant Elias Dutcher Simon Dutcher, Isaac Burhans, Johannis Neir, David Elliot, Jacob Elliot, George Mitchel Stephen Bradshaw & three Strangers, went down to Norwalk with a design to go over to Long Island, in possession of the enemy, that his design was not to join them but to get work there and to be clear from Trouble here, that while they were at Norwalk they were concealed in a Barn there, where Mitchel came to them, that Mitchel & Elliot went down before them in order to procure provisions. that Edward E. Wheeler was knowing to there going off, that the Examinant understood, that it was the design of the rest of the party to join the Enemy.

Drink-
water's
Confession

WILLIAM DRINKWATER

Aaron Bets appearing before this Board affirmeth and saith that he was knowing to the going off of Elias Dutcher Simon Dutcher William Drinkwater John Neir, that George Mitchel, & Jacob Elliot as he was informed by others went before to make preparation, that the Dedutchers & Drinkwater said their Intentions was not to inlist into the Enemies Service if they could get other employ, that the affirmant understood that Stephen Bradshaw & Samuel Fallow had been over to the Enemy, that he discovered from the discourse of Edward I. Wheeler that he intended to go with the above party also

Betts's
Deposition

AARON BETTS

Ordered that William Drinkwater & Aaron Betts be sent to the Guard House
Board Adjourned

Drinkwater
& Betts
committed

Wednesday April 16th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

Dutcher
discharged

It appearing to the Board that Elias Dutcher had upon his Return home and before it was known that he had attempted to go off to the Enemy enlisted for the four Months Service and declaring his Determination still to continue in the Service if he might be permitted and offering voluntarily to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State and being accordingly sworn

Ordered that he be discharged.

Coon
discharged

Adam Coon appearing and having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Resolved that the farther sum of Twenty eight shillings for secret Services be paid to Benj. Pitcher

Mitchel's
Estate to
be sold

Resolved that Cap^t Van Duersen be authorized and required forthwith to sell of the Estate of George Mitchel to the Amount of Thirty pounds and hire another Person to serve in the Stead of the said George Mitchel in the present Draft of the Militia from this County

£ 15 : 16 :
p^d Lieut^t
Wheeler

Lieut^t Wheeler produced a Bill of the Expence of the Detachments of Militia of Cap^t Chamberlayne's & Coon's Companies persuing and apprehending Delinquents and a Bill of the Expence of the Guard conducting Drink-water to this Place amounting in the whole to £ 15 : 16 : 0

Ordered that the same be paid

Betts
discharged
£ 1 : 17 : 6
p^d Lyons

Resolved that Aaron Betts be discharged

M^r David Lyons produced an Account ag^t the Board of £ 1 : 17 : 6 for his Services as Express.

Ordered that the same be paid

Masten &
Laroy to
be apprehended

M^r De Graff appeared and informed that Peter Masten who went off to the Northward last Winter when the Militia marched returned home on Saturday night and finding that the Tories had already marched, went after them but not being able to overtake them came back

again is now at home. That Francis Laroy was privy to the Tories going off and confessed it to Cap^t Platt

Ordered that they be apprehended

Lieu^t Jonathan Crane appearing before this board produced an order from Col^l John Field, for delivering to this Board Johnson Nash, David Nash, Joseph Morris, Josiah Riggs Solomon Field Gilbert Field and John Palmer Prisoners, & William Wilson, James Wilson & George Bartlet as evidences, whom he accordingly delivered here

Johnson
Nash
David Nash
Joseph
Morris
Morris
Josiah
Riggs
Solomon
Field
Gilbert
Fields
John
Palmer
William
Wilson
James
Willson &
Geo : Bart-
lett appre-
hended
Wilson's
Deposition

William Wilson appearing before this Board and being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that the several matters Contained in his Examination take before Col^o Field are true except, that he did not understand that Johnson Nash was to be Captain or Joseph Morris Lieu^t of the Company when they should come among the enemy, but that they only called them Cap^t & Lieu^t on their March down & that he cannot possitively say whether Solomon Field was in the woods with them nor that John Palmer Brought them Cyder & Victuals

See deposition W. W.

George Bartlet appearing before this Board and being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that the several Matters contained in his deposition signed by him and delivered in to this Board is substantially True

(See deposition filed G B

Ordered that Johnson Nash, David Nash, Joseph Morris, & Josiah Riggs be committed

Ordered that Solomon Field Gilbert Field, John Palmer, William Willson, James Wilson & George Bartlet to be permitted to go at large on Parol to appear before this Board to morrow morning.

Sergeant Uriah Wallace producing his acco^t for expences of a guard for apprehending & Conveying hither Prisoners amounting to £ 10 . . 2 . . 6

£ 10 : 2 : 6
p^d Wallace

Ordered that the same be paid

Lieu^t Crane produced his Account of the Guard apprehending and conveying Prisoners to this Place amounting to £ 21 : 3 : 6

£ 21 : 3 : 6
p^d Lieut^t
Crane

Ordered that the same be paid
Board adjourned

Thursday, April 17th 1777 Board met
Present
M^r Benson
M^r Cantine

Ja^s
Willson's
Deposition

James Wilson appearing before the Board and being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he was of the party that went down to Norwalk, Consisting of the deponent, his Brother William, Johnson Nash Joseph Morris & several others whose names the deponent does not know, that Josiah Riggs was one of those that Piloted them down, believes that it was the intention of some of the party to go down to the Enemy but knows not in particular whom.

his
JAMES J WILSON
mark

Palmer's
Deposition

John Palmer appearing before this Board and having affirmed to declare the truth, saith, that he met with a company in the woods Accidentally as he was going to view some Coalwood, that he knew none of the party except George Sheldon, that he saw no Arms in the Company, & consequently denies that he received in his Charge from any of that party as set forth in the deposition of William Wilson.

Nash's
Deposition

Johnson Nash Appearing before this Board deposes & saith that the night he went off he was met by a party among whom where the two Wilsons & Joseph Morris in a Log House near Joseph Mabbitts, that in their way to dover they were Joined by others in arms. that they were supplied with Cyder & provisions from one Field that not far from there in the woods they were Joined by Josiah Riggs who Piloted them down to Salem, that several of the Party returned the first night after their departure some of which the deponent saw at his return

Viz^t Ross's Negro or Mulatto, and others whom he does [not] know when he was informed they were engaged in the Continental Service, that the deponent and others Viz^t Two Wilsons & Morris & 6 went down to Norwalk where the deponent was taken, the deponent further saith that Daniel Southrick declared his determination to go to New York, that he asked the deponent if he was not going also? that he the deponent was influenced & advised by him and others to go off that the deponent Collected from the Conversation with Southrick that he knew of the going off of several persons

JOHNSON NASH

Joseph Morris being of the denomination Called friends having affirmed to declare the truth, saith, that he was of the party that when down, & Confesses in substance the same with the other depositions taken relative to the matter & that Daniel Southrick rather encouraged the affirmant to go off than dissuade him from it, that when they came to Dover at the house of one Wooley they found Daniel Southrick there, who went & continued with them all night & next morning left them but whether with a design to return home or to proceed on his Journey alone does not know.

Morris's
Deposition

JOSEPH MORRIS

Josiah Riggs being duly sworn saith, that he was requested by Nehemiah Field in behalf of Ezekiel Hawly Ju^r to Pilot a party of men, that he accordingly conducted them to the House of said Hawly, that he beleived that their design was to go to Long Island

Rigg's
Deposition

JOSIAH RIGGS

Resolved that James Wilson W^m Wilson John Palmer Solomon Field George Bartlet and Gilbert Field be discharged

The
Willsons
Fields
Bartlett
& Palmer
discharged
Rev^d M^r
Bryan
appears

The Reverend M^r Bryan one of the Persons Comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th March last appeared before this Board and refused to take the oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he return home until the further order of this Board

Board adjourned

Friday April 18th 1777. Board met.

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

A Letter recieved from the Committee of Safety of Westchester County in favour of James Brundage

James
Brundage
permitted
to return
home

Resolved that James Brundage now Confined in Goal in the State of New Hampshire be released from Confinement & permitted to return to this State, upon Condition that previous to his discharge from Goal, he give his Parol to the Person having charge of him, that he will immediately upon his return appear before this Board take the oath of Allegiance to this State & abide the further order & determination of this Board respecting him.

Tho^s Craft
takes the
Oath of
Allegiance

Thomas Craft, one of the persons who was sent for from his Confinement in Worster Goal, appearing before this Board & having voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he be Discharged & permitted to return home

Sam^l Cuer
permitted
to return
home

Resolved that Samuel Cuer now Confined in Goal in the town of Worster in the State of Massachusets, be released from his confinement & permitted to return into this State, upon Condition that Previous to his discharge from Goal he give his Parol to the Committee of that Town that he will immediately upon his return appear before this Board, take the oath of Allegiance & abide their further order and determination respecting him

Freer and
Viele to be
disarmed

Resolved that Lieut^t Bowne seize all arms & ammuni- tion in the Houses of Simeon Freer and Cornelius Veile and bring them to this Board.

Rich^d
Gillet ap-
prehended

A Letter from Cap^t Coon informing that he had apprehended and sent to this Board Richard Gillet.

Richard Gillet being duly sworn saith that he knew that the Party who lately went from Dover to Norwalk intended to go off previous to their going. That he understood the Dutchers, W^m Bradshaw Sam^l Fills, Stephen Bradshaw, Benjⁿ Boulton, Isaac Burhans were to be of the party, but does not know whether they all went. That he never learn't from them particularly what their Intentions were in going off

RICHARD GILLET

Ordered that Richard Gillet be committed

M^r Sampson produced an Account of the Expence of apprehending the said Richard Gillet and conveying him to this Place amount^s to £ 1: 8: 8

£ 1: 8: 8
p^d to
Sampson

Ordered that that the same be paid

Resolved that Johannis Neher be discharged

Neher
discharged
David Nash
discharged

David Nash appearing before this Board and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged from his Confinement & permitted to return to his place of Abode.

Johnson Nash & Josiah Riggs appearing before the Board and having severally Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State

Johnon
Nash Josiah
Riggs dis-
charged

Ordered that they be permitted to return home

Joseph Morris appearing before the Board & being one of the People called friends he voluntary made affirmation of his Allegiance to this State,

Joseph
Morris
discharged

Ordered that he be discharged

Board adjourned

Saturday April 19th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

William M^c Crea appearing before the Board confessed that he belongs to the Royal Emigrants a Regiment in the Service of the King of Great Britain, that he inlisted in the Regiment at New York some time in October last,

M^c Crea's
Confession

that he left New York the first of March with intent to go to the Union Iron Works to visit his Brother, that being in the Neighbourhood of Florida in Orange County he was discovered and apprehended about the 6th March and committed to Goshen Goal. That he came from New York upon Furlough for a Month which he obtained from Major Small

Peter Nefas
permitted
to return
home

Resolved that Peter Nafus now Confined in Gaol in the Town of Worcester in the State of Massachusetts Bay, be released from his confinement & permitted to return into this State, upon condition that Previous to his discharge from Gaol, he give his Parol to the Committee of that Town, that he will immediately upon his return appear before this Board, take the oath of Allegiance, and abide their further order and determination respecting him

£ 1000 p^d
by M^r B to
the Board

M^r Benson paid into this Board £ 1000, which he Received out of the Treasury & for which the Treasurer has his Receipt

John
Van Ette
discharged
from Goal
& to appear
before the
Board

Resolved that John Van Nette now confined in Gaol at Kingston, be released from Confinement & the Keeper of the said Gaol is hereby Authorized and required to discharge him accordingly

Ordered that he appear before this Board as soon as he shall be able to travel

M^c Crea
sent to be
tried as
a Spy
Rich^d
Gillet
discharged

Resolved that William M^c Crea be sent to Gen^l M^c Dougal to be tried as a Spy.

Richard Gillet having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Board adjourned

Sunday April 20th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

John
Light's
Deposition
about Van

John Light being duly sworn saith, that Ferdinand Van Sicklen informed him the Night before the last that he had been down beyond our Lines, that there was a

Brigade of Regulars coming out to be commanded by a New Yorker and that there were 25 Sail of Shipping at Tary Town,—That the said Van Sicklen mentioned the above Facts to the Dep^t in such a way as to induce the Dep^t to beleive them to be true.

Sicklen's
being
beyond
our Lines

JOHN LIGHT

Caleb Mitchel being duly sworn saith, that on yesterday Morning Zachariah Clump informed the Deponent that he had been beyond our Lines, that when the Deponent reprehended him for going he replied that he would go where and when he pleased or words to that Effect

Caleb
Mitchel's
Depo: ab^t
Clumps
being
beyond
our Lines

CALEB MITCHELL

Joseph Welpley being duly sworn saith, that yesterday morning being in Conversation with Zachariah Clump he told the Deponent that he had been beyond our Lines. That speaking of the Impropriety of Persons being permitted to go to the Lines and return again the said Clump replied that it was hard People might not go where they pleased and that for his part he intended to go where he chose or words to that effect. That the said Clump expressed himself with Warmth.

Joseph
Welpley's
Dep^s ab^t
D^o

JOSEPH WHELPLE

John Lent being sworn saith, that he was present and that the Depositions of Mitchel and Welpley are substantially true.

Jn^o Lent's
Dep: ab^t
Clump

JOHN X LENT'S Mark

The said Ferdinand Van Sicklen & Zachariah Clump & a certain Thomas Brush who in consequence of an Order for that purpose had been apprehended appearing before the Board

Van
sicklⁿ
Clump &
Brush ap-
prehended

Ordered that they be committed
Board adjourned

Monday April 21st 1777 Board met
Present
M^r Benson
M^r Cantine

A Letter from Cap^t Barnard Swartwout informing that he sent under Guard to this Board William Manring apprehended upon Suspicion of having been with the Enemy

W^m
Manring's
Examina-
tion

The said William Manring being examined saith that he left home on Monday and went as far as Col^o Ludingtons in order to procure some Flax and that this was his only Errand, that he accordingly procured some Flax at Joseph Moses in that Neighbourhood and returned home on Thursday. Denies his going in Company with John W^m Lawson and that he knew any thing of his going off.

Ordered that he be committed

and
committed
James
Smith Esq^r
ordered to
be appre-
hended
by Col:
Sutherlands
order

Whereas James Smith Esq^r one of the Persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th March last he having been removed to a Neighbouring State for notorious Disaffection to the Liberties of America hath most contumaciously and contemptuously neglected to appear before this Board agreeable to their Order of the 10th March last notwithstanding he has long since known thereof

Resolved that Col^o Sutherland be requested to issue his orders to an officer of the Militia under his Command to cause the said James Smith to be apprehended and bro't before this Board forthwith and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof.

Resolution
from
Convention
of 18th
Instant
request^s
the Names
of Persons
confind
in Ulster,
Orange &
Dutchess
to be trans-
mitted to
Gen: Clin-
ton

Resolution ¹⁹ rec^d from Convention of the 18th Inst^t request^s this Board to transmit the Names & direct the delivery of such persons as are Confined in the Counties of Ulster Orange or Dutchess as come within the Resolution of the first & Seventh [*sic* for seventeenth] Days of April, to General George Clinton together with the proofs against the Criminals for Tryals. And Resolving farther, that a discretionary power be given to this Board, to pardon or dismiss such of the persons now in Confinement, as this Board conceives may safely be admitted to go at large.

¹⁹ *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong. I, 889.*

William Manring appeared, & being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith, That on Sunday the 13th Ins^t happening to go to his Uncle John W^m Lawsons, he found there the said Lawson, & Two persons from over the River of the Name of Purdy, Obadiah Miller, & James Burtis, (who sometimes goes by the name of Jee) that the said Lawson informed the Dep^t that they intended to go off, and as the Dep^t then understood to the Enemy, in order to get out of the present Troubles, & asked the Dep^t to go with them. That the Dep^t at first replied that he was in doubt what to do, that at length in consequence of their persuasions consented to go with them. That they accordingly set out & the Dep^t proceeded with them some distance, towards the Mountains. That about Nine oClock at night the Dep^t determined to leave them, which he accordingly did & returned home. That when he left them he understood from the Purdy's that they intended to go to Barrington, But Imagines the rest of the Company pursued their Journey to the Enemy. That he understood from them, that they expected to meet other Companies in the Mountains from different parts to the amount of Three hundred men. That after his return home, he went for Flax as is set forth in his former Examination

W^m
Manring's
Deposition

his
WILLIAM X MANRING
mark

Board adjourned

Thursday April 22^d 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Ferdinand Van Sicklin being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith, That on this day fortnight ago as the Dep^t was passing the House of Peter Lawsing (alias Funck) the said Lawsing being in his Barn, called to the Dep^t that accordingly the Dep^t went into the Barn to him, when

Ferdinand
Van Sick-
lin's Dep:

Lawsing informed him of his intentions to go off to the Enemy, and ask'd the Dep^t to go with him, to which the Dep^t replied, that as he had once taken up Arms in favour of, he intended to stand by his Country but that notwithstanding^s he would take the matter into consideration. That afterwards on last Saturday week as the Dep^t was going to Tho^s Deerings, he saw Lawsing between his house & Bud's, that Lawsing beckoned to the Dep^t to come to him, & desired him if he saw Gideon Byce to come to him for that he had procured two more to go also, to wit, Peter Burnet & Matthew Burnet. That when the Dep^t came to Deerings, he found that Gideon Byce was not at home, & understood from James Deering that Byce having already been Informed of the Burnet's going, was gone to Joseph Simpson's to acquaint him with it. That on the next day, Gideon Byce came to the Dep^t's Father's, and inform'd the Dep^t that they were to meet at John W^m Lawsing's, and that they had a good Pilot to Conduct them. That the Monday following Hendrick Lawsing came to the Dep^t and inform'd him that they were to meet the next Evening between 10 & 11 oClock at the House of said John W^m Lawsing, that the said Henry Lawsing said that he did not intend to go at present himself, as his Father was his security, but that if it was not for the Injury he would do his Father he would also go. That on the next day, to wit, Tuesday, the Dep^t Clump & Brush set out with a Determination to go to the Enemy, & went down to our Lines. That then the Deponant's Conscience prick'd him & he resolved to proceed no farther, & told his Companions, that as he had taken up Arms in favour of his Country & as he had left a Wife & children behind, he never sould fight against it. That thereupon Brush Observed that if the Dep^t was determined to return he would return also, but that Clump made no reply. That it appeared to the Dep^t that Brush had also Remorse & repented of what he had done. That thereupon the Dep^t Clump & Brush return'd, & in their return at one Haviland's near Pines Bridge, they saw a certain Doct Belden, who in-

quired of them where they were from & which way they were going to which the Dep^t said that they were from Dutchess County. That Belden then asked them if they had not seen any of their Neighbours, for that people from these parts frequently passed that way, & that two of them had been at his house & described their persons, upon which the Dep^t Asked if their names were not Gideon Byce & Peter Funck whereupon said Doct: Belden smiled. That the Dep^t understood from the Conversation & behaviour of said Doct: Belden, the two persons he mentioned were Byce & Funck that he knew their intention of going to the Enemy & that his house was a kind of a Rendezvouse for all the Tories that went that way. And the Dep^t Farther saith, that after leaving the s^d Peter Lawsing (alias Funck) in the Barn as aforesaid he overtook Richard Lawsing who informed him that he (Richard) & his Brother Isaac were also to go with them. The Dep^t further saith, that when mention^s to Funk the Difficulty that would attend their going as they had no hard money, Funk replied, that his Father in Law Cap^t Jeecoeks had offered him three half Joes & believed that he could get Six and upon the Dep^t's asking Funck if Jeecoeks was willing to assist them, he replied that he was, for that he had let them have plenty of Lead to make Bullets, that they might go off well prepared in case they should be opposed. That Funk & Buyce informed the Dep^t that Abraham Van Curen, Peter Buyce & Joseph Simpson were also to be of the party to go. And the Dep^t further saith, that while he was in Confinem^t in Goal here, he has had some Conversation with Thomas Lawrence, who told him that Cap^t Jeecoeks, Simeon Laroy, Simeon Van kleek, & W^m Yates were to go off last night or the night before. That Simeon Laroy had been down to the Enemy & had returned again, and that the party who took Medler enquired of him where Yates was, Yates was sitting at the fire and the Guard not knowing him, & Medler not Informing them that it was Yates, he escaped.

FARDINNAND V SICLEN

Letter
wrote to
Maj Strang
to apprehend
Doct Belden

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to Major Strang, requesting him to cause Doct^r Belden to be apprehended & sent to this Board forthwith, and this Board will defray the Expence thereof.

Tho^s
Beekman
bro^t Prisoner
by
Col: Stock-
holm

Col: Stockholm appeared before the Board, and Informed that he had brought with him as a prisoner Thomas Beekman, apprehended under Suspicious Circumstances by Gen^l Knox & delivered also a Letter from Gen^l Knox respecting the said person, inclosing Two Depositions against him

Cap^t
Jeecoeks
Sim: Laroy,
W^m Yates,
Hen: Law-
son & Isaac
Lawson
order'd to
be apprehended
Tho^s
Brush's
Dep:

Resolved, that Cap^t Bernardus Swartwout apprehend Cap^t W^m Jeecoeks, Simeon Laroy, W^m Yates, Henry Lawsing, & Isaac Lawsing, and that he be impower'd to take such assistance as he may think proper, and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof

Thomas Brush being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith That on the Saturday before he set out to go to the Enemy, Van Sicklen proposed to the Dep^t to go, that they accordingly on Tuesday last went, Viz^t Van Sicklin Clump & the Dep^t Admits they set out & returned again in the same manner & for the same reasons mentioned in Van Sicklin's Deposition

THOMAS BRUSH

Vansicklen,
Brush &
Manring
discharged
Col: Stock-
holm's
Deposition
concern^t
Tho^s
Beekman

Resolved that Ferdinand Van Sicklen, Tho^s Brush & William Manring be discharged.

Col: Andrew Stockholm being duly sworn Deposeth & saith, That he hath known Thomas Beekman since the beginning of the present Troubles & always considered him as a person well attached to the American Cause, & upon all Occasions to be zealous & active, that he served under the Dep^t during the last Campaign & behaved himself well, and at the conclusion thereof applied to this State for a Commission That Gen^l Herd informed the Dep^t that he had wrote to Virginia for a Commission for the said Tho^s Beekman in the Light Horse, since he came out of New York, but whether the General was acquainted with that circumstance of his having been in the City the Dep^t does not know, & thinks it most

probable he was not, And the Dep^t further saith that he verily believes from his knowledge of the Character of the said Thomas, that notwithstanding the suspicious circumstance of his having been in New York he is still a True Whig.

AND^w STOCKHOLM

Col: Stockholm further saith, that he understood from Col: Knox, that if there had been a Magistrate at hand authorized to administer the Oath of Allegiance he would have had the said Thomas Sworn and dismissed him.

AND^w STOCKHOLM

Thomas Beekman being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith, That some time the latter End of January last going down to New Ark to look after his Clothes he found that people constantly went in & out of the City of New York, whereupon he determined to go himself to see in what situation his Estate there was, that he accordingly went to Powles Hook & applied to Col: Campbell for a protection, who gave him one without asking him any Questions, or requiring any Oath from him. That with this protection he proceeded to the City & arrived there on a Saturday. That the following Monday, all the Inhabitants were ordered out & required to take the Oath of Allegiance to the King & take up Arms it being at the Time of our Expedition against Fort Independence. That upon this the Dep^t Immediately determined to quit the City, which he accordingly did on that very Day. That at the Time the Dep^t went into the City, the communication was so open & free that he might have gone in and out without a protection, as he was never required to produce it. The Dep^t Denies his having ever had such Conversation with Thomas Pool, & Joseph Baldwin as is set forth in their respective Depositions, and farther says that he has lately applied to Gen^l Herd for a Commission in the Virginian Light Horse, who has engaged to endeavour to procure him one, and that if he succeeds in his application, he intends going into the Service. The Dep^t further

Tho^s
Beekman's
Deposition

saith that he went into New York with a Determination to remain there only a few Days, with an Intent to view his Estate, & that he left it with Determination not to return there again, but remain in the Country or go in the Service.

THOMAS BEEKMAN

Tho^s
Beekman
took the
Oath of
Allegiance,
is dis-
charged
John Beek-
man
d^o d^o

Thomas Beekman having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged, & allowd the Priviledges with the other subjects.

John Beekman who is also accused in the Deposition of Thomas Pool, voluntarily appearing before the Board, & offering to take the Oath of Allegiance the same was administered to him

Ab: Fort's
Deposition

Lieu^t Abraham Fort being duly sworn Deposeth & saith That when the Fray happened between Campbell & Isaac Wood, the Dep^t was busily employed in his Barr, & attended very little to what passed, and does not remember that he heard Wood express himself in such manner as is mentioned in Campbell's Deposition, that Wood is a person who with respect of the present Troubles will talk on both sides of the Question.

ABRAHAM FORT

Isaac Wood
discharged

Ordered, that Isaac Wood be discharged.
Board adjourned

Wednesday April 23^d 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson }
Peter Cantine } Esq^{rs}

Tho^s &
Edward
Nickerson
took the
Oath &
discharged

Thomas Nickerson & Edward Nickerson, (prisoners) appear'd and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be discharged accordingly

£ 4. —. —
paid Cap^t
Swartwout

Cap^t Swartwout appear'd & acquainted the Board, that he had apprehended & brought Prisoners, Cap^t Jeecocks

W^m Yates & Henry Lawsing, and produced his Acco^t of Expences for the same.

Jacocks, Lawsing & Yates apprehended

Ordered, that the same be paid.
Board Adjourned

Thursday April 24th 1777. Board met.

Present
Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine }

Lieu^t James Butler appeared before this Board and informed that he had brought as prisoners by order of the Committee of Orange County, in consequence of a Letter from this Board of the 10th Ins^t the follow^g Persons Viz^t

Prisoners bro^t from Orange County, by Lieu^t Butler, by order of that Comm^o

Thomas Beach, has been with the Enemy
Rich^d Welling—refused to swear Allegiance—under Bonds
John Elyea d^o d^o
Aaron Duckworth d^o d^o
David Jones d^o
Simon Ray
Moses Clemens d^o
Jeremiah Mullux—very suspicious,—2 sons with the enemy

also Silas Gardner, & Isaac Lockwood, apprehended by Order of John Fell & Ruliff Westervalt Esq^{rs}

Lieu^t Butler also produced the following papers respect^g the above prisoners Viz^t

Papers relating to the said Prisoners filed

The Letter of this Board of the 10th Ins^t
A Letter from the Chairman of Com: of Orange
The Examinations of Gardner & Lockwood, taken before Mess^{rs} Fell & Westervalt
A Letter from M^r Fell to Col: Cooper.

John Elyea being Examined, Confesses that Eliphalet Richards deposed against him before the Committee of Orange County. That he (Alyea) had asked him if he was going to the Regulars. That Richards replied he was, Alyea said he had a Son there who must fight like a Brave fellow, and that if he wanted more help, he

John Elyea's Examination

would send it to him. The Examinant denies that ever he had such conversation with Richards, but admits that he ask'd Richards if he was *going*, and that he meant to ask him if he was going to the Enemy, That thereupon he was apprehended and laid under Bonds by the Committee

p^d Lieu
Butler
£ 12..—.—

Lieu^t James Butler appeared, and produced his Acco^t of Expences in apprehending & conveying to this place Nine Prisoners as on the other side amount^s to £ 12..—.— Ordered that the same be paid.

James
Smith
Esq^r bro^t
Prisoner

Lieu^t Jonas Parks appeared, & informed the Board that he had apprehended & brought Prisoner James Smith Esq^r

p^d Lieu^t
Parks
£ 1..16.—

And produced his Acco^t amount^s to £ 1..16. Ordered that the same be paid

Tho^s
Beach,
Jn^o Elyea
Aaron
Duckworth
David
Jones,
Simon Ray,
Moses
Clements &
Jer: Mullux
took the
Oath, &
were dis-
missed

Thomas Beach, John Elyea, Aaron Duckworth, David Jones, Simon Ray, Moses Clements, & Jeremiah Mullux, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and being Comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th of March last, were dismissed Board Adjourned.

Friday April 25th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson
Melancton Smith } Esq^{rs}
Peter Cantine

Silas
Gardiner &
Isaac Lock-
wood took
the Oath
& were
discharged
Eliz^a
Berry's
Dep: con-
cerning
Cap^t
Jeecoeks

Silas Gardiner & Isaac Lockwood having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be discharged

Elizabeth Berry being duly sworn, deposeth & saith That during the Course of the last Winter, she lived at Cap^t Will: Jeecoeks, that on the Day as his son went off in the Evening, Gideon Buyce came to said Jeecoeks's and took him out of doors, where they had a long conversation together but to what purpose the Dep^t does not know, she not hearing it. That immediately after, Buyce came into the House & took out young Jeecoeks,

and conversed with him privately also a considerable time. That thereupon Young Jeecoeks came into the House & desired his Sister to put up some Clothes for him as he was going off. That when his Sister asked him where he was going, he reply'd to the Fish Kills. That his Sister thereupon observed that she did not believe he was going to Fish Kills, but imagined he was going to the Regulars, he answ^d that he was. That Cap^t Jeecoeks when he returned into the house after talking with Buyce, appeared to the Dep^t to be much concerned, & very thoughtful. That in the Evening, the Dep^t together with young Jeecoeks's Sister, went to Thomas Deerings in order to take leave of young Jeecoeks. That on the Road to Deering's they met William F Jeecoeks, who informed he was going to Cap^t Jeecoeks to get a piece of Gold for Billy. That while the Dep^t was at Deerings a party of men assembled there, to the amount of about Thirty, among whom were, Cap^t Jeecoek's son, Gideon Buyce, Sam^l Pinkney, Nich^s Ostrum, Cap^t Lee, from New York, Will: F Jeecoeks, John Deering, a son of Zach^h Purdun, Rob^t Forrest & a Shoemaker that lived at Deerings, whose Name the Dep^t does not know. That the party left Deerings about 9 oClock in the Evening with an intent to go to the Enemy. That when the Dep^t & Miss Jeecoeks return'd home, Cap^t Jeecoeks asked the latter if they were *gone*, to which she replied they were, whereupon he desired that they would not mention any thing of it to the Blacks in the Kitchen. And the Dep^t further saith, that it appear'd to her from the Behaviour of Cap^t Jeecoeks, that he knew of his Son's Intentions of going off with the party to the Enemy. And the Dep^t further saith that she had seen Emanuel Allebeck about the 24th of Jan^y last at Cap^t Jeecoeks and that she saw him there also about the latter end of Feb^y, but has not seen him there since.

his son
gone to the
Enemy

her
ELIZABETH X BERRY
mark

p^d Doct:
Miller
£ 3..12..—

Doct: Miller produced his Acco^t for Innoculating Enoch Crosby, in the service of this Board,

Ordered that the same be paid

Geo: Carr
took the
Oath & was
discharged

George Carr of Orange County, one of the persons comprehended in the Resol: of Conven: of 7th March appeared before the Board, and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and was discharged
Board Adjourned

Saturday April 26th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Melancton Smith }

6 Prisoners
bro^t by
Cap^t
Reynolds

Cap^t Joseph Reynolds appeared before the Board, & Informed that he had apprehended & brought to this place, the following prisoners, Viz^t

John Ingrum
Ezekiel Viele
Timothy Gidley
Cornelius Maston
Barnet Viele
Matthew Palmer

Cap^t Reynolds Informs that he had apprehended the above persons in consequence of Information received from Thomas Brundage, who is also attending as a Witness, & to whom he refers for farther Information.

£ 7. —
paid Cap^t
Reynolds

Cap^t Reynolds produced his Acco^t for apprehending & bringing to this place 6 Tory prisoners, for himself & 15 Privates amo^{ts} to £ [amount not entered]

Ordered that the same be paid.

Zachariah Clump appeared before the Board and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Tho^s
Brundage's
Deposition

Thomas Brundage being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith That on this Day a fortnight ago when he came home from Lieu^t Platt's he discovered that his apprentice Lawrence Ingrum had carried off his Clothing, that there-

upon the Dep^t went to his apprentices father's Moses Ingrum, that when the Dep^t came to old Ingrums he found there, Jacob Storm Tho^s Wright the said Lawrence Ingrum Ezekiel Viele, Timothy Gidley & John Ingrum. That the Dep^t told his apprentice he suspected that they were upon some bad design, upon which his appren[ti]ce & the said John Ingrum replied they were not. That after the Deponent departed a little way from the house, Storm & Wright follow'd him, & the latter said that he was come as a Spy, upon which the Dep^t answer'd he was not. Then Storm said that he was come as a Spy and that he would not suffer the Dep^t to go home but would put him under a Stronger guard than ever he was in his life, and that he would be the Death of the man who should betray him and Extorted a promise from him the Dep^t that he would not betray him in five Days. That then Storm said that there were two hundred of them going off to the Enemy. That at the same time at a little distance from Ingrum's house in the Woods the Dep^t saw 7 or 8 men more whom he did not know, but thinks it probable that one of them was Joshua Gidney. The Dep^t further saith, that tho' he does not know whether all the persons he saw at Ingrum's were actually to be of the party, yet it appeared to him that they all knew of the parties intended to go down.

THOMAS BRUNDGE

M^r Martin Ray appeared & produced a Letter from Col: Peter Van Ness, recommending him as a proper person to be appointed to a Commission in a Company to be raised by this Board.

Resolved, that he be appointed [space left blank] Lieutenant in the said Company

Martin
Ray's
recom-
mendation
from Col:
Van Ness is
appointed
Lieut^t of
the Comp^a
of Rangers

Board adjourned

Monday, April 28th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Melancton Smith }

Petition of
Goes &
Palmer
[sic] is
rejected

A Petition from Matthew Goes Jun: & Dirick Gardinier confined on Parol at Hurley, praying leave to go and remain at their respective places of abode and they appearing & having been heard in support of their petition.

Resolved, that the said petition be rejected & that they return again to Hurley, & remain there on their parol as before

Baren Viele
took the
Oath & is
discharged

Barent Viele, appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered, that he be discharged.

Matthew
Palmer
D^o

Matthew Palmer, appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Jn^o Ingrum
took the
Oath & is
discharged

John Ingrum having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Ezekiel
Viele
D^o

Ezekiel Viele, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

John Max-
field's Dep:
against
Wilsey

John Maxfield being duly sworn Deposeth & saith That on last Tuesday evening, he was with William Wilsey at the House of Hendrick Miller That the Dep^t upon entering into Conversation with Wilsey, pretended to be on the same side of the Question respecting the present Troubles, with him in hopes by that means to make some discovery, that Wilsey ask'd the Dep^t if he might depend upon him, the Dep^t replied that he might, whereupon Wilsey inform'd the Dep^t that his Son was gone to the Enemy, & that he had delivered him over into the Care of Henry Ostrum, & had furnished them with provisions, that Three hundred more were to go off, several from Staatsburg, & Rhinebeck, and that rather than fail he, Wilsey would go himself, and Wilsey further Informed the Dep^t that he had been consulting Jacobus Ostrum about going, & that Ostrum had advised him, (Wilsey) to go by all means, and that Ostrum should have said, that we should all beware of the 10th of May

JOHN MAXFIELD

Resolved, that William Wilsey be committed to Goal
Board adjourned

W^m Wilsey
Committed

Tuesday April 29th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Melancton Smith }

Stephen Atwaters being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith That on the day before the last Fast Day in March last there were at the Deponant's house, James Smith Esq^r Simon Nueum, John Wilsey, & Ja^s Atwaters Esq^r That a Conversation arose about the Order of this Board requirin[g] the Attendance of persons comprehended in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th of March last That some of the Company Imagined that there ought to be a special service of it on each Individual whereupon said James Atwaters said that it was to be distributed through the Country, and that the persons who were the Objects of it were bound to take notice of it. That James Smith Esq^r expressed a great desire to see the Order, and desired the said James Atwaters Esq^r to procure him one, that a printed Copy of the said Order, has been affixed up at the Deponant's house, during which Time the said James Smith has several Times been there but whether he ever read it or saw it, the Dep^t does not of his own knowledge know. The Dep^t farther saith that the said James Smith was in the hearing of the Dep^t told that Israel Lewis had the Order, whereupon the said James Smith requested of the said Simon Nueum that if he saw Israel Lewis, to desire him to send it to him.

Stephen
Atwater's
Dep:
against
Ja^s Smith
Esq^r

STEPHEN ATWATER

Isaac Smith being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith That lately conversing with his Brother about the Order of this Board of the 10th of March last, his Brother said, that he had heard there was such a thing abroad which he understood ought to be served upon him and that he did not wish to see it, or words to that Effect.

Isaac
Smith's
Dep. ab^t
Ja^s Smith
Esq^r

Board Adjourned

ISAAC SMITH

Wednesday, April 30th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Melancton Smith }

£ 1. .10
paid Rich^d
Warner for
Express

Ordered, that Richard Warner be paid the sum of Thirty Shillings for service done in Riding Express to Convention, at Kingston, & it was paid accordingly

Joseph
Reade to
be appre-
hended

Whereas it has been represented to this Board, that Joseph Reade Esq^r who lately came from New York and obtained a pass from General M^c Dougall to proceed immediately to the Convention at Kingston, hath notwithstanding delayed several Days, and hath not as yet attended the Convention.

Resolved, that Lieu^t Smith apprehend the said Joseph Reade and immediately bring him to this place, and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof.

£ 1. .14. —
p^d to W^m
Woodworth

William Woodworth appeared & produced his Acco^t for services of himself & Guards in apprehending Tories amount^g to £ 1. .14.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Resolution,
for a Slave
belong^g to
M^r Clem-
ents to be
delivered
to Cap^t
Mitchell

Resolved, that a Slave belonging to M^r Clements of Long Island, and now in the Service of Cap^t W^m Clark be delivered to Cap^t Mitchell upon Condition that he provide him with necessary Clothing & Diet and allow reasonable wages for his labour and account to this Board or other persons properly authorized for that purpose for the same, and that Cap^t Mitchell be permitted to detain the said Slave in his Service till the further Order of this Board, or till the further Order of such other persons as shall be properly authorized to have the Charge & disposal of him, provided this Resolution shall not take Effect without the Consent of Cap^t Clark.

W^m Cook's
Dep:
against
sundry
persons
gone &
going off
to the
Enemy

William Cook being duly sworn Depose^t & Saith That lately when they met to chuse officers in Cap^t Hagaman's Comp^o Levy Van kleeck came to the Dep^t and asked him if he would go down to the Enemy, upon which he replied that he had no inclination. That Van kleeck then desired the Dep^t to call upon him which he accordingly did on

the Monday following, when Van kleeck conducted the Dep^t to a field on Barent Van kleeck's Farm in the Evening. That the Dep^t saw there Black Barent Van kleeck, & Barent A Van kleeck, James Middagh, Peter Vandewater Sen^r Barent Dutcher, Menecus Muntfort Francis Laroy tavern keeper & James Maxfield that the design of this meeting was to consult about going down to the Enemy, and it was agreed to meet the next Evening in order to go off, when the above persons, together with Cap^t Hagaman, John Palmetier, & *his son Francis*, John Laroy, Jacob Tobacco, *Simeon L Laroy, John Low, Peter Laroy Jun: Francis Laroy Jun: Hendrick Ostrum, Jacob Rodes Peter Weaver, Levy Van kleeck, Simeon Van kleeck, Francis Vandewater, Thomas Yeomans*, (inlisted in the standing Forces) *Jacobus Rhineders*, & [space left blank] *Carpenter*, & a son of *William Wilsey*, met accordingly That such of the above persons as did not actually go themselves, did, notwithstanding advise & persuade the others to go. That Barent Dutcher provided them with ammunition. That Menicus Montford furnished them with a pistol, & the Dep^t thinks also with a Gun. That John Palmontier gave his son some Silver Money. That Cap^t Hagaman said he was too Old otherways he would go himself, but that he intended to get a permission to convey some of the families to New York, and would then get a protection & return home, that almost all of them desired their Love might be presented to Cap^t Harris. That such of the above persons whose names are marked, together with the Deponent set off to go to the Enemy, & proceeded the first night to the house of John Rodes nearly opposite to Peeks Kill, where they lay by all the next day concealed in the Woods ab^t three quarters of a Mile from the house, to which place they were conducted by Rodes

That they set off the next Evening again and travelled till about 3 oClock in the Morning, when they were conducted to a Wood by a Negro, that in the afternoon about 3 oClock, they proceeded on again and forded Croten River about three Mile above the Bridge, the said

Negro being their Pilot. That the said Negro then went to Cap^t Griffin's to fetch his son to pilot them farther, that Griffin's son did not come, but that another person by the name of Cail (or Caleb) Griffin came and led them to a Barn where they remained all night, that very early the next morn^s by the direction of the said Cail Griffin they went to a Wood and continued there till about Two hours before sun set, when they proceeded to a place called Shappacaw, Griffin still being their guide, at which place they were met by another party of which the Dep^t knew none, except one William Smith son of Tho^s Smith of this precinct, that joining with this party they went on till within abo^t Two hours March of the Enemy, when the Dep^t watched an opportunity to & deserted in order to return home, and the Dep^t further saith, that when the party first left this precinct, they had Twelve Muskets, & a Pistol, but before he left them they were all supplied.

WILLAM COOK

Board adjourned

Thursday May 1st 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson } Esq^{rs}
Melancton Smith }

Zeb:
Shippey
bro^t pris-
oner by
Serj^t Jones
& paid him
£ 4.

Sergeant Isaac Jones appeared & informed the Board that he had bro^t prisoner, Zebulun Shippey, & produced his Acco^t for Expences & Service of the Guard amount^s to £ 4.

Order'd that the same be paid

Shippey
Committed

Ordered that Zebulun Shippey be Committed to Goal
Serg^t Jones also produced a Letter from Col. Morehous respecting said Prisoner

paid Lieut
Bowers's
pay &
Subsistence
Rolls &ca
£ 240..
19..11

Lieu^t Bowers appeared, & produced his pay & Subsistence Rolls, amount^s to £ 238..15..11 & also his acco^t of Carriage for Baggage for his Comp^a from the Manor of Livingston to Fish Kill £ 2..4 in all £ 240..19..11.

Ordered that the same be paid

Ordered, that Jacob Backer, Peter Vandewater John Laroy, Francis Laroy, & Dominicus Muntfort be committed to Goal, they having been previously apprehended by this Board.

Cap^t Van benschoten appeared & Informed, that agreeable to the Directions of this Board he had apprehended & bro^t to this place, Cap^t Isaac Hageman, & Barent A Van kleek.

Ordered that they be committed to Goal.

Cap^t Van Benschoten produced his Acco^t of Expences & Services, of the Guard in apprehending the above persons am^{ts} to £ 2 . 8 . .—

Ordered that the same be p^d
Board Adjourned

Jacob
Baker.
Peter Van-
dewater.
John Laroy
& Francis
Laroy &
Dominicus
Muntfort
appre-
hended
Isaac
Hageman
& Barent
A Van
kleek
Committed

p^d Cap^t V
Benschoten
£ 2 . 8 . .—

POUGHKEEPSIE May 1st 1777

Jacob Backer's Examination

He had heard a flying report that there was to be a Meeting That John Laroy came to the house of the Dep^t about sun set That they then went from the Examinants to go to Barent A Van kleeks, that when they came near to Black Barents he met them in his Orchard, and inform'd them that there was a Company to meet in order to go to the Regulars. That then the Exam^t & Laroy turn'd back & together with Black Barent, went to the place where the party met That when they came to the party, the Exam^t saw there, Barent A Van kleek, James Middagh, Barent Dutcher, Francis Laroy, Cap^t Hageman, Johannis Palmenteer & his son Fran[cis] John Laroy, Simeon L Laroy, Johannis Low, Francis Laroy Jun: Hendrick Ostrum, Levy Van kleek, Simeon Van kleek Francis Vandewater, Tho^s Yeomans, Jacobus Rynders & W^m Coo[k] That the Exam^t left the party before they March'd That the Exam^t understood that there had been a Meeting the Evening before, near about the same place, to wit, on Monday Evening, upon reexamination, the Exam^t confesses that he was there himself, that at the first Meeting

were present Simeon Laroy, Francis Palminteer, Barent A Van kleek Barent Dutcher, Menecus Montfort, Francis Laroy, Levy Van kleek, W^m Cook, & Tho^s Yeomans. The Exam^t accounts for his going to the first meeting as follows, Viz^t That that Day he and his Brother in law Barent B Van kleek went to Ride Rails for John Robinson That while they were there they drank pretty freely, and that Tho^s Yeomans came there, that Yeomans afterwards went with the Exam^t & his Brother in Law, that on the way Yeomans told him the[re] was to be a meeting that Evening and that Simeon L[aroy &] he Yeomans was to be at it, to consult about going [to the] Enemy. That through the persuasions of Yeomans, the Exam^t consented to go to the Meeting & went accordingly. That the Dep^t remained there but a short time, but however understood before he left them, that they were to meet again the next Even^s but where he did not hear, and does insist that the first certain Intelligence he had of the place of their second meeting was from black Barent as aforesaid

JACOP BACKER

Dominicus Muntfort being duly sworn saith That his Bro^r in law Simeon Van kleek came to him and informed him of the first meeting, & asked the Dep^t to go there. That the Dep^t at first refused, but at length by the persuasions of the said Simeon consented to go That he saw there, Simeon Laroy, Francis Palminteer Francis Laroy, Jacob Backer, Barent Dutcher, Levy Van kleek & William Cook. The Dep^t denies that he was at the second meeting

DOMINICUS MONFOORT

Friday May 2^d 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson	} Esq ^{rs}
Melancton Smith	
Peter Cantine Jun	

Ordered, that the sum of £ 1 . . 8 . . be paid Cap^t Kelsy for a Guard of Eight Men & a Serjeant, part of his Company to keep the Goal last night

£ 1 . . 8 . . —
paid Cap^t
Kelsy

Resolved that the sum of £ 6 . . — be advanced to Stephen Hendrickson, on Acco^t

£ 6 . . ad-
vanced M^r
Hendrick-
son
£ 2 . . 2 . . 10
paid to
Maj^r Smith

M^r Melancton Smith produced his Acco^t to the Board amount^s to £ 2 . . 2 . . 10.

Ordered that the same be paid
Board adjourned

Saturday May 3^d 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson }
Peter Cantine } Esq^{rs}
Joseph Strang }

Whereas Henry Van Skaak Esq^r one of the persons comprehended in the Resolution of the Convention of the 7th of March last, having neglected to appear before this Board agreeable to their Order of the 10th of March last.

Henry Van
Schaack
ordered to
attend this
Board im-
mediately

Ordered that he immediately repair to this place and attend this Board.

Ordered, that Nich^s Brower Jun^r Detain all the Flour in his Mill belonging to Cap^t W^m Jeecoeks 'till the further Order of this Board, or until Cap^t Jeecoeks shall dispose of the same to the Commissary Gen^l or any of his Agents for the publick Use. The like order with respect to Cap^t Jeecoek's flour in Cornelius Van Sicklen's Mills, to be sent to said Van Sicklen

Nich^s
Brower
ordered to
retain Cap^t
Jeecoek's
flour in his
Mill till
further
orders

Samuel Cuer & Peter Neefus, (persons that were confined in Worcester Goal) appeared before the Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that they be discharged

A Letter from Col: Dirick Brinkerhoff enclosing a Petition to him from Samuel Peters, Caleb Hustice James Wood, Joseph Purdy, Mordecai Brown & Jonathan Pine, confined in Worcester Goal, & recommending to this Board, that the three persons last named, might be permitted to return home

A Letter
from Col:
Brinkerhoff
enclosing a
Petition
from 6
persons
confined in
Worster
Goal

Joseph
Purdy
Mordecai
Brown &
Jonⁿ Pine
Ordered to
return
home from
Worster

Resolved, that Joseph Purdy, Mordecai Brown & Jonathan Pine, now confined in Goal in the Town of Worcester in the State of Massachusetts be released from their Confinement and permitted to return into this State upon Condition that previous to their discharge from Goal, they give their parol to the Comm. of that Town, that they will immediately upon their return, appear before this Board, take the Oath of Allegiance & abide their further Order and determination respecting them

Peter Van-
dewater
permitted
to go home
on Parol
paid
Ensign
Laroy for
a Guard
\$ 1..17..

Peter Vandewater is permitted to go home on his parol & to remain there 'till the further Order of this Board

Ordered, that the Sum of One pound Seventeen Shill^{es} be paid Ensign Laroy for a Guard of Eleven Men & himself, part of Cap^t Lows Compⁿ to keep the Goal

Board adjourned

Monday May 5th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Strang

Application having been made to this Board in behalf of Barent Dutcher and that he was willing to surrender himself and make a full Discovery of what he knows respecting any Plotts or Conspiracies against the Liberties of America Provided this would ensure him a Pardon

Resolved that if Barent Dutcher will immediately surrender himself to this Board and will upon Oath discover all Plotts or Conspiracies ag^t the Liberties of America as far as the same may have come to his [knowledge] this Board do pledge themselves to him that he shall receive a Pardon for all offences by him heretofore committed against the State Provided that this Board may notwithstanding if they conceive it necessary for the public Safety confine him to his Farm upon such Penalties and under such Restrictions and they shall think proper

Jasper
Fulmor
appointed

Resolved, that Jasper Fulmore be appointed Second Lieu^t in the Compⁿ of Rangers to be raised by this Board.

Mr Smith appeared

Increase Jackson having been apprehended and brot before this Board upon Information that he was again Restored to health, & contumaciously neglected to app^r before this Board agreeable to the Tenor of the Bond entered into by his Surety David Carpenter, and the said Increase Jackson declaring, that he still remained Indisposed, and that he had supposed that he was not Obliged to appear unless notified. And David Carpenter also appearing & declaring that he likewise had conciev[ed] such to have been the Tenor of the Bond

Second Lieu^t of the Comp^a of Rangers Increase Jackson permitted to go home, & to return as soon as he is recoverd his health

Resolved, that the said Increase Jackson be permitted to return home and Immediately upon the recovery of his health, That he appear before this Board, or in Default thereof the aforesaid Bond be Deemed Forfeited.

Samuel Smith, having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Sam^l Smith took the Oath & was discharg'd

Ordered that he be discharged

Barent Dutcher appeared and was permitted to return home and remain on his Farm till the further Order of this Board

Barent Dutcher permitted to go home & remain on his farm, till further Order

Board Adjourned

Tuesday May 6th 1777. Board met

Present

Melancton Smith } Esq^{rs}
 Peter Cantine Jun }

Cap^t Hagaman produced his Acco^t of the Guard at the Goal last amounting to £ 1 . . 10 . . —

£ 1 . . 10 . . paid Cap^t Hagaman for a Guard

Ordered, that the same be paid

William Drinkwater appear'd & having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

W^m Drinkwater took the Oath & was discharged

Ordered, that he be discharged.

Richard Welling, appeared, & refused to take the Oath of Allegiance

Rich^d Welling appeared

Henry Wooden made his appearance agreeable to his parol

Henry Wooden appeared

Board Adjourned

Wednesday May 7th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r
Melancton Smith Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

£ 1 . . 4 . .
p^d for
Guard

Serjeant Warner produced the report of a Guard of
Cap^t Kelseys Comp^a Consisting of 8 Men, amount^s to
£ 1 . . 4 . . for last night's service

Orderer [sic] that the same be paid

[2]0/ p^d
Maxfield
[f]or
Service
[He]zekiah
Mills's
[D]epo-
sition
against
[B]enj^a
Soles

Ordered, that John Maxfield be paid Twenty Shillings
for Secret Services.²⁰

Hezekiah Mills being duly Sworn, deposeth & saith,
That lately he assisted Serj^t Nucomb of Cap^t Sam^l
Smith's Comp^a to drive some Cattle that had been
Destrained for Fines, that the same Evening the Dep^t
saw Benj^a Soles who asked him if he had assisted in
driving the Cattle to which the Dep^t replied that he had,
whereupon Soles said that he would take Notice of it, or
words to that Effect And the Dep^t further saith, that
Soles appear to be somewhat in Liquor.

HEZEKIAH MILLS

[Be]nj^a Soles, being previously apprehended

Ordered that he be committed to Goal

Ordered, that Henry Wooden be discharged.

Henry
Wooden
discharged
Doct:
Thorne ap-
prehended
&
permitted
to have the
Liberty of
M^r Everet's
House

M^r Swartwout appeared & Informed that he had ap-
prehended, & bro^t prisoner, Doct: Thorne, agreeable to
an Order of this Board.

Ordered that Doct: Thorne be permitted on his parol
to have the Liberty of M^r Everet's hous in this Town
Board adjourned

Thursday, May 8th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

²⁰ App. II, p. 455.

Lieu^t Woolcut appeared & Informed the Board, that he had apprehended & bro^t prisoner, James Kelly (alias Clap, a mulatto)

Ja^s Clap to
be confin'd
to his
Farm

Ordered that the said James be confined to his Farm

Ordered that the Sum of Two pounds four Shillings be paid to Lieu^t Woolcut for himself & Two Men as a Guard in apprehend^s & bring^s Prisoner the above Ja^s Kelly

£ 2 . . 4 . .
paid Lieu^t
Woolcut

Board Adjourned

Friday, May 9th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Adjutant John Van Alstyne appeared & informed that he had apprehended & brought Prisoner, Henry Van Schaack & produced his Acco^t for Services Done amount^s to £ 7 . . 15 . . 2

Henry V:
Schaack ap-
prehended
£ 7 . . 15 . . 2
p^d Van
Alstyne

Ordered that the same Acco^t be paid

Ordered that the sum of £ 1 . . 4 . . be paid Lieu^t Mott, for going Express to Col: Graham's

£ 1 . . 4 . .
p^d Lieu^t
Mott

Serjeant M^c Clese appear, & Informed the Board that he had apprehended & brought prisoners Jonathan Thorne James Goslin, & Michael Vincent

Jon^s
Thorne
James Gos-
lin & Mich^l
Vincent ap-
prehended
& Commit-
ted

Ordered that they be committed to Goal

Board adjourned

Saturday May 10th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Lieu^t Elijah Oakley appeared & Informed that he had by Order of Col: Luddington apprehended & brought to this place as prisoners, the following persons, Viz^t

√ Joseph Ogden
 √ Ebenezer Pettit
 Moses Winter
 Christ^r Winter

√ Elijah Frost
 David Garretson, &
 Sam^l Rayner

and produced to the Board a Letter from Col: Luddington respecting the said persons.

[*Moses Winter being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith*]

£ 10. .16. .
 paid Lieu^t
 Oakley.

Lieu^t Oakly produced his Acco^t of his party in conduct^g the above prisoners from Fredericksburgh to this place amounting to £ 10. .16. .

Ordered that the same be paid

Ordered that Elijah Frost be discharged

Elijah
 Frost
 Discharged

Ordered, that Joseph Ogden, Moses Winter Christopher Winter & Ebenezer Petit be permitted on their parol to the liberty of the Town.

Ordered, that David Garretson & Sam^l Rayner, be committed to Goal.

Jacob Bush
 Appre-
 hended

Cap^t Conklin appeared and informed that he had apprehended & brought prisoner to this Board, Jacob Bush.

Lieu^{ts}
 Burton &
 Schriver's
 Dep: agst
 Jacob Bush

Lieu^{ts} Josiah Burton & Jacob Schriver being duly Sworn, Deposeth & Saith, That going lately to the House of the said Jacob Bush to destrain for a Fine, upon being asked by Lieu^t Burton, why he did not attend training, he said that he never would, that he belonged to King George, and that he did not mean to be subject to the Rebel Laws any more, and that he would die before they should take any of his Effects, or words to that Effect.

JOSIAH BURTON
 JACOB SCHRYVER

Jacob Bush
 Committed

Ordered that Jacob Bush be Committed

Henry V:
 Schaack
 permitted
 to return
 home on
 his parol,
 to appear
 in 16 Days

Henry Van Schaack Esq^r now a prisoner in this place having suggested to this Board, that he had lately disposed of part of his Farm to Col: Humfrey & received upwards of Eleven hundred pounds in payment for the same, without having an Opportunity of executing a

Conveyance to him; And also, that he had 2000 Bushels of Wheat in Store, for the sale of which he had contracted with the Commissary Gen^l

Resolved, That Henry Van Schaack Esq^r be permitted on his parol to return to his farm at Kline Kill, & remain there, and not depart from the same, in order to Execute a Conveyance to Col: Humfrey, & compleat the delivery of the said Wheat; and at the Expiration of Sixteen Days from this date appear & surrender himself to this Board, And in the mean Time, that he will not directly or indirectly oppose the Measures, pursuing by the United States of America

I so give my parol of Honor and do engage on the Faith of a Gentleman to observe the above Resolution.

H V SCHAACK

Board adjourned.

Tuesday May 13 1777. Board met

Present

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Jun: Esq^r

Lieu^t Benanuel Duel appeared, & informed that he had bro^t prisoners, Hendrick Younkhanse, Coonradt Smith & Lewis Bryant, by order of Maj^r Langdon, and produced his Acco^t of the Expen^{ce} of a Guard amount^g to £4. 16. .—²¹

Hend^{rk}
Younk-
hanse
Coonradt
Smith &
Lewis
Bryant

Ordered that the same be paid.

Ordered, that [*Hendrick Younkhanse*] Coonradt Smith [*& Lewis Bryant*] be committed to the Custody of the Guard.

Ordered, that Hendrick Younkhanse, & Lewis Bryant be permitted on parol, to the Liberty of the Town, & not to depart till further Orders

Hendrick
Younkhanse
& Lewis
Bryant
permitted
on Parol

Garret Lyster appeared before the Board, & produced a Letter from Col: Swartwout, also a pass from Gen^l M^c Dougall.

²¹ App. II, p. 455.

Garret
Luyster's
deposition

Garret Lyster being duly sworn, Depoeth & Saith that Last Sundy four weeks ago, he was Informed by Charles Davis & Lodowick Sheer that a party were to set off that Evening to go to long Island, & invited this Dep^t to go with them, and informed him that they could continue on Long Island at peace without being obliged to fight. That this Dep^t on the evening of said day accordingly met the said party in number, about Thirty in a Wood near the House of Lawrence Losee, in Oswego, among whom were Charles Davis Lodowick Sheer, Benj^a Deboise, John Griggs from Albany, David Shaance, Nathan Hoag, & one Terwillager. That about 10 oClock in the Evening they set off and proceeded across lotts near Carman's Mills & entered the Highlands and passed near the House of Zacharias Snyders, and lay by the next Day in the Woods about 4 or 5 Miles beyond that. That while they lay there, a woman came to them, which was said to be Wife of one Taylor, who was a Guide to the party. That the next evening about Daylightin, they proceed on their Journey partly across Lotts & partly in the Road until they came within about 4 or 5 miles of Croten, where they were concealed in a Barn all the next Day. That they left that place the next Evening & proceeded to Croten's River, which they crossed in a Scow about Two Miles above the Bridge. That a little this side of Croten they met with another party Piloted by one Joseph Haight, among whom were Joshua Gidney & Simeon Ostrum. That the two parties when joined, amounted to 206 Men, as this Dep^t was Informed. That they went that Night about 12 Miles beyond Croten near to one Haight's who this Dep^t understood was the Father of the said Joseph Haight, where they laid concealed in the Woods all the next day, that from thence they proceeded the next Evening and stop'd no more till they got to Kings Bridge, where they arrived about 12 or one oClock the next Day, from thence they went on to Hellgate, where they Crossed over to Long Island & were Billeted out. That they were detain'd there several Days & a Number of Recruiting officers came among them to

persuade them to Inlist. That a number of them not being able to get passes, & being told by the Officers, that they must inlist, did inlist accordingly. That this Dep^t after soliciting a pass for several Days, at length obtained one to go to his Uncles Dan^l Lyster at the Bowry in New Town, upon condition he should return again the next Morning. That he returned accordingly and was detained several Days longer, soliciting a pass to go to New York, which, however he could not obtain, that at length he left them without a pass, & went to New York; That upon the advice of some of his Friends, he went before the Mayor of the City & took the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain That he tarried in New York about Two hours, when he returned to his Uncles on Long Island where he tarried two Days. That he together with Nathan Hoag then hired a Boat which set them over to Hunts Point, from whence they proceeded homewards until they were apprehended by two officers & carried before Gen^l M^c Dougall. This Dep^t further saith that he understood that Beverley Robinson Esq^r was raising a Reg^t that his Son Beverley was a Captain in it, & also one Barclay. That it was reported They had recruited about 200 Men in the Regiment including the recruits they got out of the party that he went down with. This Dep^t further saith that he verily believes, that had no Compulsion been used not more than Ten or a Dozen of the party with which he went down, would have entered the Enemy's Service. This Dep^t further saith, that he was informed by some of the Inhabitants of Long Island, that it was the Common practice with the Enemy, to endeavour to compel such persons as came down out of the Country to inlist into their Service. The Dep^t further saith that Nathan Hoag went with him to New York & took the Oath of Allegiance to the King. the Dep^t further saith that a Number of the persons who went down, declared their intentions to return home when ever an opportunity offered.

GARRET LUYSTER

The above Dep^t further saith, that he was Informed by good authority, that those persons who persuaded the people to go off to the Enemy, received twenty Shillings for each Man delivered there, whether they engaged in the Service or not.

GARRET LUYSTER

John Haight took the Oath of Allegiance & was discharged
Charles Traver committed to Goal

John Haight made his appearance, & Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged.

Cap^t Conkling appeared & Informed that he had apprehended & brought prisoner, Charles Traver a person notoriously disaffected & supposed to have been with the Enemy.

Ordered, that he be committed to Goal.

£ 1. . 4. — paid to Bar^s Swartwout

Ordered, that the sum of £ 1. . 4. — be paid to Barnardus Swartwout Jun: for Expences in bringing to this place M^{rs} Bell & M^{rs} Robinson, lately from New York.

Garret Lyster is permitted to go home & to send a Certificate

Ordered that Garret Luyster be permitted to return home in Rumbout Precinet, and that he send to this Board a Certificate of his hiring a Man in his Stead to serve in the Standing Forces, lately drafted out of the Militia.

Charles Traver confesses he has been with the Enemy

Charles Traver being bro^t before the Board, confesses that he went down to the Enemy the Day after they came to the White Plains that he went with them from thence to Kingsbridge & York Island, & continued with them till a little before Christmas, when he left them & returned home

Elias Walbridge Silas Duel, Jos: Clapp, Zebulun Smith & David Smith apprehended

Cap^t Rufus Herrick appeared & Informed, that agreeable to an order of Col: David Sutherland, he had apprehended & brought prisoners the follow^g persons Viz^t

Elias Walbridge
Silas Duel
Joseph Clapp

Zebulun Smith &
David Smith

and that Samuel Mabbit, Joseph Mabbit, & Tho^s Rabblee were gone from home.

Ordered, that Cap^t Rufus Herrick, Lieu^t Samuel Waters, & Lieu^t Ichabod Holmes, be Impowered & directed to proceed Immediately to the houses of Samuel & Joseph Mabbit, and take an Inventory of the whole of their personal Estate, and to remove such parts thereof as they in their discretion shall think proper to some place of security, provided that they leave for the use of their Families, their wearing apparel & necessary household furniture.

Order to
Cap^t Her-
rick, Lieu^{ts}
Waters &
Holmes
impowered
& directed
to Sieze
Mabbits
Estates

Resolved that this Board will defray all the Expence attending the making such Inventory & securing the Goods

Cap^t Rufus Herrick produced his Acco^t of Expences for a Guard in apprehending & conducting to this place 5 prisoners, am^{ts} to £ 15. . 5. . —

£ 15. . 5. . —
paid to
Cap^t Her-
rick

Ordered that the same be paid

Ordered, that Elias Walbridge be committed to Goal & be closely confined

Elias
Walbridge
committed
to Goal

Ordered that John Budd (who was sent here by the Committee of Amenia Precinct) be discharged, on his promise to Join Cap^t Chamberlain's Comp^a in Col: Graham's Regiment

John Budd
is dis-
charged

Ordered, that Silas Duel, Joseph Clapp, Zebulun Smith, & David Smith, be permitted on parol to the Liberty of this Town

Duel, Clapp
& 2 Smiths
on Parol
in Town

Board adjourned

Wednesday May 14th 1777. Board met.

Present

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Daniel Ketchum appeared by order of Col: Field

Ordered, that he have the priviledge of the Town on his Parol.

Dan^l
Ketchum
appeared

Cap^t Mathew Van Benschoten appeared, and informed that he had apprehended & Brought prisoners, John Cook, Corn^s Luyster, & Joseph Canniff.

John Cook,
Corn^s
Lyster &
Jo: Canniff
appre-
hended

Ordered, that the above prisoners be permitted on their parol to the priviledge of the Town

&
permitted
on Parol
in Town

£ 2. .4. .8
paid Cap
Van
Benschoten

Cap^t Van Benschoten produced his Acc^t for the Ex-
pence of the Guard, amount^s to £ 2. .4. .8.²²

Ordered that the same be paid.

£ 2. .2. .
paid Lieut^t
Haight

Lieu^t Stephen Haight appeared & produced his Acco^t
of Subsistence for a Guard of 12 Men, amount^s to
£ 2. .2. .—

Ordered that the same be paid.

Geo:
Mitchel
discharged

George Mitchell, a prisoner confined in Goal, appeared
before the Board, & having Voluntarily Inlisted into the
Continental Army for Three Years, was thereupon dis-
charged from his Confinement

Jacobus
Philips
appre-
hended &
order'd to
Goal
Henry P
Lawsing
committed
to Goal

On Monday last was apprehended & brought to this
place by order of Col: Brinkerhoff, Jacobus Philips

Ordered that he be confined in Goal

Henry P. Lawsing having made his Escape from his
Confinement, was again apprehended & brought before
this Board, by M^r Hull this day.

Ordered, that he be confined in Goal

paid
12/9½
to Serj^t
Sherwood.

Serjeant John Sherwood of the Guard attending the
Goal, for 6 Days, (of Cap^t Smith Sutherlands Comp^a
produced his Acco^t amount^s to £ 0. .12. .9½

Ordered that the same be paid.

Zeb:
Shippey
discharged

Zebulun Shippey a prisoner confined in Goal appeared
before the Board, & having Voluntarily Inlisted into the
Continental Army, During the War, was thereupon dis-
charged from his Confinement.

13 Pris-
oners bro^t
by Cap^t
Colkins by
order Col:
Morehouse
&c

Cap^t William Calkins appeared and produced a Letter
from Col: Andrew Morehouse, informing that he had
sent under Guard, the follow^s prisoners

John Palmer Jun:	Solomon Palmer
John Cummins Jun.	Jacob Sisco &
Ebenezer Hurd	Edward Howard
Justus Gifford	

Cap^t Calkins also Informed that he had by order of
Col: Field brought prisoners

²² App. II, p. 455.

Seth Nickerson	John White
Constant Nickerson	Draper &
Caleb Spencer	Joel, a Negro man

Cap^t William Calkins, produced the following Pay Rolls for Services done by the Militia in Scouring the Woods & apprehending a Number of prisoners brought here by him Viz^t

£ 32..
18..7½
p^d Cap^t
Calkins

Cap ^t Calkins Pay Roll am ^{ts} to....	£ 8..11..4
Cap ^t Joseph Dyckman's d ^o	7.. 8..—
Lieu ^t Azor Barnum's d ^o	9..11..3½
Cap ^t David Hecock's D ^o	7.. 8..—

Amounting to £32..18..7½

Ordered that the same be paid

John Hames appeared & being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith that on yesterday the Wife of John Miller sent for him to her house, and informed him that a Man whose Name she did not choose to mention, had just left that place, who had come from the Enemy and that the said person wanted to see the Dep^t That he had gone up to the Nine Partners in order to get a Number of Men to go down to the Enemy. That he had been up before and had engaged a Number, & expected to be able to raise a Company of Sixty Men. That he expected they would the most of them have Arms. That the said M^{rs} Miller asked this Dep^t if he could not engage a Number of Men to join them at that place. That she farther said they Expected to be strong Enough to take any Guard they might meet, and that they intended to destroy the Stores at Hendersons Mills. That the Dep^t understood from the said M^{rs} Miller & the Children that the person above mentioned, wore a deep Blue Coat, Red Jacket Buckskin Breeches, Cotton Stockings, that he had long black hair cued up in a Black Ribbon.

John
Hames's
Deposition

JOHN HAMES

And the Dep^t farther saith, that M^{rs} Miller informed him that the said person told her he expected to send a party down on thursday next, and that he Expected to be there himself on Saturday following, and that said M^{rs} Miller further informed the Dep^t that she received Information from the above person that her husband John Miller, would be home on Sunday or Monday Night next.

JOHN HAMES

£ 3 . 15 . .
paid John
Hames for
Secret
Services
Joseph
Bennet
permitted
to go home
& appear
again

Ordered that the sum of £ 3 . 15 . . — be paid to John Hames for Secret Services

Resolved that Joseph Bennet be permitted to return home provided he appear before this Board & take the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Board adjourned

Thursday May 15th 1777. Board met
Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r
Melancton Smith Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

Nathan
Burdick
Reuben
Kiswell
& Benj^a
Buffington
bro^t Pris-
oners
Benj^a
Buffington
Deposition
against
Vaun &
others

Lieu^t Comfort Shaw appeared and informed the Board that by Order of the Committee of Paulings Precinct, he had apprehended & conveyed to this place as Prisoners, Nathan Burdick, Reuben Kiswell, and Benj^a Buffington

Benjamin Buffington, being duly sworn, deposeseth & saith. That some time in the beginning of last Month he was at the House of Reuben Kiswell, where he saw Cap^t Vaun of New fairfield. That Vaun upon the Dep^{ts} entering into the house endeavoured to conceal himself That upon the Dep^{ts} engaging not to discover him, they entered into Conversation together, in the course of which, Vaun informed the Dep^t that he had been on Long Island, and that he intended to go there again. That Joseph Sheldon was a Lieu^t & William Briggs a Cap^t & a Son of Major Ross a Lieu^t in the Enemy's Service That about Three days after, the Dep^t went

down with Vaun, Burdick, Kiswell, Philip Sisco, Solomon Pamerly Two of the Ellis's young Doct: Vaun, Amos Burdick Jun. Benj^a Cummins, a certain John Smith, Elnathan Cornell One Simpson, Daniel Burdick one Mosher who lives at Amos Wooden's Jun. & Nathan Kiswell, to Salem, that the intention of the said several persons was to go to the Enemy. And that the Dep^t was to go with them, & see them safe over the Enemy Lines, and bring word back. And that when the party came to Salem understanding that they were discovered & it was not safe for them to proceed, dispersed themselves & returned home. The Dep^t further saith, that there are several persons in that part of the Country, who were privy & knowing to the above party's going off, Viz^t Robert Burdick Sen^r Robert Kiswell Sen^r Isaac Wilcox Jun^r Levy West, Joseph Holly Jun. John Duncan, One Lawrence (living at Benajah Miller's) Benoni Burch John Russell Williams, Joshua Burdick Jun. Thomas Cornell, Solomon Beach, & The Sons of Benjamin Duel. That John Russell Williams Informed the Dep^t that he was going to Oswego in this County, & that there was another party to go off from there, and that he had lately come from the Enemy, & was Inlisted in Col: Robinson's Regt. That Samuel Drinkwater informed the Dep^t that he was a Lieu^t in Col: Brown's Brigade and desired the Dep^t to inlist with him. The Dep^t further saith that some time last week, Drinkwater informed him, that he had been down to James Grant's to get intelligence, who had informed him that there would be a pilot up in about a week or ten Days, That Drinkwater said that Grant always procured intelligence for them, and that the Tories used to go to Grant's house at Nights for that purpose. The Dep^t farther saith, that Stephen Howard, (a Son of Edward Howard now confined in Goal) was the pilot to the above party, and that when they went off they met at the Haystack of one Briggs in the Meadow. That [*Rob^t Burdick Sen.*:] the party met successively two Nights in order to go off, and not being properly prepared with Arms the first

night, they deferred going till the next night. That the first meeting was in Reuben Kiswell's Lott, when Joseph Holly, Levy West, & the above Lawrence were present. That the second meeting was at the Hay Stack above mentioned, when Robert Burdick Sen. Solomon Beach, & Thomas Cornwell were present. That West furnished Sisco with a Gun & that all the rest of the party were chiefly armed. That Wilcox came to Nathan Burdick's the night of the first meeting, and said that he was not yet ready to go, but would wait till the next meeting. That John Duncan told the Dep^t at Merritts that he proposed to be at the first meeting, but did not come, & upon being asked afterwards by the Dep^t why he did not attend, he replied that as he was at present employ'd and received good Wages, he did not intend to go at the present, but would wait till a future Draft of the Militia, and then would go off That Burch upon asked by Dan^l Burdick to go Burch replied, that as he was in the family, he would not go yet, but would rather wait a little longer unless he was Drafted.

his
BENJAMIN X BUFFINGTON
mark

Ja^s Grant,
W^m Ellis,
Benj^s Ellis
Amos Bur-
dick Ju.
Benj^s Cum-
mins John
Smith,
Elnathan
Cornell
Simpson
Dan^l
Burdick
Nathan
Burdick
Sen: &
others to
be appre-
hended

Lewis
Shear ap-
prehended
& commit-
ted

Ordered, that Col: Morehouse cause to be apprehended the following persons, Viz^t James Grant, William Ellis, Benj^a Ellis, Amos Burdick Jun^r Benjamin Cummins, John Smith, Elnathan Cornell [space left blank] Simpson, Daniel Burdick, Nathan Kiswell, Rob^t Burdick Sen^r Robert Kiswell Sen^r, Isaac Wilcox Jun^r Levy West, Joseph Holly Jun^r John Duncan [space left blank] Lawrence, Benoni Burch, Joshua Burdick Jun^r Thomas Cornell, Solomon Beach & the sons of Benj^a Duel to be apprehended & sent immediately to this place.

Corp^l Samuel Cole, appeared & informed that he had bro^t prisoner, by order of Cap^t Denniss, Lewis Shear, who had been sculking in the woods some time.

Ordered that he be committed to Goal.

Corp¹ Cole produced his Acco^t for Expences amount^g to £ 1 . 10 . . — £1 . 10 . . —
p^d to Corp¹
Cole

Ordered that the same be paid.

Resolved,²³ That the following persons be sent up to Esopus, to be confined on Board the Vessells Station'd there for that purpose, Viz^t Prisoners
sent to
Esopus to
be confined
on Board
the Ships

Samuel Wood	Robert M ^c Edew
Nathaniel Akerley	Charles Traver
George Aims	Jacob Bush
Benjamin Burrows	Thomas Lawrence
William Yates	Anthony Breamer
Elisha Powell	John Medler
Edward Howard	Dominicus Muntfort
[<i>John Cummins</i>]	Johannis Laroy
John White	William Wilsey
[<i>Philip Sisco</i>]	Barent A Van kleeck
James Goslin	Enoch Lester
Jonathan Thorne	Jacob Backer
[<i>Michael Vincent</i>]	Francis Laroy
Griffin Corey	[<i>Coonradt Smith</i>]
Simon Knoxon	Lewis Shear
[<i>James Smith Esq^r</i>]	[<i>Stephen Thorne</i>]
Silas Dewel	[<i>John Cook</i>] ²⁴
Corn ^s Luyster	Jabez Thorne
David Garrison	Nathaniel Worden
Constant Nickerson	

And the Command^s Officer at Esopus, or other person properly authorized to have the Charge & Custody of prisoners to be confined on board the Vessels there, is hereby required to receive & confine the said persons till the further order of this Board, or the Executive authority of this State

Ebenezer Pettit, having taken the Oath Voluntarily to this State.

Ebenezer
Pettit took
the Oath &
discharged

²³ In accordance with the resolution passed by the Provincial Convention, May 2, 1777. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 908.

²⁴ John Cook was permitted to appeal to the Council of Safety. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.*, I, 937.

Jos : Ogden
permitted
to return
home

Ordered that he be discharged.

Joseph Ogden appeared, and is permitted to return home to his place of abode, to consider about taking the Oath of Allegiance.

Benjaⁿ Soles
discharged
10/ p^d
Lieu^t
Wilsey

Ordered That Benjamin Soles be discharged

Lieu^t Wilsey appeared & informed that he had brought prisoner, Ruliff Philips, & produced his Acco^t amount^e to 10/

Ordered that he be paid

Jo : Clap
& Smith
discharg'd

Ordered that Joseph Clapp & Zebulun Smith be discharged.

Jabez
Thorn's
Deposition

Jabez Thorn being duly sworn Deposeth & saith, That he hath heretofore had Conversation with Jacob Hogoboom & understood from him, that he intended to go off to the Enemy that the Father & Brother of the said Jacob were present & heard the above Conversation, that the said Brother (John) also said that he intended to go off, that the said Jacob also said, that James Simmons, William Oldfield, also intended to go and that he the said Jacob understood, that Jesse Oakley, Eliab Yeomans, William Gifford, Peter Backus, & W^m Backus, John Wilkisson's Negro, & Nathan Hoag intended also to go off.

JABEZ THORN

Sam^l Ray-
nor took
the Oath &
discharged

Samuel Rayner appeared & Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Caleb
Tripp's
Deposition
about
Clapp's
Pork found
concealed
under
ground

M^r Caleb Tripp appeared before the Board and being duly sworn deposeth & saith, That on yesterday he found a quantity of about four Barrells & a half of Salted Pork buried under Ground in a Wood near the house of Elias Clapp in Beekman's Precinct in this County. That the said Elias Clapp claims the quantity of abo^t Two Barrells & which Stephen Pratt the quantity of one Barrel, & Jacob Pratt the quantity of another Barrel thereof That the said Jacob Pratt at first disclaimed and afterwards Claimed his proportion as above mentioned. That the said several persons pretend that such concealment was made at the Time the Enemy was at Peeks Kill, and that

in case the Enemy should penetrate into the Country, they the said persons might have wherewith to subsist their families, and the Dep^t further saith that the said three persons were generally reputed disaffected to the American Cause.

CALEB TRIPP

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the said concealment was made with Evil & corrupt Intentions, that the said Pork should the Enemy penetrate into the Country either might be reserved for their use, or that the said several Persons who concealed the same, intended to submit without opposition & remain at home with their families within the power of the Enemy, instead of as was their Duty, using every means to oppose, and in case of misfortune, to remove

Resol:
concerning
Clapp's
Pork as
above

Resolved, that the said Pork be disposed of to the Commissary Gen^l for the use of the American Army, and that the monies arising therefrom after Deducting the Expences attend^d the Discovery be paid into and detained by this Board, subject to the future order of the Legislature of this State.

Friday May 16th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Jun^r Esq^r

Resolved, that Philip Sisco be permitted to Inlist into the Continental Forces, & Inlisted with Lieu^t Mott accordingly

Philip
Sisco
permitted
to Inlist

James Smith Esq^r & John Cook are permitted to go home on their parol, to deliver themselves in five Days from this Date, to the officer having the Charge & Custody of the prisoners at Esopus Creek.

Ja^s Smith
Esq^r &
John Cook
permitted
to go
home.

Resolved, that Josiah Disborow, & Edward Henderson be sent to Kingston to be delivered to John M^c Kes-son & Robert Benson Esq^{rs} Commissaries of Prisoners of War in this State.

Coonradt
Smith took
the Oath,
& is dis-
charged

Coonradt Smith appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Moses &
Christ^r
Winter
took the
Oath, is
discharged

Moses Winter & Christopher Winter, appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered, that they be discharged.

Dan^l
Ketchum
permitted
on parol to
return in a
fortnight

Resolved, that Daniel Ketchum be permitted on parol to return to his place of abode in Fredericksburgh, & to appear again before this Board in a fortnight.

Lewis
Bryan took
the Oath &
discharged

Lewis Bryan having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged.

Board Adjourned

Saturday May 17th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Jun^r Esq^r

Cap^t Isaac
Hagaman's
Petition
presented
to this
Board

A Petition was presented to the Board in favour of Cap^t Isaac Hagaman, subscribed by, James Livingston, Peter Tappen, Richard Lewis, Jonas Kelsey, Jacobus Frear, Henry Hegeman, James Brooks, Robert Hoffman, Abraham Sleght, William Forman Mynder Van den Bogert, Hugh Van kleeck, John Frear, Elias Van Bunschoten, Johannis Swartwout Jacobus Stoutenburgh, Peter Van kleeck, Peter Low John Van kleeck, John Baily Jun^r John Ringland, John Childs, Joel Dubois, Matthew Van Bunschoten, Abraham Hoogland, Elias Van Bunschoten, Samuel Dodge Geleyn Ackerman, Francis Filkins, Setting forth "that they have known Cap^t Hagaman from "the beginning of the Troubles, Do believe, that he was "always in favour of the Cause of America, but that "he has been deluded or else that he never would have "been guilty of so great a Crime against his Country, "That they do assure this Board, that they do all of "them really believe, that if Cap^t Hagaman will take

“the Oath to the States of America, that he may safely
 “be trusted to go and remain on his Farm, and should
 “they find him doing any thing hereafter against his
 “Country, they will endeavour to take him & bring him
 “to be punished there for.

Whereas this Board has the highest Confidence in the
 above Petitioners, they being all of them of Repute &
 Integrity and approved Allachment to the American
 Cause and from their Residence in the Neighbourhood
 of said Isaac Hegeman may be presumed to [be] best
 acquainted with Character & Conduct and that they
 would not attempt to impose on this Board in a Matter
 of such Importance as the Releasement of a Person
 whose going at large might be inconsistent with the
 Safety of State, and whereas this Board conceive it their
 Duty not only to secure offenders that they may be bro’t
 to Punishment but also to pardon all such who convinced
 of their Error are willing to return again to their Duty.

Resolved therefore that Cap^t Hegeman be dismissed
 upon taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State and be
 permitted to return home and remain on his Farm until
 the further Order of this Board.

Cap^t Hegeman appearing & taking the Oath was dis-
 missed.

Board adjourned.

Cap^t
 Hagaman
 takes the
 Oath, &
 dismissed

Sunday the 18th May 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

Cap^t Comfort Luddington appeared and prayed that
 his Father in Law Seth Nickerson now confined upon a
 special Charge of Disaffection might be permitted to re-
 turn home and pledged himself to this Board that the
 said Seth Nickerson should within one fortnight take
 the Oath of Allegiance to this State and be of peaceable
 Behavior in the mean time or at the Expiration thereof
 should again appear before this Board, Whereupon

Cap^t
 Luddington
 appear’d in
 behalf of
 his father
 in Law,
 Seth Nick-
 erson

Seth Nickerson permitted to return home & to appear in a fortnight unless he takes the Oath

Resolved that Seth Nickerson be permitted to return home and to appear again before this Board within one fortnight unless he shall take the Oath of Allegiance to this State agreeable to the above Stipulation and that of Col: Field or M^r Nathaniel Foster be authorized to administer the same.

Board adjourned

Monday, May 19th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

John R Schermerhorn bro^t Prisoner

Cap^t James Willson appeared before the Board and informed that by Order of Major Landon he had apprehend and bro't to this place John R Schermerhorns.

£ 2 . 0 . . 0
paid to
Cap^t Willson

Cap^t Willson produced his Account of Services amounting to £ 2.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Elisha Culver, & Oliver Austin bro^t prisoners

Cap^t Rous appeared and informed that by order of Major Landon he had apprehended and bro't to this place Elisha Culver and Oliver Astin.

£ 3 . . 4 . .
paid to
Cap^t Rous

Cap^t Rous produced his Account for his Services amounting to £ 3-4-0

Ordered that the same be paid.

Letter rec^d from Peter R Livingston, with an Affidavit of Jac^s J Decker against John R Schermerhorn Rob^t Willson's Deposition, concerning John R Schermerhorn, & about the powder taken from the Mill

A Letter was received from Peter R Livingston Esq^r inclosing an Affidavit of Jacobus J^s Decker charging the said John R Schermerhorns with being concerned in taking the Powder from M^r Livingston's Mill. (See Affidavit filed J J D)

Robert Wilson being duly sworn deposeth & saith that on the night the powder was stolen from M^r Livingstons powder Mills the deponent was with John R Schermerhorn, at the house in which they both dwell, and that they were together till past 12 o'Clock at night that at this time the said Jn^o Schermerhorn was so afflicted with boils that he could scarcely walk or Ride. that it appeared to the deponent that when he left the s^d Schermerhorn he seemed preparing to go to bed as usual

that the next morning the Deponent rose about 6 or 7 o'clock and found the S^a Schermerhoorn still at home, that during the course of the night the deponent did not hear any person, Horses, or carriages come to the house, and thinks it probable that if any such had come to the house he should discovered it

ROBERT WILSON

Joseph Bennet being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Last Fall the deponent was apprehended as a person suspected of belonging to Millers Company raised for the Service of the enemy for the southern part of this state that he Effected his escape and went to the Northward, that while he was there he lived with one Samuel Anderson at Pownal that during the course of the time he was with said Anderson (to witt) about the Middle of last month, there came a party of about 30 men, that Anderson informed him the dep^t that they were Torys & that he was to conceal them in the woods until an opportunity should offer to join the enemy to the Southward, that among that party were Amos Dunning, Johan^s Sicker (both living in Pownal), Johannis Cryler & James Cryler (from Little Hosick kill), that Anderson did accordingly conceal said party in the woods, were they remained when the deponent left them parts which was the 23^a April Last. that the deponent also understood from said Anderson that it was also their design to break open the Continental Store at Bennington and take out the Arms, that Joseph Jones of East, & Samuel Jones of West Hosick were concerned with the disaffected in those parts & harboured them, at certain times, & that he understood the same with respect to George Gardner David Gardner Joseph Gardner, a certain clergyman of the name of Gardner, Caleb Runnells, Coenradt Dayford Asa Laraby Eleazer Laraby Ju^r Mosis Brunson, all of Pownal, & that the deponent also understood that it was the design of some of the Torys there to destroy Albany Gaol, the deponent further

Joseph
Bennet's
Deposition

saith that there is a certain person at Williams Town of Considerable property and influence, formerly a Colonel whose name the deponent has forgot, who is highly disaffected and dangerous, that he saw said person writing at a certain time and understood from him, that what he was then writing was a letter or petition to the Torys at White Creek to come down and destroy William Town, because there was so many Whigs in it.

his

JOSEPH X BENNIT
mark

Ja^s Grant,
Robert
Burdick,
Joseph
Halliway
Jun^r Dan^t
Burdick
Isaac
Willcox
Stephen
Lawrence
John
Duncan,
John Duel,
Benj^a Duel,
Jon^a Duel,
& Tho^s Con-
ner, bro^t
prisoners
by order
Col: More-
house
£ 23..4..10
paid Cap^t
Pearce for
the above
prisoners
£ 9..16..6
paid Lieut^t
Comfort
Shaw
Isaac
Willcox
& Stephen
Lawrence
take the
Oath & are
discharged
Philip
Spencer
Joshua
Dakins, &
Elisha
Culver
Jun. Bro^t
Prisoners
by order
Maj^r
Landon
£ 7..13..6
paid to
Serg^t Maj^r
Ingles

Cap^t William Pearce appeared before the Board and informed that by order of Col^o Morehouse he had apprehended and brought Prisoners to this place James Grant, Robert Burdick, Joseph Halliway Ju^r, Daniel Burdick, Isaac Willcox, Stephen Lawrance, John Duncan, John Duel, Benjamin Duel, Jonathan Duel, & Thomas Connor.

Cap^t Pearce produced his account for Services & Expences of himself and Guard in the above Business amounting to £ 23: 4: 10.

Ordered that the same be paid.

Leiu^t Comfort Shaw produced his account for Services in apprehending and Conveying to this place sundry prisoners amounting to £ 9..16..6

Ordered that the same be paid

Isaac Wilcox & Stephen Lawrance appearing before the board and having voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance

Ordered that they be discharged.

Serg^t Major Ingles appeared and informed that by order of Major Landon he had apprehended and bro^t to this place, Philip Spencer Joshua Dakins & Elisha Culver Jun:

Also produced an Account of the Services of the Guard upon this Occasion amounting to £ 7: 13: 6.

Ordered that the same be paid

Board Adjourned

Tuesday May 20, 1777 Board met
 Present
 Egb^t Benson Esq^r
 Peter Cantine

Philip Spencer Joshua Dakins and Elisha Colver & Elisha Colver Jun^r appearing before the board & having Respectively taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Philip Spencer Joshua Dakins Elisha Colver & Elisha Colver Jun^r took the Oath & were discharged Mich^l Vincent being indisposed is permitted to return home, & appear as soon as well David Smith is discharged, on rec^d of Col: Sutherland's Letter

Ordered that they be discharged

Cap^t Michael Vinsent being Indisposed

Ordered that he be permitted to return to his place of abode and to appear again before this board as soon as his present Indisposition will permit

A Letter from Col^o Sutherland informing that the Case of David Smith had been misrepresented and signifying his approbation that the said David Smith should be discharged whereupon

Resolved that the said David Smith be discharged
 Board adjourned

Wednesday May 21st 1777. Board met
 Present
 M^r Benson
 M^r Cantine

Cap^t Brinckerhoff appeared and informed that by order of Col^o Brinckerhoff he had apprehended and bro^t to this place Thomas Carman

Tho^s Carman bro^t Prisoner by order Col: Brinckerhoff

Also produced his account for the Services and expences of the Guard upon this Occasion amounting to £1: 4.

£ 1. .4 paid Cap^t Brinckerhoff

Ordered that it be paid

Roeliff J Ellinge is permitted to go to his place of abode in the New Paltz to deliver himself in six days from this date to the officer having the charge and custody of the Prisoners confined on board the Vessels at Esopus Creek.

Roeliff J Ellinge permitted to go home, & in 6 Days deliver himself up to the Cap^t of the Vessels at Esopus

John Cook appearing before this Board

Resolved that he be permitted to Return to his place

John Cook permitted

to return
& remain
on his
Farm till
further
order of
this Board
Edward
Wheeler
Jun. ap-
peared &
voluntarily
surrendered
himself &
took the
Oath was
permitted
to return
home
Jacob
Backer
took the
oath & was
discharged
Hendrick
Younk-
hance, per-
mitted to
go home, &
in 10 Days
to surren-
der himself
to Cap^t
Castle

of abode & to remain within the limits of his farm until the further order of this board.

Edward Wheeler Junⁿ appearing before the board & Voluntarily surrendered himself to thier determination and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be permitted to return to his place of abode.

Jacob Backer appeared before the Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State was thereupon discharged.

Resolved that Hendrick Younkance be permitted to pass from this to his place of abode in the little Nine Partners on his parol to surrender himself within Ten Days from the Date hereof to Cap^t Castles to be confined on Board the Vessels in Esopus Creek, unless he shall previously appear before Major Landon, or M^r James Winchell (either of whom are hereby authorized to administer the same to him) and take the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Board adjourned

Thursday May 22^d 1777. Board met
Present
Egbert Benson Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

John
Duncan is
permitted
to go home
on Parol,
& return
in 5 Days
Letter to
the Com:
of Albany
(Inclosing
a Dep^t of
Joseph
Bennet) to
have the
persons
therein
charged,
appre-
hended &ca
£ 7. 15. —
paid John
Haimos
£ 7. 15. —
to Elijah

John Duncan is permitted to return home on his parol to appear before this Board in five Days from this date.

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to the Committee of Albany, inclosing the Deposition of Joseph Bennet & requesting them to have the persons therein Charged, apprehended, & take other Measures in consequence thereof as they may think Expedient, and that this Board will defray the Expence thereof.

Resolved, that the sum of £ 7. . 15. . — be paid to John Haimos, the Like sum to Elijah Frost, & the Sum of £ 1. . 10. . — to Joseph Bennet, for Secret Services.

Joseph Bennit being duly sworn Deposeth & saith that some time about the middle of April last, he was at the

house of Sam^l Goodfellow at New Concord and in a Conversation which he then had with him Goodfellow Informed the Dep^t that he had concealed a Number of Tories & supplied them with Provisions in his own house, and that a Certain Person in that Neighbourhood, was privy to it. And that Goodfellow said that he had frequently been out with the Militia in pursuit of Tories, but always took Care, not to bring them where he knew the Tories were concealed That he understood from Goodfellow, that the Tories which he had so concealed intended to go off to the Enemy.

Frost. &
£ 1.10.—
to Jos:
Bennet
for secret
services
Joseph
Bennet's
Deposition
agst Sam^l
Goodfellow

his
JOSEPH X BENNET
mark

Board adjourned

Friday May 23^d 1777. Board met
Present
Melancton Smith Esq^r
Peter Cantine Esq^r

Lieu^t James Grant is permitted to go home on Parol to appear before this Board in one week from this Date

John Duncan appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Peter Messier appeared before this Board, & being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith, That on Monday last being absent from home, upon his return, he was Informed by his Wife, that during his Absence, Sam^l Hull, & Thomas Rouse, (two Continental Soldiers) together with Twenty Two Women came to the house of the Deponent's and enquired whether he had any Tea to sell, that the Dep^t's Wife answered they had, that they then asked the Price, & were answered, four Dollars a Pound, that they agreed to pay that price upon which M^{rs} Messier took them to where the Tea was, upon which the said Women said they would not give four Dollars a Pound, but would have it at their own Price, & brought

Lieu^t Ja^s
Grant per-
mitted to
go home on
Parol for a
Week
John
Duncan
took the
Oath &
discharged
Peter
Messier's
Deposition
agst sundry
Persons for
Mobbing
him & tak-
ing his Tea
by Force

a Hammer & Scales, & proceeded to weigh as much as they chose to take, untill they had taken near One hundred weight as this Dep^t believes, for which they left about Seventeen Pounds in Money, in the hands of William Brewer. That M^{rs} Mesier requested they would leave with her a List of the Names of the Persons who had the Tea together with the Quantity each person had, which they refused, alledging they had left Money, with which she must be satisfied. That the widow Coffins the wife of W^m Fowler (now with the Enemy) the wife of Thomas Van Breamer, the wife of one Joseph Tiel, the wife of Joseph Anderson (with the Enemy) the wife of Samuel Field (with the Enemy) the wife of John Bell, the wife of John Hughson, & the wife of one M^c Kenley who works in the Ship Yard, were of the party above mentioned. The Dep^t further saith, that on Tuesday last, The said Rouse with a number of Women to the amount of about fifteen, among whom were the wife of Underhill Budd, the Wife of John Wilsey, the wife of James Lucky, the wife of Adolphus Swartwout, the wife of Tunis Wilsey & the wife of Benj^a Van Cueren, came to the house of this Dep^t & asked to buy Tea, & the Dep^t offered to sell it to them at four Dollors a pound, & they offered him 10 shillings, upon which he told them he could not take it, but that they might have it at his price, upon which One of them desired the Dep^t to weigh her a half pound & she would pay him Two Dollars for it, the Dep^t accordingly delivered her half pound, for which she offered him five Shill^{gs} which he refused to receive & returnd the money back upon which an Elderly woman desired the Dep^t to weigh her a half pound, & she would pay him, then the Dep^t desired her to give him the money & she should have the Tea, which she refused, upon which the Dep^t offer'd to throw the Tea out of the Window, whereupon the said Elderly Woman Siezed the Dep^t by the hand, upon which the said Rouse came in & Siezed the Dep^t by the Throat, & push'd him down, & offerd to strike

him on the head with his Broad Sword. And further this Dep^t saith, that on Thursday last the said Hull & Rouse together with 12 or 14 other men and a number of Women to the amount of about 20 several of whom were of the party on Tuesday, & also the wife of Benj^a Jeecoicks, the wife of Peter Funck, & the Daughter of Cap^t Jeecoicks, again came to the house of this Dep^t that he, on seeing them coming went into his house & fastened the Door. That they came to the window, where he conversed with them, that the men Demanded Entrance & the Dep^t Asked them their Business. They replied that they had orders from the Committee to search his house whereupon the Dep^t replied, that if they would produce any such Order, he would very freely open his Doors & suffer them to search every part of his house they then told him if he did not open the Door, they would break it, upon which they broke a pannel of the Door & entered the house, & searched every Room; after which they broke open the Cellar Door & search'd that, & Drew his Liquors & Drank of them, broke open every Cask in the Cellar and the case of his Clock & took away several trifles, & also broke a picture to the Value of £5. — After they had searched the house, they went into the yard & beat this Dep^t's Servants, threw Stones at & otherwise greatly abused him the Dep^t from thence they proceed to the Barn, which they also searched, and further this Dep^t saith not.

PETER MESIER

Joseph Scott appeared before this Board, & informed that in his Absence from home, a certain person by the name of Henry N Carman, had taken from him & still detains a Horse called the Bald Eagle & produced a receipt from said Carman acknowledging the same was taken for M^r Rob^t Boyd Superintendent of the Blacksmiths, & prays this Board will grant him redress in the premises.

Joseph Scott informs, that his Horse called the Bald Eagle was taken from him by one Henry N. Carman & prays for redress

Board Adjourned

Saturday May 24th 1777. Board met
Present
Melancton Smith Esq^r
Peter Cantine Jun. Esq^r

[*John I Schermerhorne being duly sworn Depoeth & saith that*]

Tho^s
Conner
Took the
Oath &
discharged

Thomas Conner appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance to this State,

Ordered that he be discharged

15/ paid to
the said
Conner

Ordered, that the sum of Fifteen Shillings be paid to the above Thomas Conner as a gratuity.

£ 3. —
p^d Tho^s
Bayeax
riding
Express to
Peek's Kill
John Cook
took the
Oath, & is
discharged

Ordered, that the sum of Three Pounds, be paid to Thomas Bayeax, for riding Express to Gen^l M^c Dougal at Peekskill.

John Cook appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Joseph
Mabbitt
desires 10
Days to
consider of
his taking
the Oath is
permitted
to return
home for
that time

Joseph Mabbitt appeared, & desired Ten Days time to Consider of Taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State, and he is permitted to return home on his parol, to appear before this Board again within that Time from this Date

Ja^s Max-
field took
the Oath &
discharged

James Maxfield appeared before this Board, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

John
Cummins
& Justus
Gifford
took the
Oath &
were dis-
charged

John Cummins & Justus Gifford, both appeared before this Board, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance,

Ordered that they be discharged

John
Palmer
took the
Oath &
discharged

John Palmer, appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he be discharged

Joseph
Halliway
D^o

Joseph Holloway appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he be discharged

Sol:
Palmer
D^o

Solomon Palmer appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he be discharged

Caleb Spencer appeared & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Caleb
Spencer
D^o

Ordered, that he be discharged

Reuben Kiswell & Nathan Burdick appeared, & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance

Reuben
Kiswell &
Matthew
Burdick
D^o

Ordered that they be discharged

Daniel Burdick & William Draper, appeared & Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

Dan:
Burdick &
W^m Draper
took the
Oath &
were dis-
charged

Ordered that they be discharged

Stephen Hendrickson being duly sworn, Deposeth & Saith that about Eight Weeks ago being on his return from the Fish Kill to this place, he overtook in the Road Henry Vandeburg Esq^r a little on this side his house about Eight o Clock in the Evening, that upon his coming along side of him, he said to this Deponent Abraham, the matter I was going to reveal to you, it is not prudent for me to mention till I hear farther about it (or words to that Effect) That thereupon after some little hesitation this Dep^t insisted repeatedly that he ought to know the secret, and the said Vandeburgh as often asserted it was not proper he should know it until he had obtained farther Information That upon this Abraham Fardon rode up & joined them whereupon the said Vandeburgh appeared surprized and stop'd, and said Abraham I thought I was talking to you [and] appeared as tho he had taken this Dep^t for Fardon. That the said Deponent continued in Company with Fardon & said Vandeburgh for about a quarter of a Mile during which Time he frequently asked said Vandeburgh to tell him the Secret, which he Declined. That Fardon then left them, and this Dep^t & said Vandeburgh continued in Company till they came opposite the Gat[e] leading to Henry Livingston Esq^r That before they parted the said Vandeburgh asked this Dep^t his Name, which he told him, whereupon he told this Dep^t that the Secret which he mentioned was nothing more than that a man had been to press his Waggon, which he told him he could not have, his son being out with it.

Stephen
Hendrick-
son's De-
position
against
Judge Van
Der Burgh

STEPHEN HENDRICKSON

Henry Van-
derburgh
Esq^r
order'd to
be confined
to the
house of
M^r Everit

Henry Vandeborgh Esq^r being Apprehended & bro^t
before this Board.

Ordered that he be confined on his parol to the house
of M^r Everit till the further order of this Board.

Board adjourned

Monday May 26, 1777. Board met

Present

Peter Cantine Ju.

Jonas
Caniff, &
Ralph
Philps
took the
Oath of
Allegiance
before Col:
D Brinker-
hoff & pro-
duced to
this Board
a Certifi-
cate of
the same
&
are dis-
charged

Jonas Canniff appearing produced two Certificates in
behalf of himself & Ralph Philps, signed by Col^o D
Brinckerhoff, Certifying that the above said Canniff &
Philps had Voluntarily appeared before him on the 22^d
Instant & taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State
agreeable to an ordinance of Convention

Resolved that Jonas Canniff & Ralph Philps be dis-
charged from farther attendance on this Board

Tuesday May 27th 1777 Board met

Present

M^r Benson

M^r Cantine

Johannis I
Schermer-
horn's
Deposition

Johannis I Schermerhoorn appearing before this board
and being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that the first
Knowledge he had of the Powder being stole from M^r
Livingstons Mills was Sunday following the day of the
battle at Jurry Wheelers, that he was then told thereof
by Johannis Nasman, the Depo^t further says that on
Monday following being concealed with a party of men
in the woods near Jacobus J Deckker, they were fur-
nished with some Powder & Ball by Benjamin Deckker
& Believes that Deckker mentioned it was powder that
had been stolen out of the mill & that John R Schermer-
hoorn was concerned in the robbery. The deponent fur-
ther saith that he very well knows that he was in Com-
pany with Jacobus J Deckker, at the time & place
mentioned in said Deckkers Deposition but strenuously

denies that he told Deckker anything concerning the powder, as he had not at [that] time heard that the powder was stolen.

JOHN SCHERMERHORN JUN^R

John R Schermerhoorn is permitted to return to his place of abode on his Parol, untill the further order of this board

Zebulon Ross appearing before this board and having Voluntarily taken the oath of Allegiance

Ordered that he be permitted to return home
Board adjourned

John R Schermerhorn permitted to return home
Zebulon Ross took the Oath & permitted to return home

Wednesday, May 28th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

John Deuel, Jonathan Deuel & Benj^a Deuel Jun^r having affirmed their Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be discharged.

Lieu^t Fuller appearing before this Board, and Informed that he had, by order of the Committee of Frederick's burgh apprehended & brought to this place, Hackaliah Merrit

Ordered, that the said Merrit be confined in Custody of the Guard

Lieu^t Fuller produced his Acco^t for the above Service amount^s to £ 2. .14. .—

Ordered that the same be paid

Board adjourned

John, Jonathan & Benj^a Deuel Jun. took the Oath, & are discharged
Hackaliah Merrit bro^t Prisoner by order of Com^o of Fredericksburgh & order'd under Guard
£ 2..14.—
p^d to Lieu^t Fuller

Thursday May 29th 1777. Board met

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Resolved that the Sum of Forty Pounds, be advanced to Stephen Hendrickson on acco^t

£ 40.—
paid Steph. Hendrickson

Peter
Soefelt
took the
Oath & is
discharged

Peter Soefelt appear'd before this Board,²⁵ & having voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Benj^a
Decker's
Deposition

Benjamin Decker appear'd before this Board, and being duly Sworn, Deposeth and Saith, That he does not know who were concerned in Robbing the powder Mills of M^r Livingston. That on Monday following the Battle at Jerry Wheelers he happened to be in Company with Martinus Cooper, and upon the Deponent's representing to him that their Men (meaning those who were in the Battle) were deficient of Powder, upon which said Cooper desired him to acquaint them that he, said Cooper, thought he could procure them three pounds.

Alexander Stewart was this day bro^t here prisoner by order of Cap^t Chas. Graham, who charges him with Treasonable Expressions (see Cap^t Graham's Letter C.G.)

Ordered that he be Confined in Goal.

Edward
Howard
affirmed his
Allegiance
to this
State, is
discharged

Edward Howard (being one of the people Quakers) appear'd before this Board, and having Voluntarily affirmed Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Martinus
Cooper Jun^r
Deposition

Martinus Cooper Jun^r being Duly sworn, Deposeth & saith that he well remembers that on Monday after the Battle at Jurry Wheelers, he told Benjamin Deckker that he could supply their men with 3 lb powder, but it was not of the powder taken out of the Mill, that when he said this he alluded to powder which his (the dep^t)-father had bo^t from one Peter Muller who formerly worked in the Powder Mill, but as the alarm was first raised on a report that the New England were coming out to plunder, & that not proving to be the Case, he never Collected the Powder from his father. Nor does he know who has taken the powder out of the Mill or whom to suspect.

MARTIN COOPER

Received a Letter by Leu^t Isaac Finch from Enos Thompson Chairman of Committee of Charlotte Precinct

²⁵ The order for Peter Soefelt's attendance before the board is printed in App. I, p. 440.

informing [sic] that he had ordered to be apprehended & sent to this Place David Springstien, charged with being accessory to the Concealment of Certain Goods of Sam^l Mabbet & that he Contumaciously refused to discover the places where they were Concealed

Ordered that the said David Springstien be closely Confined.

David Springsteen Confined

Leiu^t Finch Produced his account for expences & services of himself & others for apprehending & bringing to this Place the above Prisoner amount^s to £ 7..17..4

£ 7..17..4 paid Lieut^t Finch

Ordered that the same be paid.

Board adjourned.

May 31st 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

Thomas Flood one of the Persons included in the Resolution of Convention of the 7th March appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Tho^s Flood took the Oath & is discharged

Ordered that he be discharged

Daniel Ketchum appearing and voluntarily taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Dan^t Ketchum took the Oath & is discharged

Ordered that he be discharged.

Resolved that Cap^t Isaac Hegeman be discharged from his Confinement on his Farm.

Cap^t Haganam discharged

The like Resolution with respect to Barent Dutcher.

Barent Dutcher Do.

Cap^t Roger Sutherland appeared and informed that by Order of the Committee of Charlotte Prec^t he had apprehended and bro^t Prisoner to this Place Phineas Lounsbury suspected of passing Counterfeit Money.

Phineas Lounsbury apprehended for Counterfeit Money

Col: Swartwout appeared

John Wood being duly sworn deposeth and saith that about the beginning of this Month or the last of April he understood from Phineas Lounsbury he had an Inclination to purchase a Mare of Samuel Haight and that Haight had said he would take forty eight Pounds for her, that Lounsbury told the Dep^t he was fearful that if Haight should discover he had an Inclination to have

John Wood's Deposition ag^t Lounsbury

the Mare he would raise the Price of Her and for that reason requested the Dep^t to make the Purchase for him, that accordingly the Deponent purchased the said Mare for Lounsbury at the Price of Fifty five pounds and the Dep^t further saith that Forty four pounds part of the said Fifty five pounds which he so paid to Haight consisted of Money apparently emitted by the State of Massachusetts Bay viz^t Fourteen Bill of Forty eight shillings lawful cash and which he received from Lounsbury. That the Eleven Bills now delivered to Egb^t Benson were returned to the Dep^t by Haight as Counterfeit and as part of the Fourteen Bills above mentioned.

JOHN WOOD

Mich^l
Palmer's
Deposition
D^o.

Michael Palmer being duly sworn deposeth and saith that about three Weeks ago as he was riding in Company with Nathaniel Smith and entering into a Conversation about Phineas Lounsbury Smith said that Lounsbury had received from Thomas Tobias One hundred Pounds Massachusetts Money for Fourteen pounds payable in good Money and speaking of Lounsbury's purchasing Haight's Mare at so high a Price Smith observed that as Lounsbury had got the Money so easy he could afford to give an high price for Horses or Words to that effect.

MICAH PALMER

Nath^l
Smith's
Deposition
D^o.

Nathaniel Smith being duly sworn, Deposeth & saith that some short Time before Lounsbury bought Hights Mare, as the Dep^t understood, he saw Tho^s Tobias at Lounsbury's (where Joseph Tobias now with the Enemy lived) That he the Dep^t heard Tobias then say that as he was coming over Kingsbridge lately in his way from the Enemy, he was Matthew Partlow, who had Sixty five pounds of the Sword in hand Money, which he offered to sell to him Tobias for a Note for £15. — payable in good Money. That Tobias refused to give that, when Partelow offer'd to make an abatement of Twenty shillings which Tobias also declining, Partelow at last desired him to take the Money into the Country with

him, & make the best of it, but whether he, Tobias actually rec^d it or not, the Dep^t did not positively learn, but thinks it rather probable from the whole of what Tobias then said, that he did receive the money & brought it into the Country. And the Dep^t further saith, that Loundsbury was not present at the Time of thir Conversation, it passing only between Tobias Loundsbury's Wife & the Dep^t And the Dep^t further saith, that the first Knowledge or Information he had of Loundsbury's having purchased Haight's Mare, was from Palmer, & admits that in the Conversation between them relative to that Matter, he did say, that he tho^t it probable from the great price, which Loundsbury had given, the Money was not good. And the Dep^t further saith that he then related to Palmer, nearly to the same purpose, to what he has now deposed, relative to Partelows offering to give Tobias Money as above mentioned, and Imagines that Palmer has a misapprehension of the matter in supposing that he the Dep^t should have said, that Loundsbury had given Tobias a Note for the money or that Tobias had actually given Loundsbury any of the said Mony, for the Dep^t does deny that he has any knowledge of Tobias's actually paying any of the said Money to Loundsbury, other than may be inferred from the circumstances above mentioned. And the Dep^t further saith that he understood from Tobias at the Time above mentioned, that the said money which Partelow had, was money left upon Long Island, when the Enemy took possession of it.

NATHANIEL SMITH

Phinehas Loundsbury being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that a few Days before he purchased the Mare of Haight he saw Thomas Tobias at his the Dep^t's House, when Tobias Informed him, that he had Two Thirty Dollar Bills & Twenty Bills Massachusets Money of Forty Eight Shillings Lawful Money Each which he had rec^d from Matthew Partelow who was going into New York. And that if he the Dep^t would lay the said money

Phinehas
Lounds-
berry's
Deposition

out, he the Dep^t should have One half of what was purchased therewith. And the Dep^t further saith that he understood from Tobias, that Partelow had given him the said Money, for that as he was going among the Enemy, it would be of no use to him and therefore requested Tobias to lay it out for him and to allow him for it, what ever he tho^t proper and the Dep^t further saith that influenced by the hope of gain, he did accordingly receive the said Two Thirty Dollar Bills & Twenty Forty Eight Shilling Bills, of the said Tobias, and Expended them as follows, Viz^t—Nineteen of the Forty Eight Shilling Bills to John Wood in payment for the Mare purchased by him of Haight for the Dep^t and in payment for a Mare purchased by the Dep^t of him the said Wood, and that the remaining Forty Eight Shill^s Bill, the Dep^t paid away to a pedler for Two Silk handkerch^s. That the Two Thirty Dollar Bills, he also paid to Wood in payment of Haight's & his own Mare. That one of the said Two thirty Dollar Bills after passing through different hands, was returned again to the Dep^t and is by him now delivered into this Board and the Dep^t further saith, that he had no suspicion or mistrust that the said Bills were Counterfeit, but believed that the Money was given to Tobias by Partelow just going into New York where it would be of no Use to him, and that that was the reason why Partelow parted with it upon such disadvantageous Terms.

PHINEHAS LOUNSBERRY

Lounsberry
Committed

Ordered that the above Phinehas Lounsberry be committed to the Goal of this place, till further order.

£ 3. .17. .6
paid Cap^t
Sutherland

Ordered, that the sum of £ 3. .17. .6 be paid to Cap^t Roger Southerland, for the service & Expence of a Guard in apprehending Phinehas Lounsberry.

Lounsberry
& Zacheus
Newcomb
to appear
the next
Court.

Phinehas Lounsberry & Zacheus Newcomb appearing before this Board, and giving their parol that they would appear before Melancton Smith Esq^r Sheriff of this County, and Enter into proper recognizance, the Said Lounsberry as Principal £ 400, & the said Newcomb as

surety in £ 200 for the appearance of the said Lounsberry before the next Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal delivery which shall be held in & for this County.

Ordered, that the said Lounsberry be dismissed.
Board adjourned.

Lounsberry
dismissed

Monday June 2^d 1777. Board met
Present
Egbert Benson Esq^r

John Beardsley, is permitted to return to his place of abode, & to remain there on Parol, to appear before this Board in five Days from this date.

John Beardsley
on Parol
for 5 Days
& permitted
to call a
meeting of
the Vestry

Resolved, that this Board doth consent that there be a Meeting of the Vestry of Christs Church held at the Rev^d M^r Beardsley on any Day during the course of this week

Ebenezer Herd is permitted to go home on his parol to appear again before this Board on Friday next.

Ebenezer
Herd per-
mitted to
go home &
appear on
Friday next
£ 9 . . 0
paid to
Lieu^t Frear

Lieu^t Elias Frear, appeared before the Board, & produced his acco^t of a Guard & Expences in conducting sundry prisoners from this to Kingston, amount^s to £ 9 . . 0

Ordered that the same be paid

Edward Short, appeared before this Board & having Deposited that he was not concerned in or knowing to any Plotts or Conspiracies against this State, & having also taken the Oath of Allegiance to this S[t]ate,

Edward
Short took
the Oath
& was
discharg^d

Ordered that he be discharged

Oliver Austin appeared, before this Board, and is permitted to return home, and appear before this Board again within Ten Days from this Date.

Oliver
Austin
permitted
to go home
for 10 Days

Board adjourned

Thursday June 5th 1777 Board met
Present
Egbert Benson Esq^r
Jacobus Swartwout Esq^r

12/ p^d
David
Mulford

Ordered, that the sum of 12/ be paid to David Mulford, for Transporting Baggage of Cap^t Cooper's Comp^y to this place.

Sam^t
Peters, &
Caleb
Hustice
Ordered to
be released
from their
confinement
in Worces-
ter

Resolved that Samuel Peters and Caleb Huestis now confined in Worcester be released from their Confinement and permitted to return into this State again provided that previous to their Releasem^t they give their Parol to the Committee of that Town immediately upon their Return to appear before this Board and take the Oath of Allegiance to this

David
Storm's to
be released
from Con-
finement at
New Hamp-
shire

Resolved that David Storm's now confined in Goal in New Hampshire be released from his Confinement and that the General Court of that State be requested to release him and deliver him to Benj^a Townsend who has engaged to bring him before this Board.

Resolved that M^r James Grant be permitted to return to his place of Abode in Pawling's Precinct on his former Parol til the further order of this Board

Christopher
Dutcher
confined

Serg^t Canfield appeared & informed the Board that by order of Col: Sutherland he had apprehended & bro^t Prisoner, Christopher Dutcher.

Ordered that he be Confined
Board adjourned.

Saturday June 7th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Col: Swartwout

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Ja^s Goslin
took the
Oath &
discharged

James Goslin appear'd before the Board (he having been confind on board the Vessels at Esopus) and Vol-untarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Ja^s
Thompson
permitted
to return
home on his
being out
of order,
till he
recovers.

James Thompson, one of the persons Confined on board the Vessels at Esopus for having been concerned in the late conspiracy in the Manor of Livingston, & since that ordered to work on Board the Montgomery Frigate at this place, appearing before the Board and

complaining that he was indisposed, pray'd that he might be permitted to go home & remain there during his present Indisposition, on his parol to appear again upon the recovery of his health.

Ordered that he be permitted accordingly

Dominicus Montfort, Johanis Laroy, Francis Laroy & Barent A Van kleeck, (who were confin'd on board the Vessels at Esopus) appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Montfort,
John Laroy
Francis
Laroy &
Barent A
Van kleeck
took the
Oath &
were dis-
charged

Ordered that they be discharged

Doct: Stephen Thorne appeared, and is permitted to go at large, on his Parol to appear before this Board again on Thursday next.

Doct.
Thorne
permitted
on parol
till thurs-
day next

Resolved that Henry Van Schaack Esq^r be dismissed and permitted to return home on his parol, that he will within Twenty Days from this Date, remove into the States of Connecticut or Massachuset's Bay and become a Subject there, or Surrender himself to this Board, and in the mean time, that he be permitted to go at large for the purpose of settling his affairs

Henry Van
schaack
permitted
to remove
into New
England
Govern-
ment, in 20
Days, or to
deliver
himself up
again to
this Board

The Rev^d M^r Beardsley appeared, and refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance to this State,

M^r
Beardsley
refuses to
take the
Oath
permitted
to remain
on his Farm

Ordered that he return home & remain on his farm until the further order of this Board, with permission to go and Visit the sick & Baptize Infants where requested

Constant Nickerson appearing before the Board and being Indisposed

Constant
Nickerson
permitted
to return
home, he
being sick

Ordered that he be permitted to return home on his parole to appear again before this Board so soon as he shall be restored to health.

William Willse appeared, and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

John Wood appeared & Informed the Board, that by order of Cap^t Southerland, he had apprehended & brought prisoner Benjamin Jeecoeks, who being one of the People called Quakers has lately been to Long Island to attend the yearly meeting at Flushing, and M^r Wood

Benjaⁿ
Jeecoeks
bro^t Pris-
oner

£ 1 . . 4 . . — produced his acco^t for his Expences in apprehending & bringing him amount^s to £ 1 . . 4 . . —
paid M^r Wood

Ordered that the same be paid

Jacob Wood [Bush ?] takes the Oath & discharged
 £ 8 . . 2 . . —
paid Cap^t Weller

Jacob Bush appeared, and Voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Ordered that he be discharged

Cap^t Jonathan Weller appeared, & produced his acco^t amount^s to £ 8 . . 2 . . —

Ordered that the same be paid

Monday June 9th 1777. Board met

Present

M^r Benson

Col^o Swartwout

M^r Smith

Jacob Cezalbregh & Johannis Seeger appearing and taking the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that they be dismissed

Leiu^t Comfort Shaw appeared and informed that he had apprehended by order of the Committee of Paulings Precinct the following Persons viz

Jeremiah Briggs Jun^r

Peleg Briggs

Timothy Akin

John Peasley

Isaac Peasley &

Nathaniel Howland Jun^r

charged with notorious disaffection & suspected with being Confederates in a Robbery lately committed upon L^t W^m Shaw & Cap. W^m Pearce.

Order'd that the above Persons be committed to Goal

Benj^a Burroughs takes the Oath & discharged

Benjamin Burroughs, appeared, and having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Ordered that he be discharged

Resolved, that the Committee of Orange County be authorized to send such Prisoners as now are, or here-

after shall be committed to the Goal at Goshen, according to their discretion to be confined on board the Vessells at Esopus Landing, there to remain during the pleasure of the Legislature of this State, of this Board, or of the said Committee or until they shall be otherwise delivered by Due course of Law, And the person having the Charge & Custody of Prisoners on Board the said Vessells, is hereby required to receive the said Persons that shall be so sent, and confine them accordingly
Board adjourned

Resolution,
[a]uthoriz^d
[the] Com:
[of] Orange
[to] send
Prisoners
on Board
the ships
at Esopus

Tuesday June 10th 1777. Board met.

Present

Egbert Benson Esq^r

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Baltus Van kleeck appeared, and produced his acco^t of Expences in keeping the Ulster Light Horse in May last, amounting to £7..6..3.—

£ 7. .6. .3
paid Baltus
Van kleeck

Ordered that the same be paid

Abraham Van Cueren appear'd & Informed that he had apprehended & bro^t prisoner by order of this Board, Isaac Wood.

Isaac Wood
appre-
hended

Ordered that he be confined in Goal

Melancton Smith Esq^r produced his Acco^t agst the Committee for Conspiracies &ca amounting to £5.—, also for a Musket £4.. for the Service

£ 9. —
paid M^r
Melancton
Smith

Ordered that the same be paid

Simon Noxon appeared before the Board & having Voluntarily taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State

Simon
Noxon took
the Oath &
discharged

Ordered that he be discharged

Resolved that Henry S. Peltz deliver to Simon Noxon, all the Wheat & Flour & Flour Casks in his Possession & lately Siezed by order of this Board, as belonging to the said Simon Noxon.

Henry S
Peltz
to deliver
Wheat &
flour to
Simon
Noxon

Richard Snedeker, appeared, and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State.

Rich^d
Snedeker
took the
Oath &
discharged

Ordered, that he be discharged

Benj^a Jeecoeks informs, that Joshua Haight, Tripp Mosier Zophar Green, Paul Upton, Jonathan Dean,

Benj^a
Jeecoeks
permitted
to return
home on
Parol to
appear on
Tuesday
next

Martha, the Widow of Aaron Vieil, and Martha, the Wife of Parsall Brown, all of the Nine Partners, Edward Hallock, David Sands and John Dean, from Ulster County, Aaron Lancaster, Edward Shove, Daniel Haviland & his Brother from Quaker Hill & the Oblong, Lott Tripp & his Wife, from New Milford, Jacob Underhill and his Wife, John Griffin Joseph Waters, John Griffin of Amawalk, all of West Chester County, were down at the General Meeting at Flushing

his
information

Resolved, that Benj^a Jeecoeks be permitted to return home on his Parol to appear again before this Board on Tuesday next.

Board adjourned till Monday next.

Monday June 16th 1777. Board met

Present

Melancton Smith Esq^r

Peter Cantine Esq^r

Elisha
Powell
took the
Oath of
Allegiance
to this
State, be-
fore M^r
Cantine,
was
discharged
the Two
Isaacs
Haviland
appre-
hended &
Confined
in Goal

Elisha Powell, (one of the Persons confined on Board the Ships at Esopus) by this Board, having appear'd before M^r Cantine one of the members of this Board and taken the Oath of Allegiance to this State he was there-upon discharged

Lieu^t Comfort Shaw having appear'd before this Board on Wednesday last, produced an Order from Nathan Pearce Chairman of Committee of Paulings Precinct for apprehending Isaac Haviland, son of Isaac Haviland, & Isaac, the son of Jacob Haviland, whom he bro^t prisoners to this place

Ordered that they be Committed to Goal.

Tho^a
Carman
permitted
to return
home, till
the further
order of
this Board

A Petition being presented to this Board on Wednesday last in behalf of Thomas Carman, signed by William Humfrey & Sixteen other persons praying that said Carman might be permitted to return to his place of abode in Rumbout Precinct, & to remain on his Farm till further orders

Resolved, that he be permitted accordingly.

Board Adjourned

